## **Online Appendix**

# A Online Appendix Tables and Figures

	$\operatorname{coef}$	coef
	(SE)	(SE)
ANC Vote Share	-0.020	-0.044
	(0.005)	(0.006)
DA Vote Share	0.030	-0.035
	(0.009)	(0.01)
Pop ('000)	-0.001	-0.004
	(0.00)	(0.00)
Pop under 25 ('000)	0.006	0.013
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Fraction Male	0.200	0.030
	(0.018)	(0.021)
Frac Black	0.119	0.084
	(0.009)	(0.01)
Frac Coloured	0.021	0.053
	(0.006)	(0.008)
Frac English Speaking	-0.003	0.091
	(0.006)	(0.008)
Frac w/ HS Diploma	0.244	0.211
	(0.011)	(0.015)
Frac w/ Electricity	0.083	-0.001
	(0.005)	(0.004)
Frac w/ Computers	0.026	0.518
	(0.015)	(0.016)
Frac w/ Internet Access	0.064	
	(0.012)	
Constant	0.513	0.012
	(0.012)	(0.014)
Number of observations	4,276	4,276
Mean of Dep Var:	0.888	0.248

Table A-1: National Mobile Phone and Internet Penetration Rate

OLS regressions using census data at the ward level on all wards in South Africa, weighted by ward-level population to be nationally representative.

	(1)	( <b>0</b> )	(0)	(4)	(٣)	$(\mathbf{a})$	
	(1)	(2).	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	WhatsUp	Campaign	Voter	Violence	Satisfied	Trust	Trust
	Ever	Rallies	Intimidation	is justified	Democracy	ANC	DA
	(binary)	(0-3)	(0-3)	(0-3)	(0-3)	(0-4)	(0-4)
USSD Non-Experimental	-0.002	-0.251	0.010	-0.463**	$0.317^{**}$	0.139	0.045
	(0.002)	(0.161)	(0.162)	(0.213)	(0.128)	(0.204)	(0.253)
English Social Media	0.100***	-0.168***	-0.098*	-0.170***	-0.271***	-0.741***	-0.231***
	(0.002)	(0.053)	(0.053)	(0.061)	(0.048)	(0.063)	(0.077)
Afrikaans Social Media	0.056***	$0.181^{***}$	$0.165^{***}$	$0.177^{***}$	-0.175***	-0.550***	1.095***
	(0.007)	(0.057)	(0.058)	(0.060)	(0.057)	(0.084)	(0.077)
Zulu Social Media	-0.014***	0.410***	-0.196***	-0.274***	0.130**	0.677***	-0.086
	(0.004)	(0.053)	(0.063)	(0.061)	(0.052)	(0.067)	(0.074)
Twitter/Gtalk	-0.009**	-0.323	-0.605	$-0.725^{*}$	-0.527	-1.089**	0.154
	(0.004)	(0.396)	(0.388)	(0.429)	(0.388)	(0.509)	(0.642)
Observations	90646	5150	5112	5089	5172	5275	5229
Mean for USSD standard	0.008	1.667	1.744	1.704	2.281	3.202	2.023
R squared	0.040	0.013	0.005	0.009	0.012	0.046	0.037

Table A-2: Responses to What's Up questions (Passive Unincentivized Phase 2).

Notes: Table analyzes the response rates (Column 1) and actual answers to the 'What's Up' questions, which were asked without response incentives in Phase 2 and required users to navigate through a menu to answer them. The USSD Experimental groups are the omitted category, so the comparisons provided in the table are observational differences across channels. Robust standard errors in parentheses.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	VIP	Registered	Likely	Zuma	Local Govt	Attend	Attended
	Ever	to vote	to vote	Performance	Performance	Rally	Protests
	(binary)	(binary)	(0-3)	(0-3)	(0-3)	(binary)	(0-2)
USSD Non-Experimental	-0.001	-0.040	-0.075	-0.259**	-0.113	$-0.149^{***}$	$-0.267^{***}$
	(0.003)	(0.038)	(0.088)	(0.116)	(0.116)	(0.049)	(0.085)
English Social Media	0.189***	-0.160***	-0.415***	-0.637***	-0.464***	-0.175***	-0.205***
	(0.002)	(0.012)	(0.028)	(0.038)	(0.039)	(0.016)	(0.029)
Afrikaans Social Media	-0.037***	-0.040*	-0.239***	-0.300***	0.298***	-0.047**	-0.106***
	(0.007)	(0.021)	(0.063)	(0.052)	(0.054)	(0.023)	(0.037)
Zulu Social Media	0.016***	0.077***	0.216***	0.707***	0.160***	0.139***	0.097***
	(0.006)	(0.013)	(0.032)	(0.036)	(0.040)	(0.015)	(0.026)
Twitter/Gtalk	-0.009	0.007	-0.176	-1.205***	-0.625***	-0.423***	-0.484***
,	(0.006)	(0.069)	(0.220)	(0.134)	(0.174)	(0.093)	(0.142)
Observations	90646	9300	9175	9150	9291	9224	9206
Mean for USSD standard	0.013	0.792	3.730	1.969	1.924	0.727	1.012
R squared	0.075	0.016	0.018	0.066	0.017	0.020	0.009

Table A-3: Responses to VIP questions (Passive Unincentivized Phase 2).

