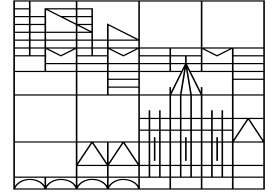


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Surveyreport WECE-Project

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Political efficacy

- Two central dimensions (Craig et al. 1990, 290)
 - **Internal** efficacy: “Beliefs about one's own competence to understand and to participate effectively in politics.”
 - Example: *How able do you think you are to take an active role in a group involved with political issues?*
 - **External** efficacy: “Beliefs about the responsiveness of governmental authorities and institutions to citizen demands.”
 - Example: *How much would you say that politicians care what people like you think?*

Examples taken from the questionnaire of the 2014 European Social Survey (ESS); Answers: 10-point scale, 1 = Completely, 10 = Not at all; www.europeansocialsurvey.org

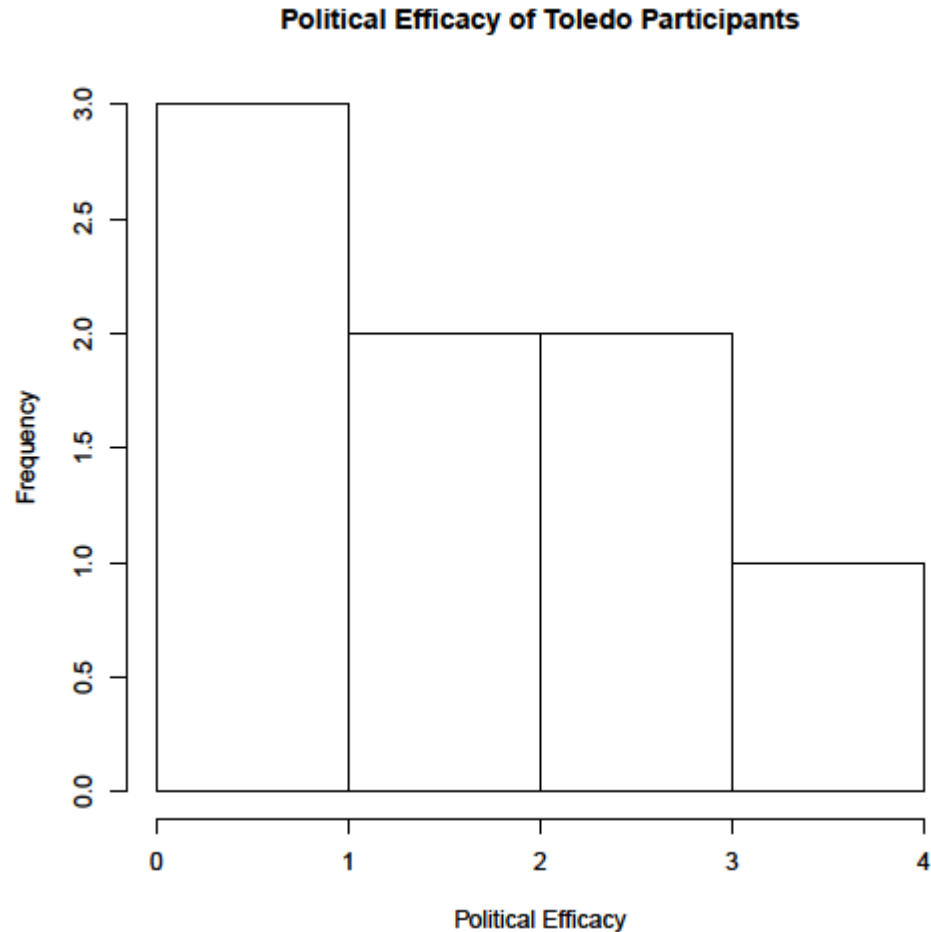
Craig, Stephen C.; Niemi, Richard G.; Silver, Glenn E. (1990): „Political efficacy and trust: A report on the NES pilot study items“. In: *Political Behavior*. 12 (3), S. 289-314.

