

HKU Student Research Team
Project DC03 Pre-election Fieldwork Report Form

This form can be downloaded from the project webpage. It should be completed on the day of each fieldwork session and submitted to the project organizer by email to hkusrt@hkupop.hku.hk, or by uploading to the project website directly.

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Name of constituency visited (please use one form for each constituency) :
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Field trip details –

Date : 23-11-2003 Time : 14:30 - 18:00 Venue : Around the constituency

Description of the process (whether alone, accompanied by teammates, friends, campaign workers... etc.)

- Accompany: Alone
- Purpose: To observe the constituency on the election day
- Process: Walking around the constituency

Recording basic figures – like how many posters and where, how many people attended the forum during different time period...etc

- Number of counters setup by candidate in order to draw support from passersby: 6 for each candidate (3 at each of the 3 buildings of the public estate; 1 next to the main entry of the private estate; 2 next to the way to the polling station immediately outside the no-canvassing zone)
- Total number of helpers working at the 6 counters: about 15 for each candidate

Description of findings – could be in the form simple narrations, or in the form of questions and answer...

- Helpers of the DBA candidate (1) were in general older
- At around 5pm, a on-street broadcast was simultaneously undergoing for candidate 2 (democratic independent) by a member of the Democratic Party (Mr Ng Yun Ching, who had been quite popular in this constituency in the past)
- At around 4pm, a car broadcast was simultaneously undergoing for candidate 2 by Democratic Party's Legislative Councilor (The New Territories West) Mr Ho Chun Yan
- There was a van which took voters to the polling station (see picture).
- There were policemen walking around the polling station occasionally, but they were not stationing for a long period of time
- Another organization was doing exit poll
 - There were totally 4 secondary girls working together, 2 in a time in rotation
 - They were from 公共事務研究學會
 - They asked two questions - 1) which candidate did you choose; and 2) why did you choose that candidate. But if the interviewee refused to answer the first question, they would not ask the second one
 - They took convenience sample and did not do any sampling
 - They sometimes just chatting among themselves without doing the exit poll for half an hour
 - They claimed they would report their results to the supervisor the day after the election
 - During their exit poll, an officer of the polling station went onto the girls and asked for their purpose of doing the exit poll. The officer warned those girls the probability that they might be utilized by someone for purpose other than a genuine exit poll

Conclusions drawn from your observation

- It seemed that candidate 2 (democratic independent candidate and new to the constituency) was more keen to draw support from the voters on the street as she adopted on-street broadcast and car broadcast

New questions generated from your observations or findings

- Why did candidate 2 (democratic independent new to the constituency) need to do

car broadcast and on-street broadcast while candidate 1 (DBA) did not do the same thing (at least true for the afternoon)?

- Can these last minutes rushing strategy help candidate 2 to gain more support?
- Is candidate allowed to provide free transportation to take voter to the polling station?

Open questions for discussion by all team members

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