



## **Continuous Monitoring Survey (CMS) Data Memo**

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This is the initial release of the Continuous Monitoring Survey (CMS) data gathered as part of the 2009-10 British Election Study. The CMS data are generated by monthly national surveys of the British electorate conducted by YouGov plc. Average monthly sample sizes exceed 1000 cases. The data are released as SPSS system (.sav) files and STATA system files (.dta) files. The name of a data file provides information regarding the year and month when it was conducted. For example, JUNE08MIS.SAV is the SPSS system file for the June 2008 survey.

### **Weights**

A weight variable, W8, should be employed to provide a representative national sample.

### **Questionnaires**

CMS surveys have core component questions that are asked every month. Additional batteries of questions, some of which are supplied by the BES user community, run for one or more months. Questionnaires will be posted with the CMS data on the 2009-10 BES website in the section containing the CMS data. For example, the October 2008–December 2008 questionnaire is CMSQuestOct08Dec08.doc.