Measuring Political Efficacy

To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

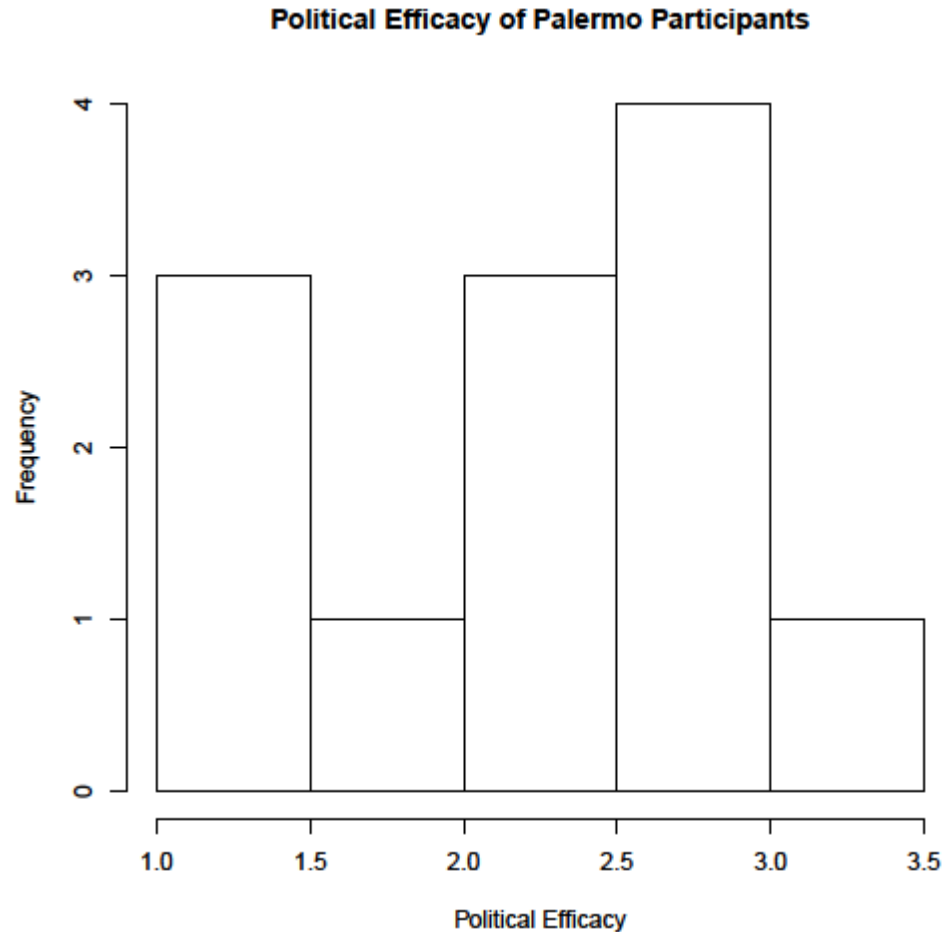
	Completely Agree	Agree	Neither/Nor	Disagree	Completely Disagree	Don't know
I am good at understanding and assessing important political issues.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The members of the local council in [your place] strive to keep in close touch with the people.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have the confidence to actively take part in a discussion about local political issues in [your place].	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The members of the local council in [your place] care about what people like me think.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Short Survey in Toledo



- Overall rather high political efficacy
 - Mean: 1.41
 - 9 respondents -> do not generalize

Short Survey in Palermo



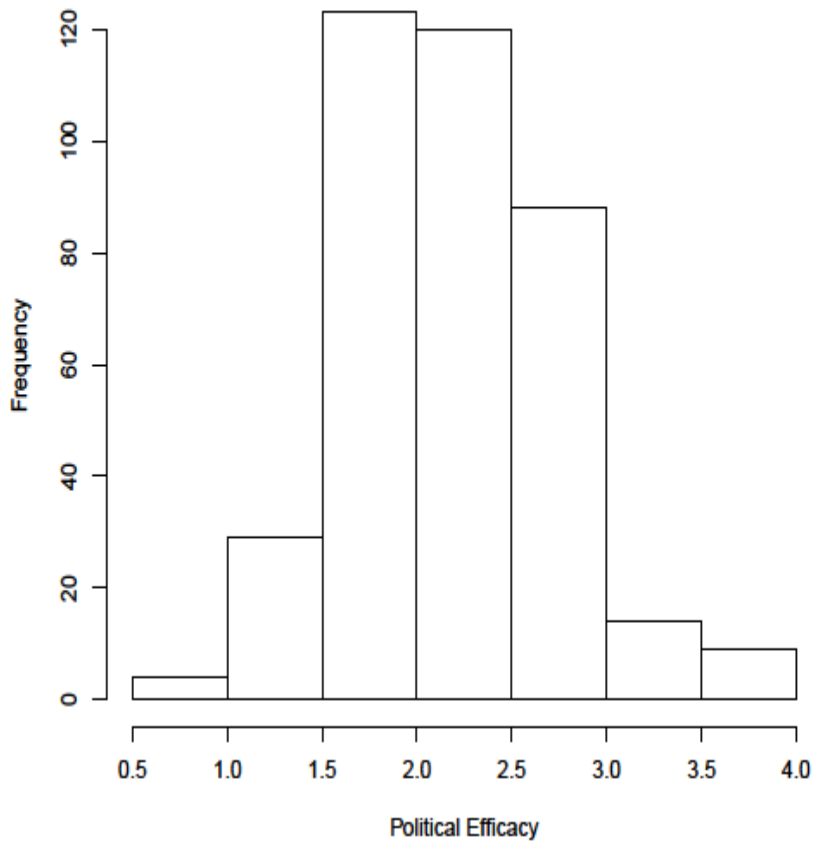
- Overall rather lower political efficacy
 - Mean: 2.31
 - 12 respondents -> do not generalize

