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This is the USC Listproc archive of AAPORNET messages for this entire month. It is one big message, in chronological order, just the way the USC archive stored it. You can search within this month with your browser's search function.

Turning this into individual messages that ASU's Listserv software can index and sort means a lot of reformatting. We will do this as time permits.

New messages are of course automatically formatted correctly, and I have converted November 1994 through January 1995 and June 2002 to the present.

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I heartily agree with Glenn Roberts's lamentation of diminished collegiality as AAPORNET partisanship heats up. He's of longer tenure than I, but I've been around long enough (since 1968) to have experienced the transition he remarks on. However, there is an even more important issue here, and that is credibility. AAPOR has always had a left-liberal tilt. Given the backgrounds of its members -- mostly social science and journalism -- that should be no surprise. However, in times past this was muted. Our vehicles of communication -- POQ, the Newsletter and the Annual Conference -- were

conducted in non-partisan fashion, serving as models for members in their interactions, not to mention in their work. Irrespective of personal inclination, both journalists and social scientists should strive to conduct

their work as objectively as possible, after all. Thanks to AAPOR's non-partisanship, we maintained the image of credibility necessary for our work.

AAPORNET has provided a vehicle on which partisanship can be more conveniently voiced, and members are yielding to that temptation. If it continues, several things predictably will result. (1) we will provide ammunition to critics who already claim that the polls are leftish-biased; (2) we will develop a "spiral of silence" by which aggressively hostile leftish partisans (e.g., who accuse Republicans of being morally despicable -- which, I must say, after seven years of Democrat acquiescence to Clintonian turpitude, is quite a stretch) stifle honest differences of opinion and objective discussion of controversial topics, and (3) relations among AAPORians will become increasingly rancorous, leading to (4) members who tire of being villified and aren't compelled to belong for strictly business reasons simply dropping out, resulting in AAPOR becoming even more leftish-partisan than it is at present.

Jim Beniger will, I hope, continue his policy of open access to AAPORNET. Therefore, colleagues -- each and every one of you -- the choice is yours. Push your partisan leanings, or strive to be objective and courteous. Personally, I'm with Glenn and Harry on this.

Ray Funkhouser

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Subject: View of AAPOR

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I quite agree with the sentiments expressed by Glenn Roberts. The tone of the discussion on AAPORNET -- and by extension AAPOR -- is decidedly partisan.

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Dear All:

I hope that people did not consider my posting partisan. I just wanted to identify my own political "point of view" so I could make my point. Disputed census counts have led to civil war in other venues (e.g. Biafra), a little tussle over the census form is not, in my opinion, that big a deal.

In my opinion some of the discussion on AAPORNET is more self-serving than partisan:

1) Concern with the attack on the census because it will "damage the credibility of Public Opinion research."
If we don't have a reasonably accurate census, which incidentally has a very good response rate for a mail back questionnaire at this point, we are out

of business.

2) The incredible hysteria surrounding the quite amusing Huffington spoof of the Partnership for a Drug Free America. She is a comedian stupid!

3) Vitriolic attacks on some of the efforts to use the internet to collect data. Where is the attack on the Mall intercept or the pre-qualified panel?

4) Even some of the mean spirited attacks on the students at UCONN. How are they going to learn about surveys without doing them.?

Survey research is a reasonable method, but given the number of telemarketing calls I get when I work at home, it is not surprising that the response rate is dropping.

Once again, I think Prewitt is doing a very good job, I think we may have a pretty good Census this year. If people don't want to fill in their income or bathrooms on the long form, the bureau will just use the "Hot Deck" procedure and fill it in for them.

Item non-response is actually reported in both types of Census data that are released.

As to questions about counting race and multiple race or adjustment, I suspect those incredibly politically loaded decisions are headed to court. When the court decided to get into the "political thicket" of state level redistricting in the 1950's to assure one man one vote, it seems to me that the current controversies were inevitable. With the advent of voting rights they become all the more serious.

Such conflicts do not make the GOP bad, nor do they make the DEMs (my party) good. Nor are the answers purely political, but they certainly are partially political.

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Science is inextricably bound up in politics; it cannot be separated, except perhaps analytically, from the public sphere and governance. Civility is, however, necessary in order for the polity to be maintained. AAPOR functions best when its members focus on the organization's critical educative function, employing its members' expertise to contribute to sound decision making.

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On Sat, 1 Apr 2000 RobertH877@aol.com wrote:

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Folks,

Leave it to the New York Times, on this Census Day, when the Census Bureau is attempting to take a snapshot of America--including sex, race, and age, education, marital status, and income--to publish a long review of the Human Genome Diversity Project, by far the most intelligent and sustained research ever to demonstrate that all racial distinctions are entirely arbitrary. If you are not at all surprised by this finding, I know that I like you.

The entire review, by Edward Rothstein, follows my message here. For those of you who are too busy answering all 53 questions on the long form to read the entire review, here's a summary of a few highlights (in Rothstein's own words, as much as possible):

- * The greatest genetic variation between any racial groups ever identified is far less than the variation within any given population--all racial distinctions are entirely arbitrary.
- * Humanity is thought to have begun in Africa and migrated in different periods throughout the world, with the Americas being settled last. Some studies have suggested that the genetic record proves that humanity has a single female ancestor--an Eve--and a single male ancestor--an Adam. The catch: they probably didn't know each other.
- * Europeans (myself included) are, in their ancestry, about two-thirds Asian and one-third African.
- * Jews who consider themselves descendants of the biblical priest Aaron (a group known as Cohanim) do have a greater concentration of a particular genetic marker than do other Jews, suggesting a common ancestor.
- * As shown again and again, genetic hypotheses about migrations and connections between peoples are borne out by geographical and archaeological evidence as well as by studies of linguistic change--an unusually convincing triangulation by diverse methods in three disparate academic fields of research.

- * The one word that may have been preserved since the Paleolithic era in many languages is "lice."

Now, can't we all just learn to all get along?

-- Jim

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SHELF LIFE

Dismantling Race and Unifying the Human Species

By EDWARD ROTHSTEIN

Taxonomists, the geneticist Luigi Luca Cavalli-Sforza suggests, can be divided into two camps: lumpers and splitters. The lumpers try to synthesize diverse strands of their study; the splitters separate the whole into its parts. This distinction is a taxonomy too, of course, but one of Mr. Cavalli-Sforza's great achievements is that he straddles the divide. There may be no contemporary scholar who has a more detailed understanding of human diversity or a more compelling vision of its unified history.

Mr. Cavalli-Sforza, emeritus professor of genetics at Stanford University, has taken blood samples from African Pygmies in the Central African Republic, examined church records near Parma, Italy, and considered the linguistic connections between the Basques of Spain and the Hunza people of Pakistan. With his colleagues he began a project known as the Human Genome Diversity Project, which is gathering genetic information on every identifiable human population.

This genetic sampling can cause queasiness among contemporary readers. The dark stains left on the 20th century by racism and eugenics are probably why Mr. Cavalli-Sforza begins "Genes, Peoples and Languages," a compressed yet wide-ranging survey of his ideas, by dismantling the idea of race. He argues that the differences commonly associated with race are purely a matter of surface appearance, adaptations by various populations to the climates in which they evolved. In tropical climates, for example, it is an advantage to be short because that means there is a greater

surface area for the body's sweat to evaporate in relation to the body's volume. In the cold of Siberia, the Mongols developed round heads and bodies, thus increasing body volume while decreasing the evaporative surface area.

Mr. Cavalli-Sforza argues that the greatest genetic variation between any racial groups ever identified is far less than the variation within any given population. Racial distinctions, he concludes, are arbitrary.

Indeed, for him the point of studying genetic differences is not to make distinctions but to reveal profound connections. "The History and Geography of Human Genes" (1994, Princeton), which Mr. Cavalli-Sforza wrote with Paolo Menozzi and Alberto Piazza, is a magisterial survey of the human past. It is based on a century of data about blood types, protein differences and minute changes in DNA of hundreds of the world's peoples.

That book recounts a grand historical narrative that has been constructed by population geneticists over the last 20 years: humanity is thought to have begun in Africa and migrated in different periods throughout the world, with the Americas being settled last. Some studies have suggested that the genetic record proves that humanity has a single female ancestor -- an Eve -- and a single male ancestor -- an Adam. The catch: they probably didn't know each other.

But how can such sweeping hypotheses be made? One set of tools used by population geneticists are forms of genetic material that are rigidly passed down from parents to children and remain relatively immune to the vagaries of natural selection: every mother passes on a nearly exact copy of a form of DNA to her daughter; every father passes on a nearly exact copy of genetic information on his Y chromosome to his son. That means that it is possible to trace patrilineal and matrilineal lines of succession through history; if certain genetic similarities exist between two people, a common ancestor is likely. This is the sort of analysis that recently concluded that Thomas Jefferson might have had children with his slave Sally Heming.

Similar methods have recently been used to show that Jews who consider themselves descendants of the biblical priest Aaron (a group known as Cohanim), have a greater concentration of a genetic marker than other Jews, suggesting a common ancestor.

But another important tool is the differences in such markers. Mutations tend to take place at a fairly constant rate over history. So variations in a gene can serve as a kind of historical clock. If two populations have common ancestors but a large difference in certain key genes, a guess can be made about how long ago their ancestral peoples separated. Mathematical analysis of these kinds of differences can be used to create a historical map of human migrations. Most remarkably, as Mr. Cavalli-Sforza shows again and again, genetic hypotheses about migrations and connections between peoples have been borne out by geographical and archaeological\ evidence as well as by studies of linguistic change.

This project is an immense intellectual achievement, and "Genes, Peoples and Languages" is a fine way to get a sense of its scope. It is based on a series of lectures, translated by Mark Seielstad from the Italian, but it is not always easy going. Few readers, for example, will have the mathematical background to understand what eigenvalues are, or will be able to follow paragraphs written in the profession's cryptic shorthand. One might have also wanted a more systematic development of the argument, perhaps resembling the opening chapter of "The History and Geography of Human Genes."

But the book also offers bursts of informality and surprising detail. We learn that Europeans are, in their ancestry, about two-thirds Asian and one-third African; that one word that may have been preserved since the Paleolithic era in many languages is lice; and that Mr. Cavalli-Sforza's wife's three uncles all wanted to marry the same woman. This book is the work of a splitter and a lumpner. Whatever it pulls apart, it also puts together.

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With the Census under assault at this critical juncture, we certainly should be non-partisan in its defense and should be denouncing equally leaders of any political party who are party to this assault be they Republican, Libertarian, or Democrats. It would be helpful if someone could locate a Democrat leader we could attack on this issue. My quip on this list a few months ago about the Census and non-partisanship was that Democratic presidents had tried to shield the Census from partisan attacks by appointing a Republican as director and Republican presidents had done the same. Oh, where is Vince now that we need him so badly!

The Census figured as a political issue within AAPOR in both 1950 and 1960 because the elder George Gallup argued to Congress and the press that it could and should be done a damn sight cheaper on a sample basis by private contractors.

C'mon guys, the issue isn't how robust our foreign policy should be or how graduated the income tax. It's amazing that cooperation with the decennial Census and other Census surveys is incomparably greater than with private ones even when we have major party presidential candidates who use slogans such as: "Any dollar you give the government is a dollar you could better spend yourself." Think about it.

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Mark Benson wrote:

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> I quite agree with he sentiments expressed by Glenn Roberts. The tone
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I am also puzzled by the comments of the GOP leadership and various talk show hosts on the right. I can not believe that they do not know the importance of the data that census bureau collects for policy making and research. Dan Miller who chairs the committee on Census taught with us for three years at Gergia State. He is a bright congressman who knows all about sampling and importance of nonresponse. He is also a nice man.

It is hard to escape the conclusio that GOP leadership is coordinating a deliberately the same campaign that they started against sampling. They want an undercount in the Democratic majority areas. i hope they will not succeed. It is sad that in this process they are tarnishing the very good reputation of the Census Bureau.

Bikramjit Garcha

On Fri, 31 Mar 2000 jaistrup@fhsu.edu wrote:

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> I don't know about the rest of you, but I have had enough !@#\$ from
> the GOP leadership on the census. First, they insist that the census
> should be an enumeration (according to the courts, rightly so). Now,
> they are making that enumeration more difficult, by feeding the
> paranoia that the census survey invades a family's privacy and by
> extension, that the data will be used by the government in a sinister
> fashion.
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> Ironically, they are creating an enviroment where, in order to obtain
> an accurate count and accurate statistics, it will be absolutely
> nessary to use a sampling methodology.
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> This is the essence of stupidity!
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> Sincerely, Joe Aistrup
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I think that the Democratic defense of the "scientific nature" of sampling is certainly, in part, self-serving. There are many other settings where their embrace of science is not so heartfelt.

You should also know that William Kruskal, who was on the panel about adjustment last time around, came out against it, because he thought that it might eventually be politically manipulated.

I don't think something as fundamentally political as the Census can be shielded from politics!!!

Andy

P.S. I am an elected committee member of the Westchester Democratic Party and served as the Second Vice Chair of the Yonkers Democratic Party.

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Al - I was amused by your comment as to where is Vince when we need him. I

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Who is Vince????

HOneill1536@aol.com wrote:

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Vincent Baraba

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01 Apr 2000 15:59:23 -0500 (EST)
Date: Sat, 01 Apr 2000 16:02:30 -0500
From: Frank Rusciano <rusciano@rider.edu>
Subject: Re: Washington Post on Census politics
To: jwerner@jwdp.com
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As I wrote to Jan Werner personally, I don't want to get into making
partisan comments, but we should note that the Constitution mandates a
census every ten years. It seems irresponsible (and perhaps in violation of
the constitution) for those who either hold federal office or who aspire to
them to advise citizens to avoid participation.

Jan Werner wrote:

> Census day is tomorrow, and politicians are making the most of it.
>
> Yesterday, Governor Bush said: "We want as accurate a count as
> possible, but I can understand why people don't want to give over that
> information to the government. If I have the long form, I'm not so
> sure I would do it either."
>
> Today's Washington Post has a front page article describing the latest

> round of political blather over the Census, which can be read at:
>
> <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A48431-2000Mar30.html>
>
> For those who haven't seen the long form, the Post also provides on
> the same page an Adobe Acrobat copy that can be downloaded or viewed
> online.
>
> Jan Werner

>From jwerner@jwdp.com Sat Apr 1 15:31:20 2000
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Reply-To: jwerner@jwdp.com
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To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>
Subject: Census & partisan politics
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I, for one, am not particularly interested in arguing political issues here on AAPORNET, but the Census is something of great importance to us as survey researchers, and if one group of politicians has taken it upon themselves to discourage compliance, for whatever reason, this affects all AAPOR members professionally and is therefore deserving of discussion here.

This really shouldn't be a partisan issue, because even though it is the current Republican leadership in the Congress who seem to be leading the attack on the Census, this does not reflect on all Republicans any more than Mr. Gore's craven pandering on the matter of Elian Gonzalez reflects on all Democrats.

It is somewhat shocking, however, to hear the majority leader of the U.S. Senate and a major party candidate for president, neither of whom is likely to be confused with Martin Luther King or Mahatma Ghandi, advocating selective disregard for the law:

United States Code
TITLE 13 - CENSUS
CHAPTER 7 - OFFENSES AND PENALTIES
SUBCHAPTER II - OTHER PERSONS

Sec. 221. Refusal or neglect to answer questions; false answers

(a) Whoever, being over eighteen years of age, refuses or willfully neglects, when requested by the Secretary, or by any other authorized officer or employee of the Department of Commerce or bureau or agency

thereof acting under the instructions of the Secretary or authorized officer, to answer, to the best of his knowledge, any of the questions on any schedule submitted to him in connection with any census or survey provided for by subchapters I, II, IV, and V of chapter 5 of this title, applying to himself or to the family to which he belongs or is related, or to the farm or farms of which he or his family is the occupant, shall be fined not more than \$100.

(b) Whoever, when answering questions described in subsection (a) of this section, and under the conditions or circumstances described in such subsection, willfully gives any answer that is false, shall be fined not more than \$500.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, no person shall be compelled to disclose information relative to his religious beliefs or to membership in a religious

body.

Jan Werner

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Andy...

It's my recollection that "Vince" is/was Vince Baraba, who was appointed head

of the Census Bureau and, so far as I know, carried out the job apolitically.

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then on on the Executive Council, and the matter also came up -- although in very restrained fashion -- at its meeting the following day. The conference

that year coincided with the tele-vised testimony before Sam Ervin's subcommittee of John Dean -- Nixon's White House counsel and the guy who allegedly informed him that "a cancer [was] growing on the presidency" -- and

for some of us that was a bigger draw than the sessions.

Phil Harding

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I may be totally confused here but if those trying to influence Americans not to reply succeed, it will result in OVERREPRESENTATION by those who feel that sort of demagoguery is nonsense. Hence, it will counter productive! (Or is that another name for a highly efficient Census enumerator?)

Jim Caplan
Miami

----- Original Message -----
From: <jaistrup@fhsu.edu>
To: <aapornet@usc.edu>
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2000 8:10 AM
Subject: The Republicans and the Census

>
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> GOP
> leadership on the census. First, they insist that the census should
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> an accurate count and accurate statistics, it will be absolutely
> ncessary to use a sampling methodology.
>
> This is the essence of stupidity!
>
> Sincerely, Joe Aistrup
>

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Sender: rys4@columbia.edu
To: PAHARDING7@aol.com
cc: aapornet@usc.edu
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A little more detail on this can be found beginning on page 155 of AAPOR's own history, A MEETING PLACE (1992, ed. Paul Sheatsley and Warren Mitofsky). The name is spelled with two b's, Vincent Barabba. This is interesting reading and great that AAPOR published this volume. Hats off to Warren and the late Paul and all the writers who contributed. Bob Shapiro

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Yes, Harry. But you should also mention that AAPOR subsequently applauded Vince's work as Census director, had him as a speaker and commended his recall to a second term as Census director.
warren mitofsky

At 02:46 PM 4/1/00 -0500, you wrote:

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"Andrew A. Beveridge" wrote in part:

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> "Albert D. Biderman" wrote:
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> >
> You should also know that William Kruskal, who was on the panel about
> adjustment last time around, came out against it, because he thought
> that it might eventually be politcally manipulated.
>
> <SNIP>

Yes, I knew Bill Kruskal then. Bill Kruskal was a friend of mine. But George W., Trent Lott, Andy Rooney, Rush Limbaugh, et al., ain't none of them a Bill Kruskal.

Al Biderman

abider@american.edu

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For those who think the current Census flap is something recent, check out I

Chronicles, Ch 21, which begins: "A satan rose up against Israel, and he enticed David into taking a census of Israel." It turned out very badly for

King David. Nothing new in 2500 years? When I first ran across this I

looked into it but could find no satisfactory answer for why the ancient Hebrews considered a census to be a bad idea. Anybody know anything about it? Maybe it would even provide some insight into current controversies.

Ray ("Not a Christian Fundamentalist") Funkhouser

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>From Clarence Page's Tribune column today:

IN DEFENSE OF THE NOSY CENSUS QUESTIONS

"Now that conservative Republicans have embraced rhetoric that panders to anti-census voices, they actually may be discouraging compliance among their own most likely supporters. If so, it would be a good example of politics exerting poetic justice."

<http://chicagotribune.com/news/columnists/page/>

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> Sent: Friday, March 31, 2000 8:10 AM
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Poetic justice indeed!

Can you imagine the outcry if the Bureau announced that, in deference to the legitimate feelings of the honorable members of the legislative branch, they would not follow up on non-response in areas whose elected representatives had advised their constituents not to fill in the forms.

