

Analysis Of Indian Human Development Survey -II(IHDS-II), 2011-12

IHDS is a panel survey led by Sonalde Desai and others at NCAER/UofMd which collected on a wide range of topics from 42,000 households across India. IHDS Covers range of topics from income, agriculture, education, social inequalities etc.

IHDS is a credible survey and the data points taken from around 780 survey questions and has almost clean data to draw a conclusion on most of the social research topics like income, gender, education and social inequalities. The data is gathered and taken from around 42,000 households. The hierarchical of social groups or caste is very prevalent in any Indian society and it is inherent in every Indian Family. This hierarchical social system marginalised some communities from access to education and income sources and wealth. In the Past There are some communities also suffered from the untouchability practice. This Interested me in taking the question Is Untouchability still present in Indian Society? If Yes what are the social groups still practicing untouchability?

The Survey answers are organised into a Tabular Format with Codes. In the file ID13 represents Caste category and TR4A is Practicing Untouchability. Coded values and the samples of each Category as below.

FROM 36151-0002-Codebook.pdf
ID13: Caste category

| Value | Label | Count |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Brahmin | 2192 |
| 2 | Forward/ General (except Brahmin) | 9665 |
| 3 | OBC | 17056 |
| 4 | Scheduled Castes (SC) | 8941 |
| 5 | Scheduled Tribes (ST) | 3644 |
| 6 | Others | 568 |
| Missing Data | | 86 |
| Total | | 42,152 |

TR4A: Practice Untouchability
Value Label

1. No
2. Yes

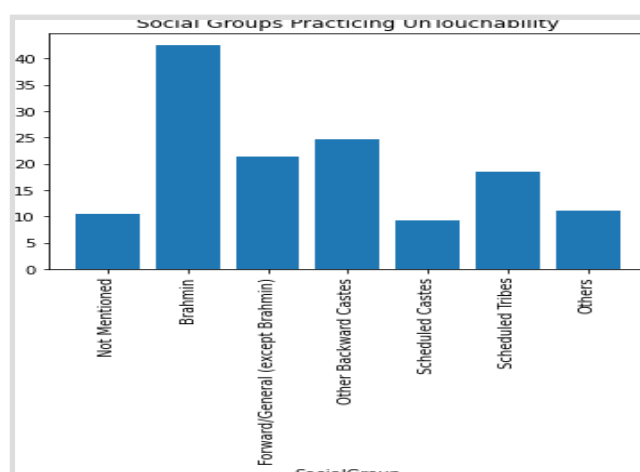
From the Analysis it is observed that households practicing untouchability is around 21 % and it is a shocking fact that till in the 21 century untouchability is still being practiced. As I dig deep into the data to see what are the social

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groups practicing this more and below are the observations. From the below observations around 42 percentage of Social Group (ID13:1) practicing untouchability and 21 and 24 % from (ID13:2) and (ID13:3).

| ID13 | TR4A | Percentage | SocialGroup |
|------|------|------------|----------------------------------|
| | 1 | 10.4651 | Not Mentioned |
| 1 | 1 | 42.5639 | Brahmin |
| 2 | 1 | 21.2726 | Forward/General (except Brahmin) |
| 3 | 1 | 24.6717 | Other Backward Castes |
| 4 | 1 | 9.16005 | Scheduled Castes |
| 5 | 1 | 18.4962 | Scheduled Tribes |
| 6 | 1 | 11.0915 | Others |

From the Below Bar Graph It is pretty clear that the groups which are on top of the hierarchy are practicing it more than the bottom of the hierarchy.



This is somewhat predictable for people who have some idea on Indian society but what is shocking is that the groups which are on the bottom also practice untouchability with other social groups. There are around 9 and 18 percentage of people practicing from Social Groups (ID13:4) and (ID13:5). Even though the sample size is small compared to the Indian population, it still gives a good observation on the prevalence of the Caste (Social Group) system in India.

The below pie chart can categorise the untouchability practices in the society, as you see the Brahmin are highest group practicing and Scheduled Castes are the second one.

