

N° of the participant _____
Date _____
Place _____
Interviewer _____

I am a student at Bangalore University doing a study on the Gram Panchayats. I am working with a team of social scientists to conduct a study of political speeches, and we are interviewing many members in many villages across the state of Karnataka.

If you agree to participate in our study, we will show you a videotaped speech by a politician, who is considering launching a candidacy for the Gram Panchayat in this area. We are interested in knowing your opinions about the speech and the politician. We will also ask you some questions about politics in this locality.

The names of the respondents interviewed for this study will be kept strictly confidential. If you agree to participate, your identity will not be revealed, and none of your answers will be reported in a way that would reveal your identity. This is an independent study, and we are not linked to any political party or government agency.

The active cooperation of many participants is necessary to make this study successful. Would you be interested in participating in our study? (*IF NO, PLEASE THANK THE RESPONDENT POLITELY AND LEAVE. IF YES, PLEASE CONTINUE.*)

Thank you. We would first like to ask you some questions about yourself. These questions will allow us to know the types of people who participated in our study.

Again, this information is collected only for academic purposes. It will be kept confidential, and your identity will not be revealed, so you can reply with total confidence. Thank you for your responses!

1. Your sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female
2. In what year were you born? _____
3. Where were you born? _____
4. In which village do you live ? _____
5. For how many years have you lived in this village ? _____ years
6. (*If not since birth*) Where were you living before? _____
7. Are you registered to vote? ☐ Yes ☐ No

8. What religion do you follow?

- ☐ 1. Hindu
- ☐ 2. Muslim
- ☐ 3. Christian
- ☐ 4. Sikh
- ☐ 5. Buddhist
- ☐ 6. Jain
- ☐ 7. Parsi
- ☐ 8. Other (please specify)_____

9. What is your Caste (*Jati*) or Tribe name ? _____

10. What is your Caste group?

- ☐ 1. Forward caste (Brahmin, or other)
- ☐ 2. Backward Caste - A
- ☐ 3. Backward Caste - B
- ☐ 4. Scheduled Caste (SC)/Dalit
- ☐ 5. Scheduled Tribe (ST)/Adivasis
- ☐ 6. Other (specify) _____

11. What language do you most use in daily life?

- ☐ 1. Kannada
- ☐ 2. English
- ☐ 3. Hindi
- ☐ 4. Other (specify) _____

12. What is the first language you learned when you were a child? _____

Thank you!

Now, for eligible subjects, use the list of random numbers to select the name of the politician and the version of the speech that participants will be shown.

After doing this, read the following text to participants:

We would now like to show a videotaped speech by a politician, Mr. (*last name of politician*). This politician is considering running for office. He would like to be the adhyaksha of the Grama Panchayat in this area.

We would like to know your opinions about the politician and the speech. So after showing you the video, we will ask you several questions.