As Brer Rabbit might put it, "Whatever you do, Senator Lott, jes' don't throw me in that there Census briar patch!"

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> "Now that conservative Republicans have embraced rhetoric that panders
> to anti-census voices, they actually may be discouraging compliance
> among their own most likely supporters. If so, it would be a good
> example of politics exerting poetic justice."
>
> <http://chicagotribune.com/news/columnists/page/>

> Jim Caplan wrote:

>
> > I may be totally confused here but if those trying to influence
> > Americans not to reply succeed, it will result in OVERREPRESENTATION
> > by those who feel that sort of demagoguery is nonsense. Hence, it
> > will counter productive! (Or is that another name for a highly
> > efficient Census enumerator?)

> > Jim Caplan

> > Miami

> > ----- Original Message -----

> > From: <jaistrup@fhsu.edu>

> > To: <aapornet@usc.edu>

> > Sent: Friday, March 31, 2000 8:10 AM

> > Subject: The Republicans and the Census

> > >

> > > I don't know about the rest of you, but I have had enough !@#&

> > > from the

> > > GOP

> > > leadership on the census. First, they insist that the census

> > > should be an enumeration (according to the courts, rightly so).

> > > Now, they are making that enumeration more difficult, by feeding

> > > the paranoia that the census survey invades a family's privacy and

> > > by extension, that the data will be used by the government in a

> > > sinister fashion.

> > >

> > > Ironically, they are creating an enviroment where, in order to

> > > obtain an accurate count and accurate statistics, it will be

> > > absolutely ncessary to use a sampling methodology.

> > >

> > > This is the essence of stupidity!

> > >

> > > Sincerely, Joe Aistrup

> > >

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> > >

>From ande271@attglobal.net Sun Apr 2 17:33:59 2000

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Frank Rusciano's point is, I believe the best that has been made in this AAPORNET debate. A further point: replying to the Census is mandatory. In this the decennial Census is not similar to public opinion polls. Not to provide data on the Census means risking some sort of sanction. Even though this sanction is rarely applied, it does not seem appropriate for an elected official to appear to condone non-response.

The problem is, what can AAPOR's position be with regard to this? I believe we cannot take a stand on constitutional or legal grounds. We can stress 1) the fact that a decennial Census has been taken since 1790, 2) that individual data are never divulged or used (challenging anyone to contradict this with facts, 3) that the data are extremely useful for a whole host of individual, business and community users, and 4) that the questions are easily and quickly answered, even those on the long form.

Beyond that we cannot go, it seems to me, without compromising our professional standards. There should be a way for individual AAPOR members to "sound off" when research standards are compromised, but AAPORNET should be a forum for professional exchange, leading wherever possible to an AAPOR statement that reflects consensus on research issues.

Frank Rusciano wrote:

> As I wrote to Jan Werner personally, I don't want to get into making
> partisan comments, but we should note that the Constitution mandates a
> census every ten years. It seems irresponsible (and perhaps in
> violation of the constitution) for those who either hold federal
> office or who aspire to them to advise citizens to avoid
> participation.

>

> Jan Werner wrote:

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> > Census day is tomorrow, and politicians are making the most of it.

> >

> > Yesterday, Governor Bush said: "We want as accurate a count as
> > possible, but I can understand why people don't want to give over
> > that information to the government. If I have the long form, I'm not
> > so sure I would do it either."

> >

> > Today's Washington Post has a front page article describing the
> > latest round of political blather over the Census, which can be read
> > at:

> >

> > <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A48431-2000Mar30.html>
> >
> > For those who haven't seen the long form, the Post also provides on
> > the same page an Adobe Acrobat copy that can be downloaded or viewed
> > online.
> >
> > Jan Werner

>From ande271@attglobal.net Sun Apr 2 17:38:09 2000
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From: Jeanne Anderson <ande271@attglobal.net>
Reply-To: ande271@ibm.net
X-Mailer: Mozilla 4.5 [en]C-CCK-MCD {TLC;RETAIL} (Win95; U)
X-Accept-Language: en
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Re: It's in the Bible
References: <8c.2322a24.26189681@aol.com>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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I always wondered whether it was because there were two reports on results of a single census: both (different) results were reported. Must have shook up the rabbis afterwards. But I don't really know why taking a census is taboo. Orthodox Jews reply to the U.S. decennial Census, don't they?

RFunk787@aol.com wrote:

> For those who think the current Census flap is something recent, check
> out I Chronicles, Ch 21, which begins: "A satan rose up against Israel,
and he
> enticed David into taking a census of Israel." It turned out very badly
for
> King David. Nothing new in 2500 years? When I first ran across this
I
> looked into it but could find no satisfactory answer for why the ancient
> Hebrews considered a census to be a bad idea. Anybody know anything
about
> it? Maybe it would even provide some insight into current controversies.
>
> Ray ("Not a Christian Fundamentalist") Funkhouser

>From mkang@sookmyung.ac.kr Mon Apr 3 05:48:09 2000
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for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Mon, 3 Apr 2000 21:47:17 +0900 (KST)
Message-Id: <3.0.5.32.20000403215339.0079c100@sookmyung.ac.kr>
X-Sender: mkang@sookmyung.ac.kr
X-Mailer: QUALCOMM Windows Eudora Light Version 3.0.5 (32)
Date: Mon, 03 Apr 2000 21:53:39 +0900
To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: Mee-Eun Kang <mkang@sookmyung.ac.kr>
Subject: Defining "Internet users"
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

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(2) Measurement of the Internet use activity: How are they measured in studies?

I'd appreciate for any comments, recent references, or URLs of related Web sites on these issues. Thank you very much.

Mee-Eun Kang

>From kat_lind99@yahoo.com Mon Apr 3 05:56:09 2000
Received: from web703.mail.yahoo.com (web703.mail.yahoo.com [128.11.23.23])
by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with SMTP
id FAA21859 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Mon, 3 Apr 2000 05:56:08 -0700
(PDT)
Received: (qmail 24627 invoked by uid 60001); 3 Apr 2000 12:56:08 -0000
Message-ID: <20000403125608.24626.qmail@web703.mail.yahoo.com>
Received: from [129.252.103.23] by web703.mail.yahoo.com; Mon, 03 Apr 2000
05:56:08 PDT
Date: Mon, 3 Apr 2000 05:56:08 -0700 (PDT)
From: Kat Lind <kat_lind99@yahoo.com>
Subject: T-shirt slogan voting reminder
To: aapornet@usc.edu
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Keep up the voting! Wednesday Midnight the polls will close.

*****VERY IMPORTANT - VOTING INSTRUCTIONS*****

****Send all votes to TSHIRT2000_1999@yahoo.com

****DO NOT Reply to this email and reveal your vote to everyone on AAPORNET*****

The TOP 5 AAPOR T-SHIRT SLOGANS are (not in any particular order):

2. When America Talks, We Listen
4. Is That Your Final Answer?
25. Your Opinion Counts If We Count Your Opinion.
26. "Public Opinion In This Country Is Everything".
Abraham Lincoln
29. Don't Call Us, We'll Call You.

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Katherine "Kat" Lind
Kat_Lind99@yahoo.com

Do You Yahoo!?

Talk to your friends online with Yahoo! Messenger. <http://im.yahoo.com>

>From bthompson@directionsrsch.com Mon Apr 3 05:56:14 2000

Received: from proxy.directionsrsch.com (IDENT:root@dri74.directionsrsch.com [206.112.196.74])

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From: "Bill Thompson" <bthompson@directionsrsch.com>

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Message-ID: <852568B6.00468D91.00@drione.directionsrsch.com>

Date: Mon, 3 Apr 2000 08:50:37 -0400

Subject: Re: The beginning of partisan attacks

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I respect Mr. Hitin's opinion, and believe everyone is entitled to their own opinion. My point earlier on was simply that if you have a political opinion, express it someplace where it will do some good, such as to your Congressman. This list is not the place for political venting, though some continually use it for that purpose.

RobertH877@aol.com on 04/01/2000 10:52:12 AM

Please respond to aapornet@usc.edu

To: aapornet@usc.edu
cc: (bcc: Bill Thompson/DRI)

Subject: The beginning of partisan attacks

I agree that we should refrain from partisanship whenever possible. However, in light of the consistently partisan attacks on the concepts of sampling, and on the census questions themselves, I don't think that the defenders of the census are being inappropriate. Silence would signify assent.

Dr. Robert Hitlin
Robert Hitlin Research Associates, Inc.
Reston, Va.

>From jcf3c@erols.com Mon Apr 3 06:07:03 2000
Received: from web1.planet2000.com ([159.169.245.10])
by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with SMTP
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Date: Mon, 03 Apr 2000 09:08:29 -0400
From: "John C. Fries" <jcf3c@erols.com>
Reply-To: jcf3c@erols.com
X-Mailer: Mozilla 4.7 [en] (WinNT; U)
X-Accept-Language: en
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Re: Defining "Internet users"
References: <3.0.5.32.20000403215339.0079c100@sookmyung.ac.kr>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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Currently we ask two Internet questions on all of our general population surveys (most of which are limited to Virginia).

In the past seven days, have you accessed the Internet either to check email

or visit a website?

AND IF "YES,"

Did you access the Internet from home, from work, from school or a public library, or from someplace else? [Allowing for multiple response]

In general we find between 50%-55% of respondents claim to have accessed the Internet in the past 7 days. Responses follow expected patterns regarding gender, race, age, education, and income.

Most respondents who have accessed the Net report getting on at home (somewhere in the neighborhood of 70%), with a significant minority reporting access from work (approx. 40%).

I'd be interested to hear what others are finding (and how they are asking).

John

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John C. Fries.....Voice: (804) 358-8981 Senior
Project Director.....FAX: (804) 358-9701 Southeastern
Institute of Research.....Richmond, Virginia Marketing and
Opinion Research.....email: JCF@SIRresearch.com

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> Web sites on these issues. Thank you very much.
>
> Mee-Eun Kang
>From ratledge@UDe1.Edu Mon Apr 3 07:03:01 2000
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for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Mon, 3 Apr 2000 10:02:20 -0400 (EDT)
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From: "Ratledge, Edward" <ratledge@UDel.Edu>
To: "'aapornet@usc.edu'" <aapornet@usc.edu>
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There seems to be two different issues in this area. The first that surrounds the "digital divide" is the question of access. Here we ask if you have a PC in your household, if you have access to a PC at work, and do you have internet access at home/work. That is decidedly different from measuring utilization. As access increases then utilization takes on a far more important role and the interpretation of the results may be entirely different. We have been concerned primarily with measuring access but I think we will add the utilization dimension to all of our statewide surveys as well.

How to measure utilization is an open question. Checking e-mail is an issue. Many companies have e-mail systems for their companies but block access to the Internet in general. Maybe accessing the WWW once a week is a good proxy for all of it. FTP is a very specific application and probably occurs or is at least perceived to be used less frequently for the average user. Many people may not know they are using the internet with telnet because its usually only an icon setup by some installation software pointing at a single host. Further, its use may be restricted to a particular domain. In the end it all depends on what you want to use the measurements for.

-----Original Message-----

From: Mee-Eun Kang [mailto:mkang@sookmyung.ac.kr]
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2000 8:54 AM
To: aapornet@usc.edu
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>From lvoigt@fhcrc.org Mon Apr 3 07:26:23 2000
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From: "Voigt, Lynda" <lvoigt@fhcrc.org>
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: RE: Resistance to census
Date: Mon, 3 Apr 2000 07:26:18 -0700
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I think the resistance to filling out the census based on "privacy grounds"
is quite humorous considering that marketing lists have considerably more
private information about people than any single government agency - just
take a look at all of the "targeted samples" that companies like Survey
Research can provide.

Lynda Voigt

>From rshalpern@mindspring.com Mon Apr 3 08:29:31 2000
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Hi folks,

The Southeastern Legal Foundation is at it again with this press release saying in so many words that the Census as currently conducted violates the Constitution. These are the same folks that brought -- and won-- the suit regarding sampling as a part of the enumeration process.

<http://www.southeasternlegal.org/p0004031.html>

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      preloadArray[i++].src =3D imgFiles[j];
    } }
  }
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    }
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Foundation won a 1999 U.S. Supreme Court decision banning the Clinton administration's plan to use the controversial method known as statistical sampling rather than the constitutionally prescribed actual Enumeration head count for determining congressional apportionment.

With the release of our special report, Census 2000 Crisis: The Response Gap & A Blueprint for Reform, the Southern Legal Foundation seeks to highlight the structural and philosophical problems at the Census Bureau which make it impossible to conduct a constitutional, fair and accurate census count, making the failures this year look less like reasonable mistakes and more like deliberate sabotage,

Glavin said. What we are saying is simple: remove the political aspects of the census, separate out the constitutional ten-year head count for legislative apportionment, and allow the statisticians to gather information in separate activities.

The American people have overwhelmingly rejected participation in this year's Census because, frankly, they do not trust the federal government,

No other government agency, or law enforcement body, has the power to ask the invasive questions required on the census forms except by power of a court-ordered warrant or legal proceeding.

As such, the entire process raises serious constitutional questions about why we conduct a census in the first place.

That's why less than 40 percent of Americans have bothered to participate this year.

Glavin

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    released the special report and took questions on Monday at 1 pm at=
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While in theory these groups should be complementary, in reality, they are competitors for limited resources and subject to conflicts between different approaches.

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Problems with politicization of the census

Because so much political power and federal funding is distributed on the basis of census data, the Bureau has become the whipping boy of politicians in both parties. The inclusion of data on racial and ethnic origin has made this problem even worse, as exemplified by the debate over the multiracial classification and the Bureau's decision, under pressure from minority interest groups, to categorize multiracial respondents in one of the old racial minority categories instead of classifying them as identified. Another example of a politicized census was the decision by the Bureau in 1996 to alter their original non-response sampling plan from a target of reaching 90% in each county before SNRFU began to a target of 90% in each census tract before SNRFU begins. This decision was a result of direct political pressure from the Congressional Black Caucus, who felt the county based plan might erode their power. The Bureau can also be political in deciding which programs not to include, such as their refusal to include post-census local review in the 2000 plan because it was supported by Congressional Republicans. The level of Bureau and Administration involvement in the politics of opposing legislation to mandate PCLR was appalling, including putting political pressure on mayors who had endorsed PCLR to reverse their stand. Finally, the entire question of adjusting census counts through sampling brings the ultimate politicization of the process. While the science behind sampling may be valid, the selection of blocks for sampling and many other assumptions in formulas open the process to many different outcomes determined solely by these choices. This places in the hands of a select few individuals the opportunity to manipulate the census data to achieve a desired outcome, a terrifying tool that threatens the foundation of representative democracy. In short, he who creates the statistical model controls the outcome.

Problems with Census Bureau credibility

The mantra of the Census Bureau for several years has been that Congress and the American public should trust them completely, as they are models of professionalism, ethics, and honesty. However, many incidents have shown this to be untrue. In 1998, the Washington Times discovered that the chairman of an important NAS panel evaluating the Bureau's statistical plans for 2000 was in fact a key executive at a firm receiving millions of dollars in contracts from the Bureau, a clear conflict of interest and violation of professional ethics. The Bureau has repeatedly refused to respond to legitimate oversight inquiries by the Congress and CMB, and is incredibly tardy and incomplete in providing documents and information to its overseers. During the politically charged 1998 Census Dress Rehearsal, the Bureau claimed that the non-response follow-up period went so well that it was concluded over a week early. Subsequent investigation by the GAO determined that the Bureau misled the public and Congress about the Dress Rehearsals, and that in fact, nearly 20% of the data collected during NRFU was guesswork proxy data, not actual interviews with respondents.

Most appallingly, three successive Census Bureau directors lied under oath to Congress about the Bureau's role in identifying Japanese-Americans during World War II. While all three directors' testimony highlighted the supposed refusal of the Bureau to cooperate with military authorities who wanted information on the Nisei as an example of how confidential census material is at all times, recent investigative reports have uncovered evidence that the Bureau actually cooperated in providing to the military block level data on where the Nisei lived. While technically not a violation of Title 13, this Bureau cooperation makes them complicit in the imprisonment of thousands of innocent Japanese-Americans in internment camps, and raises serious questions about what might be done in future crises by the Bureau. In sum, the Bureau's credibility problems inspire little confidence in the American people for the agency.

Increasing societal concerns about privacy

The revelation of the Bureau's role in the shameful Nisei episode could not come at a worse time. In recent surveys conducted by private polling organizations, a majority of Americans stated that one of their primary worries in the 21st century is a loss of privacy. With the advent of the Internet and instant worldwide data transmission, Americans are concerned about their privacy more than ever before. Into this environment of jealously guarded privacy comes the Census Bureau, with the invasive long form sent to 1 in 6 households nationwide, and 1 in 2 households in rural areas. Internal Census Bureau studies show that the inclusion of the long form in the decennial census drives down the response rate and drives up enumeration costs. Yet, the Bureau and Congress both share guilt in continuing what amounts to the largest corporate welfare giveaway of the U.S. government. More importantly, the census long form represents the only attempt sanctioned by American law to demand, under threat of criminal and civil penalty, information which could not be obtained by law enforcement or revenue officers without a court order (due process and equal protection concerns are apparent).

EXACERBATING THE RESPONSE GAP

THE PLANNING PROBLEMS AND OPERATIONAL FAILURES OF THE 2000 CENSUS

In addition to the long-term structural and philosophical problems outlined above, the Bureau has made numerous missteps, bad decisions, and flawed execution of programs over the past several years.

The primary culprit in all of these poor decisions and mistakes has been the Bureau placing a priority emphasis on statistical techniques at the expense of counting techniques. In 1990, the Bureau put counting first and estimating second. While this was the correct approach, it frustrated statisticians and some politicians who wanted statistically adjusted numbers to be used for legislative redistricting. The deadline for the release of redistricting data is April 1 of the year following the census, and in 1990, the Bureau simply could not get the results of its 150,000 household sample survey completed, processed, and statistically integrated into the actual census counts in time. As a result of this, and of political decisions by the Bush Administration, sampled numbers were not released. Bureau planners and their political allies have vowed not to allow this to happen again, and as a result, have designed a census where sampling comes first and counting a distant second. This highly questionable decision, motivated by partisan politics and a desire for vindication by Bureau statisticians, has compromised the Census 2000 design in many areas.

Address list development

This critical census function has been executed poorly by the Bureau. Despite hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars spent on the address list during the last decade, it remains inaccurate and incomplete in many areas. The most glaring problem is failure to add many newly constructed residential areas to the list, exemplified by the exclusion of at least one street in the subdivision where census plaintiff Matthew Glavin resides in suburban Atlanta. Local maps have shown and the Post Office has been delivering mail to this street for more than three years. Indeed, most private sector maps and geography tools are more up-to-date and accurate than Bureau materials. Without this basic building block done correctly as a foundation, the entire census will be inaccurate, and statistical remedies will exacerbate rather than solve the problem.

Lack of a Post-Census Local Review (PCLR) Program

The best way to correct a flawed address list is to allow local governments to review the list both before and after the census is taken. While the Bureau, at the insistence of Congress, added the pre-census review period known as LUCA, it has adamantly refused to accept any type of meaningful PCLR. This will leave communities with no chance to see if entire blocks of addresses were missed, a particularly troubling issue in areas of rapid growth and many new addresses. The lack of PCLR is a direct result of the Bureau's desire to finish its field work rapidly in order to release adjusted numbers by the April 1, 2001 deadline.

