

***WORLD  
VALUES  
SURVEY  
2005***

***Methodological questionnaire***

PLEASE WRITE IN THE NAME OF YOUR COUNTRY:

ROMANIA

## Section 1: the questionnaire

1. Was the WVS questionnaire translated or adapted in any way from the English master questionnaire?

Yes ☒ → **ANSWER Q2**  
No ☐ → **GO TO Q3**

### IF QUESTIONNAIRE TRANSLATED/ADAPTED

2a. Who carried out the translation of the questionnaire?

A specialist translator ☐

A member of the research team ☒

Other (PLEASE WRITE DETAILS BELOW) ☒

*Three of the members of the research team (Bogdan Voicu, Claudiu Tufiş, Mălina Voicu) made an initial translation. After that, we have had several meetings, discussing the correctness of the translation with the entire research team, trying to make in such a way that the meaning of the items in Romanian rest the same as in English.*

b. Was the translated questionnaire then back-translated into English?

Yes ☒  
No ☐

c. Was the translated questionnaire pre-tested?

Yes ☒ → **ANSWER d**  
No ☐ → **GO TO e**

d. **IF 'YES'**

How was the questionnaire pre-tested? How many pre-tests were carried out?  
*PLEASE WRITE IN: 25*

e. Were there any questions or concepts that caused particular problems when being translated into your language?

Yes ☒ → **ANSWER f**  
No ☐ → **GO TO Q3**

**IF 'YES'**

f. Which questions or concepts caused particular problems?  
*PLEASE WRITE IN:*

V221. Turning to the question that in a country there may be more ethnic group living together, with which of the following views do you agree? Please use this scale to indicate your position (code one number):

Pre-testing showed up that ethnic diversity is too abstract and difficult to understand for older and less educated people. We have replaced the syntagm with "having more ethnic groups".

- g. How were these problems solved?  
*PLEASE WRITE IN:*

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### EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER

3. Did you use other questionnaires to make the WVS questionnaire

the German questionnaire ☐

the French questionnaire ☐

Other (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW ) ☒

The Romanian versions of the questionnaires from the previous waves, particularly 1993 and 1999.

4. Have any optional WVS questions and/or items been included?

No ☐

Yes (PLEASE WRITE IN QUESTION AND/OR ITEMNUMBERS BELOW ) ☒

V43, V222

5. Were country-specific questions, and/or items i. e. neither compulsory nor optional WVS questions, or questions included in the survey?

No country-specific questions included ☐ → **GO TO Q7**

Country-specific questions were included ☒ → **ANSWER Q6**

### IF THERE WERE COUNTRY-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

6. Were country specific questions included at the end of the questionnaire, just before the demographics?

Yes ☐ → **GO TO Q7**

No ☒ → **GO TO Q6a**

6a Please indicate the location of the country-specific questions which were not at the end of the questionnaire  
WRITE IN BELOW

V24v-v33v.....after v24, v25, ..., respectively v33  
B13, b14, b15.....after v147  
B28 ..... after v233

**EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER**

7. Were all questions asked in the prescribed order?

Yes ☒

No ☐

8. Were all core WVS questions included in your questionnaire (by core we mean all items except those that were optional)?

No - some question(s) from WVS questionnaire not included ☐ → **ANSWER Q9**

No - some demographic question(s) not included ☐ → **ANSWER Q9**

Yes - all questions included ☒ → **SECTION 2**

**IF ANY CORE WVS QUESTIONS WERE NOT INCLUDED**

9. Please write in details of the items and the reasons why they were not included.

*WVS question number or description of question:*

V253 – the income question (included in an expanded form, then recoded as in the core questionnaire, see below)

V255 – the size of town included in an expanded form, then recoded as in the core questionnaire, see below)

V238 – education included in an expanded form, then recoded as in the core questionnaire, see below)

*Reason(s) not included:*

V253: we have collected the income as continuous variable, then recoding it in deciles, since there is no other way to get the cutting points for deciles:

*During the past 15 years the combined dynamics of inflation, respectively deflation, economic recession and economic increase rate, as well as the seasonality of the incomes (one third of the population still depends on farming) made the setting up of official monthly income deciles an almost impossible task. There is no official statistics available for computing the cutting points for the monthly income deciles. The cutting points computed for yearly incomes are: 1. irrelevant, due to seasonality; 2. unavailable until the second part of the next year (this is how "fast" the national office for statistics works).*

*Therefore, the best estimates come from the survey itself. Simply ranking the variable (the discrete values are the declared incomes in LEI – the Romanian currency) produces a reliable classification.*

V255: similarly, we have collected the exact size of town (number of inhabitants), then we have recoded it according to the core questionnaire categories

V238: a more detailed measurement of education was used, then we have limited the number of categories as in the core questionnaire

## Section 2: Sampling

10. Was your sample designed to be representative of the entire adult population, i. e. 18 years and older, of your country?