Notes: Table analyzes the response rates (Column 1) and actual answers to the 'VIP' questions, which were asked without response incentives in Phase 2 and required users to navigate through a menu to answer them. The USSD Experimental groups are the omitted category, so the comparisons provided in the table are observational differences across channels. Robust standard errors in parentheses.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Answered	Support	Support	Answered	Support	Support
	first push	ANC	DA	second push	ANC	DA
	(binary)	(binary)	(binary)	(binary)	(binary)	(binary)
USSD Non-Experimental	0.007	-0.001	0.006	-0.004	-0.010	0.018
	(0.005)	(0.023)	(0.017)	(0.004)	(0.029)	(0.021)
English Social Media	-0.092***	-0.179***	0.092***	-0.061***	-0.188***	0.102***
	(0.002)	(0.037)	(0.030)	(0.002)	(0.030)	(0.024)
Afrikaans Social Media	-0.004***	0.170	-0.112	-0.003*	-0.282***	-0.104*
	(0.001)	(0.139)	(0.091)	(0.002)	(0.087)	(0.063)
Zulu Social Media	-0.003***	$0.157^{*}$	-0.203***	-0.005***	0.172**	-0.188***
	(0.001)	(0.093)	(0.029)	(0.001)	(0.074)	(0.032)
Observations	72306	4227	4227	72306	3286	3286
Mean for USSD standard	0.021	0.700	0.116	0.017	0.728	0.117
R squared	0.039	0.007	0.005	0.021	0.022	0.010

### Table A-4: Responses to Thermometer questions (Pushed twice Unincentivized Phase 2).

Notes: Table analyzes the response rates (Column 1) and actual answers to the two 'Thermometer' polling questions, which were pushed out by text message to all users for whom we had a phone number and not incentivized. The USSD Experimental groups are the omitted category, so the comparisons provided in the table are observational differences across channels. Robust standard errors in parentheses.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	Ever answer	Campaigning	Voter	Vote buying	Political	Political	Political
	push	door-to-door	indimidatation	with food	rallies	violence	protests
	(binary)	(binary)	(binary)	(binary)	(binary)	(binary)	(binary)
USSD Non-Experimental	0.004	-0.079**	0.015	0.007	0.044	-0.093**	$0.106^{***}$
	(0.007)	(0.040)	(0.042)	(0.042)	(0.040)	(0.043)	(0.040)
English Social Media	-0.178***	0.061	-0.005	0.019	0.035	0.030	-0.014
	(0.002)	(0.056)	(0.052)	(0.055)	(0.048)	(0.057)	(0.062)
Afrikaans Social Media	-0.004*	0.026	-0.031	-0.130	0.070	-0.329	-0.176
	(0.002)	(0.139)	(0.194)	(0.256)	(0.142)	(0.200)	(0.228)
Zulu Social Media	-0.001	-0.104	0.176	0.020	0.057	0.052	0.003
	(0.002)	(0.136)	(0.111)	(0.120)	(0.129)	(0.133)	(0.129)
Observations	73802	1704	1693	1562	1823	1622	1614
Mean for USSD standard	0.043	0.634	0.646	0.685	0.636	0.688	0.676
R squared	0.077	0.004	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.005	0.004

### Table A-5: Responses to Push questions (Pushed Thrice incentivized Phase 2).

Notes: Table analyzes the response rates (Column 1) and actual answers to the three 'Push' polling questions, which were pushed out by text message to all users for whom we had a phone number and incentivized using the initial treatment status for USSD users. The USSD Experimental groups are the omitted category, so the comparisons provided in the table are observational differences across channels. Robust standard errors in parentheses.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	Ever answer (binary)	Length of Queue (minutes)	Materials Correct (binary)	Confidence in IEC (0-3)	Voter intimidation (binary)	Electoral tension (0-2)	Electoral violence (binary)
USSD Non-Experimental	$0.011^{*}$	0.868	0.004	-0.053	-0.012	-0.188***	-0.029
	(0.006)	(1.212)	(0.011)	(0.042)	(0.025)	(0.049)	(0.025)
English Social Media	-0.120***	$1.886^{*}$	-0.009	-0.051	0.048**	-0.002	0.024
	(0.002)	(1.114)	(0.011)	(0.040)	(0.023)	(0.044)	(0.023)
Afrikaans Social Media	-0.012***	-4.244	-0.018	0.030	-0.128	0.079	-0.229**
	(0.001)	(6.551)	(0.075)	(0.201)	(0.123)	(0.255)	(0.096)
Zulu Social Media	-0.011***	-3.887	0.059***	0.208*	-0.191**	-0.005	-0.038
	(0.001)	(3.500)	(0.011)	(0.120)	(0.083)	(0.211)	(0.093)
Observations	90646	4545	4381	4726	4571	4172	4591
Mean for USSD standard	0.183	19.887	0.949	2.527	0.433	1.224	0.415
R squared	0.054	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.001

### Table A-6: Responses to Voter Experience Survey (Incentivized post-election).

Notes: Table analyzes the response rates (Column 1) and actual answers to the 'Voter Experience' questions, which were pushed out by text message to all users for whom we had a phone number and incentivized using the initial treatment status for USSD users. The USSD Experimental groups are the omitted category, so the comparisons provided in the table are observational differences across channels. Robust standard errors in parentheses.