Ill-considered timetable for Census 2000 field operations

The most time-consuming job in the census is field follow-up on non-responding households. It was one of the most critical and costly problems encountered by the 1990 census. Despite this, the Bureau's official timetable for 2000 incredibly calls for follow up on 12 million more non-responding households than in 1990, but in 4 weeks less time. Equally unrealistic is the Bureau's plan to survey twice as many households in its statistical adjustment sample, 300,000 instead of 150,000, but to do it in 13 weeks instead of the 26 weeks it took for half as many people in 1990. These two items taken together strongly suggest that the Bureau will be relying on an inordinate amount of proxy data for actual enumeration, as was found in the dress rehearsal, and extremely questionable practice that verges on outright fraud of the taxpayer and the spirit of the census. Once again, these timetable decisions are a result of the rush to released sampled data by April 1, 2001.

Elimination of the second mailing

With a declining mail response rate over the past several decades, Census 2000 originally planned to use two mailings to achieve a response rate goal of 67 percent. 60 percent was to come from the first mailing, and 7 percent from the second. Despite it being tested with successful results in the 1998 Dress Rehearsal, the second mailing was dropped from the final 2000 plan. Why? Because once again, the Bureau determined a second mailing would take too much time to complete and would delay the release of statistically adjusted data in April 2001. So, the Bureau consciously decided to forgo collecting the completely accurate, legitimate data on millions of Americans that would be derived from a second mailing in favor of saving time to develop statistically manufactured data later. Interestingly enough, even though the Bureau dropped the second mailing and had to reconcile itself to a lower overall mail response rate, and a larger non-response follow-up field work load, it did not allow itself any more time to do field work in the master plan.

Greatly restricted de-duplication activities

According to a report of the Commerce Department Inspector General, in 1990, the Census Bureau looked for duplicate forms in a radius of 9 census blocks from the respondents address. This was a time-consuming, but thorough process. In 2000, to save time, this search for duplicates has been restricted to just one block. The Bureau then plans to use controversial statistical methods to identify duplicates in the aggregate rather than physical duplicates. This will result in the unjustified deletion of many legitimate households from the census counts. Once again, thoroughness and accuracy is sacrificed to save time and enhance the use of statistics.

Inclusion and massive overuse of the census long form

The census long form is the best example of the Bureau's deviation from the original purpose of the census found in the Constitution. Weighing in at 57 questions, the long form is a time-consuming invasion of privacy that drives down response rates, especially in hard-to-count areas. The

Bureau and its special interest group and corporate welfare allies have resisted all efforts to reduce the size of the long form or separate it from the decennial census entirely. Furthermore, the long form, which is a statistical sample, is incredibly overused. The statistical experts at the Bureau tried to convince Americans that seats in the U.S. House could be apportioned and redistricted on the basis of a sample of less than 1% of all American homes. Yet these same experts insist that surveying any less than 1 in 6 homes, and 1 in 2 in rural areas, with the long form will lead to inaccurate and misleading results. This disingenuous argument betrays once again the bias towards survey-taking rather than counting, and the devotion of Bureau statisticians to fulfilling the needs of their corporate and special interest allies who use long form data to market to the American people or modify their behavior with government programs.

Using a misleading advertising campaign

The Bureau has used a misleading campaign of greed motivation to promote participation in the 2000 Census. Conveniently ignoring the fact that federal funding is a zero-sum game, the Bureau has led every community and resident in the United States to believe that somehow they were cheated out of funds in the last census, and if they only fill out their forms, new roads, schools, and other government goodies will magically appear, funded courtesy of Uncle Sam. The problem is that for every funding winner, there are several losers. After making these promises that can't be delivered, and peddling the fiction that the census will be the basis of many decisions that it actually isn't, the cynicism of the American people towards the Bureau will continue to rise.

Detail/technical errors undermine confidence

The Bureau has encountered any number of smaller technical errors as a result of the massive size of the operation and a lack of attention to any non-statistically oriented detail. Most famously, an initial mailing went out to 120 million households, each of which was incorrectly addressed by a Bureau subcontractor. In addition to exposing the Bureau to ridicule, it was also notorious for the fact that the English language portion of the mailer did not even explain what it was for, unlike the foreign language version on the back. This incident gave rise to the perception that the Bureau is unduly focusing resources on a few select minority groups at the expense of the general nationwide population. That perception is reinforced by a census advertising and outreach campaign, which is heavily concentrated in a few urban areas and virtually ignores suburban and rural residents. While all of the Bureaus technical glitches are annoying, embarrassing, and sometimes amusing, they give rise to a very serious question. If the Bureau cannot do these relatively simple things without making major mistakes, how can anyone have faith that they will pull off the immensely complex and challenging undertaking of statistical adjustment without making hundreds of undetectable and uncorrectable errors?

PART TWO

CLOSING THE RESPONSE GAP
A BLUEPRINT FOR REFORM

Census Reform is Needed

While the 2000 Census continues to look as though it will be a disaster, there is hope that out of the ashes, a new and improved census and data collection system can be born. With its current structural and operational design, the US Census Bureau simply cannot be expected to accomplish all of its diverse and conflicting missions. The Bureau needs radical reform and a reassessment of priorities to be successful in the twenty-first century. The key to success is to design a new system with a thorough understanding of the problems and failures of the old structure. Here are some suggested steps.

Dismantle the Bureau of the Census

In its present form, it is simply too big, has too large a mandate, and too many tasks trying to be accomplished in decennial census. Additionally, the current structure makes the Bureau too subject to political pressure and the ongoing tension between enumerators and statisticians.

Create the United States Decennial Census Agency

This agency would have the sole mission of fulfilling the constitutional mandate of a decennial enumeration of the population for the purposes of reapportionment and redistricting. It should also:

Be constructed as an independent, legislative branch agency such as the GAO. This would do much to reduce the partisan pressures on the census, especially if the agency head is selected and empowered in a similar manner as the Comptroller General of the GAO.

Be mission-oriented in its structure. This means having a design that focuses solely on the decennial census task. The key elements are address list development, community outreach and partnership, recruitment and retention of human resources, execution of field operations, and timely compilation and release of accurate results.

Have a command structure that is based on the mission. For example, there should be no director of the agency per se, but rather a director of the 2010 decennial census, a director of the 2020 decennial census, and so forth. This is because each census is a separate and distinct 15-year task. Planning for the 2000 Census began in 1987, and the census will not be over until all data is released and challenges resolved in 2002. Having a director with a 15-year term for the entire decennial project ensures a continuity never before seen at the Bureau.

Select the proper leader. The census is the largest peacetime mobilization of American national resources. It is not an academic task, but rather a task where organizational skills and leadership are most important. As such, an academic, statistician, or theoretician is not the preferred leader for the USDCA, as they lack relevant and appropriate experience to do the job. Instead, the USDCA would ideally be led by a high-ranking former military officer or corporate executive with vast experience in recruitment, motivation, logistics, and operations.

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Reinforce successful contracting operations. While there may be concerns about some of the messages the Bureau designed to promote the 2000 Census, no one can question the success of the advertising agencies in delivering that message. The USDCA should build on this success by continuing to contract out advertising and promotion functions, and should look to expand the contracting to include address lists, maps, data processing, and other non-Title 13 privacy sensitive operations.

Prepare to take advantage of developing technology trends. The growth of the Internet from 1990 to 2000 has been nothing short of astounding. This growth in Internet use should grow exponentially between 2000 and 2010, meaning that the entire paradigm of how a census is taken can be rethought. The digital divide, already shrinking, may be just a memory by 2010, with nearly all Americans connected to the Internet. The 2010 census should be designed around this central fact, and must take advantage of the massive time and cost savings opportunities provided by an Internet-based census. For those who still lack access, such as the homeless, recent immigrants, and economically isolated individuals, the USDCA can concentrate an even higher amount of resources than ever before to count them.

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Think tanks and political scientists from both the left and right have supported the concept of statistical consolidation for many years. They recognize the inefficiency of the current structure, which divides statistical program responsibility over many different agencies, creating overlaps and redundancy, as well as rivalries and political turf-fighting. The creation of the USSA can resolve these problems in a much more efficient manner, and explore new and innovative ways to gather relevant information from American people. Some key concepts:

Reassessment of all statistical functions of the US government. The federal government conducts countless surveys each year, all usually based on legislation passed at some point by the Congress. Some of these surveys are vitally important, others are nuisances that often raise serious questions of invasion of privacy. As the USSA is organized, a separate congressional blue-ribbon panel should review all surveys conducted by the government, and recommending their continuation, modification, or elimination.

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While in theory these groups should be complementary, in reality, they are competitors for limited resources and subject to conflicts between different approaches.

Problems with agency infrastructure

As currently designed, the Census Bureau is an unwieldy agency that serves many masters, often with conflicting goals and agendas. While the primary constitutional responsibility of the Bureau is to provide Congress with the apportionment and redistricting counts, the census authority was unwisely delegated to the Executive Branch by Congress. As a result, the vast majority of activities the Bureau is now involved with have little or nothing to do with the decennial census, but rather are justifications for an expanded workforce of statisticians throughout the decade. This exacerbates the Bureau's lack of focus on its primary constitutional mission.

Problems with politicization of the census

Because so much political power and federal funding is distributed on the basis of census data, the Bureau has become the whipping boy of politicians in both parties. The inclusion of data on racial and ethnic origin has made this problem even worse, as exemplified by the debate over the multiracial classification and the Bureau's decision, under pressure from minority interest groups, to categorize multiracial

respondents in one of the old racial minority categories instead of classifying them as identified. Another example of a politicized census was the decision by the Bureau in 1996 to alter their original non-response sampling plan from a target of reaching 90% in each county before SNRFU began to a target of 90% in each census tract before SNRFU begins. This decision was a result of direct political pressure from the Congressional Black Caucus, who felt the county based plan might erode their power. The Bureau can also be political in deciding which programs not to include, such as their refusal to include post-census local review in the 2000 plan because it was supported by Congressional Republicans. The level of Bureau and Administration involvement in the politics of opposing legislation to mandate PCLR was appalling, including putting political pressure on mayors who had endorsed PCLR to reverse their stand. Finally, the entire question of adjusting census counts through sampling brings the ultimate politicization of the process. While the science behind sampling may be valid, the selection of blocks for sampling and many other assumptions in formulas open the process to many different outcomes determined solely by these choices. This places in the hands of a select few individuals the opportunity to manipulate the census data to achieve a desired outcome, a terrifying tool that threatens the foundation of representative democracy. In short, he who creates the statistical model controls the outcome.

Problems with Census Bureau credibility

The mantra of the Census Bureau for several years has been that Congress and the American public should trust them completely, as they are models of professionalism, ethics, and honesty. However, many incidents have shown this to be untrue. In 1998, the *Washington Times* discovered that the chairman of an important NAS panel evaluating the Bureau's statistical plans for 2000 was in fact a key executive at a firm receiving millions of dollars in contracts from the Bureau, a clear conflict of interest and violation of professional ethics. The Bureau has repeatedly refused to respond to legitimate oversight inquiries by the Congress and CMB, and is incredibly tardy and incomplete in providing documents and information to its overseers. During the politically charged 1998 Census Dress Rehearsal, the Bureau claimed that the non-response follow-up period went so well that it was concluded over a week early. Subsequent investigation by the GAO determined that the Bureau misled the public and Congress about the Dress Rehearsals, and that in fact, nearly 20% of the data collected during NRFU was guesswork proxy data, not actual interviews with respondents.

Most appallingly, three successive Census Bureau directors lied under oath to Congress about the Bureau's role in identifying Japanese-Americans during World War II. While all three directors' testimony highlighted the supposed refusal of the Bureau to cooperate with military authorities who wanted information on the Nisei as an example of how confidential census material is at all times, recent investigative reports have uncovered evidence that the Bureau actually cooperated in providing to the military block level data on where the Nisei lived. While technically not a violation of Title 13, this Bureau cooperation makes them complicit in the imprisonment of thousands of innocent Japanese-Americans in internment camps, and raises serious questions about what might be done in future crises by the Bureau. In sum, the Bureau's credibility problems inspire little confidence in the American people for the agency.

Increasing societal concerns about privacy

The revelation of the Bureau's role in the shameful Nisei episode could not come at a worse time. In recent surveys conducted by private polling organizations, a majority of Americans

stated that one of their primary worries in the 21st century is a loss of privacy. With the advent of the Internet and instant worldwide data transmission, Americans are concerned about their privacy more than ever before. Into this environment of jealously guarded privacy comes the Census Bureau, with the invasive long form =96 sent to 1 in 6 households nationwide, and 1 in 2 households in rural areas. Internal Census Bureau studies show that the inclusion of the long form in the decennial census drives down the response rate and drives up enumeration costs. Yet, the Bureau and Congress both share guilt in continuing what amounts to the largest corporate welfare giveaway of the U.S. government.

More importantly, the census long form represents the only attempt sanctioned by American law to demand, under threat of criminal and civil penalty, information which could not be obtained by law enforcement or revenue officers without a court order (due process and equal protection concerns are apparent).

EXACERBATING THE RESPONSE GAP

THE PLANNING PROBLEMS AND OPERATIONAL FAILURES OF THE 2000 CENSUS

In addition to the long-term structural and philosophical problems outlined above, the Bureau has made numerous missteps, bad decisions, and flawed execution of programs over the past several years. The primary culprit in all of these poor decisions and mistakes has been the Bureau placing a priority emphasis on statistical techniques at the expense of counting techniques. In 1990, the Bureau put counting first and estimating second. While this was the correct approach, it frustrated statisticians and some politicians who wanted statistically adjusted numbers to be used for legislative redistricting. The deadline for the release of redistricting data is April 1 of the year following the census, and in 1990, the Bureau simply could not get the results of its 150,000 household sample survey completed, processed, and statistically integrated into the actual census counts in time. As a result of this, and of political decisions by the Bush Administration, sampled numbers were not released. Bureau planners and their political allies have vowed not to allow this to happen again, and as a result, have designed a census where sampling comes first and counting a distant second. This highly questionable decision, motivated by partisan politics and a desire for vindication by Bureau statisticians, has compromised the Census 2000 design in many areas.

Address list development

This critical census function has been executed poorly by the Bureau. Despite hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars spent on the address list during the last decade, it remains inaccurate and incomplete in many areas. The most glaring problem is failure to add many newly constructed residential areas to the list, exemplified by the exclusion of at least one street in the subdivision where census plaintiff Matthew Glavin resides in suburban Atlanta. Local maps have shown and the Post Office has been delivering mail to this street for more than three years. Indeed, most private sector maps and geography tools are more up-to-date and accurate than Bureau materials. Without this basic building block done correctly as a foundation, the entire census will be inaccurate, and statistical remedies will exacerbate rather than solve the problem.

Lack of a Post-Census Local Review (PCLR) Program

The best way to correct a flawed address list is to allow local governments to review the list both before and after the census is taken. While the Bureau, at the insistence of Congress, added the pre-census review period known as

LUCA, it has adamantly refused to accept any type of meaningful PCLR. This will leave communities with no chance to see if entire blocks of addresses were missed, a particularly troubling issue in areas of rapid growth and many new addresses. The lack of PCLR is a direct result of the Bureau's desire to finish its field work rapidly in order to release adjusted numbers by the April 1, 2001 deadline. **Ill-considered timetable for Census 2000 field operations** The most time-consuming job in the census is field follow-up on non-responding households. It was one of the most critical and costly problems encountered by the 1990 census. Despite this, the Bureau's official timetable for 2000 incredibly calls for follow up on 12 million more non-responding households than in 1990, but in 4 weeks less time. Equally unrealistic is the Bureau's plan to survey twice as many households in its statistical adjustment sample, 300,000 instead of 150,000, but to do it in 13 weeks instead of the 26 weeks it took for half as many people in 1990. These two items taken together strongly suggest that the Bureau will be relying on an inordinate amount of proxy data for actual enumeration, as was found in the dress rehearsal, and extremely questionable practice that verges on outright fraud of the taxpayer and the spirit of the census. Once again, these timetable decisions are a result of the rush to released sampled data by April 1, 2001. **Elimination of the second mailing** With a declining mail response rate over the past several decades, Census 2000 originally planned to use two mailings to achieve a response rate goal of 67 percent. 60 percent was to come from the first mailing, and 7 percent from the second. Despite it being tested with successful results in the 1998 Dress Rehearsal, the second mailing was dropped from the final 2000 plan. Why? Because once again, the Bureau determined a second mailing would take too much time to complete and would delay the release of statistically adjusted data in April 2001. So, the Bureau consciously decided to forgo collecting the completely accurate, legitimate data on millions of Americans that would be derived from a second mailing in favor of saving time to develop statistically manufactured data later. Interestingly enough, even though the Bureau dropped the second mailing and had to reconcile itself to a lower overall mail response rate, and a larger non-response follow-up field work load, it did not allow itself any more time to do field work in the master plan. **Greatly restricted de-duplication activities** According to a report of the Commerce Department Inspector General, in 1990, the Census Bureau looked for duplicate forms in a radius of 9 census blocks from the respondents address. This was a time-consuming, but thorough process. In 2000, to save time, this search for duplicates has been restricted to just one block. The Bureau then plans to use controversial statistical methods to identify duplicates in the aggregate rather than physical duplicates. This will result in the unjustified deletion of many legitimate households from the census counts. Once again, thoroughness and accuracy is sacrificed to save time and enhance the use of statistics. **Inclusion and massive overuse of the census long form** The census long form is the best example of the Bureau's deviation from the original purpose of the census found in the Constitution. Weighing in at 57 questions, the long form is a time-consuming invasion of privacy that drives down response rates, especially in hard-to-count areas. The Bureau and its special interest group and corporate welfare allies have resisted all efforts to reduce the size of the long form or separate it from the decennial census entirely. Furthermore, the long form, which is a statistical sample, is incredibly overused. The statistical experts at the Bureau tried to convince Americans that seats in the

U.S. House could be apportioned and redistricted on the basis of a sample of less than 1% of all American homes. Yet these same experts insist that surveying any less than 1 in 6 homes, and 1 in 2 in rural areas, with the long form will lead to inaccurate and misleading results. This disingenuous argument betrays once again the bias towards survey-taking rather than counting, and the devotion of Bureau statisticians to fulfilling the needs of their corporate and special interest allies who use long form data to market to the American people or modify their behavior with government programs.

Using a misleading advertising campaign

The Bureau has used a misleading campaign of greed motivation to promote participation in the 2000 Census. Conveniently ignoring the fact that federal funding is a zero-sum game, the Bureau has led every community and resident in the United States to believe that somehow they were cheated out of funds in the last census, and if they only fill out their forms, new roads, schools, and other government goodies will magically appear, funded courtesy of Uncle Sam. The problem is that for every funding winner, there are several losers. After making these promises that cannot be delivered, and peddling the fiction that the census will be the basis of many decisions that it actually isn't, the cynicism of the American people towards the Bureau will continue to rise.

Detail/technical errors undermine confidence

The Bureau has encountered any number of smaller technical errors as a result of the massive size of the operation and a lack of attention to any non-statistically oriented detail. Most famously, an initial mailing went out to 120 million households, each of which was incorrectly addressed by a Bureau subcontractor. In addition to exposing the Bureau to ridicule, it was also notorious for the fact that the English language portion of the mailer did not even explain what it was for, unlike the foreign language version on the back. This incident gave rise to the perception that the Bureau is unduly focusing resources on a few select minority groups at the expense of the general nationwide population. That perception is reinforced by a census advertising and outreach campaign, which is heavily concentrated in a few urban areas and virtually ignores suburban and rural residents. While all of the Bureaus technical glitches are annoying, embarrassing, and sometimes amusing, they give rise to a very serious question. If the Bureau cannot do these relatively simple things without making major mistakes, how can anyone have faith that they will pull off the immensely complex and challenging undertaking of statistical adjustment without making hundreds of undetectable and uncorrectable errors?

