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Abstract

Respondents to the 1989 Pilot Study were a randomly selected subset of persons who were interviewed in the 1988 Pre-/Post-election Surveys, and had telephones. This report looks at panel attrition, in tables which compare the distribution of the entire 1988 Pre-Election sample to 1988 Post-election respondents, and to Waves 1 and 2 of 1989 Pilot Study respondents, on a number of demographic and a few political variables. The report also looks at the difference between 1988 Post respondents with telephones and those with no phones. It also looks at the effects of the 1989 sample design, which included an oversample of the less-well informed 1988 respondents.