	Yes, every vote matters	No but I'll vote anyway	No so I'm not voting	Not Registered
	(1)	(2)	(3)	$(\overset{\circ}{4})$
USSD non-experimental	83.54%	8.59%	1.12%	6.75%
USSD Experimental	79.19%	9.05%	1.91%	9.84%
English Social Media	70.24%	7.39%	6.98%	15.41%
Zulu Social Media	58.99%	18.44%	6.67%	15.89%
Afrikaans Social Media	64.58%	6.81%	1.64%	10.76%
Twitter/GTalk	78.45%	9.25%	1.64%	10.66%

## Table A-7: Engagement by Channel

Cells give fraction of each channel (rows) that give each response to the engagement question *"It's election time! Do u think ur vote matters?"* (columns) from the VIP:Voice data among those who answered the question and were of voting age.

	USSD	USSD	USSD
Phase 1 Recruitment.	Standard	Free	Lottery
Total # Solicited via PCM	13.8m	$16.1 \mathrm{m}$	19.9m
Total # Registered	7,258	8,146	24,762
Registered as % of PCMs	0.0526%	0.0506%	0.1244%
Difference with Standard		-0.002%	0.0546%
P-value on test of difference with Standard		0.020	0.00003

## Table A-8: PCM Recruitment Experiment

Notes: Table provides the number of Please Call Me messages sent out by USSD treatment arm, and then the number of registered participants who clicked through from links from each kind of PCM. Because multiple PCMs may have been sent to the same person, the third row represents the yield rate per PCM, not per person. P-values on differences calculated by creating an inflated dataset with the number of PCMs sent and using successful registration as the outcome variable, with a robust regression including dummies for the treatment arms.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
	USSD	USSD	Social	Any	Any	$\operatorname{High}$			Voted
	Free	Lottery	Media	Phase 2	Demog	Engagement	Age	Male	2009
Incentivized to monitor	-0.004	0.003	0.001	0.004	-0.004	0.003	-0.153	0.007	0.004
	(0.003)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.098)	(0.007)	(0.007)
Observations	50814	50814	50814	50814	50814	50799	20435	21269	19542
Mean for unincentived	0.144	0.442	0.227	0.501	0.424	0.710	24.469	0.477	0.404
R squared	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Table A-9: Balance of Randomized Monitoring Invitations.

Notes: Table analyzes the balance of the randomized experiment through which a high-engagement sample of users were invited to serve as Citizen Observers for the election. The table uses the invitation to participate as an election monitor as the right hand side variable, explaining a set of covariates observed prior to the time at which these invitations were sent out. Robust standard errors in parentheses.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	Any	Any	Volunteer	High			Voted
	Phase 2	Demog	Sample	Engagement	Age	Male	2009
High Monitoring Incentive	0.017	0.011	0.001	0.055	0.773	0.032	-0.034
	(0.015)	(0.013)	(0.006)	(0.035)	(1.325)	(0.076)	(0.086)
Observations	1862	1862	1862	792	145	155	138
Mean for unincentived	0.102	0.077	0.014	0.614	26.203	0.290	0.607
R squared	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.002	0.001	0.001

#### Table A-10: Balance of the Actual Invitations Sent to Monitor.

Notes: Table analyzes the balance of the quasi-experiment through which a sample almost entirely consisting of USSD Standard users were given a High incentive to serve as Citizen Election Monitors (50R) relative to a Low incentive (5R). This variation was generated by a data error and is not a clean randomized experiment. The table uses the actual invitation to participate as an election monitor as the explanatory variable, with a set of covariates observed prior to the time at which these invitations were sent out as the outcomes. Robust standard errors in parentheses.

Figure A-1: Project Timeline







Figure A-3: USSD Interface for Engagement Question

Figure A-4: USSD Interface for Citizen Observing



## Figure A-5: Report on Election Activities





Figure A-6: Ushahidi Dashboard map showing geographic distribution of citizen election reports in Phase 2

Figure A-7: Example of Declaration of Results Forms Photographed by Citizens via Photo Quick Count

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Figure A-8: Strata of election day observation, nation-wide

Figure A-9: Strata of election day observation near Durban, citizen and professional



## **B** Survey Question Wording

## B.1 Phase 1: Please Call Me!

### Control

Join VIP:Voice to help make elections 2014 free and fair. Dial \*120\*7692\*2# Standard rates charged

#### Treatment 1 – Lottery

Join VIP:Voice 2 help make elections 2014 free & fair. Dial \*120\*7692\*3# & stand a chance 2 win R55 airtime

#### Treatment 2 – Subsidy

Join VIP:Voice to help make elections 2014 free and fair. Dial \*120\*4729# 2 participate for free

#### Engagement Question.

It's election time! Do u	Dis stemtyd! Dink jy jou	Yiskhathi sokhetho!
think ur vote matters?	stem maak saak?	Liyasiza yini ivoti
1. YES every vote	1. JA elke stem tel	lakho?
matters	2. NEE maar ek stem	1. YEBO lelo nalelo voti
2. NO but I'll vote	nogtans	libalulekile
anyway	3. NEE ek gaan NIE stem	2. CHA kodwa ngizovota
3. NO so I'm NOT voting	nie	3. CHA Yingakho
4. I'm NOT REGISTERED to	4. Ek's NIE	ngingavoti
vote	GEREGISTEREER om te	4. ANGIKUBHALISELANGA
4. I'm TOO YOUNG to vote	stem nie	ukuvota
	4. Ek's TE JONK om te	4. Ngisemncane; angivoti
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After answering the voting question, users were then given the opportunity to immediately accept the Terms and Conditions of joining the platforms. Alternatively, they were given the opportunity to read in more depth about the Terms and Conditions. This choice was presented as follows:

Please accept the terms and conditions to get started. 1. Accept & Join 2. Read t&c 3. Quit Aanvaar asb bepalings & voorwaardes om te begin. 1. Aanvaar & Sluit aan 2. Lees B&V 3. Onttrek Yamukela le imigomo nemibandela ekuvumela ukuqala. 1. Yamukela ujoyine 2. Funda imigomo nemibandela 3. Phuma

## B.2 Phase 2: Pre-election digital surveys

### Welcome Menu

Welcome to VIP!	Welkom by VIP!	Siyakwamukela ohlelweni
1. Answer & win!	1. Antwoord & wen!	i-VIP!
2. VIP Quiz	2. VIP-vasvra	1. Phendula uwine!
3. Report Election	3. Rapporteer	2. Imibuzo ye-VIP
Activity	verkiesingsaksie	3. Bika umcimbi wokhetho
4. View VIP results	4. Sien VIP-uitslae	4. Bheka imiphumela
5. What's up?	5. Wat gaan aan?	ye-VIP
6. About	6. Omtrent	5. Kwenzenjani?
7. End	7. Eindig	6. Ngalokhu

## 7. Qeda

## B.2.1 Demographic Survey: Answer & Win

I am	Ek is	Ngingo
1. Male	1. Manlik	1. wesilisa
2. Female	2. Vroulik	2. wesifazane
How old are you?	Hoe oud is jy?	Uneminyaka emingaki?
1. u14	1. 014	1. ngaphansi kweyi-14
2. 15-19	2. 15-19	2. 15-19
3. 20-29	3. 20-29	3. 20-29
4. 30-39	4. 30-39	4. 30-39
5. 40-49	5. 40-49	5. 40-49
6. 50+	6. 50+	6. ngaphezu kwengama-50
Did you vote in the 2009	Het jy in die	Wavota yini okhethweni
election?	2009-verkiesing gestem?	lwango-2009?
1.Yes	1.Ja	1.Yebo
2.No, could not/was not	2.Nee, kon/was nie	2.Cha,
registered	geregistreer	angikwazanga/ngangingabhalisanga
3.No, did not want to	3.Nee, wou nie	3.Cha, angithandanga
4.No, other	4.Nee, ander	4.Cha, okunye
5.Skip	5.Slaan oor	5.Eqa
I am	Ek is	Ngi
1. Black African	1. Swart Afrikaan	1. ngumAfrika oNsundu
2. Coloured	2. Bruin	2. yiKhaladi
3. Indian/Asian	3. Indiër/Asies	3. ngowomdabu
4. White	4. Wit	waseNdiya/waseEshiya
5. Other	5. Ander	4. Mhlophe
6. Skip	6. Slaan oor	5. ngokunye
		6. Eqa

For those users who entered on our smart phone channels, where we did not necessarily have their phone numbers, we also asked individuals for their phone numbers.

Please give us your	Gee vir ons jou	Sicel inombolo yeselula
cellphone number so	selnommer sodat ons vir	yakho ukuze sikwazi
we can send you your	jou lugtyd kan stuur!	ukukuthumelel i-airtime
airtime!		yakho!

#### B.2.2 What's Up

The "What's Up" Section of questions asked a mixture of demographic and political questions, which we were interested in collecting, but which could not fit in the other sections of the platform. These were, therefore, questions to which we expected lower response rates because they were not incentivized. Moreover, no push messaging went out to encourage people to fill them out in Phase 2b.

Hoe tevrede is jy met

The questions were worded as follows in our three languages:

How satisfied are you with the way democracy works in South Africa? 1. Very satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Dissatisfied 4. Very dissatisfied 5. Skip During the past two weeks, how frequently have campaign rallies occurred in your community? 1. Often 2. Several times 3. Once or twice 4. Never 5. Skip During the past 2 weeks, how often have party agents gone door to door in ur community 2 mobilize voters? 1. Often 2. Several times 3. Once or twice 4. Never 5. Skip During the past two weeks, how frequently have party agents intimidated voters in your community? 1. Often 2. Several times 3. Once or twice 4. Never 5. Skip During the past two

weeks, how frequently have party agents

die manier waarop demokrasie werk in Suid-Afrika? 1. Baie tevrede 2. Ietwat ontevrede 3. Ontevrede 4. Baie ontevrede 5. Slaan oor Gedurende die laaste twee weke, hoe dikwels het daar verkiesingsaamtrekke in jou gemeenskap plaasgevind? 1. Dikwels 2. Verskeie male 3. Een of twee maal 4. Nooit 5. Slaan oor

Gedurende die laaste twee weke, hoe dikwels het partyagente van deur tot deur in jou gemeenskap gegaan om stemme te werf? 1. Gereeld 2. Baie male 3. Een of twee maal 4. Nooit 5. Slaan oor

Gedurende die laaste twee weke, hoe dikwels het partyagente kiesers in jou gemeenskap geïntimideer? 1. Gereeld 2. Baie male 3. Een of twee maal 4. Nooit 5. Slaan oor

Gedurende die laaste twee weke, hoe dikwels het partyagente kiesers Ugculiseke kangakanani yindlela intando yabantu esebenza ngayo kuleli? 1. Ngigculiseke kakhulu 2. Ngigculisekile ngandlela thile 3. Angugculisekile 4. Angigculisekile neze 5. Eqa Emasontweni amabili edlule abe maningi kangakanani amarali okukhankasela ukhetho emphakathini wangakini? 1. Kaningi 2. Izikhathi ezimbalwa 3. Kanye noma kabili 4. Nakanye 5.Eqa Emasontweni amabili edlule abezinhlangano bangene kangakanani imizi ngemizi ngakini benxenxa abavoti? 1. Kaningi 2. Izikhathi ezimbalwa 3. Kanye noma kabili 4. Nakanye 5. Eqa