Yes ☒ → **GO TO Q12**

No ☐ → **ANSWER Q11**

### IF NOT DESIGNED TO BE REPRESENTATIVE

11. Which groups were excluded from, under-represented or over-represented in your sample design?

Excluded (PLEASE SPECIFY):

*Non-Romanian citizens. (there are very few, and the sampling procedure is not allowing their selection).*

Over-represented: (PLEASE SPECIFY):

Under-represented (PLEASE SPECIFY):

### EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER

12. What was the lower age cut-off for your sample?

Yes - please write in cut-off

No cut-off

13. Was there any upper age cut-off for your sample?

Yes - please write in cut-off

No cut-off ☒

14. What were the different stages in your sampling procedure?

**PLEASE WRITE IN:**

1. the selection of the localities (we were use a stratified sampling procedure. The stratification criteria were: the socio-cultural area (18 areas identified starting from their degree of economic and human development and their administrative unit), and the size of the locality (for towns: under 10000, 10-50000, 50-200000, and 200000+ inhabitants; and for villages: under and over the median size of a village in Romania)

1bis. Determining the number of interviews for each locality (proportional with the distribution of the population in the 18\*6 strata obtained by combining the two criteria mentioned above; in fact, those strata with less than 7 interviews needed, were merged with the closer strata).

2. the selection of the voting sections (in each locality were interviewed people from 1, 2 or 3 election section, randomly selected on the voting lists - the lists with the people of voting age from each locality are organized by sections. The selection of these sections was randomly realized)

3. the selection of the subjects was realized randomly on the voting lists.

15. What was the final number of clusters or sampling points?

No clusters ☐

WRITE IN: 

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16. What was the sampled unit you got from office sampling?

Address ☐

Household ☐

Named individual 

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Other (PLEASE WRITE IN DETAILS BELOW) ☐

→ ANSWER Q17

→ ANSWER Q17

→ GO TO Q18

→ ANSWER Q17

**IF NAMED INDIVIDUAL WAS NOT THE SAMPLED UNIT**

17. What selection method was used to identify a respondent?  
PLEASE SPECIFY:

18. Were there any quota-controls on the type of individual selected to take part in the survey (for example, age or sex controls)?

Yes ☐ → **ANSWER Q19**

No ☒ → **GO TO Q20**

**IF QUOTA CONTROLS**

19. In what way were quota controls used?  
*PLEASE WRITE IN:*

**EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER**

20. Was substitution permitted at any stage of your selection process or during fieldwork?

Yes ☐ → **ANSWER Q21**

No ☒ → **GO TO Q22**

**IF 'YES'**

21. In what way was substitution permitted?  
*PLEASE WRITE IN:*

**EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER**

22. Did you use any stratification factors when drawing your sample?

Yes ☒ → **ANSWER Q23**

No ☐ → **GO TO Q24**

**IF STRATIFICATION FACTORS USED**

23. What stratification factors were used, and at what stage(s) of selection?  
*PLEASE WRITE IN:*

-The socio-cultural area (18 areas)

-The size of the locality (4 type of towns, 2 types of villages)

# EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER

24. All in all, what are the known limitations of your realized sample?

For example: non-response rate; is there differential coverage of particular groups, either because of sample design or response differences?

% response or % non-response: PLEASE WRITE IN:

25. Please fill in the following details about your sample. If some categories do not apply, please complete to the highest level of detail possible and use the 'other' box to give more information.

Total number of <u>starting</u> names/addresses	3	7	2	9
- addresses which could not be traced at all		1	8	2
- addresses established as empty, demolished or containing no private dwellings			3	4
- selected respondent too sick/incapacitated to participate		4	0	8
- selected respondent away during survey period				
- selected respondent had inadequate understanding of language of survey				
- no contact at selected address				
- no contact with selected person				
- refusal at selected address				
- proxy refusal (on behalf of selected respondent)				
- personal refusal by selected respondent				
- other type of unproductive (please write in full details in the box below)	1	1	7	0
- full productive interview	1	8	0	0
- partial productive interview				0

## IF 'OTHER' CATEGORY USED

26. Please specify

selected respondent away during survey period	658*
no contact at selected address	
no contact with selected person	
refusal at selected address	445
proxy refusal (on behalf of selected respondent)	
personal refusal by selected respondent	
other type of unproductive (please write in full details in the box below)	67

\* the data collecting agency did not differentiate among those missing from home, which may be hospitalized, (international) circulatory migrant, left for studies - in another locality, in the army, etc. or simply not being at home in three different days at three different hours, when the interview operator tried to contact them

\*\* disabled people or too drunk to be able to answer in three different days at three different hours ...



### Section 3: Fieldwork

27. If interviews were not face-to-face, please specify the way of interviewing:

28. The next group of questions are about interviewers.

If no interviewers were used at any point in the WVS survey, please go to Q32.

#### IF INTERVIEWERS USED

- a. Were interviewers paid according to performance (for example, according to the number of interviews they obtained)?

