

Numerical values for countries in 2nd, 3rd and 4th ESS rounds

The countries not present in the first round of ESS and for this reason without additional information from SB-MTMM are Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Iceland, Latvia, Luxemburg, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Turkey and Ukraine. The procedure followed for each country was to use transformed, numerical values from a country in the 1st ESS round. This country should have the most similar distribution for a medium in order to use its values for the new country. For choosing the similarity in distribution for a medium we check for the 'total time' and the 'time spent on political issues' for each medium. This means that each medium was selected independently. Even in this way, for almost all countries, the values chosen were from the same country for the different media, and moreover, this country is usually close geographically, with a few exceptions. In Figure we can see several examples of the similarities in distribution between Austria and Luxemburg; between Poland and Slovakia and Ukraine; and between Cyprus and England.

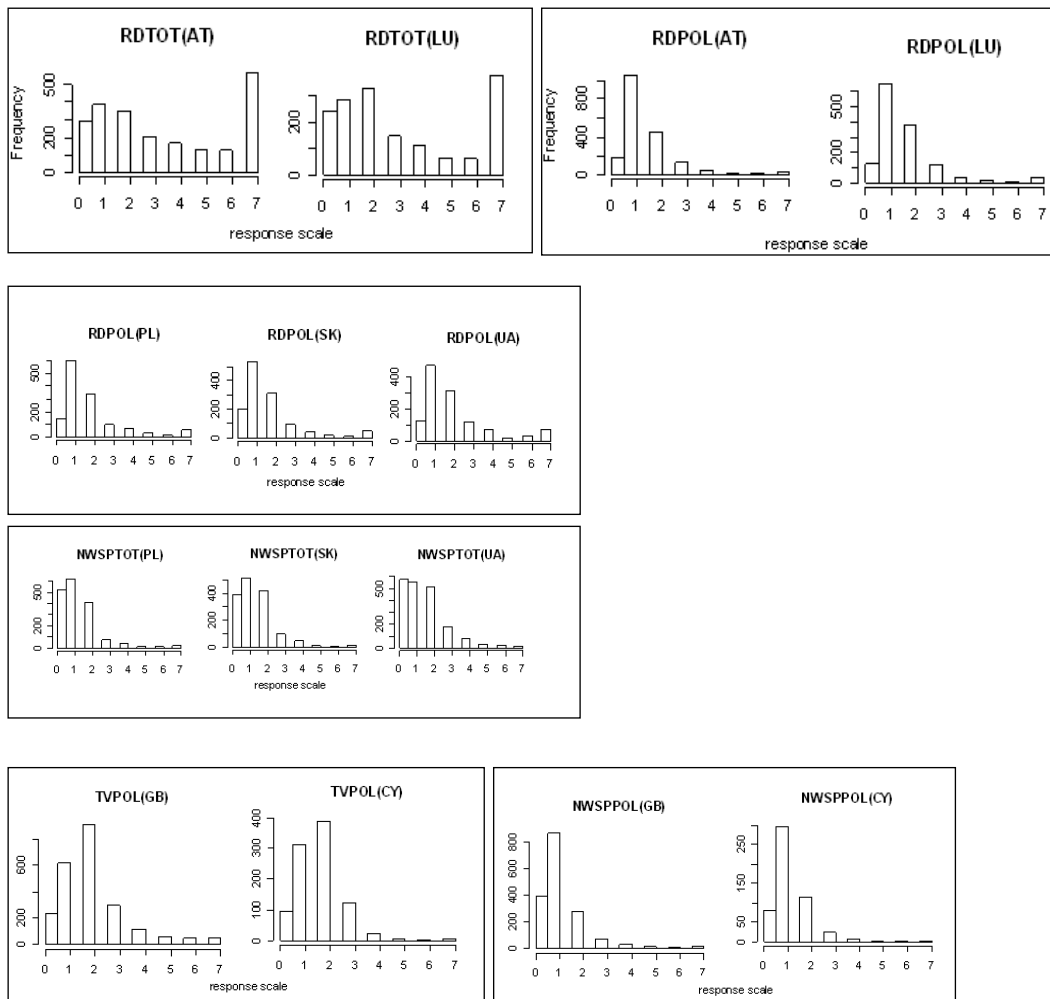


Figure: Similar distributions with new countries

In the first comparison between Austria and Luxemburg the distribution is quite comparable for the three media, and for 'total time' and 'time spent in politics'. Also comparable are Poland, Slovakia and Ukraine for television, radio and newspaper. All these similar distributions are between countries quite close geographically. But this is not always the case, for instance Great Britain and Cyprus are also comparable as can be shown in the last histograms of the Figure.

For the remaining countries; Bulgaria has been given the values of Portugal for television and radio and from Poland for newspaper, Estonia got the values from the Czech Republic for television and radio and from Germany for newspaper; Iceland received the values from Denmark for television and radio and from Germany for newspaper; Romania and Russia Federations got the scores from the Czech Republic for television and Portugal for radio and newspaper; Slovakia and Ukraine got values from Poland; and Turkey got values from Greece for all the media.