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LICIT AND ILLICIT DRUG USE IN AMSTERDAM II

Report of a household survey in 1994 on the prevalence of drug use among the population of 12 years and over

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App. 2 Invitation and questionnaire non-response survey

Dear sir/madam,

During this spring or early summer, you received an invitation from the University of Amsterdam to participate in a research project concerning lifestyles and the use of medical and luxury drugs by the Amsterdam population.

We have sent the invitation to thousands of people in Amsterdam, who were randomly selected (by a computer) from the entire population. Meanwhile more than 4,000 people have agreed to participate in our study.

A number of people refused to participate. You belong to this group. Of course you have the right to refuse, there is no question about that. However, we would like to know if we made any mistakes or did not explain ourselves fully. For that reason, and to find out why people refuse, we would like to ask you this question:

Why did you refuse to participate at the time?

Also we would like to ask you whether we should improve our research methods and presentation. We would appreciate it very much if you would help us with this. We would like to offer you *f* 20.00 as an incentive to talk to us . If you do not want to receive any money, we will transfer this amount to a charity foundation of your choice (e.g. World Wildlife Fund, Amnesty International, etc.).

If you prefer, we can call you at home and ask a few questions by phone. Another possibility is a visit by one of our employees. The conversation will not take more than five minutes. You can fill in the return card to let us know what you prefer, a visit or a call. You can also use this card to refuse to cooperate at all. For all information, you can contact us at the following telephone number (...). Should you choose to cooperate, we will send you your incentive or give it to you directly through our employee.

Yours sincerely,

Institute for Social Geography,
University of Amsterdam

Questionnaire non-response survey for refusers

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| 1 | Can you please tell us why you did not want to participate in this survey? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no [1] - I did not refuse [2] - no time / not convenient [3] - questionnaire too long [4] - reasons of privacy [5] - I never participate in studies [6] - goal of research is useless [7] - poor research [8] - I don't use any drugs [9] - illness, handicap [10] - language problems [11] - research is waste of money [12] - aversion to interview company [13] - can't remember reason [14] - can't remember refusal [15] - other [16] - no answer [17] |
| 2 | Can you please tell us under what condition you can and will participate in a survey like this one? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if the questionnaire does not take much time (less than ... minutes) [1] - if extraordinary measures are taken to preserve privacy [2] - other [3] - don't know [4] - not applicable [5] - no answer [6] |

Thank you very much for your cooperation. We would be very grateful if you could answer a few more questions, which are very important to us. You are totally free to do so, and it won't cost you more than a few minutes of your time

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| 3 | How many evenings a week do you usually spend at home?
I mean evenings on which you don't have any fixed or regular activities outdoors (e.g., sport) or appointments with other people. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - all evenings at home [1] - 5 to 6 evenings at home [2] - 3 to 4 evenings at home [3] - 1 to 2 evenings at home [4] - hardly ever at home [5] - irregularly at home [6] - works at night [7] - no answer [8] |
| 4 | How many times did you go to pubs, discos, dance halls, etc. <i>over the past <u>four</u> weeks?</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not a single time [1] - once [2] - 2 to 3 times [3] - 4 to 9 times [4] - 10 times or more [5] - don't know [6] - no answer [7] |

5	How many times did you go to restaurants or other dining places, over the past <u>four</u> weeks?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not a single time [1] - once [2] - 2 to 3 times [3] - 4 to 9 times [4] - 10 times or more [5] - don't know [6] - no answer [7] 	
6	How many times did you go to the cinema or art house over the past <u>eight</u> weeks?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not a single time [1] - once [2] - 2 to 3 times [3] - 4 to 9 times [4] - 10 times or more [5] - don't know [6] - no answer [7] 	
7	How many times did you go to theatre, ballet, opera, etc. over the past <u>eight</u> weeks?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not a single time [1] - once [2] - 2 to 3 times [3] - 4 to 9 times [4] - 10 times or more [5] - don't know [6] - no answer [7] 	
8	Have you ever used any alcohol? (beer, wine, gin, liqueur, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no [1] - yes [2] - no answer [3] 	<p>10</p> <p>9</p> <p>10</p>
9	When was the last time you used any alcohol?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - less than four weeks ago [1] - less than a year ago [2] - more than a year ago [3] - not applicable [4] - no answer [5] 	
10	Have you ever used cannabis? (hasj, marihuana, weed, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no [1] - yes [2] - no answer [3] 	<p>12</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p>
11	When was the last time you used cannabis?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - less than four weeks ago [1] - less than a year ago [2] - more than a year ago [3] - not applicable [4] - no answer [5] 	
12	Do you have kids living at home?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no [1] - yes [2] - not applicable (resp. is a kid himself) [3] - no answer [4] 	
13	What type of household do you belong to? <i>INTERVIEWER: Give card I.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - one-parent family [1] - two adults without children [2] - two adults with children [3] - other [4] - no answer [5] 	

- 14** Do you belong to one of the following groups?
- INTERVIEWER: Give card J.*
- wage-worker [01]
 - entrepreneur [02]
 - free-lance worker [03]
 - working for temporary agency [04]
 - jobless/in search of job [05]
 - on benefits /not in search [06]
 - work disability [07]
 - retired [08]
 - military service [09]
 - housewife/houseman [10]
 - other [11]
 - no answer [12]
- 15** Do you currently attend any courses?
- no [1]
 - yes, a daytime course [2]
 - yes, an evening course [3]
 - no answer [4]
- 16** Can you tell me the highest level of education you *finished*?
- INTERVIEWER: Give card K.*
- primary school [1]
 - LBO (LTS, LHNO, LEAO) [2]
 - MBO (MTS, MEAO, INAS) [3]
 - ULO, MULO, MAVO [4]
 - MMS, HBS, HAVO, VWO [5]
 - HBO, univ. (HTS, HEAO, Soc. acad.) [6]
 - other [7]
 - no answer [8]

Thank you very much for your cooperation.