Emasontweni amabili edlule abamele izinhlangano babesabise kangakanani abavoti ngakini? 1. Kaningi 2. Izikhathi ezimbalwa 3. Kanye noma kabili 4. Nakanye

5. Eqa

Emasontweni amabili edlule abamele izinhlangano babesabise

intimidated voters in your community? 1. Often 2. Several times 3. Once or twice 4. Never 5.Skip How much do you trust the ANC? 1. A lot 2. Some 3. Not much 4. Not at all 5. No opinion 6. Skip How much do you trust the Democratic Alliance (DA)? 1. A lot 2. Some 3. Not much 4. Not at all 5. No opinion 6. Skip How much do you trust the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF)? 1. A lot 2. Some 3. Not much 4. Not at all 5. No opinion 6. Skip During the past year, how often have u or anyone in ur family gone without enough food to eat? 1. Never 2. Once or twice 3. Sometimes 4. Many times 5. Always 6. Skip In South Africa, it is sometimes necessary to use violence for a just cause: 1. Strongly agree 2. Somewhat agree 3. Somewhat disagree

3. Een of twee maal 4. Nooit 5. Slaan oor Hoeveel vertrou jy die ANC? 1. Baie 2. Biejie 3. Nie veel nie 4. Glad nie 5. Geen opinie 6. Slaan oor Hoeveel vertrou jy die Demokratiese Alliansie (DA)? 1. Baie 2. Biejie 3. Nie veel nie 4. Glad nie 5. Geen opinie 6. Slaan oor Hoeveel vertrou jy die Ekonomiese Vryheidvegters (EFF)? 1. Baie 2. Biejie 3. Nie veel nie 4. Glad nie 5. Geen opinie 6. Slaan oor Gedurende die laaste jaar, hoeveel maal het jy of iemand in jou familie nie genoeg kos gehad om te eet nie? 1. Nooit 2. Een of twee maal 3. Soms 4. Baie maal 5. Altyd 6. Slaan oor In Suid-Afrika is dit

in jou gemeenskap

geïntimideer?

2. Baie male

1. Gereeld

soms nodig om geweld te gebruik vir 'n saak waarin jy glo: 1. Stem sterk saam 2. Stem ietwat saam 3. Stem nie heeltemal kangakanani abavoti ngakini?

- 1. Kaningi
- 2. Izikhathi ezimbalwa
- 3. Kanye noma kabili
- 4. Nakanye
- 5. Eqa

Uyethemba kangkanani i-ANC?

- 1. Kakhulu
- 2. Kakhudlwana
- 3. Hhayi kakhulu
- 4. Nakancane
- 5. Anginakuphawula
- 6. Eqa

Uyethemba kangakanani iDemocratic Alliance (DA)?

- 1. Kakhulu
- 2. Kakhudlwana
- 3. Hhayi kakhulu
- 4. Nakancane
- 5. Anginakuphawula
- 6. Eqa

Uyethemba kangakanani iEconomic Freedom Fighters (EFF)? 1. Kakhulu 2. Kakhudlwana 3. Hhayi kakhulu 4. Nakancane 5. Anginakuphawula 6. Eqa Gedurende die laaste jaar, hoeveel maal het

jaar, hoeveel maal het jy of iemand in jou familie nie genoeg kos gehad om te eet nie? 1. Nooit

- 2. Een of twee maal
- 3. Soms
- 4. Baie maal
- 5. Altyd
- 6. Slaan oor

Kuleli zwe kuye kube nesidingo sokusebenzisa udlame ukufeza inhloso ethile:

 Ngiivuma kakhulu
 Ngiyavuma ngandlela thile Strongly disagree
 Skip

Sometimes not voting is the best way to express your political preferences: 1. Strongly agree 2. Somewhat agree 3. Somewhat disagree 4. Strongly disagree 5. Skip saam 4. Stem glad nie saam 5. Slaan oor

Deur nie te stem nie druk jy jou politieke voorkeure die beste uit: 1. Stem sterk saam 2. Stem ietwat saam 3. Stem nie heeltemal saam 4. Stem glad nie saam 5. Slaan oor  3. Ngiyaphika ngandlela thile.
 4. Ngiphika kakhulu
 5. Eqa
 Ukungavoti kuye kube

yindlela yokuveza ukuzikhethela ngokwepolitiki: 1. Ngivuma kakhulu 2. Ngiyavuma ngandlela thile 3. Ngiyaphika ngandlela thile 4. Ngiphika kakhulu

5. Eqa

#### B.2.3 Push Questions

During the past year, have you attended a demonstration or protest? 1.Yes, many 2.Yes, a few 3.No 4.Skip Are you registered to vote in the upcoming elections? 1. Yes 2. No 3. Unsure 4. Skip How likely is it that you will vote in the upcoming election? 1. Very likely 2. Somewhat likely 3. Somewhat unlikely 4. Very unlikely 5. Unsure 6. Skip Which political party do you feel close to? 1. ANC 2. Agang 3. COPE 4. DA 5. EFF 6. IFP 7. Other

