Evaluation of Vote Checking with the "Verify My Vote" System

Survey Information

The University of Surrey and Electoral Reform Services, part of the Civica Group, are running a trial of a system called Verify My Vote (VMV) that will allow election voters to check that their vote is accurately recorded. This is part of a research project between Surrey and Kings' College London entitled "VOLT: Voting on Ledger Technologies", funded by the UK Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council.

We are running a survey for participants of the trial. The purpose of the survey is to investigate voters' experience of the VMV system, and their opinions about electronic voting more generally. The survey consists of a questionnaire with approximately 15 statements to which respondents are asked to what extent they agree or disagree, and they have the opportunity to provide further comments. We anticipate the questionnaire will take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

All participation in the questionnaire is confidential, and no personal details are collected or held by the University of Surrey, except for optional questions about age range and gender that respondents can choose not to answer, and an optional email address to enable follow-up from the research team. The results of the survey may be published but no individual respondent will be identifiable.

Participation in the vote checking trial and the questionnaire is entirely voluntary, and participants can decide not to participate at any point. The vote cast by the voter will be included in the ballot whether or not the voter participates in the trial and the survey.

The trial and survey is being conducted by Professor Steve Schneider of the Department of Computer Science at the University of Surrey, who is the lead researcher on the VOLT project. In case of any problems or queries he can be contacted on s.schneider@surrey.ac.uk or via Charlotte Gray on 01483 688405.

This study is being conducted in accordance with the Ethics Framework of the University of Surrey Research Integrity and Governance Office (RIGO).

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