Welcome to the presentation of „Research with GrafStat“ Software and Projects for Empirical Surveys in Schools

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Software and Projects for empirical surveys

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Software and Projects for empirical surveys

"Research with GrafStat"

Projects with a survey in its centre in the subjects Political Studies and Social Studies.

Pupils act as "social researchers" and examine empirical issues autonomously.

The surveys are always integrated into units about specific political issues.
Unit themes for projects in civic education

Units with focus on political questions
We support teachers and pupils / students in their examination of important political topics:

- analysis / prognosis of elections
- youth and Europe
- football and national consciousness
- participation of young people
- integration and migration
- climate change
- ...

available at: www.bpb.de/grafstat
Learning targets of the projects

Pupils become Pollsters
Researching and discovering learning activates the pupils and encourages them to discuss political topics.

In the context of this project, pupils

…act as "social researchers"

…learn methods and techniques of empirical social research

…deal with political relevant topics

…acquire competences in new media by using the software GrafStat (= graphics and statistics)
Empirical Surveys / Interviews with GrafStat

GrafStat - the Software

... enables to prepare, to carry out and to evaluate empirical surveys on fingertips.

The software allows to:

- design questionnaires
- layout and print questionnaires
- input and alterate data
- design and conduct online polls
- evaluate on fingertip
- create (online-) documentations

→ well-structured set of help and instructions
→ easy-to-use-software
→ available in several languages
Empirical Surveys / Interviews with GrafStat

Development of GrafStat
- developed by Uwe Diener in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Sander (University of Münster) and public support of the Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb

- GrafStat looks back on a long history: since 1985 the program has continuously been further developed, improved and equipped with new functions.

- first as a floppy-based Dos-Version, then as the Windows-based Version GrafStatWIN, up to today’s multifunctional version GrafStat 2009
Empirical Surveys / Interviews with GrafStat

Research with GrafStat
"Youth and Europe"
Main idea: Young people interview young people about their opinions on Europe and the EU and how they view the future of Europe.

The survey or youth study is linked to the unit "Jugend und Europa" ("Youth and Europe").

Refering to typical problems of European politics, pupils get knowledge about … the development of the European Union … European institutions and the political process
Youth Study: "Youth and Europe"

Possibilities for international cooperation

The aim is

... to enable cooperations between schools and classes in different European countries.

... to conduct an international exchange of young people’s wishes and predictions – and to thereby stimulate discussion about Europe and the European Union.

... to use und strengthen existing contacts with partner schools in other European countries.
Possibilities for international cooperation

a) Survey results of German schools can be given to their partner schools to provide a basis for discussions in class, e.g. in Social Studies, Political Studies or foreign language classes.

b) Surveys are conducted in both countries. The results are shared, and students then have an up-to-date data basis for an international comparison of young people’s visions of the future of Europe.
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Possibilities for international cooperation

c) Joint future workshops to develop new perspectives for the future of the EU can be initialised between partner schools on basis of the results of the survey.

Further training is possible please contact us!

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