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of the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Slovenia. Political Preferences editors hopes to continue this trend in the future and taking up research projects a wider range of electoral behavior scholars.

The fourth volume of „Political Preferences” consists 13 scientific papers, referring to the study of electoral behavior from the perspective of different disciplines including: law, politics, sociology, psychology, history, science communication. The presented study, referring to the different level of generalization and analysis applications is characterized by a high level of content and intention of problematic treatment of research subjects. We hope that it will be useful for other researchers and will provide a solid basis for further projects exploring issues of electoral behavior.

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(DIS)TRUST INTO THE RULE OF LAW IN SLOVENIA

Abstract:

After the collapse of the non-democratic regime in the early 1990s, public opinion surveys became important factor in the process of democratic decision-making. Author is analysing the results of public opinion surveys, which bring together data on the attitude of the general public towards democracy, (dis)satisfaction with the political situation and (dis)satisfaction with most important political and administrative institutions with special emphasis given to the public's (dis)trust toward the rule of law. Based on the data obtained article allocates Slovenia's position compared to other established European democracies as well as post-communist countries from Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) on the scale of the relationship of the dimensions of societal (dis)trust in political power.

Key words:

democratisation, trust, rule of law, politics, institution, Slovenia

Introduction

In all post-socialist countries, democratisation was a process that resulted in the establishment of a democratic political system similar to that of Western European countries. It is a process of changing the regime from the beginning to the end and includes the concepts of transition and consolidation. The consolidation of democracy is a process that encompasses the complete establishment of new democratic institutions, the adoption of democratic rules and procedures, and the general acceptance of democratic values. Political changes that stem from the top can also play an important role in accelerating