PART TWO
CLOSING THE RESPONSE GAP
A BLUEPRINT FOR REFORM

Census Reform is Needed

While the 2000 Census continues to look as though it will be a disaster, there is hope that out of the ashes, a new and improved census and data collection system can be born. With its current structural and operational design, the US Census Bureau simply cannot be expected to accomplish all of its diverse and conflicting missions. The Bureau needs radical reform and a reassessment of priorities to be successful in the twenty-first century. The key to success is to design a new system with a thorough understanding of the problems and failures of the old structure. Here are some suggested steps.

Dismantle the Bureau of the Census

In its present form, it is simply too big, has too large a mandate, and too many tasks trying to be accomplished in decennial census. Additionally, the current structure makes the Bureau too subject to political pressure and the ongoing tension between enumerators and statisticians.

Create the United States Decennial Census Agency

This agency would have the sole mission of fulfilling the constitutional mandate of a

decennial enumeration of the population for the purposes of reapportionment and redistricting. It should also:

- Be constructed as an independent, legislative branch agency such as the GAO.** This would do much to reduce the partisan pressures on the census, especially if the agency head is selected and empowered in a similar manner as the Comptroller General of the GAO.
- Be mission-oriented in its structure.** This means having a design that focuses solely on the decennial census task. The key elements are address list development, community outreach and partnership, recruitment and retention of human resources, execution of field operations, and timely compilation and release of accurate results.
- Have a command structure that is based on the mission.** For example, there should be no director of the agency per se, but rather a director of the 2010 decennial census, a director of the 2020 decennial census, and so forth. This is because each census is a separate and distinct 15-year task. Planning for the 2000 Census began in 1987, and the census will not be over until all data is released and challenges resolved in 2002. Having a director with a 15-year term for the entire decennial project ensures a continuity never before seen at the Bureau.
- Select the proper leader.** The census is the largest peacetime mobilization of American national resources. It is not an academic task, but rather a task where organizational skills and leadership are most important. As such, an academic, statistician, or theoretician is not the preferred leader for the USDCA, as they lack relevant and appropriate experience to do the job. Instead, the USDCA would ideally be led by a high-ranking former military officer or corporate executive with vast experience in recruitment, motivation, logistics, and operations.
- Restrict the mission to the constitutional task.** The long form must be jettisoned from the decennial census. Its negative effects on response rate, public confidence, and concerns about privacy increasingly jeopardize the success of the census. Additionally, as America moves towards the diverse and color-blind society envisioned by Dr. Martin Luther King, questions about race, ethnicity, and ancestry are irrelevant or outdated at best and damaging to societal progress at worst. Not surprisingly, the best solution is to return to the wise original intent of the Founders laid out nearly 225 years ago =96 to simply get a count of the number of residents =96; nothing more, nothing less.
- Reinforce successful contracting operations.** While there may be concerns about some of the messages the Bureau designed to promote the 2000 Census, no one can question the success of the advertising agencies in delivering that message. The USDCA should build on this success by continuing to contract out advertising and promotion functions, and should look to expand the contracting to include address lists, maps, data processing, and other non-Title 13 privacy sensitive operations.
- Prepare to take advantage of developing technology trends.** The growth of the Internet from 1990 to 2000 has been nothing short of astounding. This growth in Internet use should grow exponentially between 2000 and 2010, meaning that the entire paradigm of how a census is taken can be rethought. The digital divide, already shrinking, may be just a memory by 2010, with nearly all Americans connected to the Internet. The 2010 census should be designed around this central fact, and must take advantage of the massive time and cost savings opportunities provided by an Internet-based census. For those who still lack access, such as the homeless, recent immigrants, and economically isolated individuals, the USDCA can concentrate an even higher amount of resources than ever before to count them.
- Create the United States Statistical Agency.** Think tanks and political scientists from both the left and right have supported the concept

of statistical consolidation for many years. They recognize the inefficiency of the current structure, which divides statistical program responsibility over many different agencies, creating overlaps and redundancy, as well as rivalries and political turf-fighting. The creation of the USSA can resolve these problems in a much more efficient manner, and explore new and innovative ways to gather relevant information from American people. Some key concepts:

- Reassessment of all statistical functions of the US government.
- The federal government conducts countless surveys each year, all usually based on legislation passed at some point by the Congress. Some of these surveys are vitally important, others are nuisances that often raise serious questions of invasion of privacy. As the USSA is organized, a separate congressional blue-ribbon panel should review all surveys conducted by the government, and recommending their continuation, modification, or elimination.
- Making compliance with government surveys voluntary. While statisticians will howl in anger, survey compliance should be voluntary and not under the threat of civil fines and government retaliation. The privacy guarantees of our Constitution to all Americans should be the primary concern of the government, not the desire of statisticians and social scientists to gather data which is then used to justify federal government-run social engineering programs or provided to giant corporations for marketing data to be used to solicit the American people for their products.
- Providing independent control and oversight.

In today's privacy-conscious society, concerns over government misuse of data are commonplace and not without foundation. Just ask any Nisei or their descendants. To safeguard the privacy of those responding to federal surveys, and to protect the USSA from politicization, an independent, bipartisan commission must be established to oversee their activities.

Selecting the proper leader. Unlike the USDCA, the USSA is a statistical agency, and thus should be headed by a statistician or academic. By placing all the statisticians at the USSA, the poisonous conflict between enumerators and estimators currently found at the US Census Bureau is eliminated.

CONCLUSION

Failure of current census paradigm is inevitable. The U.S. Bureau of the Census, currently constituted, has too many tasks to perform, for too many reasons, with too little success in its primary function to count the American population every ten years for purposes of congressional and legislative districting. As such, the non-constitutional purposes, and the efforts designed to gather information for federal funding and Reform is therefore required to

- fulfill the constitutional mandate to count the whole number of persons in each State;
- refocus census-gathering efforts on the constitutionally required information;
- enable statisticians to gather information in a less intrusive, more relevant manner for other purposes.

The modest proposal outlined herein, which includes the dismantling of the current U.S. Bureau of the Census, may serve as a guidepost for policy makers in the coming decades.

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Could it be that the resistance to the Census is a direct result of the gathering and distribution of "private" information in the private sector. It is hard to prevent that, but one can rebel against the Census. If I didn't provide my drivers license, SSN, and credit card to the local cable company they wouldn't supply a digital converter! That's scary not the Census.

-----Original Message-----
From: Voigt, Lynda [mailto:lvoigt@fhcrc.org]
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2000 10:26 AM
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: RE: Resistance to census

I think the resistance to filling out the census based on "privacy grounds" is quite humorous considering that marketing lists have considerably more private information about people than any single government agency - just take a look at all of the "targeted samples" that companies like Survey Research can provide.

Lynda Voigt

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Ray, Look in The Book of Numbers. Moses is commanded by God several times
to
take a Census of one or more of the Tribes. You may also notice that the
numbers conveniently end in 00's. So, apparently , estimation was ok. Moses

probably had not heard of sampling nonrespondents. I wonder what God's
position would have been on that. Reading the two sections leads me to
believe that the
census was alright when commanded by God but not alright when commanded by
Satan. David did Satan's census because he lost faith in God's promise to
protect Isreal. This theme occurs over and over in the Old Testament.

Ken (neither a Fundamentalist nor a Bible scholar) Rasinski.

>>>Ray Funkhouser wrote.

For those who think the current Census flap is something recent, check out I

Chronicles, Ch 21, which begins: "A satan rose up against Israel, and he
enticed David into taking a census of Israel." It turned out very badly
for
King David. Nothing new in 2500 years? When I first ran across this I
looked into it but could find no satisfactory answer for why the ancient
Hebrews considered a census to be a bad idea. Anybody know anything about
it? Maybe it would even provide some insight into current controversies.

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- 1) It's in the Bible
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- 2) Re: The Republicans and the Census
by Nick Panagakis <mkshares@mcs.net>
- 3) Re: The Republicans and the Census
by Jan Werner <jwerner@jwdp.com>
- 4) Re: Washington Post on Census politics
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Bob, are you planning to be at the AAPOR Conference in May? Any interest in being a discussant or chairing a session? I'd sure like to put you to work if you are! Let me know....Thanx. Mark

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However poetic the justice may be, I think we at AAPOR should hold to the position of encouraging ALL individuals to fill out the census. Partisan feelings aside, it does not comfort me that any group, conservative, liberal, or whatever, should be undercounted due to irresponsibility of our elected officials.

Frank Rusciano

Nick Panagakis wrote:

> >From Clarence Page's Tribune column today:
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> IN DEFENSE OF THE NOSY CENSUS QUESTIONS
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> "Now that conservative Republicans have embraced rhetoric that panders
> to anti-census voices, they actually may be discouraging compliance
> among their own most likely supporters. If so, it would be a good
> example of politics exerting poetic justice."
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> <http://chicagotribune.com/news/columnists/page/>
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> Jim Caplan wrote:
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> > I may be totally confused here but if those trying to influence
> > Americans not to reply succeed, it will result in OVERREPRESENTATION
> > by those who feel that sort of demagoguery is nonsense. Hence, it
> > will counter productive! (Or is that another name for a highly
> > efficient Census enumerator?)
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> > Jim Caplan
> > Miami
> > ----- Original Message -----
> > From: <jaistrup@fhsu.edu>
> > To: <aapornet@usc.edu>
> > Sent: Friday, March 31, 2000 8:10 AM
> > Subject: The Republicans and the Census
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> > > I don't know about the rest of you, but I have had enough !@#\$
> > > from the
> > > GOP
> > > leadership on the census. First, they insist that the census
> > > should be an enumeration (according to the courts, rightly so).
> > > Now, they are making that enumeration more difficult, by feeding
> > > the paranoia that the census survey invades a family's privacy and
> > > by extension, that the data will be used by the government in a
> > > sinister fashion.
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> > > Ironically, they are creating an enviroment where, in order to
> > > obtain an accurate count and accurate statistics, it will be
> > > absolutely nessary to use a sampling methodology.
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> > > This is the essence of stupidity!
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> > > Sincerely, Joe Aistrup
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I'm pretty busy, giving one paper and chairing the panel with Singer,
Dillman, and Smith, but if you need me, I can do things that don't conflict
with my other obligations. I will not be there Sunday.

>>> "Mark Schulman" <M.SCHULMAN@srbi.com> 04/03/00 12:39PM >>>
Bob, are you planning to be at the AAPOR Conference in May? Any interest in
being a discussant or chairing a session? I'd sure like to put you to work
if you are! Let me know....Thanx. Mark

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I for one have found the discussion of the Census informative and interesting, and the occasional partisan touches have just added a bit of spice.

But, turning to opinion polls, are there any numbers to make Al Gore's support of the Elian Gonzales legislation an intelligent move on his part? It looks like a total loss to me: he can't out-Bush, Bush; but he will alienate his own natural constituency.

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Can someone from Census tell us what the latest return rates are??

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From: Susan Losh <slosh@garnet.acns.fsu.edu>
Subject: Re: U.S. SUPREME COURT CENSUS VICTORS CALL FOR DISMANTLING OF
CENSUS BUREAU

50 percent according to what I saw yesterday. And since April 1 was "census day" (as well as April Fool's) to get it in the mail, I expect the total to climb for round 1.

I caught that too & found it interesting.

Susan

At 05:20 PM 4/3/2000 -0400, you wrote:
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Susan Carol Losh, PhD.
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I checked census.gov today. As of April 2nd, the response rate was 53%.

Mickey Blum

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Dear AAPOR:

I'm surprised no one is discussing whether or not the strategy promulgated by many Republicans is going to mobilize public opinion in their favor. I can't imagine the Jack Kemp wing of the GOP seeking to gain minority votes by discouraging minorities from filling out the census.

Questions about undercounting and enumeration aside, I still think my GOP friends are on the wrong track by criticizing the census. In two years, 'Democratic states' may gain a seat or two in Congress, but if one is thinking long term, one wants embrace those potential constituents, not alienate them.

-Robert Eisinger
Lewis & Clark College
Portland, OR (72 degrees, sunny)

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I believe that's only for the mailing component. Those results are quite similar to the American Community Survey which had a 51% on the first mailing and the 2000 dress rehearsal which was around 48%. I believe they were hoping for 60-62%.

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From: Bernard Roshco <broshco@wizard.net>
Subject: My Third-World Experience in Search of a Reservation
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Subject: RE: My Third-World Experience in Search of a Reservation
To: "'aapornet@usc.edu'" <aapornet@usc.edu>
Cc: "'Bernard Roshco'" <broshco@wizard.net>
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Bernie,
Unfortunately, yours is the second report we've heard today of 'totally sold out.'

By our figures, there should still be rooms available, and we have been trying to follow up with the hotel; we haven't reached Chris either.

We will escalate this in the morning and post a note back here on the results.

This is certainly not the kind of service you should expect, nor does it reflect our visit to the property last month; we're all puzzled.

Thanks for letting us know about this breakdown,
Shap Wolf, Conference Operations Associate Chair

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From: Susan Losh <slosh@garnet.acns.fsu.edu>
Subject: Re: U.S. SUPREME COURT CENSUS VICTORS CALL FOR DISMANTLING OF
CENSUSBUREAU

Census response overall is 55% and climbing.
Susan Carol Losh, PhD.
Spring-Summer 2000 PHONE 850-385-4266
slosh@garnet.fsu.edu

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The Department of Educational Research
Florida State University
Tallahassee FL 32306-4453

850-644-4592 Educational Research Office
FAX 850-644-8776

FROM:

The Department of Sociology
Florida State University
Tallahassee FL 32306-2270

850-644-6416 Sociology Office
FAX 850-644-6208

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To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>
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From: "Moore, Bob (El Paso)" <bmoore@elpaso.gannett.com>
To: James Beniger <beniger@rcf.usc.edu>
Subject: Seek AAPOR members help evaluating a survey in the news

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Do they pay their reporters?

----- Original Message -----

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To: "AAPORNET" <aapornet@usc.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2000 8:17 PM
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To: <aapornet@usc.edu>
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Has anyone done a national survey and compared census returns to the
Presidential horse race? Just curious.

Regards to all

Paul Braun

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-aapornet@usc.edu [mailto:owner-aapornet@usc.edu] On Behalf Of
Robert Eisinger
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2000 5:44 PM
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Republicans and the Census

Dear AAPOR:

I'm surprised no one is discussing whether or not the strategy promulgated
by many Republicans is going to mobilize public opinion in their favor. I
can't imagine the Jack Kemp wing of the GOP seeking to gain minority votes
by discouraging minorities from filling out the census.

Questions about undercounting and enumeration aside, I still think my GOP

friends are on the wrong track by criticizing the census. In two years, 'Democratic states' may gain a seat or two in Congress, but if one is thinking long term, one wants embrace those potential constituents, not alienate them.

-Robert Eisinger
Lewis & Clark College
Portland, OR (72 degrees, sunny)

>From rstuefen@usd.edu Tue Apr 4 06:04:47 2000
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CC: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Re: The Republicans and the Census
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I don't think Page was encouraging non-response. The point he was making was the irony in Census critics possibly encouraging an undercount of their own constituents.

Frank Rusciano wrote:

> However poetic the justice may be, I think we at AAPOR should hold to
> the position of encouraging ALL individuals to fill out the census.
> Partisan feelings aside, it does not comfort me that any group,
> conservative, liberal, or whatever, should be undercounted due to
> irresponsibility of our elected officials.

>
> Frank Rusciano

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> Nick Panagakis wrote:

> > >From Clarence Page's Tribune column today:

> >
> > IN DEFENSE OF THE NOSY CENSUS QUESTIONS

> > "Now that conservative Republicans have embraced rhetoric that
> > panders to anti-census voices, they actually may be discouraging
> > compliance among their own most likely supporters. If so, it would
> > be a good example of politics exerting poetic justice."

> > <http://chicagotribune.com/news/columnists/page/>

> > Jim Caplan wrote:

> > > I may be totally confused here but if those trying to influence
> > > Americans not to reply succeed, it will result in
> > > OVERREPRESENTATION by those who feel that sort of demagoguery is
> > > nonsense. Hence, it will counter productive! (Or is that another
> > > name for a highly efficient Census enumerator?)

> > > Jim Caplan
> > > Miami

> > > ----- Original Message -----

> > > From: <jaistrup@fhsu.edu>

> > > To: <aapornet@usc.edu>

> > > Sent: Friday, March 31, 2000 8:10 AM

> > > Subject: The Republicans and the Census

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> > > > I don't know about the rest of you, but I have had enough !@#\$
> > > > from the

> > > > GOP

> > > > leadership on the census. First, they insist that the census
> > > > should be an enumeration (according to the courts, rightly so).

> > > > Now, they are making that enumeration more difficult, by feeding
> > > > the paranoia that the census survey invades a family's privacy
> > > > and by extension, that the data will be used by the government
> > > > in a sinister fashion.

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> > > > Ironically, they are creating an enviroment where, in order to

> > > > obtain an accurate count and accurate statistics, it will be
> > > > absolutely necessary to use a sampling methodology.
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> > > > This is the essence of stupidity!
> > > >
> > > > Sincerely, Joe Aistrup
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>From rczujko@aip.org Tue Apr 4 06:39:34 2000
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Date: Tue, 04 Apr 2000 09:38:31 -0400
From: "Roman Czujko" <rczujko@aip.org>
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Re: Defining "Internet users"
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Hello all,

The National Science Foundation recently published an interesting 4 page
summary of home computer usage. It can be found at:

<http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf00314>

Roman Czujko
American Institute of Physics

>From stec.4@pop.service.ohio-state.edu Tue Apr 4 06:56:07 2000
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X-Mailer: QUALCOMM Windows Eudora Pro Version 4.2.0.58
Date: Tue, 04 Apr 2000 09:52:23 -0400
To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: Jeffery Stec <stec.4@pop.service.ohio-state.edu>
Subject: technology
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>From rstuefen@usd.edu Tue Apr 4 06:59:28 2000
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id <2A02J61P>; Tue, 4 Apr 2000 08:55:55 -0500
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From: "Stuefen, Randy" <rstuefen@usd.edu>
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject:
Date: Tue, 4 Apr 2000 08:55:51 -0500
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charset="iso-8859-1"

Does anyone know why South Dakota Indian Reservations are not listed by the Census on their tally page?

<http://rates.census.gov/cgi-bin/ResponseRates>

Randall M. Stuefen
Director of Research & Associate Director

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>From rczujko@aip.org Tue Apr 4 07:12:51 2000
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by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with SMTP
id HAA27099 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Tue, 4 Apr 2000 07:12:50 -0700
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with Novell_GroupWise; Tue, 04 Apr 2000 10:11:58 -0400
Message-Id: <s8e9bfee.078@aip.org>
X-Mailer: Novell GroupWise 5.2
Date: Tue, 04 Apr 2000 10:11:40 -0400
From: "Roman Czujko" <rczujko@aip.org>
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Re: technology
Mime-Version: 1.0
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Content-Disposition: inline

A lot of the work on knowledge about and attitudes toward technology and science are conducted by Jon Miller of the International Center for the Advancement of Scientific Literacy (affiliated with the Univ of Chicago). Some of these data are cited in the appendix tables of the "Science and Engineering Indicators" which is published by the National Science Foundation in even numbered years.