Gedurende die laaste jaar, het jy aan 'n betoging of protesoptog deelgeneem? 1. Ja, baie 2. Ja 'n paar 3. Nee 4. Slaan oor Is jy geregistreer om in die komende verkiesing te stem? 1. Ja 2. Nee 3. Onseker 4. Slaan oor Wat is die kans dat jy in die komende verkiesing sal stem? 1. Beslis 2. Byna seker 3. Nie groot kans 4. Beslis nie 5. Onseker 6. Slaan oor By watter politieke party voel jy tuis? 1. ANC 2. Agang 3. COPE 4. DA

Onyakeni odlule, wawuhambela yini umbhikisho? 1. Yebo, eminingi 2. Yebo, embalwa 3. Cha 4. Eqa

Ukubhalisele yini ukuvota ezinkethweni ezizayo? 1. Yebo 2. Cha 3. Anginasiqiniseko 4. Eqa Maningi kangakanani amathuba okuba uvote okhethweni oluzayo? 1. Maningi kakhulu 2. Akhonywana 3 .Ayangabazeka kancane 4. Awekho nhlobo 5. Anginasiqiniseko 6. Eqa Iyiphi inhlangano yezepolitiki esenhlziyweni yakho? 1. ANC 2. Agang 3. COPE 4. DA 5. EFF 6. IFP

5. EFF

6. IFP

7. Ander

 8. I don't feel close to a party
 9. Skip

During the past year, has your community had demonstrations or protests? 1. Yes, several times 2. Yes, once or twice 3. No 4. Skip

If your community has had demonstrations or protests in the last year, were they violent? 1. Yes 2. No 3. Not applicable 4. Skip

How easy is it for your neighbors to find out if you voted? 1. Very easy 2. Somewhat easy 3. Somewhat difficult 4. Very difficult 5. Skip People in my neighborhood look down on those who do not vote: 1. Strongly agree 2. Somewhat agree 3. Somewhat disagree 4. Strongly disagree 5. Skip How do you rate the overall performance of President Zuma? 1. Excellent 2. Good 3. Just Fair 4. Poor 5. Skip How do you rate the

overall performance of your local government councilor? 8. Voel nie tuis by een nie
 9. Slaan oor

Gedurende die laaste jaar, het jou gemeenskap betogings of proteste gehad? 1. Ja verskeie kere 2. Ja een of twee keer 3. Nee 4. Slaan oor

As jou gemeenskap wel betogings of proteste gehad het, was daar geweld? 1. Ja 2. Nee 3. Nie van toepassing 4. Slaan oor

Hoe maklik kan jou bure uitvind of jy gestem het? 1. Baie maklik 2. Redelik maklik 3. Ietwat moeilik 4. Baie moeilik 5. Slaan oor

In my gemeenskap sien
mense neer op jou as jy
nie gaan stem nie:
1. Stem sterk saam
2. Stem saam
3. Stem nie heeltemal
saam
4. Stem glad nie saam
5. Slaan oor
Hoe slaan jy President
Zuma se algehele
prestasie aan?

- 1. Uitstekend
- 2. Goed
- Middelmatig
   Swak
- 5. Slaan oor

Hoe slaan jy die algehele prestasie van jou plaaslike regeringsraadslid aan?  7. Enye
 8. Ayikho esenhlziyweni yami
 9. Eqa

Onyakeni odlule, umphakathi wangakini ube nayo yini imibhikisho? 1. Yebo, izikhathi eziningana 2. Yebo, kanye noma kabili 3. Cha 4. Eqa Uma kuwkuthi umphakathi

0ma kuwkutni umpnakatni
wangakini waba nayo
imibhikisho ngonyaka
odlule, yayinodlame
yini?
1. Yebo
2. Cha
3. Awufanele lo mbuzo
4. Eqa
Kulula kangakanani
komakhelwane bakho
ukwazi ukuthi uvotile?

- 1. Kulula kakhulu
- 2. Kulula kancane
- 3. Kunzinyana
- 4. Kulukhuni kakhulu
- 5. Eqa

Abantu esakhelene nabo bamthatha kancane ongavoti:

- 1. Ngivuma kakhulu
- 2. Ngiyavuma kancane
- 3. Ngiyaphika kancane
- 4. Ngiphika kakhulu
   5. Eqa

Ukuklelisa kanjani ukusebenza kukaMengameli Zuma ngokubanzi? 1. Kuhle kakhulu

- 2. Kuhle
- 3. Kuyagculisa khona
- 4. Akukuhle
- 5. Eqa

Ukuklelisa kanjani ukusebenza kwekhansela lendawo ngokubanzi? 1. Kuhle kakhulu

1. Excellent 2. Good 3. Just Fair 4. Poor 5. Skip Which party has contacted you the most during this election campaign? 1. None, I have not been contacted 2. ANC 3. Agang 4. COPE 5. DA 6. EFF 7. TFP 8. Other 9. Skip During the past two weeks, have you attended a campaign rally? 1. Yes 2. No

3. Skip

- 1. Uitstekend
- 2. Goed
- 3. Middelmatig
- 4. Swak
- 5. Slaan oor

Watter party het jou die meeste gedurende hierdie verkiesingsveldtog gekontak? 1. Nie een het my gekontak nie 2. ANC 3. Agang 4. COPE 5. DA 6. EFF 7. TFP 8. Ander 9. Slaan oor Het jy 'n verkiesingsaamtrek gedurende die laaste

twee weke bygewoon?