Yes ☒

No ☐

- b. Which, if any, of these rules governed how an interviewer approached an address/household?

*PLEASE TICK THOSE THAT APPLY*

Calls must be made at different times of day ☒

Calls must be made on different days of week ☒

Neither of the above ☐

- c. Were interviewers required to make a certain number of re-calls before they stopped approaching an address or household?

Minimum number of re-calls required - please write in number   3

No minimum re-call requirement ☐

- d. Were any interviews supervised?

Yes - please write in approximate proportion   %

No ☐

- e. Were any interviews back-checked?

Yes - please write in approximate proportion   20 %

No ☐

**EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER**

29. Please write in the approximate start and end dates of fieldwork.

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Start date 

1	4	1	0	0	5
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End date 

1	4	1	1	0	5
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30. Please write in the name of the institute which has done the fieldwork.

**Translation of the questionnaire:**

the Research Institute for the Quality of Life, Romanian Academy of Science ([www.iccv.ro](http://www.iccv.ro))  
(Bogdan Voicu, Mălina Voicu, Claudiu Tufiş)

Seconded by the Public Opinion Barometer team of the (Soros) Open Society Foundation in Bucharest –  
[www.osf.ro](http://www.osf.ro) (Dumitru Sandu, Gabriel Bădescu, Mircea Comşa, Cosima Rughiniş, Mihaela Ştefănescu,  
Alex Toth, Ovidiu Voicu)

**Pre-testing:**

1. the Research Institute for the Quality of Life
2. AB Research

**Data Collecting Agency:**

Gallup International Romania ([www.gallup.ro](http://www.gallup.ro))

**Back Check of the Interview Operators:**

1. Gallup International Romania ([www.gallup.ro](http://www.gallup.ro))
2. AB Research

**Financing:**

the (Soros) Open Society Foundation in Bucharest  
the Research Institute for the Quality of Life (Romanian Academy of Science)

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#### Section 4: Data

31. Were any measures of coding reliability employed?

Yes ☒ → **ANSWER Q31a**  
No ☐

31a. Which one? Please specify

32. Were the data from the questionnaire keyed subsequent to the interview (that is, non-CAPI surveys)?

Yes ☐ → **ANSWER Q33**  
No ☐ → **GO TO Q34**

#### IF DATA KEYED

33. Was keying verified?

Yes - please write in approximate level of verification  %  
No ☐

#### EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER

34. Were any reliability checks made on derived variables?

Yes ☒  
No ☐

35. Were data checked/edited to ensure that filter instructions were followed correctly?

Yes ☒  
No ☐

36. Were data checked/edited for logic or consistency?

Yes ☒  
No ☐

37. Were data checked/edited to ensure they fell within permitted coding ranges?

Yes ☒  
No ☐

38. Have you answered 'yes' on any or all of questions 32 to 34 above?

Yes ☒ → **ANSWER Q39**  
No ☐ → **GO TO Q40**

**IF DATA CHECKED/EDITED**

39. Were errors corrected individually or automatically (through, for example, a 'forced' edit)?

Yes - individual correction ☒

Yes - automatic correction ☐

No - not corrected ☐

**EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER**

40. Did you add a weight variable?

Yes ☐ → **ANSWER Q.41**

No ☒ → **SECTION 5**

**IF WEIGHT VARIABLE ADDED**

41. Please describe the weighting or post-stratification strategy used.

No weighting needed.

## Section 5: Characteristics of National Population

45. Each WVS member is asked to provide information on known characteristics of its national population, from census or the best available estimates from government surveys or other high-quality data-sources:

- sex distribution of the population
- age distribution of the population
- education (years of schooling) of the population
- other characteristics (PLEASE SPECIFY)

Please specify also the sources which have been used. Please note that the number of characteristics is what is minimal required. You can add as many characteristics as you like, but do not forget to specify them.

In the table below please present the information from census or from other government surveys or other high-quality data (column SOURCE 1) and the proportions obtained in your data, before and after weighting

	Sources: <i>2002 CENSUS, 2004 Yearbook</i>	Unweighted data	Weighted data
<b>Gender</b>			
Female	51,7%	54,4%	
Male	48,3%	45,6%	
<b>Age Groups</b>			
18-29	22%	17,3	
30-39	19%	17,3	
40-49	15%	16,9	
50-59	16%	18,8	
60-69	12%	15,8	
70-79	10%	10,4	
80+	5%	3,4	
<b>Years/Schooling Groups</b>			
University graduates	8,4%	11,9%	
High School graduates	24,7%	23,9%	
VET graduates	17,6%	17,1%	
<b>Other characteristics</b> Please specify			
<i>Women in rural areas</i>	50,7	53,1	
<i>Average distance from the village to the nearest town (km)</i>	22	25	
<i>% Hungarians</i>	7,12	6,3	
<i>% Orthodox</i>	88,8	86,5	
<i>% Catholics</i>	5,1	6,1	

THANK YOU VERY MUCH !

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