

Introduction











What are we about?





Promote Stakeholder Engagement

- Good Governance
- Security
- Democracy

One Beneficiary with Different names

- Good Governance-Public
- Security-Poor/Helpless/Victim
- Electoral Affairs-Voters



Electoral Affairs: Putting The Voters at the Centre





Why is it so hard?

- Voters Not Organised
- They do not have the Knowledge

Role of Translating Voters Will Taken By Stakeholders:

- NGOs
- Political Parties
- Media
- Election Officials
- Electoral Logistics Organisations

Voters Lost in the Process resulting in Long-term Disengagement

 Particularly important for emerging democracies where reform is on going and can still get it right



UK General Election Turnout 1945 - 2010





General election turnout since 1945 Turnout 90% 80% Percentage Turnout 70% 60% 50% Election year



Understanding Voters: Where do we fail?





- Over-reliance on single tool
- Traditional Market Research /Polling
- Business Concept Translated to Electoral Affairs
- Provides Score/Certainty
- Limits should be appreciated
- Several Weaknesses
- Artificial Mental Environment- Central Location Testing (CLT)
- One Dimensional
- Questioning Technique
- Need for Rational Response



Polling/Market Research is one Dimensional





- Case 1: New Coke
- Fall in Sales of Coke
- Pepsi Increase Market Share –Pepsi Challenge
- Coke Market Research 200,000 Blind Testing.
- Result: Market Wanted Sweeter Product
- April1985- New Coke Launched and Original Coke Discontinued
- Sales Fell Drastically
- July 1985 New Coke was Discontinued



New Coke: What went wrong?





- Market Research –One Dimensional i.e Taste only
- No psychological/Emotional Consideration

 Artificial environment mental response specific



What People tell you they want and what they really want can be very different





- The Need to be consistent and rational
- Case 2: Speed Dating
- Daters asked to fill a form about preferences
- Daters met other daters 4mins then move to next dater
- Makes their Choice
- Result: Majority Chose DIFFERENTLY from what they had originally indicated in the forms



Our Contribution in Stakeholders' Engagement





We Promote Knowledge Based Stakeholders' Engagement

- Psychological Research Of Voters
- Multi-Dimensional Approach
- Dynamic Research
- Evaluate Emotions
- Social Variations
- Test Implicit Association
- Multi-Dimensional Impact Assessment
- Electoral Ergonomy
- Voter- Centred Training Programmes
- Stakeholders forum and conferences



Need for a better Conversation





'The best argument against democracy is a five minute conversation with the average voter.'

Winston Churchill



Conclusion





Thank You