Roman Czujko
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>From jflynn@decisionresearch.org Tue Apr 4 08:44:36 2000
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by guppy.pond.net (8.9.3/8.9.3) with SMTP id IAA23590
for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Tue, 4 Apr 2000 08:37:31 -0700 (PDT)
Message-ID: <003601bf9e4c\$7fcfef60\$03bb95cf@dr>
From: "Jim Flynn" <jflynn@decisionresearch.org>
To: <aapornet@usc.edu>
Subject: Re: technology

Date: Tue, 4 Apr 2000 08:42:40 -0700
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X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V4.72.3155.0

Considerable work on this subject has been done under the titles of risk perception, judgment and decision making, and risk communication. This body of work includes experimental, survey, case study, and historical studies. One place to start a search is at www.decisionresearch.org which lists a bibliography of work done by researchers at Decision Research over the past 30 years or so.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeffery Stec <stec.4@pop.service.ohio-state.edu>
To: aapornet@usc.edu <aapornet@usc.edu>
Date: Tuesday, April 04, 2000 6:49 AM
Subject: technology

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> From jdf Franz@earthlink.net Tue Apr 4 08:59:39 2000
> Received: from swan.prod.itd.earthlink.net (swan.prod.itd.earthlink.net
> [207.217.120.123])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with SMTP
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(PDT)
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Tue, 4 Apr 2000 08:59:35 -0700 (PDT)
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Date: Tue, 04 Apr 2000 08:54:10 -0700
From: Jennifer Franz <jdfranz@earthlink.net>
Reply-To: jdfranz@earthlink.net
X-Mailer: Mozilla 3.0C-NSCP (Win95; U)
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Census Response Rates
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I personally know of someone who did not send her Census form in until April 1 because a) it wouldn't necessarily be an accurate reflection of the state of affairs on "Census Day" otherwise; and b) it appeared that the form wasn't supposed to be mailed in before April 1. (This is a highly intelligent individual, by the way.) As for myself, I sent the form in earlier but wrote in beside the number of people space, "Unless someone dies before then."

I actually have found it passing strange that the Census would ask for the number of people residing at an address on April 1 yet advertise for the form to be returned earlier. Certainly many things change in households between mid-March and April 1?

Jennifer D. Franz

>From daves@startribune.com Tue Apr 4 09:01:43 2000
Received: from firewall2.startribune.com (firewall2.startribune.com [132.148.80.211])
by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with SMTP
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Received: by firewall2.startribune.com; id LAA03496; Tue, 4 Apr 2000 11:00:40 -0500
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id xma003330; Tue, 4 Apr 00 11:00:29 -0500
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(Norton AntiVirus for Internet Email Gateways 1.0) ;
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with Novell_GroupWise; Tue, 04 Apr 2000 10:58:33 -0600
Message-Id: <s8e9cad9.051@mail.startribune.com>
X-Mailer: Novell GroupWise 5.2
Date: Tue, 04 Apr 2000 10:57:48 -0600
From: "Rob Daves" <daves@startribune.com>
To: stec.4@pop.service.ohio-state.edu, aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Re: technology
Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit
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Mr. Stec:

We occasionally explore people's attitudes about technology. We try to look at a number of dimensions, including early adopters and fear of technology.

We've done several polls on the subject, including the most recent one late in 1999, the findings of which may still be on our web site at www.startribune.com.

Hope this helps.

Robert P. Daves, Director
Strategic & News Research v: 612.673-7278
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Minneapolis MN 55419 USA

>From slosh@garnet.acns.fsu.edu Tue Apr 4 09:16:09 2000
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[192.168.197.3])
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for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Tue, 4 Apr 2000 12:16:08 -0400
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for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Tue, 4 Apr 2000 12:16:06 -0400
Date: Tue, 4 Apr 2000 12:16:06 -0400
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Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: Susan Losh <slosh@garnet.acns.fsu.edu>
Subject: Re: technology

Jon Miller is now at Northwestern, mostly at the school of journalism:

j-miller8@nwu.edu

Susan

At 10:11 AM 4/4/2000 -0400, you wrote:

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Susan Carol Losh, PhD.
Spring-Summer 2000 PHONE 850-385-4266
slosh@garnet.fsu.edu

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE!

I AM NOW IN TRANSITION TO:

The Department of Educational Research
Florida State University
Tallahassee FL 32306-4453

850-644-4592 Educational Research Office
FAX 850-644-8776

FROM:

The Department of Sociology
Florida State University
Tallahassee FL 32306-2270

850-644-6416 Sociology Office
FAX 850-644-6208

>From beniger@rcf.usc.edu Tue Apr 4 09:48:06 2000
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Date: Tue, 4 Apr 2000 09:48:04 -0700 (PDT)
From: James Beniger <beniger@rcf.usc.edu>
To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>
Subject: Call - Soc Sc Data Analysis & Collection (9 Jul-18 Aug Essex GB)
(fwd)

Message-ID: <Pine.GSO.4.10.10004040946430.17146-100000@almaak.usc.edu>
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From: AIMS - INT <aims@ext.jussieu.fr>
To: AIMS Listserv <aimsl@ext.jussieu.fr>
Subject: Call - Soc Sc Data Analysis & Collection (9 Jul-18 Aug Essex GB)

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For further details see URL <<http://www.essex.ac.uk/methods>>

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e-mail sumsch@essex.ac.uk

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United Kingdom

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telephone [international] 44-1206-872502 [UK/Eire] 01206-872502.

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* (Bulletin of Sociological Methodology) *
* bmsl@ext.jussieu.fr *

* http://www.ccr.jussieu.fr/bms *
* *
* RC33 *
* (Research Committee "Logic & Methodology" *
* of the International Sociological Association) *
* rc33@ext.jussieu.fr *
* http://local.uaa.alaska.edu/~aaso353/isa/index.htm *
* *
* Karl M. van Meter *
* email bms@ext.jussieu.fr LASMAS, IRESCO-CNRS *
* tel/fax 33 (0)1 40 51 85 19 59 rue Pouchet *
* 75017 Paris, France *
* http://www.iresco.fr/labos/lasmas/accueil_f.htm *
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Date: Tue, 4 Apr 2000 13:19:56 -0400 (EDT)
From: Philip Meyer <pmeyer@email.unc.edu>
X-Sender: pmeyer@login7.isis.unc.edu
To: James Beniger <beniger@rcf-fs.usc.edu>
cc: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>
Subject: Re: Seek AAPOR members help evaluating a survey in the news (fwd)
In-Reply-To: <Pine.GSO.4.10.10004032008490.22843-100000@almaak.usc.edu>
Message-ID: <Pine.A41.4.21L1.0004041310310.50894-100000@login7.isis.unc.edu>
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Before considering this plea, AAPOR members should know that it is not considered unethical for newspaper companies to pay for professional advice on research methodology. (If it were, some of us would be a lot poorer.) You should also know that the parent company of the El Paso Times reported operating income of \$1.6 billion last year.

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Philip Meyer, Knight Chair in Journalism Voice: 919 962-4085
CB 3365 Carroll Hall Fax: 919 962-1549
University of North Carolina Cell: 919 906-3425
Chapel Hill NC 27599-3365 http://www.unc.edu/~pmeyer
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>From beniger@rcf.usc.edu Tue Apr 4 10:59:59 2000
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Date: Tue, 4 Apr 2000 10:59:49 -0700 (PDT)
From: James Beniger <beniger@rcf.usc.edu>
To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>
Subject: Call for Submissions - Sociology of Sexuality (fwd)
Message-ID: <Pine.GSO.4.10.10004041056140.28742-100000@almaak.usc.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

----- Forwarded message -----
Date: Tue, 04 Apr 2000 11:42:57 -0500
From: Tracy E. Ore <tore@stcloudstate.edu>
Subject: Call for Submissions

Hello all:

As I previously posted on this list some time ago, I am preparing the third edition of "The Sociology of Sexuality and Sexual Orientation: Syllabi and Teaching Materials" for the Teaching Resource Center of the American Sociological Association. I would like to receive relevant course outlines and syllabi, pedagogical essays, bibliographies and filmographies, games and simulation exercises, assignments, and other materials that may be of value to instructors of courses in this area. Send your contributions to:

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Deadline for submission of materials has been extended to April 30, 2000. Please submit materials in hard copy and disk form (note application and version on disk). Please direct any questions to me privately at tore@stcloudstate.edu.

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Date: Tue, 04 Apr 2000 19:17:41 +0200
To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: Edith de Leeuw <edithl@xs4all.nl>
Subject: Re: technology
Cc: :
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Contact Ron Dekker of the Netherlands Science Foundation : e-mail :
DEKKERR@NWO.NL
The Netherlands Science Foundation is now implementing a survey in which
knowledge of , attitudes towards, interest in science and technology is
surveyed. Both general public and special groups (e.g. science journalists,
politicians)
are investigated. They use a questionnaire based on specially designed
questions for this survey, with added questions from earlier studies in the
Netherlands, and international studies.

Good luck,

Edith de leeuw

At 09:52 AM 4/4/00 -0400, you wrote:

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From: "Stuefen, Randy" <rstuefen@usd.edu>
To: Everett.G.Whiteley@ccmail.census.gov, aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: RE: Response rates for South Dakota Reservations
Date: Tue, 4 Apr 2000 16:36:41 -0500
MIME-Version: 1.0
X-Mailer: Internet Mail Service (5.5.2448.0)
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Everett,

Thanks. The reservations are a significant geographic area in our state. It is interesting that all of our reservations would be chosen for enumeration while that is not true in other states. I hope someone lets us know some of the reasoning on this sometime.

Thanks again,
Randy

-----Original Message-----

From: Everett.G.Whiteley@ccmail.census.gov
[mailto:Everett.G.Whiteley@ccmail.census.gov]
Sent: April 04, 2000 3:00 PM
To: Stuefen, Randy
Subject: RE: Response rates for South Dakota Reservations

Dear Mr. Stuefen,

I tried to find response rates for these area on our internet site and failed to do so. The only thing that tells me is that these researvations are probably in areas that will be enumerated directly. That is, these are probably not areas to which forms are mailed and thus would not be included in the response rates.

Everett Whiteley

"Stuefen, Randy" <rstuefen@usd.edu> on 04/04/2000 11:35:05 AM

To: Everett G Whiteley/DIR/HQ/BOC@BOC

cc:

Subject: RE: Response rates for South Dakota Reservations

South Dakota Reservations include:

Pine Ridge
Cheyenne River
Standing Rock
Rosebud
Lower Brule

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From: Everett.G.Whiteley@ccmail.census.gov
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Sent: April 04, 2000 10:15 AM
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These rates are not listed by state. However, if you know the names of the reservations you're interested in, you can pull the rates for each individually. Go to <http://rates.census.gov/aia.html> and the reservation you're interested in should be there.

Hope this helps,

Everett Whiteley
Public Information Office
US Census Bureau

>From beniger@rcf.usc.edu Tue Apr 4 17:37:07 2000
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From: James Beniger <beniger@rcf.usc.edu>
To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>
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>From Sunday's New York Times Magazine--Ethics for the Census Respondent

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THE ETHICIST BY RANDY COHEN

Census and Sensibility

When I fill out my census form, I am considering declaring myself poor and African-American. This would be a lie because I am middle class and white, but it strikes me as responsive to a higher ethic. Adding one more tally to a group known to be undercounted would help right the inaccurate figures. Should I suppress my socially conscious concerns? -- J. Sommer, New York

You should express your concerns, but not in the way you propose. While the census is seriously -- and, many say, deliberately -- flawed, it is not so utterly discredited as to justify the small civil disobedience you describe. Instead, write to your representatives and demand the use of sampling techniques that would yield a more accurate count, and urge your local officials to make every effort to see that all are tallied. But when the census form arrives, fill it out honestly.

Aside from the legal objection to falsifying the form, it is in everyone's interest to make the count as accurate as possible. If your policy were universally adopted, the census would be discredited as little more than fiction, particularly the part about the 35 Guamanians living in my apartment.

Do you have ethical queries that you need answered? Send them to ethicist@nytimes.com or The Ethicist, The New York Times Magazine, 229 West 43rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036.

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From: "Safir, Adam" <ASafir@ui.urban.org>

To: aapornet@usc.edu
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Adam Safir
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All,

I've recently been embroiled in a discussion of the use of mega-panels from which to draw samples for particular studies. Certainly with web/email surveys the use of million-plus member panels has emerged as the first significant answer proposed for questions of how to get a representative sample from the internet. I've also heard many a story about comparisons between random samples and panel-derived samples that showed no significant differences. However, knowing that not everyone in a particular population

had an equal and known probability of being selected for inclusion in the mega-panel sends flags waving. How could a randomly drawn sample from this mega-panel then be representative?

I know that many AAPORNETters are or have been involved with these large panel based research groups and was hoping both they and others could share their thoughts (both positive and negative) about this emerging option for dealing with both the Internet and declining response rates.

Basically, can samples drawn from pre-recruited panels be used to gather scientifically defensible, representative data?

John

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>From feinberg@surveys.com Wed Apr 5 09:46:22 2000

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Adam and others:

An excellent article on all this is "The Controversy Concerning the Israeli Census" by J. David Bleich in Contemporary Halakhic Problems, vol. III, N.Y.: Ktav Publishing House, Yeshiva University Press, 1989.

Barry M. Feinberg
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The American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson, writing in his "Society and Solitude" (1870), in the section titled "Civilization," and following his immortal exhortation to "Hitch your wagon to a star," went on to say:

The true test of civilization is, not the census,
nor the size of cities, nor the crops--no, but the
kind of man the country turns out.

Emerson was born (1803) during Thomas Jefferson's first term of office, and he wrote the words above during or shortly after Abraham Lincoln's second term, which of course ended with his assassination.

We can only wonder what Emerson might have thought of our likely choice between George W. and Al G. for the next "man" to hold the same office, and whether Emerson would have worried very much, comparatively speaking, about the current problems of Census 2000.

-- Jim

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***** From the Conference Operations Committee *****

This message is for those of you who are planning to attend the AAPOR
Conference in Portland this year, but have NOT yet made hotel reservations.

At the moment, both conference hotels are completely full. AAPOR has
filled (and slightly exceeded) our room block, which is roughly the same
size for every AAPOR conference. Still, we realize that some more members
want to stay in the conference hotels if at all possible.

There is a possibility that we will be able to secure an additional 20-30
rooms from the Doubletrees for AAPOR members who want to attend but have not
yet made reservations. We expect to know for sure by tomorrow, and will
update everyone via AAPORNET if and when rooms are available.

If you have not yet made reservations, please be patient until our next
update today or tomorrow. At that time we'll know for sure about Doubletree
availability and will also pass on information about alternative hotels with
best access to the conference. For the moment, we ask that you briefly
stand by, and give us the chance to accomodate as many of you as possible in
the conference hotels.

Many thanks,

Paul Beatty
Conference Operations Chair

>From rshalpern@mindspring.com Wed Apr 5 19:45:41 2000
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An interesting historical tidbit about the first US Census:

April 3, 2000

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>also served as the basis of apportioning state delegations to the new
>House of Representatives.
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>``Most people realized the important nature of what was being set in
>motion,''' said David Hendricks, a Census Bureau historian, standing near
>the case with the sheet of ruled paper listing the names of Paul Revere
>and other Bostonians.
>
>``It was important because they were building a democratic government
>for
>the first time and the government needed to distribute political power to
>the people based on their numbers.''
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>Unlike the secrecy rules prevailing today, the 1790 census rules
>required
>that two copies of the final tallies be publicly displayed. Records show
>that copies went on view in such places as ``in front of the Court
>House,''' the Orange Tree Inn, a local gristmill, or, in one case, ``Mr.
>Henry Eckhart's Tavern.''
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>The third tally sheet was sent to President Washington.
>
>As in every census, some people were missed, either because they were
>hard
>to find or because they wished to remain uncounted.

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>everyone got counted, it was good enough for what they had to do,``
>Hendricks said.
>
>According to the formula established by the Constitution, slaves were
>counted as three-fifths of a whole person for the purposes of
>apportionment. Free blacks were counted as whole people. So were
>indentured servants.
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>There were just six questions asked in 1790, of which two were basic:
>the
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>When all the adding of names and numbers was over, the result did not
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>Washington and other unhappy government officials had hoped the count
>would show a population of significantly more than 4 million. It didn't.
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>When the census was over, the population of the United States at the
>end
>of 1790 was certified at exactly 3,929,214.
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>EDITOR'S NOTE: Lawrence L. Knutson has reported on the White House,
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<dd>``Most people realized the important nature of what was being set in motion,'' said David Hendricks, a Census Bureau historian, standing near the case with the sheet of ruled paper listing the names of Paul Revere and other Bostonians.

<dd>``It was important because they were building a democratic government for the first time and the government needed to distribute political power to the people based on their numbers.''

<dd>Unlike the secrecy rules prevailing today, the 1790 census rules required that two copies of the final tallies be publicly displayed. Records show that copies went on view in such places as ``in front of the Court House,'' the Orange Tree Inn, a local gristmill, or, in one case, ``Mr. Henry Eckhart's Tavern.''

<dd>The third tally sheet was sent to President Washington.

<dd>As in every census, some people were missed, either because they were hard to find or because they wished to remain uncounted.

<dd>``But I think there was a general acceptance in 1790 that while not everyone got counted, it was good enough for what they had to do,'' Hendricks said.

<dd>According to the formula established by the Constitution, slaves were counted as three-fifths of a whole person for the purposes of apportionment. Free blacks were counted as whole people. So were indentured servants.

<dd>There were just six questions asked in 1790, of which two were basic: the name of the head of each family and the number of people in each household.

<dd>The census takers recorded the number of free, white males 16 years or older to determine how many men might be potentially available for military service. They also counted the number of free, white males younger than 16; the number of free, white females; all other free people by sex and race and the number of slaves in the household.

<dd>When all the adding of names and numbers was over, the result did not meet everyone's expectations.

<dd>Washington and other unhappy government officials had hoped the count would show a population of significantly more than 4 million. It didn't.

<dd>When the census was over, the population of the United States at the end of 1790 was certified at exactly 3,929,214.

<dd>That included Paul Revere.

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<dd>EDITOR'S NOTE: Lawrence L. Knutson has reported on the White House, Congress and the history of Washington for more than 30 years.

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Scott,

When you come tomorrow, bring your paper on response rate effects on accuracy of polls. Looking forward to seeing you.

Ron

At 11:57 AM 3/1/2000 -0500, you wrote:

>I agree with Nick's point that Democrats are not "raiding" the
>Republican primaries for the purpose of making mischief. But
>in fact only about half of McCain voters yesterday in Virginia
>(48%) said they would vote for Bush against Gore in the fall.
>Forty-one percent would vote for Gore. Not surprisingly, most
>of the likely defectors were Democrats or independents. But
>it's not clear that these are troublemakers. Among
>Democrats who voted for McCain, 53% would vote for
>McCain if he got the nomination against Gore (33% would vote

>for Gore). But even though some would defect, virtually
>all of the "McCain Democrats" (95%) had a favorable
>impression of him. They really like the guy.

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>On Wed, 1 Mar 2000, Nick Panagakis wrote:

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> > After the Michigan GOP primary, Republicans cried "foul" and said
> > Democrats and Independents had invaded their party. (You would cry too
> > if it happened to you.)

> >

> > They claimed these voters showed up not in support of McCain but to cast
> > a vote for the "weaker" opponent against Gore in November.

> >

> > In Virginia, VNS asked GOP primary voters how they would vote in
> > November. (These exact numbers don't appear in the exit polls but can be
> > derived from the data.)

> >

> > Among McCain voters, 11% would vote for Gore in November in a match-up
> > against Gore. (Among Bush voters, 3% would vote for Gore in November.)