- 2. Kuhle
- 3. Kuyagculisa khona
- 4. Akukuhle
- 5. Eqa

Iyiphi inhlangano ekuthinte kaningi kunezinye ngalo mkhankaso wokhetho? 1. Ayikho, angithintwanga 2. ANC 3. Agang 4. COPE 5. DA 6. EFF 7. TFP 8. Enve 9. Eqa Emasontweni amabili edlule, ngabe uwuyihambele yini irali vomkhankaso? 1. Yebo 2. Cha 3. Eqa

#### **Open-Ended Survey Reports on Campaigning Activity:**

1. Ja

2. Nee

3. Slaan oor

Verslagtipe: Khetha uhlobo lombiko: Choose report: 1. Party wat van deur 1. Party going 1. Inhlangano ihamba door-to-door tot deur gaan imizi ngemizi 2. Party intimidating 2. Party wat kiesers 2. Inhlangano isabisa intimideer abavoti voters 3. Party giving 3. Party wat 3. Inhlangano food/money kos/geld/geskenke isabalalisa 4. Campaign rally uitdeel ukudla/imali/izipho 5. Campaign violence 4. Verkiesingsaamtrek 4. Irali yomkhankaso 6. Protest/Demonstrtn 5. Verkiesinggeweld 5. Udlame lokukhankasa 6. Protes/Betoging 6. Umbhikisho Sithini isihloko sombiko What is the title of Wat is jou verslag se titel? wakho? your report? Where did this event Waar het hierdie voorval Wenzekephi lo mcimbi? happen? Please be as plaasgevind? Wees asb Khomba indawo

> ngangokusemandleni unikeze ikheli nedolobha.

> > Khetha indawo yakho

Please select your

baie spesifiek en gee adres en stad/dorp.

Kies asb jou ligging uit

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specific as possible and

give address and city.

location from the	die opsies hieronder:	kulezi ezilandelayo:
options below:	1. *Location 1*	1. *Location 1*
1. *Location 1*	2. *Location 2*	2. *Location 2*
2. *Location 2*	3. *Location 3*	3. *Location 3*
3. *Location 3*	4. Meer	4. Ezinye
4. More		
		<b>.</b>
Thank u for ur report!	Dankie vir jou verslag!	Siyabonga ngombiko
Keep reporting & u may	Hou aan om verslag te	wakho! Qhubeka nokubika,
have a chance to be an	doen & jy staan dalk	ungaba sethubeni
official election day	'n kans om as amptelike	lokukhethwa njengozobika
reporter where u can	stemdagverslaggewer	ngokusemthethweni
earn airtime or cash for	gekies te word en lugtyd	ngosuku lokhetho, lapho
ur contribution.	of kontant vir jou	ungazitholela khona
	bydrae te verdien.	i-airtime noma ukheshi
		ngosizo lwakho.

#### Digital Follow up

On April 19th and April 29th, we sent out the following message to all users, where only the only difference were platform specific instructions to respond to the message, which would be contained in the <ENTER PLATFORM> part of the message below.

On VIP:Voice 72000+ S.Africans believe their vote counts.Ur voice matters 2!<ENTER PLATFORM> & complete Answer&Win 4 a chance to win R55 airtime!

On April 21st we pushed a message telling people about the result of the VIP quiz so far and encouraging users to also participate. We did not distinguish between users who had already completed the section, so the message may have been redundant for some users.

On VIP:Voice 53% have reported protests in ur communities in the last year. Is that true 4 u? <ENTER PLATFORM> to have ur voice heard in VIP Quiz!

This message was followed up by a message on April 29th updating the statistics from the "Answer & win" Section, which showed a dramatic increase the percentage of our users who had witnessed protests.

On VIP:Voice 66% have reported protests in ur communities in the last year. Is that true 4 u? Dial \*120\*4279# to have ur voice heard in VIP Quiz!

Also on April 21, we also pushed a message exclusively to our smart phone channels, asking people to fill out the "Answer & win" section.

So far VIPs rated Pres.Zuma's performance: 25% excellent. 35% poor. How do u rate him?Reply VIP &complete Answer&Win 4 a chance to win R55!

We also followed up with a message on April 29th telling people about the updated statistics on Jacob Zuma, which had barely budged in the preceding 8 days.

So far VIPs rated Pres.Zuma's performance: 26% excellent. 34% poor. How do u rate him?Reply VIP &complete Answer&Win 4 a chance to win R55!

### B.3 Phase 3: Digital Recruitment for Real World Participation

### B.3.1 GOTV Messaging

We were also interested in how to use our platform to promote turnout. Hence, we ran an experiment with one treatment group and two control groups to test the efficacy of information treatments through the platform. We carried this out on the sub-sample of the people in our platform for whom we had a phone number and who had signed the Terms and Conditions by the time the messaging went out. This was XXX percent of XXX.

Within the sub-sample, everyone for whom we had a phone number when the message was sent out was randomized into one of three groups. In the control group, we sent no message. In the two treatment groups, the messaging read as follows:

#### Treatment 1

Make a choice, have a voice, vote!

#### Treatment 2

Make a choice, have a voice, vote! Your inked finger will show everyone that you have voted!

Treatment 2 wanted to measure whether social pressure potentially increased people's propensity to vote.

In order to measure the outcome of these measures, we sent everyone in our sub-sample a follow up SMS on whether they voted. The text read as follows

VIP wants to know if you voted? Reply 1 for Yes. Reply 2 for No.

