

Dutch Social Science Question Bank

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Steinmetz Archive

Steinmetz Archive 1

- The Steinmetz Archive: the Dutch Social Science Data Archive
- Part of NIWI - Netherlands Institute for Scientific Information Services

Steinmetz Archive 2

- Data archiving and dissemination
- International projects
- Local projects

Local projects

- Database for the Social and Cultural Planning Office (SCP) in the Netherlands
- Dutch Social Science Question Bank

Database for the Social and Cultural Planning Office

- Cultural Changes in the Netherlands (ISSP)
- Longitudinal survey
- Repeated questions

Before



System: Cultural Changes in the Netherlands

- Back office system
- Access database

Contents and possibilities

- Question: when used
- New questionnaires
- Print questionnaires
- PDF

Why a Dutch Social Science Question Bank?

- A need
- How are questionnaires made?
- Making of questionnaires is time consuming
- Comparison possible

For whom?

- Social Scientists
- Researchers
- Policy makers
- Methodologists
- Students
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Dutch Social Science Question Bank

- Start-up phase
- Discussions / talks with scientists
- Database of questions & related info
- Web based

Dutch Social Science Question Bank: set up

- Question wording
- Whole questionnaires
- Complete source information
- Frequencies (including non-response)
- References to data-sets
- Benchmarks
- Standards
- Discussion
- Participation of the research community

Existing tools

- OSA, the Netherlands
- The Question Bank, UK
- Qbase, Germany
- iPoll, USA
- NESSTAR

Learning from making the SCP question database

- systems different
- data-entry lot of work
- details take time

The two systems compared:

SCP

Dutch

Question Bank

- back office system
- management system
- relational database
- data-entry by hand
- link to pdf
- topical classification

- web tool
- library of questions
- separate questions
- tagged data entry?
- link to pdf
- topical classification

Which surveys?

- Dutch
- Social sciences
- Mainly large scale
- Quality assured
- Benchmark surveys?

How can the Dutch Social Science Question Bank be searched?

- Question text
 - Subject
 - Index of studies
 - Index of all questions
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- Also: feedback

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