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Abstract

In 1980, an attempt was made to code precinct-level returns as part of the aggregate, contextual data merged onto the 1980 Pre/Post Election Study. In particular, returns were sought from local election offices in the course of calculating the vote validation. Consistency checking procedures revealed a number of pervasive problems with the precinct returns and the coding conventions which had been used. A reanalysis of these data reveals specific problems with the coding of precincts by recontact addresses and coding inconsistencies for missing data. The authors note that these problems must be addressed before precinct-level contextual data can be incorporated into future NES survey efforts.