If platform users responded, we asked them to dial into a separate USSD channel.

Join thousands of other South Africans and report about ur voting experience! Dial \*120\*4729\*2# t to have ur voice count.

If they responded no, we simply thanked them for their response with the following message:

#### Thanks for ur response

If they dialed back into the system, we asked respondents to questions to attempt to verify their voting behavior. These questions were designed to ameliorate potential social desirability bias in respondents' saying they had voted, when in reality they had not.

What colours were the ballots at your voting station?

#### 1. white&pink

- 2. green&yellow
- 3. pink&blue
- 4. blue&yellow
- 5. none of above
- 6. skip

If your phone has a camera, pls mms us a photo of your inked finger to show your vote! U will be sent airtime for ur MMS.Send to vipvoice2014@gmail.com

#### B.3.2 Recruiting Citizen Observers to Monitor

The message protocol was as follows:

#### Treatment

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Be a citizen observer on May 7 & 8 because free & fair elections matter! Get R55
airtime for submitting all
observations. Are you interested?
1. Yes
2. No
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#### Control

Be a citizen observer on May 7 & 8 because free & fair elections matter! Are you interested? U'll be reimbursed R5 airtime for submitting all observations 1. Yes 2. No

Users could take three actions after being sent this message. First, they could choose not to respond. Second, they could choose to respond by answering "No." If participants did respond they were not interested by answering "No," then they were thanked for their participation.

Third, users could respond in the affirmative by answering "Yes." If they answered yes and agreed to be part of the election observer team, then they had to go through two additional steps. First, they had to agree to a second set of Terms and Conditions. Second, if they agreed to the Terms and Conditions, then we asked them a series of questions to be able to ascertain their voting district. This series of questions went to all users, both in the treatment and control groups and were designed to so that each question was more specific than the previous, in order to ensure that we could appropriately ascertain each individuals voting district. The questions, which were asked sequentially, were as follows:

2 b observer we need 2 know where u vote! Tell us the Province u live in:

1. EC

2. FS

3. GP

4. KZN

5. Limp

6. MP

7. NCape

- 8. N West
- 9. WCape

Thanks! Now we need ur town, suburb or district so we r sure of ur voting station

What is the name of your voting station? Pls type out. Example: KUNI PRIMARY SCHOOL

We'll use the IEC lookup service 2 confirm ur voting station with ur ID. Pls enter ID number OR Write "NO" & we'll try 2 ensure u can still observe if we verify ur voting station

Those assigned to treatment group got a special message back about when they would be paid.

Thanks 4 volunteering 2 b an election observer! U will get R5 for airtime & R50 after u complete all tasks. U will get SMS about where u will b observing soon!

#### B.3.3 Digital Observers: Follow-up

We sent our digital observers two sets of reminder messages.

Hi Citizen Observer! Ull b asked to see the results form at ur voting station the day after the election. We'll SMS u Thursday to get the result.

Hi Citizen Observer! Pls go see the results form at ur voting station now. We'll SMS to get your report and share with fellow citizens!

On Thursday, May 8th we sent out the following messages. We sent the messages in order and respondents only received the subsequent message, if they replied to the immediately preceding message. We decided to also ask for photos of the tallies, though it was not expected that respondents would be able to send a photo of the tally, since having a smart phone was not a requirement. We also had to ask respondents to send these photos vial email because the VUMI system itself had no way of storing images.

Hi Citizen Observer! Please answer when ur at station ready to make ur report: Is national results form posted at ur voting station? reply SMS 1 Yes 2 No

Pls SMS ANC vote total from national results form at ur voting station if you can't read SMS "NR"  $\,$ 

Thx for ur response! You will get ur airtime shortly. Pls send a MMS photo of the national results form to vipvoice2014@gmail.com. R20 airtime if u send photo!

Thanks! You will receive your airtime soon!

#### **B.3.4** Voter Experience Survey

On election day itself, everyone in the platform (including those who we had recruited as digital observers) who had signed the Terms and conditions and for whom we had a phone number (including all those who entered on other channels, but who provided us a phone number) was sent an SMS encouraging them to dial into a USSD number for free to tell us about their election day experience. The message read as follows:

Join thousands of other South Africans and tell us about your experience on election day! Dial\*120\*4729\*1# It's free to dial!

If users timed out of the system, they got the following message:

Hi VIP! Make sure ur voice is heard. Please dial back in to \*120\*4729\*1# to complete ur election experience questions! It's FREE. VIP: Voice!

The questions themselves were designed to ask about election day problems known from the African context, as well as questions asking people to rate the process. The wording of the questions were the following:

How long are voters waiting in queue b4 voting? 1. less than 10min 2. 10-30 min 3. 30min to 1hr

4. more than 1hr 5.skip Did the voting station have all necessary materials and working equipment? 1. yes 2. no 3. don't know 4. skip How would you rate the overall performance of IEC officials at the voting station? 1. excellent 2. good 3. fair 4. poor 5. skip Did you observe party agents campaigning outside of the voting station? 1. yes 2. no 3. skip Please report the environment outside the polling station: 1. very tense 2. somewhat tense 3. not tense 4. skip Did you observe or hear about any violence in or around the polling station? 1. yes 2. no 3. skip Did you observe or hear about any incidents of intimidation inor around the polling station? 1. yes 2. no 3. skip Did the voting station provide adequate privacy to ensure ballot secrecy? 1. yes 2. no 3. skip