

TABLE VII-B

The Participation Ratio for Percent Attending in Three Sample Towns

<i>Town</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>No. in Attendance</i>	<i>Percent Speaking</i>	<i>Predicted Speaking*</i>	<i>Residual**</i>	<i>Ratio***</i>
West Haven	1984	43	90.7	75.6	15.2	1.20
Belvidere	1983	50	82.0	69.2	12.8	1.18
Bakersfield	1984	120	47.5	39.9	7.55	1.19

* The predicted percent of attenders speaking was produced from a regression equation whereby the percent of the attenders speaking (stabilized by a 4th power adjustment) was matched against the number of attenders present at the highest count. This variable also underwent a transformation (log 10) to account for its lack of linearity.

** The residual is the gap between the actual level (percent) of participation at the meeting and the expected level. Although all three towns are found in Figure VII-M, plot 1. Their expected participation (and thus their residuals) in the table differs from that in the plot because it was figured from the entire sample and not only the meetings in 1983-84.

*** The ratio is the actual participation divided by the expected participation.