> >

> > 11% doesn't sound much like an invasion, more like a skirmish.
> > Moreover, we can't necessarily impute an improper motive to all of these
> > voters. It is perfectly reasonable to assume that some McCain backers,
> > if deprived of the chance to vote for him in November, would shift their
> > support to Gore.

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Opinion polling and market research alive on the Web, but advertising experiencing considerable difficulties.....

-- Jim

THE INDUSTRY STANDARD'S
NET PERSUASION
A Report on the Meeting of Marketing and the Internet

| <http://www.thestandard.com> |

Wednesday, April 5, 2000

GOT MILK? Several TV stations in U.S. cities recently pulled an Epinions.com ad that featured a mother using and reviewing a breast pump to store her breast milk. This "censorship" drew an angry response from breast-feeding activist group La Leche League. After polling visitors to its site, Epinions also chose not to run on television another ad in the campaign, which depicted a reviewer shooting his iMac full of holes.

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"I can usually trust and believe the advertising appearing in or on ..."

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| Magazines    | 43 percent |
| Network TV   | 32 percent |
| Cable TV     | 15 percent |
| The Internet | 10 percent |

Source: Media Choices 2000 survey from The Magazine Publishers of America. The survey polled 8,000 "random consumers."

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The winning entry for the AAPOR 2000 T-Shirt Slogan  
Contest is...

"Your opinion counts if we count your opinion."

Submitted by Tom Smith at NORC.

Congratulations Tom, and thank you to everyone who  
submitted entries and to all of you who voted.

Katherine "Kat" Lind  
AAPOR Social Coordinator  
LIND@IOPA.SC.EDU

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Do You Yahoo!?

Talk to your friends online with Yahoo! Messenger.  
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Subject: Ignorance of old Censuses  
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I am puzzled by the ignorance of the content of U.S. Censuses of the  
19th and early 20th Centuries that is currently manifest in political  
discussion of the Census. One would think that the fascination of so

many Americans with genealogy and the ubiquity of URL's and library resources devoted to it would make for widespread knowledge of the fact that U.S. Censuses with questions every bit as "intrusive" (and more) as those in the 2000 Census go way back in American history. Some of the states and territories found the U.S. Decennial Census was insufficient for their needs and supplemented it with intercensal censuses of their own.

As an example plucked from a host of genealogically oriented websites that offer detailed descriptions of the content of all censuses since 1790, I have plucked that of the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County, Michigan, Inc. ("Facts Contained in Population Schedules U.S. Federal Census, 1790-1860" which also has links to its corresponding table for those from 1870-1920 and to all Michigan state and territorial censuses, some of which outdid the federal one in what passes today as "intrusiveness."

<<http://www.hvcn.org/info/gswc/censusfactus1.htm>>

Albert Biderman

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Just a reminder that balloting for AAPOR officers for next year is still underway. We will be tabulating ballots through April 24. Just like the decennial census, we are striving for the highest participation rate possible.

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I dont have the ballots. Is it possible to have another set sent?

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\*\*\*\*\* From the Conference Operations Committee\*\*\*\*\*

This message is for anyone who does not yet have a hotel reservation in Portland, but plans to attend the AAPOR conference there next month.

We have made arrangements for additional rooms at the Oxford Suites, which is located directly across the street from our conference hotels. The Oxford Suites is offering a rate of \$89.00 per night for AAPOR conference attendees. Reservations can be made by calling 800-548-SUITE (800-548-7848) or by calling the hotel directly at 503-283-3030.

This rate doesn't include the meal package, but anyone staying at the Oxford Suites who would like to purchase the meal plan will be able to do so when they pick up their conference registration materials. The Doubletree will set up a booth near the AAPOR registration area for meal ticket sales. The meal package rate will be approximately \$71 per day, the same rate that is included in the Doubletree room rates. It will not be necessary to make advance reservations for the meal package.

Additional information on the Oxford Suites is available on their web site: <http://www.oxfordsuites.com>, then navigate to the hotel, or directly at: <http://www.oxfordsuites.com/cfdocs/suites.cfm?hotel=5>

We're pleased that we could find a additional hotel only a short walk away, and are thrilled that so many of you are planning to come to the conference.

Please contact one of us directly if you have questions.

Paul Beatty, Conference Operations Chair  
pbeatty@umich.edu

Shap Wolf, Associate Chair  
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Hi Folks,

Here is an interesting commentary by David Broder, columnist for the Washington Post about some potential effects that attacks on the census might have on low income, minority, immigrant groups, etc. Article was reprinted in the Atlanta Journal and Constitution, April 7th.

Most vulnerable Americans hurt by attacks on census

David Broder - Special

Friday, April 7, 2000

Something about the census makes Republicans crazy. For the better part of two years, they battled the scientific community and the Clinton administration to prevent the use of statistical sampling techniques to correct for the undercount of people --- mainly low-income, minority, immigrant, transient and homeless --- that marred the 1990 census.

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Security and demographic concerns spur the Feds not to publicize citizens' ability to fill out forms online.

By Ben Hammer

The U.S. Census Bureau says it's doing all it can to get residents to complete and return this year's forms. But despite a participation rate hovering around 50 percent, the agency has deliberately played down a new program that allows most households to complete the questionnaire online. Officials say they are wary of hackers and want to ensure privacy. They say they view this year's online filings as a test for the next decennial census, when they expect the Internet to be the medium for more than half the returns.

The 10-year census effort is one of the largest logistical operations that the U.S. government manages. The government delivers and collects forms from 98 million households, and complaints of undercounting are common. The census bureau estimates that its latest effort undercounted minorities, the poor and immigrants by as much as 4 percent.

An online census could magnify that gap by making it easier for wealthier communities to take part in the census. On the other hand, it might increase overall participation. Regardless, online collection efforts should make it easier for the census bureau to complete its mission.

With little fanfare but a lot of internal debate, the Census Bureau built a Web site with enough juice to process in only a few days all 80 million forms eligible to be filed online. The agency has not tested the site on a large scale to see if it can withstand this level of response or the kind of hacking that took some prominent Web sites offline in early February.

Given its lack of experience, the census bureau didn't feel ready to rely on the Internet as a primary means of collection this year. As a result, the agency did little to publicize the fact that people could file online. Instead, it told short-form recipients that they could seek help from a census Web page connected to the site that would let them file online.

"[The Internet] is very inequitably distributed as an opportunity across American society, and because we're trying to focus on the communities that are not as well represented, we made an effort to spend our money and time where they would increase participation," says Director Kenneth Prewitt. "We are also a relatively cautious organization, and so we wanted to use this year's census as an effort to test the system." Having tested the site's security and operability since March 1998, Prewitt decided in January 1999 to move ahead with the online project, albeit slowly.

To be eligible to answer the census online, a household has to be a short-form recipient (five in six are) and have a Web browser with 40 bits of encryption--a relatively low level of security. Given these requirements, 25 million U.S. households would be able to file online. As of March 3, the agency was on pace to receive fewer than 100,000 census returns online, according to Ed Gore, an operations official responsible for online efforts.

Former Director Martha Farnsworth decided against using the Internet to collect census responses because she thought the public was too concerned with privacy and security issues to participate online, Gore said. For this census, he says, the site's main mission is to divert calls from the bureau's toll-free help telephone number. Since March 3, he said, the call center has been receiving about half as many calls as projected.

As for the security issues, Gore says, "We have noted activities from time to time that might raise some suspicion. But to characterize those as hacker attacks at this point is not really for certain."

For the next census, Gore says, the agency will unleash a full-fledged online collection effort. In 2010, the census might use push technology to send an interactive version of the questionnaire to people's homes via their PCs or televisions, Gore says. But no matter how advanced the technology becomes, he believes that snail mail will continue to play a role.

"I don't think we'll ever get away from paper totally," Gore says. "There will always be some element of the digital divide, and we'll always have

to make a way to get to those people."

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Don't call the Doubletree to request these rooms. Contact Oxford Suites directly.

This rate doesn't include the meal package, but anyone staying at the Oxford Suites who would like to purchase the meal plan will be able to do so when they pick up their conference registration materials. The Doubletree will set up a booth near the AAPOR registration area for meal ticket sales. The meal package rate will be approximately \$71 per day, the same rate that is included in the Doubletree room rates. It will not be necessary to make advance reservations for the meal package.

Additional information on the Oxford Suites is available on their web site: <http://www.oxfordsuites.com>, then navigate to the hotel, or directly at: <http://www.oxfordsuites.com/cfdocs/suites.cfm?hotel=5>

We're pleased that we could find a additional hotel only a short walk away, and are thrilled that so many of you are planning to come to the conference.

Please contact one of us directly if you have questions.

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On Sunday, the New York Times published the first in a four-part series on rampage killers, based on an exhaustive survey and innovative use of databases and data analysis, which clearly establishes that most were long known to be mentally ill before committing their crimes.

Unfortunately, what might otherwise be a landmark in investigative reporting on a major social issue is flawed by an appalling analytical blunder that, to me at least, casts doubt on the ability of the authors to interpret their own data.

The article states that "[t]he racial profile of the rampage killers is close to that of the entire population", whereas "[h]alf of all murderers in this country are black. Eighty percent went to high school, and no further."

But these figures represent only persons actually apprehended and convicted of murder. It ignores the fact (pointed out earlier in the article itself) that fewer than a third of homicides are resolved. Nor does it take into account the well-documented evidence that persons of lower socio-economic status, especially blacks and the less educated, are far more likely to be indicted and convicted of serious crimes than their more advantaged peers under our system of justice.

Although I doubt that the authors of the article ascribe to this belief themselves, an obvious implication of their analysis is that while rampage killers are mentally ill persons randomly distributed in the population, regular murderers tend to be uneducated blacks.

This is not much different from the kind of prejudice against Irish and Italians that was so common in the early part of this century. One would have thought that the editors would be a little more careful about propagating this kind of stereotype under the banner of the New York Times.

Jan Werner

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On one of the late night comedy shows on Sat. somebody played a TV news anchor... In the "news report" he announced that "According to the U.S. census, 51% of Americans have responded so far." He followed that by "What I want to know is how do they know that?" cheers, mark

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Commerce Secretary Daley Reports Nation Hits  
Key Census Milestone

U.S. Secretary of Commerce William M. Daley and Census Bureau Director Kenneth Prewitt announced today that 61 percent of American households have returned their census forms. The 61 percent mail response rate meets the Census Bureau's projection used for budget and management purposes in planning census field operations and requesting funding from the U.S. Congress.

"The first census of the new millennium has reached an important milestone," said Secretary Daley. "However, we can and must do better. Every resident in America should be cooperating fully in this process. If you still have a census form, fill it out completely and send it back now. If you don't mail back your form, please cooperate with census workers when they knock at your door."

Census Bureau Director Kenneth Prewitt said, "The 61 percent response rate is encouraging news, but we still have a long way to go to reach a complete count. Census 2000 will succeed only if people cooperate fully. In this context, recent congressional actions and statements that might support some people's inclinations to leave some questions blank are unhelpful and potentially harmful to this effort."

Secretary Daley added, "The Sense of the Senate amendment approved by voice vote last week tells the Census Bureau to do nothing at all to ensure that people answer all census questions. While the amendment has no real legal effect, it sends the wrong message that people can refuse to answer questions they don't like. This is extremely unfortunate. All Census 2000 questions were reviewed by Congress in advance, and the data gathered are vital to communities across America carrying out laws and properly distributing federal funds. At this moment, it is imperative that we do everything humanly possible to encourage, not discourage, full participation in Census 2000."

Through April 11, the Census Bureau will post the Census 2000 initial response rates on its Internet site at <<http://www.census.gov>> for state, local and tribal entities. This site provides valuable feedback to local areas about the mailback rate so they can monitor their household participation rate within their communities.

On April 27, the Census Bureau will begin sending enumerators to visit all those households that have not returned their census forms.

The Census Bureau's '90 Plus Five campaign challenged state and local jurisdictions to raise their response rates by at least 5 percentage points over 1990. In 1990, the national response rate was 65 percent; thus the '90 Plus Five goal is 70 percent.

Currently, 7 percent of the nation's jurisdictions have met or exceeded their target response rate. Among them are Boston, Mass.; Santa Ana, Calif.; Anaheim, Calif.; Compton, Calif.; Modesto, Calif.; Plymouth, Mass.; Panama City, Fla.; and St. Cloud, Minn.

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As mentioned in the preliminary program, we are planning for some "organized" transportation to and from the downtown area.

Currently, we are planning to offer transportation to several local bars and Powell's books on Friday night after dinner and Saturday afternoon with stops at various family oriented places (the zoo, the Children's museum, the art fair and the general downtown area).

The cost would be approximatly \$5 to \$7 per person round trip. Sign-up and tickets will be sold at registration.

If you think you would be interested in this type of organized transportation. Please email me at

TSHIRT2000\_1999@yahoo.com

and let me know the day and number of people so I can get a better idea of the type of van/bus to rent.

Thank you,

Katherine "Kat" Lind  
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Hi Gang...

Those of you with access to the April 10 New Yorker check out Pp. 50-51.  
It's a riot.

Cheers.

Phil Harding  
paharding7@aol.com

P.S. to Mark Richards: It's up to 61% this morning, Mark, well short of the 70% the CB's was shooting for by now. Basis for the percent calculation still not indicated. t Caught Colin O'Brien's "In the News" sketch on SNL, and, so far as I know, God alone knoweth the answer to the question that he (on NBC) and then you (on aapornet) echoed.

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My younger brother worked for a couple years in Mexico City as a VP for Continental Bank. He shared with me this funny experience while being interviewed for the 1980 census.

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Richard Rands

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I am glad that you confirmed this. It seemed awfully suspect, kind of a "oh those silly Mexicans" joke...

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Census Director and Commerce Secretary Say Nation "In Reach"  
of Major Civic Accomplishment

Census Bureau Director Kenneth Prewitt announced today that 62 percent of American households had already returned their census forms by mail, with just one week to go before census takers will complete the process of identifying those households that have not responded and will require follow-up visits by enumerators.

This is the last day the Census Bureau will report daily mail response rates for more than 38,000 local jurisdictions. Prewitt said, "...America is within reach of doing as well or better than 1990, which would be a major civic accomplishment and reverse a decades-long trend of civic disengagement."

Mail response rates to the census questionnaire have dropped from a high of 78 percent in 1970, to 75 percent in 1980 and 65 percent in 1990. The Bureau made substantial operational changes and modified the census form during the last decade to help reverse this decline. It predicted to Congress that even with these changes, only 61 percent of households would respond by mail in Census 2000. With just a few more days to process mail returns, Prewitt noted that reaching 65 percent again "might demonstrate that a positive shift in attitudes toward civic responsibility may be underway in the country, as well as a major improvement in the basic census design."

Prewitt also noted that the response rate for Census 2000 long forms continues to trail the short form response by a much larger margin than in 1990. "The long form response rate is lagging behind the short form by more than double the rate experienced in 1990," Prewitt said.

Commerce Secretary William H. Daley said, "It's not too late. It is in the hands of the American people to demonstrate we can be better. To anyone who has not yet mailed in their form, do it today and make a difference for you, your community and your nation."

Next Tuesday, April 18th, is the last day a mailed-in form can prevent a follow-up visit next month by census enumerators. Prewitt said he hoped to be able to report at that time that the nation has at least matched its 1990 performance.

Prewitt stressed that mailed-in forms arriving as late as April 18th



may not always prevent a follow-up visit since the Bureau errs on the side of ensuring every American is counted.

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Thanks to all those who responded to my query about King David's problems with his census. I found it fascinating how different approaches to this emerged -- scriptural, spiritual, psycho-social (King David's ego trip), etc.

Two people referred me to Albert Madansky (U. of Chi.), who sent me a copy of his very interesting paper, "On Biblical Censuses" (Journal of Official Statistics, Vol 2, No. 4, 1986, pp 561-569). In it he comments on not only King David's census (ca. 1000 B.C.), but also on censuses taken by Moses during the Exodus some 250 years earlier. Among other things, he notes that

the counts (or at least reports) of the Mosiac censuses were wildly inconsistent, some of them out of whack by possibly as much as 1000X. He also noted that Rabbis and Biblical scholars have been delving into these matters ever since, using not only religious but also legal, political, mathematical, semantic and even encryptive (i.e., looking for encoded hidden meanings) approaches

To tell the truth, I had been looking for more straightforwardly practical explanations. This is not as cynical as it may sound, since the point of religions has always been to provide structure, interpretation and guidance for living in the practical world of human affairs. Indeed, had not Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, etc, been pretty successful at this, they wouldn't still be going strong after thousands of years (also cf., "Cannibals and Kings -- The Origins of Cultures" by Marvin Harris). One such explanation I ran across when I first got into this about 15 years ago was that King David ruled over a confederation of tribes or lesser kingdoms,

and that his taking a census ruffled local bigwigs by encroaching on their prerogatives -- a sort of "states' rights vs. Beltway" flap. As a protest, complaint, warning or whatever, his census was subsequently spun by chroniclers in terms of satans, sin, plagues, etc. The ancient Hebrews were

a highly political lot, and the Old Testament is full of "spin", e.g., the various "twice-told tales" (of which David's census is one -- I Chronicles 21 and 2 Samuel 24) may have been spun to enhance the interests of the factions



who produced them.

It seems that despite the efforts of a lot of smarter people than I, this early census remains controversial, unexplained and puzzling. But apparently, we at least can surmise that 3000 or more years ago:

1. censuses were very political, with implications for various factions
2. not only counts, but interpretations of these counts, were wildly variable and  
subject to spin
3. some people, for various reasons (I wouldn't be surprised if avoiding military  
conscription were one), objected to being counted in censuses
4. therefore, censuses were undertakings fraught with trouble, strife and  
controversy

>From which I can only conclude: "Le plus la change . . ." Perhaps Ken Prewitt and Barbara Bailar can find some consolation in this, anyway.

Thanks again for your help. I hope you found this as interesting as I did.

Ray Funkhouser

This Biblical excursion reminded me of Jimmy Durante's quip about King Solomon's 1000 wives: "Ya know what dat means? Every mornin' ya find two thousand nylon stockin's hangin' in the bathroom !"

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Survey and market researchers who promise confidentiality to  
respondents in Web surveys will now have to answer to the FTC,  
or at least it would seem, from Commissioner Thompson's  
remarks...

-- Jim

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FTC OFFICIAL: NET PRIVACY VIOLATORS NOT IMMUNE

Europe has a privacy directive in place, but that does not mean  
that Europeans have more privacy than Americans, said FTC  
Commissioner Mozelle Thompson, speaking at the Computers,  
Freedom, and Privacy conference last week. The U.S. privacy  
model depends on industry self-regulation, and if companies  
deviate from their stated privacy policies, the FTC will actively  
pursue them, Thompson said. The FTC has brought fraud and  
deception charges against some 120 people during the past two-  
and-a-half years, said Thompson, adding that last month alone the  
agency and other groups uncovered more than 1,600 Web sites  
offering Internet scams. Thompson said he has voted in the  
past--along with other FTC commissioners--against recommending  
online privacy legislation to lawmakers. Thompson said the U.S.  
government would be better served by educating the public about  
privacy than playing a role in enforcing it.

CNN Interactive, 10 April 2000.

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\*\*\*\*\* From the Conference Operations Committee \*\*\*\*\*

This message only applies to those of you who plan to attend AAPOR in  
Portland and have not yet made hotel reservations.

Portland is turning out to be immensely popular, with hotels filling very  
quickly. Our primary hotels, the Doubletrees, remain full. Our first  
alternate hotel, the Oxford Suites, still has a few rooms but is also  
filling quickly. They can be reached at 800-548-SUITE, or 503-283-3030.  
Their location is extremely convenient to the conference hotels.