Survey in Mannheim

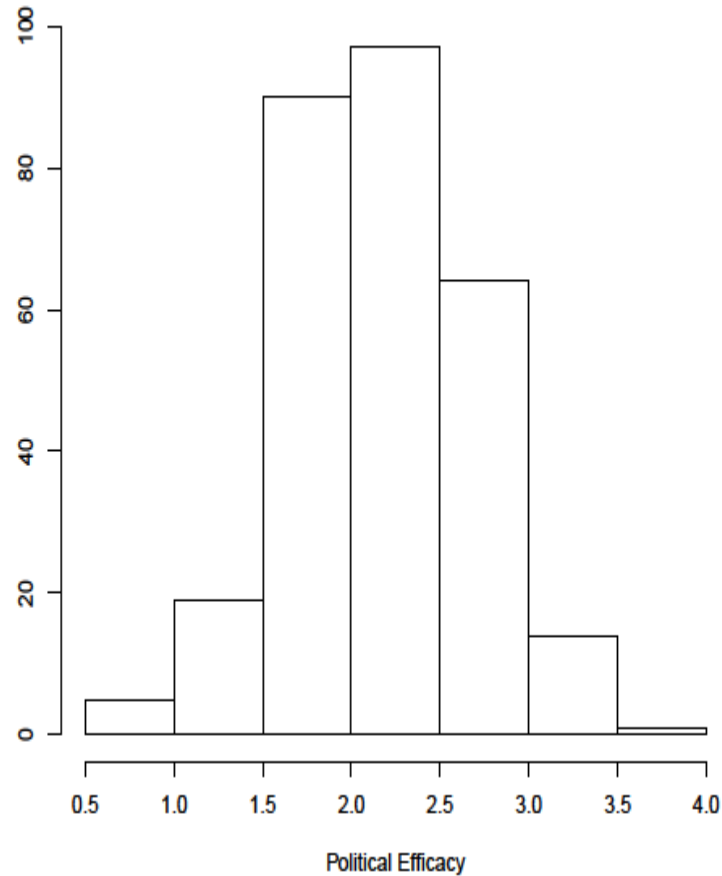
- 3 Waves:
 - First wave:
 - 3200 people asked, randomly sampled from the selected districts in Mannheim
 - 425 answers
 - Second wave:
 - Freshed up the sample
 - 355 answers
 - Third wave:
 - 189 answers

Survey in Mannheim

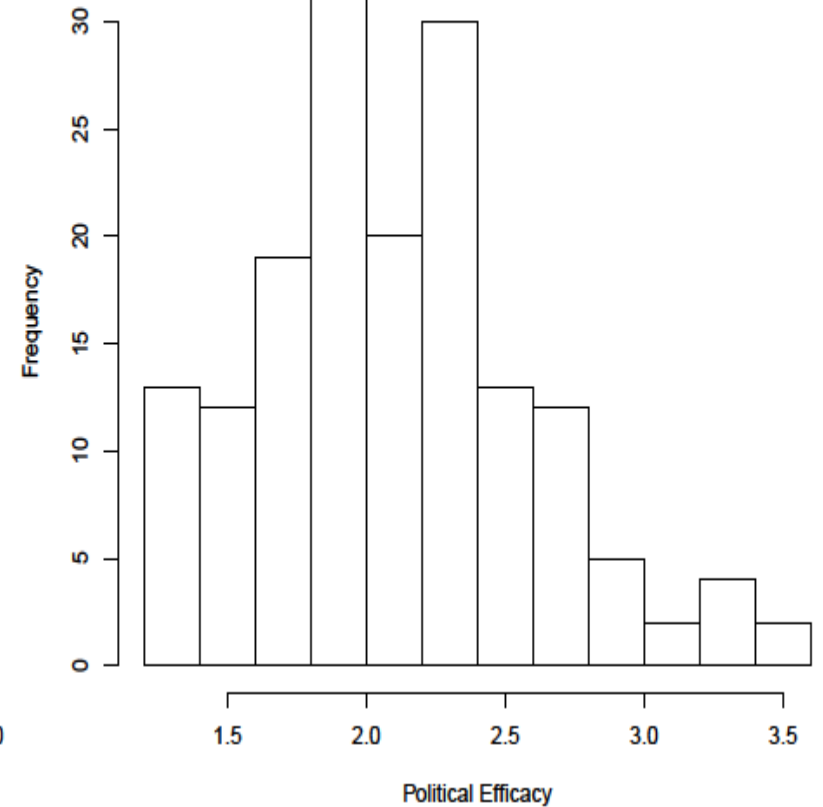
Political Efficacy of Mannheim Citizens; Wave 1



Political Efficacy of Mannheim Citizens; Wave 2



Political Efficacy of Mannheim Citizens; Wave 3



Survey in Mannheim

- Difficulties to measure the effect of the platform
 - For a better measurement: Kuorum-Flyers

Half of the sample from wave 2 received fyers

- Political Efficacy at wave 2: 2.2
- Political Efficacy at wave 3: 2.3

The other half did not received flyers

- Political Efficacy at wave 2: 2.24
- Political Efficacy at wave 3: 2.11

- The flyers significantly improved the political efficacy of the respondents