In the event that the Oxford Suites is completely full, we have arranged  
for another alternative hotel, the Holiday Inn Express at Portland-Jantzen  
Beach. They are a few blocks from the conference hotel, and are offering  
AAPOR members a rate of \$79. You can call them at 503-283-8000, or access  
their website at  
[http://www.basshotels.com/hiexpress?\\_franchisee=PDXNH](http://www.basshotels.com/hiexpress?_franchisee=PDXNH)

This information will also be listed on the AAPOR website within the next  
day or so.

If you call to make a reservation, be sure to mention that you are with  
AAPOR. Please make reservations promptly! Hotel rooms seem to be filling  
as quickly as we can find them.

As always, feel free to contact myself or Shap Wolf if you experience  
problems.

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Sender: Postmaster@asha.org  
Reply-To: JJanota@asha.org  
To: aapornet@usc.edu  
Subject: Re: For those who still need reservations in Portland (Out of  
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I will be away from the office until April 17,2000, and will answer my email  
when I return.

>>> "aapornet@usc.edu" 04/13/00 14:39 >>>

\*\*\*\*\* From the Conference Operations Committee \*\*\*\*\*

This message only applies to those of you who plan to attend AAPOR in  
Portland and have not yet made hotel reservations.

Portland is turning out to be immensely popular, with hotels filling very  
quickly. Our primary hotels, the Doubletrees, remain full. Our first  
alternate hotel, the Oxford Suites, still has a few rooms but is also  
filling quickly. They can be reached at 800-548-SUITE, or 503-283-3030.  
Their location is extremely convenient to the conference hotels.

In the event that the Oxford Suites is completely full, we have arranged  
for another alternative hotel, the Holiday Inn Express at Portland-Jantzen  
Beach. They are a few blocks from the conference hotel, and are offering  
AAPOR members a rate of \$79. You can call them at 503-283-8000, or access  
their website at  
[http://www.basshotels.com/hiexpress?\\_franchisee=PDXNH](http://www.basshotels.com/hiexpress?_franchisee=PDXNH)

This information will also be listed on the AAPOR website within the next  
day or so.

If you call to make a reservation, be sure to mention that you are with  
AAPOR. Please make reservations promptly! Hotel rooms seem to be filling  
as quickly as we can find them.

As always, feel free to contact myself or Shap Wolf if you experience

problems.

Paul Beatty  
Conference Operations Chair  
pbeatty@umich.edu

Shap Wolf  
Conference Operations Associate Chair  
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>From kat\_lind99@yahoo.com Thu Apr 13 11:46:28 2000  
Received: from web702.mail.yahoo.com (web702.mail.yahoo.com [128.11.23.22])  
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Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2000 11:46:26 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Kat Lind <kat\_lind99@yahoo.com>  
Subject: Clarification on "Field trips" transportation  
To: aapornet@usc.edu  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Just to clarify,

The organized transportation is meant to provide a  
inexpensive way to get to and from downtown and  
surrounding area. The van/bus will make a couple of  
stops.

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Please pass this along to other AAPOR members in your  
office who are not on AAPORNET.

Thanks,

Katherine "Kat" Lind  
AAPOR Social Activities Coordinator

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>From JJanota@asha.org Thu Apr 13 11:48:05 2000

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Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2000 14:45:39 -0400

From: "Jeanette Janota" <JJanota@asha.org>

Sender: Postmaster@asha.org

Reply-To: JJanota@asha.org

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: Re: Clarification on "Field trips" transportation (Out of office)

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for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Thu, 13 Apr 2000 15:29:18 -0400 (EDT)  
Subject: Information on Opinions of Genetics  
To: Chris\_Montaglione@marketstrategies.com, aapornet@usc.edu  
Cc:  
X-Mailer: Lotus Notes Release 5.0.2a November 23, 1999  
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Thanks for your help.



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I decided to post this question on the AAPORnet because others might be asking themselves the same question. I received the packet for the AAPOR/WAPOR conference registration, and it had the usual two prices for registration for members and non-members. However, there was no space that I could see (did I miss it) for those of us who wish to pay the fee to renew our membership and register for the conference at the same time (and at the lower rate). Did I miss something? If not, how do we go about doing this?

Thanks (and I think perhaps it would be good to answer to the whole Net),

Frank Rusciano

>From jklein@igc.org Thu Apr 13 20:23:28 2000  
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I tried looking up presenters at the 1996 American Sociological Association on the topics of science & tech, mass comm & public opinion, and race/ethnicity. There were only a few who seemed like they might know something helpful, and I couldn't much contact info for them. They are long shots, but they were:

Samuel Cohn, 409 845 5133, ran a discussion on Marxist ideas about racial issues.

Robin Stryker, 319 335 2489, presented on Politics of science and public issue in equal employment opportunity.

Karen O'neill, 460 South Madison Ave. #13 Pasadena, CA 91101, presented Legitimization and official statistics of professional punishment.

I am very interested in your project. Let me know what you find. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-aapornet@usc.edu [mailto:owner-aapornet@usc.edu] On Behalf Of Karin\_Clissold@marketstrategies.com  
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2000 3:33 PM  
To: Chris\_Montaglione@marketstrategies.com; aapornet@usc.edu  
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To: aapornet@usc.edu  
From: dick halpern <rshalpern@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Census Issues  
Cc: Phil Agre <pagre@alpha.oac.ucla.edu>  
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Hi folks,

Philip E. Agre, Associate Professor of Information Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles offers some interesting and pertinent commentary concerning privacy issues currently facing the census - and about which AAPORNET has witnessed no end of discussion over the last year. Phil is editor of the Red Rock Eater News Service (RRE) with which some of you may be familiar. Some years ago he was one of perhaps two dozen privacy experts who were invited to the Census Bureau offices in Maryland to help the Census people prepare for the 2000 census.

Dick Halpern

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Phil's web site: <http://dlis.gseis.ucla.edu/people/pagre/rre.html>; Home page: <http://dlis.gseis.ucla.edu/pagre/>  
E mail: Phil Agre <pagre@alpha.oac.ucla.edu>

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With his permission I'd like to share his remarks with you:

"The US Census Bureau claims to be surprised at the degree of privacy concern that has arisen lately over its "long form". This really makes me wonder about the Census Bureau. I was one of perhaps two dozen privacy experts who were invited to the Census Bureau offices in Maryland a few years ago to help the Census people prepare for the 2000 census, and I found the Census people clueless. Of course they knew about the federal Privacy Act, and they said good (and probably true) things about their security precautions. Anyone who had never set foot outside of Washington would say that their butts were covered. But I found their problems astounding, and I ended the meeting by chewing them out at great length.

"First of all, the Census Bureau was suffering from a dangerous case of mission creep. The most obvious problem is the huge variety of questions on the Census form that are unrelated to the Constitutional purpose of the Census. Every one of those questions has an interest group behind it, and the Census has little power to resist the piling-on of questions from every agency in the government. Much worse, the Census was under great pressure to conduct an infinitely expanding range of studies that would require Census data to be mixed with data from other sources. I believe them when they say that they are resisting these pressures, but their ability to resist sounds finite.

I strenuously warned them that this trend risked discrediting their core function of counting heads for apportionment.

"Second, the Census people informed us in an off-handed way that they had already been engaging in a practice that I found astounding: in follow-up interviews with people who had filled in census forms, they were drawing on data from other government agencies (the buzzword is "administrative records") in double-checking the accuracy of the census data. That is, they would say to people: "on the census form you said X, but on this other form you said Y". I am not making this up, and I warned them that it is a very bad idea. For one thing, it's guaranteed to create paranoia. For another thing, the Census people don't know whether they are disclosing this other information to the same member of the household who provided it. I encouraged them to think about a scenario wherein a remarried person hasn't told their new spouse about children from a past marriage, and the new spouse learns of these children from a Census worker. Of course, we would all prefer that remarried spouses share that kind of information with each other. But it's not the government's job to be revealing it.

"Finally, I expressed distress at the Census Bureau's seeming lack of preparation for its meeting with the privacy experts. In fact, they seemed systematically unclear about why they had even called the meeting. It had never occurred to them, for example, that we might want to look at the current drafts of the census forms. They could not agree whether we were there to discuss their current practices or future practices that they were contemplating. Despite all of the expense and the full day taken out of our lives, the discussion never proceeded beyond abstract generalities because the Census staff was not prepared to discuss any of the specifics of their practices.

"The current flap over the census, however, is not just the Census Bureau's fault. The ultimate responsibility lies with the Republican Congress, which is once again pretending that it is not the government. The Census is absolutely right that they are collecting all of that information because Congress told them to, and the Congress saw the list of questions in plenty of time to do something about it if they wanted to. Congress' new concern with privacy is a welcome thing, but this particular version of it is hypocritical. Working for the government is no fun because you're always trapped in this sort of double bind."

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From: Eric Plutzer <Eric.Plutzer@rz.hu-berlin.de>  
To: beniger@rcf-fs.usc.edu  
Cc: Nancy Wiefek <nmw115@psu.edu>  
Subject: EPI Pulse on Taxes

Jim,

As I am abroad and using a different email server, AAPORNET's listserver doesn't recognize me as a member. Could you post this to the list?

-- Eric

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With tax day tomorrow, AAPORNET members may be interested in seeing the most recent public opinion "Pulse" by the Economic Policy Institute. The "Pulse" was initiated by Ruy Tuxiera and is currently continued by Nancy Wiefek. It is a periodic review of public opinion on current policy topics.

Go to:

<http://www.epinet.org/pulse/taxanalysis.html>

for the pulse on taxes. From there you can get to previous reports on economy, globalization, education, social security and health care.

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for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Fri, 14 Apr 2000 12:36:19 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Thomas M. Guterbock" <tmglp@cms.mail.virginia.edu>
To: AAPORnet List server <aapornet@usc.edu>
Subject: Census issue: burden
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A note about respondent burden in this year's Census:

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You don't have to be a conspiracy theorist to wonder if all of this burden is fully justified. I'm really having trouble knowing why Census needs me to report my RE tax amount if (1) they know where I live (2) I told them the value of my house, and (3) I told them my mortgage payment includes RE tax and (4) amount of the mortgage payment. If it's part of info they need at an individual level, that is easily modeled or estimated. If they want it at an aggregate level, a report from the County Assessor would be much more accurate and less expensive.

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We drew the long form too. My husband spent a half hour then said "you're the survey person. you do it if you think its so important." I haven't read all the releases closely--is anyone stratifying response rates by long/short form?

Karen Donelan
Harvard School of Public Health

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From: Andrew Beveridge <andy@troll.soc.qc.edu>

To: AAPORnet List server <aapornet@usc.edu>

Subject: Tom Gutterbock's Census Form

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Andy

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Thanks,

Paul Beatty

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To: aapornet@usc.edu
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Now AAPORNET has had in rapid succession one post (Halpern's fwd yesterday of Agre's comments) in which the Census Bureau is damned for using case matching with other agencies' data bases and another (Guterbock's today) for its not doing so.

In 1951, a USAF institute (Norm Green was PI) began research on making population estimates by aerial reconnaissance (it worked unexpectedly well). That's the best way of doing it for a hostile population for which a Census count is unavailable. So, with the U.S. population as hostile to their government as to have sociology professors, no less,

disturbed by a one-hour Census response burden, I guess the job will have to get turned over to our space agency next time; that is, assuming we (I mean those I leave behind) will still have federal agencies 10 years from now.

Meanwhile, we who have depended on the bases of the Census of Population and Housing for sample design and a myriad other purposes are indebted to Prof Guterbock and spouse for their diligent completion of a long-form despite their reservations about it. For other social and opinion researchers, journalists and politicians who are more vehement than he is in their objections to the Census or its long form, I suggest they organize a boycott of primary and secondary uses of "unnecessary" Census data by those so minded until the data are collected unobtrusively.

Albert Biderman
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Dear All:

I have been using the ACS data for Rockland. It may take some of the pressure off the short form. But there have been very similar complaints ala Gutterbock to the ACS form.

Put simply, there is a respondent burden.

Perhaps the Census should convince people that the Census and ACS is the only survey they need participate in every 10 years?

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From: "Diane O'Rourke" <DOrourke@SRL.UIC.EDU>
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Seymour Sudman

TO: Friends of Seymour Sudman (and those who might have left him a voicemail or email message in the past few days)
FROM: Diane O'Rourke, Survey Research Laboratory, University of Illinois

Seymour had a stroke yesterday morning (4/13) while on his way to an ASA committee meeting in Washington DC. He had fallen a couple of weeks ago and injured his back and neck -- and unknowingly injured his aorta, which subsequently caused the stroke. Fortunately the stroke

happened on the sidewalks of DC (rather than alone in the middle of the night), so he received immediate medical care. He is alert and talking. It is hoped that in a few days he will be stabilized and able to fly back to Champaign to begin rehabilitation.

He is currently at George Washington University Hospital, 901 23rd St. NW, Washington DC 20037. Get well wishes can be sent there or to our office (Survey Research Laboratory, 909 W. Oregon, Suite 300, Urbana, IL 61801).

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The ACS is essentially the long form and it is being tested against the Census 1999-2001 in 31 comparison sites. It is scheduled to go nationwide in 2003. Then data will be collected every year giving essentially long form sample sizes over 5 years for the smaller jurisdictions. State and county data should be available annually with substantial sample sizes. Response rates to the ACS have been similar to the long form mailing but they are doing two mailings, CATI interviews and I believe CAPI on one third of the remaining non-respondents. I think we have seen the last of the long form in the decennial and the smaller annual samples for the ACS will cause less of an uproar.

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From: "Paul J. Lavrakas, Ph.D." <lavrakas.1@osu.edu>
Subject: Re: Seymour Sudman

Dear Diane,

Thanks for this update. he is so dear a person to so many others. Do you expect that he will be at GW hospital through the weekend?

At 03:57 PM 4/14/00 -0500, you wrote:

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Can anyone point me to a recent article on response rates employing RDD methods in large urban areas? I am particularly interested in any study that employs bilingual data collection. There is much discussion on this listserv about how these rates have gone down, but I cannot find an article that pulls together the outcomes post 1985 or thereabouts.

I would much appreciate any suggestion you can give me.
Sandra Ball-Rokeach
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I'm posting the following message on behalf of a colleague here at Cornell. If anyone knows of any organization that can track individuals, I'd greatly appreciate knowing. Responses can be posted to me yd17@cornell.edu

Thanks.

I am engaged in a longitudinal study of families in upstate new
>york and having trouble locating some of my families on wave 2. I have
>used knowx on the web with mixed success. Can you recommend any search
>services I might hire to help me?
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>Thanks.
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>gary

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On the chance that you haven't looked here, there is a standard instrument  
for this called the "Consumer Assessment of Health Plans" (CAHPS), available  
from the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, part of HHS. Details  
at:

<http://www.ahcpr.gov/qual/cahpfact.htm>  
and you can download the instruments from there.

They also have links to other health care quality assessment studies at:  
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Shap Wolf

> -----Original Message-----  
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There are many states currently doing the CAHPS (Consumer Assessment of Health Plans) surveys. Some are done only with Medicaid, others are done with participants in particular health plans. We currently do a continuous survey over the year of size 1800 statewide on the adult population. It is in its 3rd year and is done for the Delaware Health Care Commission.

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Position Announcement

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#### Description

One half of the appointment is a renewable position with the Department of Sociology at the rank of assistant professor. The position carries a six hour course load during the spring and fall semesters. The successful candidate will be prepared to teach a broad range of courses in the department, including introduction to sociology, research methods, rural and urban sociology, community theory and development and demography. These areas of teaching closely parallel the research and activities of the Docking Institute of Public Affairs. For more information about the Department of Sociology and Social Work visit our website at: <http://www.fhsu.edu/sociology/index.html>

The other half of the appointment is with the Docking Institute of Public Affairs. Primary responsibilities include management of the day to day operations in the Institute's University Center for Survey Research. This entails programming survey instruments to be used in the Center's CATI system, survey data management and analysis, report writing, presentation of survey findings to clients, and supervising graduate and undergraduate students. Proficiency in social science research methods is essential. Prior knowledge of SPSS is preferred. The successful applicant will also have the opportunity assist in project design and grant/project proposal development. The Docking Institute of Public Affairs is a university based consulting, research, and policy analysis organization. Its clients are exclusively non-profit and governmental entities. The Institute's University Center for Survey Research is active in telephone surveying, with 15 CATI stations. Mail surveys and focus groups are also commonly conducted by the Institute. For more information about activities of the Docking Institute visit our website at: <http://www.fhsu.edu/docking>

This is a 12-month appointment teaching two courses each fall and spring semester. The salary range is in the mid \$30,000s, commensurate with experience and education. The appointment can begin as early as June 11, 1999, and must be filled by August 16, 1999. Review of applications will begin May 10 and will continue until the position is filled. A Masters degree in sociology by the time of appointment is required. A Ph.D. is preferred. Please submit application materials including a letter of interest, vita, and three letters of reference to Docking Institute/Sociology Search Committee, Docking Institute of Public Affairs, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS, 67601. You may direct inquiries to Dr. Joe Aistrup, Docking Institute Director at (785) 628-4189 [jaistrup@fhsu.edu] and Ms. Rose Arnhold, Department of Sociology Chair (785) 628-5397 [rarnhold@fhsu.edu].

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AAPORNETters:

I am looking for an experienced (or even a semi-experienced) focus group moderator of Arabic descent who can conduct 2-4 focus groups in the Detroit area -- 1-2 with Arabic-speaking participants and 1-2 with English-speaking participants of Arabic descent. Travel can be arranged, if necessary. Timing would be early summer (sometime in June).

Please reply with suggestions or recommendations to me directly:

bbaumgartner@haglerbailly.com

Bob Baumgartner  
Hagler Bailly Services

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VA does a lot of patient satisfaction work. I'm not sure who does it but you might want to check with Lynne Heltman, who does customer satisfaction in another area at VA, at <ormlhelt@vba.va.gov>. She will be able to point you in the right direction. Feel free to mention my name.

Steve Dienstfrey  
Schulman, Ronca, & Bucuvalas, Inc.

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Subject: LA FANS Position Announcement (fwd)

Dear Folks: As you can see from the job announcement below, we are recruiting a researcher/project director for the L.A. FANS survey. It is a great job and a unique opportunity for the right person, and we really need someone who is topnotch. I am writing to ask for your help in identifying potential candidates. Please pass this along to anyone you think might be interested. Also please feel free to send me ideas for potential candidates. Thanks for your help!

Anne

RAND invites applications for the position of researcher and project manager with the Los Angeles Family and Neighborhood Survey (L.A.FANS), a major on-going longitudinal research project focused on the effects of neighborhoods, families and schools on children's welfare and development, on residential mobility and residential segregation, and on local level consequences of welfare reform. The L.A.FANS is a multiwave longitudinal survey in which data are collected from adults, children, and neighborhood key informants in a stratified random sample of 65 neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles County. The first wave of L.A.FANS is currently in the field. Los Angeles County is a very diverse region covering more than 4000 square miles with a population of more than 9 million people. More information on the survey is available at [www.lasurvey.rand.org](http://www.lasurvey.rand.org). The person who fills this position will work with the L.A.FANS project team which includes researchers at RAND, UCLA, and several universities throughout the U.S. Responsibilities include collaboration with project team members on: (1) sample and questionnaire design for subsequent waves of the L.A.FANS and (2) analysis and publication of results from Wave 1 and from subsequent waves. Applicants must have graduate-level training in sociology, demography, economics, survey research methods, child development, or a relevant social science discipline. PhD plus at least two years research experience preferred, but ABD or masters degree with significant research experience and new PhDs will be considered. The applicant must have strong interpersonal skills and know how to work well in a congenial and collaborative environment. Excellent writing and communication skills and strong quantitative skills are required. Experience in questionnaire and survey design, project management, and analysis of large survey data sets (such as PSID, NSFH, NLSY, SIPP, etc.) using SAS and/or STATA are highly desirable. Bilingual or multilingual candidates with Spanish language skills are especially urged to apply. Position begins in Fall 2000, though flexibility in the start date is possible for the right candidate. Interested applicants should send a letter, CV and the names of three references to: Anne R. Pebley, RAND Labor and Population Program, P.O. Box 2138, Santa Monica, CA 90407. E-mail: [pebley@rand.org](mailto:pebley@rand.org). Please mention reference code BHS003-510 in your letter.

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April 19, 2000

VT. SENATE OKS GAY UNIONS BILL

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By The Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) -- A bill that would create the closest thing in America to gay marriage won final approval in the state Senate today. The bill now returns to the House for consideration of changes to the House-approved version.

The 19-11 vote mirrored preliminary approval that was given to the bill on Tuesday.

Stopping short of recognizing gay marriages, the measure would enable gay couples to form "civil unions" that would entitle them to all 300 or so rights and benefits available under state law to married couples. There was no guarantee other states would recognize the unions.

Democratic Gov. Howard Dean has said he will sign the bill.

The biggest difference between the House and Senate bills is the effective date. Under the Senate proposal, the first civil unions could take place beginning July 1. The House set the date two months later.

Before today's vote, senators turned aside one amendment that would have stated in state law

that one of the central purposes of marriage is procreation.

Only about two dozen people lined the Senate galleries today, in contrast to crowds that filled corridors on Tuesday. Most of them wore pink stickers signaling their support for the bill.

There was little reaction in the chamber when the vote total was announced by Lt. Gov. Douglas Racine, but once the Senate adjourned, there were hugs and tears.

``It's great that it passed,'' said Beth Robinson, one of the lawyers who successfully argued before the Supreme Court that gay and lesbian couples were being unconstitutionally denied the benefits of marriage.

``What's greater to me is the margin by which it passed,'' Robinson said. ``That shows me the Senate understands that gays and lesbians need and deserve the same protections as heterosexuals in our society and that's a great breakthrough.''

House Speaker Michael Obuchowski said today he would hold the House vote next Tuesday and was confident it would win final approval in that chamber.

The state Supreme Court set the stage for the legislation with its unanimous December ruling that same-sex couples were being unconstitutionally denied the benefits of marriage.

Under the new legislation, gay and lesbian couples could obtain a license from their town clerks and then have their unions certified by a judge or member of the clergy.

They then would qualify for the wide array of benefits available to married couples, from being able to make medical decisions on behalf of their partners to qualifying for certain tax breaks.

The couples would have to accept the burdens, as well. To break up a civil union, couples would have to go through Family Court to obtain dissolutions, just as when married couples divorce. Couples would have to accept the joint debts of their partners, as well.

Gay couples would still not be entitled to the federal benefits available to married couples in such areas as taxes and Social Security.

And unlike marriage, civil unions might not be recognized in other states.

At least 30 states have banned gay marriages, and Congress passed the Defense of Marriage Act, which denied federal recognition of homosexual marriage and allowed states to ignore same-sex unions licensed elsewhere.

``If people want to fly in for the weekend and get a civil union license and fly home, it's unlikely they're going to have their home state give it any legal recognition,'' House Judiciary Committee chairman Thomas Little has said.

On Tuesday, senators had debated whether civil unions would eventually led to gay marriage or whether they would threaten traditional marriage.

``If this bill passed, would it have the tendency to encourage homosexuality?'' wondered Republican Sen. John Crowley.

Sen. James Leddy said civil unions would not undermine his 28-year marriage -- or anyone else's.

``There's nothing in this court decision, nothing in this bill, nothing in the committed relationships of two people that presents a threat to my marriage,'' the Democrat said.

Tuesday's Senate debate lacked much of the passion displayed during 17 hours of debate last month in the House, where the Legislature's only openly gay member spoke several times, drawing tears to the eyes of many observers.

National groups quickly weighed in after Tuesday's preliminary Senate vote.

``It's a tragic day for the state of Vermont, for the Senate has ignored the will of the people,'' Janet Parshall of the Family Research Council said in a statement. ``But it's an even sadder day for the state of marriage, for the Senate action today was a direct assault on this sacred institution.''

The nation's largest gay rights organization cheered Tuesday's vote.

``Vermont is taking care of its gay and lesbian citizens in a way that other states are not,'' said David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign. ``Vermont is restating its commitment to fairness



by today's action.'

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The following piece, which appears on the Op-Ed page of this morning's New York Times, continues some of the arguments implied by the findings of the Human Genome Diversity Project, as reported by the Times--and posted by me to AAPORNET--on April 1.

-- Jim

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April 19, 2000

THE CENSUS' RACE PROBLEM

By DAWN STOVER

WHITE SALMON, Wash. -- The 2000 census, bedeviled by poor compliance and charges of intrusiveness, has at least pleased some Americans by giving them far more choices than ever before on the question about race. While this change may have satisfied some of the critics of the rigid racial classifying the census used to demand, it has not made the process more scientifically accurate. No matter which racial box you checked, no one will be able to prove you wrong by any scientific measure, for the simple reason that there is none.

At the genetic level, race does not exist. Studies of human DNA have found that there is far more genetic variability between individuals within any given "racial" group than between two such groups.

Human coloration tends to vary with latitude, but skin color is not a reliable indicator of biological kinship. For example, sub-Saharan Africans are more genetically similar to Europeans than to Melanesians, despite the fact that Melanesians and sub-Saharan Africans share dark skin and curly hair.

Nevertheless, the Census Bureau continues to divide Americans into distinct racial groups, as it has done since the first census in 1790. The information is now used to help enforce the Voting Rights Act and other civil rights legislation. It also helps researchers with problems like identifying patterns of discrimination and uncovering disparities in health and environmental risks. Collecting racial data is a recognition that although race is not a valid biological concept, it remains a potent cultural and political one.

It is the pragmatic need to recognize racial divisions despite their deeper irrelevance that bedevils both the Census Bureau and the many Americans, now filling out their forms or talking to census takers, who resist rigid racial categorization. To an American woman who has, for example, a father who defines himself as half African-American and half Asian and a mother who is Hispanic, the census question exposes the whole business of race for what it is not only on the genetic level but in the daily reality of her family life: forced, arbitrary and ultimately meaningless.

This year the census recognizes more than a dozen races, selected by a political process, not a scientific one. Samoans and Guamanians are included, for example, but not Arabs. In the end, it is up to the person filling out the census to make the racial call. Yet research has shown that when race or ethnicity is determined by self-identification, the results are often different than when the identification is done by an interviewer.

The American Anthropological association argues that eventually, American society must replace racial classifications with some more accurate way of characterizing the diversity of the American people -- perhaps "ethnic group." Many Americans already consider race and ethnicity interchangeable. In a 1996 Census Bureau test, many respondents viewed "Hispanic" as their racial classification and did not see themselves as belonging under "white" or any of the other census racial categories.

Whatever the eventual answer, as immigration continues and "interracial" marriage becomes increasingly common, the Census Bureau's problems with racial categorization are likely to increase. Meanwhile, borrowing the census phrase for those who can find no classification they like, I invite others to join me in considering themselves members of "some other race" -- the human race.

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"We are gratified with the nation's response," Secretary of Commerce William M. Daley said in a statement. "This initial response shows that the hard work of Census Bureau professionals, who planned and executed Census 2000, kept the bureau on track for a very successful census, the first of the new century."

Census Bureau Director Kenneth Prewitt said, "I believe this American achievement represents a significant reversal in the trend toward civic disengagement. We did better than we planned (61 percent) and we matched what we did in 1990.

"Now our job is cut out for us: we will make every effort, beginning on April 27, to contact all of those who did not return their forms so that we can achieve a 100-percent count of our nation's population. And we ask for the public's cooperation in this endeavor."

About 120 million census questionnaires were mailed or hand-delivered to homes across the country in March. As questionnaires were returned, the Census Bureau posted daily, from March 27 to April 11, on its Internet site <<http://www.census.gov>> the rates of return for the country, the states and about 38,000 local and tribal governments.

Under a promotional campaign called '90 Plus Five, the Census Bureau challenged the nation, the states and local communities to do as well as they did in 1990, plus 5 percent. By April 18, about 15 percent of the entities had met their goals.

By April 11, the Census Bureau reported that the response rate the number of those who either mailed back, transmitted via the Internet or had a telephone assistance operator take their answers over the phone stood at 62 percent, a percentage point better than what it had projected for planning and budgetary purposes.

In the next phase of the census, called "non-response follow-up," as many as half a million temporary workers, with address lists and maps, will visit housing units the Census Bureau did not hear from. They will make up to six attempts to contact nonresponding households three personal visits and three phone calls.

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All,

I am currently in the process of reevaluating available CATI software. I have begun to search the AAPORNet archives for previously posted information, but am already finding the task somewhat daunting.

So, without wanting to clutter AAPORNet further with this age old request, has anyone done an evaluation of CATI packages with the past 6 months or so that they would be willing to share? My plan is to create some sort of comparison table of the better systems available, including some form of evaluation of each. I will be happy to share this once it is finished.

In the meantime, I would appreciate hearing from anyone who is willing to share their experiences with their current system or previous systems they have used. Please email me directly. Also, if you want a summary of the information I receive just let me know and I'll be happy to get it to you.

Thanks in advance for any and all sharing.

John

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To: aapornet@usc.edu  
Subject: Seymour Sudman update

Seymour is now stable and is out of ICU and in a private room (Room 5111). Get well wishes can be sent there (George Washington Univ. Hosp., 901 23rd St. NW, Washington DC 20037). He cannot yet speak well enough to talk on the phone. Depending on his condition, he may be able to return to Illinois for continuing rehab treatment sometime next week.

Diane O'Rourke

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Hi Di. How are you? thanks for the infor about seymour. All the best...love from Hot Arizona

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Diane,

I'm sure I speak for many who would say Thank You for keeping us updated on Seymour's progress.

Carolyn White

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From: Susan Losh <slosh@garnet.acns.fsu.edu>

Subject: Re: Naming a new research company

When I do consulting I am "The Numbercruncher." I am trade-marked so don't take that one!

Susan

At 02:53 PM 4/19/2000 -0400, you wrote:

>I would value AAPOR members' suggestions on what they would name a market research/public opinion company if they could start a new company today. Kindly reply to me directly. I will post the suggestions on AAPORnet if I receive any.

>I've been asked to assist in establishing a new polling venture. Thanks. - Marc Zwelling/President/Vector Research + Development Inc./The Vector Poll

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> - Marc Zwelling -

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Hi everyone,

I am program chair for the MRA annual conference in June in Seattle. We have a panel discussion planned on the topic of "Research in a Multi-Cultural Society." One of the panel members, who was going to cover the ethnic issues resulting from the new census form, has had to cancel out.

I am now looking for someone who has worked closely with the census this year who can speak to the impact that the new ethnic breakdowns will have on future research. The program will consist of a 10-12 minute presentation along with several other presenters, followed by Q&A. The session will be presented at 10:45am on Thursday, June 8th and repeated again at 3:30pm the same day. It will also be web-cast.

If anyone is interested, or if you know someone who might be interested, please call me at 415-777-0470 ex 111, or reply to my email address: rrandscfmc.com

Thanks,

Richard Rands

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Thanks to the International Sociological Association -----  
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University of Cambridge  
Cambridge, UK

University Lectureship or Assistant University Lectureship

Applications are invited for a Lectureship or Assistant Lectureship specialising in the Sociology of Marriage, the Family and Sexualities. The successful candidate will be expected to offer teaching for the Social and Political Sciences Tripos and to base his or her research in the Centre for Family Research. The appointment can be taken up on or before 1 September 2000, or as soon as possible thereafter.

The Faculty of the Social and Political Sciences is an interdisciplinary Faculty with teaching and research in politics, psychology and sociology. The Centre for Family Research is a multi-disciplinary research group founded some 30 years ago. Its Director is Professor Martin Richards. The Centre has an international reputation for its research. It is part of the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences which includes social and developmental psychology, sociology and politics as well as interdisciplinary work. The research work of the Centre is organised in four clusters: socio-legal studies of the family, childhood and youth, psycho-social aspects of the new human genetics and maternity services. The work of the Centre is more fully described in the accompanying leaflet or can be found on the Centre's website  
<http://www.sps.cam.ac.uk/Research.html>

The essential qualifications for the post are:

1. Degree and postgraduate qualification in sociology or a related social science discipline with a strong interest in research and teaching on the family, marriage and gender roles.

2. A track record for published family research of international standing.

3. Good teaching, research and communication (including written, verbal and IT) skills.

4. Good interpersonal and team working skills.

Applications, including a curriculum vitae and a list of publications, together with names of three referees (ten copies) should be sent to

Ms Kate Stacey  
Faculty of Social and Political Sciences  
University of Cambridge  
Free School Lane  
Cambridge CB2 3RQ, UK

to reach her not later than 5 May 2000.

Applicants should ask three referees to write directly on their behalf by the same date. Applicants should state whether they are candidates for the University Lectureship, the University Assistant Lectureship or both. There is no application form.

Informal enquiries may be addressed to Professor Bryan Turner at the above address, or to bst22@cam.ac.uk, tel: 44-1223 334 527. Information relating to the Centre for Family Research can be obtained from Professor Martin Richards at the above address or at mpmr@cam.ac.uk, tel: 44-1223 334 510.

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Here's one educated glimpse of the future of market research on the World  
Wide Web. I'd very much like to hear the reactions of AAPORNET's many  
experts in this field, either on list or off.

-- Jim

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FUTURE HOLLYWOOD: PERSONAL NETWORKS  
AND LITTLE PRIVACY

By BONNIE ROTHMAN MORRIS

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Just what is "educated" about this self-proclaimed glimpse of the future?

Why should we pay any more attention to this than to such predictions as a helicopter in every garage (1950's), robot houses that clean themselves (1960's), the end of the fossil fuel based economy (1970's) or the paperless office (1980's), all of which were supposed to have come to pass by now.

The people pushing this view of the future are the same folk who were selling "push" technology (a somewhat less sophisticated version of the permission marketing concept) as the way everyone would be using the web by now. They also need to be very careful about exercising self-restraint, because politicians love to make hay with issues that don't cost the taxpayers money.

Actually, some of these issues, including sharing of credit and personal data, are already coming under regulatory scrutiny by the FCC in this country, and by government agencies in most European countries. The FCC recently has announced that it considers posted privacy positions binding and will take action against web sites that violate their stated rules.

People are also developing chaff mechanisms to deal with many aspects of online data mining, similar to what the military uses to fool enemy intelligence, including selective use of multiple email and ISP accounts.

As for the dangers to the market researchers themselves, I have a copy of an old "Calvin & Hobbes" comic strip on the bulletin board next to my desk.

In it, Calvin, the obnoxious little kid, tells his imaginary tiger friend Hobbes: "I'm filling out a reader survey for Chewing Magazine. See, they asked how much money I spend on gum each week, so I wrote \$500. For my age, I put '43', and when the asked what my favorite flavor is, I wrote 'garlic/curry'."

Hobbes comments: "This magazine should have some amusing ads soon."  
Calvin replies: "I love messing with data."

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This is not strictly speaking false, but it is extremely misleading, because it implies that the Supreme Court has ruled on the matter of using statistical sampling, whereas the court simply said that the matter "does not arise" at this time, because the Census Act, as currently amended, explicitly enjoins the Census Bureau from using statistical estimation techniques for apportionment of the House of Representatives.

In other words, when Congress, as it will almost certainly have to do before the next decennial census, changes the rules on statistical sampling, the issue will probably be back before the Supreme Court for resolution, and the language of the current opinion strongly indicates that this particular court would not rule statistical sampling unconstitutional.

But it seems to be a common belief among journalists that the Supreme Court has ruled on statistical sampling itself. I have counted no less than 3 front page articles on the 2000 Census in my local newspaper in the last few months that said that the Supreme Court had ruled the use of statistical sampling was unconstitutional for purposes of apportionment.

Linda Greenhouse may well be one of the few who do understand the difference, but the language she uses here reinforces the common misunderstanding.

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I believe it is useful to reflect upon the reason the census was originally called for in the Constitution to clarify some of the debates now taking place. The founders demanded a census every ten years because they feared that without a regularly scheduled count, the party in power might attempt to delay or cancel the census for fear it would lose power in the allocation of representatives to areas that were growing in population.

If this sounds familiar, it should. Those who oppose methods of statistical sampling, or who counsel others not to submit the forms, often have as their motives the continued underrepresentation of certain groups we know were undercounted in the 1990 census. That violates the true spirit and justification of the decennial census in the most direct fashion.

The irony here is that these individuals who make these arguments often do so because they state that the census bureau cannot be trusted with the duties of enumeration, since they obviously have a political agenda in pursuing such things as sampling. This reasoning turns the founders' logic on its head. The founders originally mandated that the census bureau conduct the decennial census to keep the count out of the hands of those with partisan intentions. Now we are being told that it is better to accept an undercount than to put the job in the hands of the census bureau.

All of this seems to prove that first, the founders had great wisdom in fearing partisan interference in an accurate count due to political reasons, and second, that certain individuals, even some on the federal court, are willing to ignore the logic of the Constitution in favor of a literal reading of its articles.

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Hi Stuart,

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There's a lot of people who would do anything for \$10 bucks. They could even tie it to their tax form. (\$10 added to your refund, or deducted from what you pay)...

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Dear All:

I agree with Ed about the ACS. I am using the test version for Rockland County (1996 to 1998) and it is actually longer than the long form. Also, at this point it has been vigorously embraced by the GOP County Executive and the business community there. Many of the "intrusive" questions to which Tom Guterbock objected are very useful for planning purposes (housing questions, including bathrooms, bedrooms and costs; travel to work, migration, etc.). I just answered my Consumer Reports annual questionnaire and it probably takes longer to do than the long form!!!!



You should realize, however, that the ACS is not authorized nor appropriated past the present set of tests. Nor have they worked out data access issues very well, at least with respect to tabulated data. The PUMS data are fine.

It shows great promise, but it is not yet an official replacement to the long form.

As to whether or not people will object to it, I think that remains to be seen.

As everyone reading this list must know, during the Reagan administration there was a concerted attack on the Federal Statistical System and on social science more generally.

(This was planned for in the famous Heritage Foundation memo "Defunding the Left.")

Often data depicting social conditions are controversial.

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Excellent summation of the key points!

Hank Zucker

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> I believe it is useful to reflect upon the reason the census was originally called for in the Constitution to clarify some of the debates now taking place. The founders demanded a census every ten years because they feared that without a regularly scheduled count, the party in power might attempt to delay or cancel the census for fear it would lose power in the allocation of representatives to areas that were growing in population.

> If this sounds familiar, it should. Those who oppose methods of statistical sampling, or who counsel others not to submit the forms, often have as their motives the continued underrepresentation of certain groups we know were undercounted in the 1990 census. That violates the true spirit and justification of the decennial census in the most direct fashion.

> The irony here is that these individuals who make these arguments often do so because they state that the census bureau cannot be trusted with the duties of enumeration, since they obviously have a political agenda in pursuing such things as sampling. This reasoning turns the founders' logic on its head. The founders originally mandated that the census bureau conduct the decennial census to keep the count out of the hands of those with partisan intentions. Now we are being told that it is better to accept an undercount than to put the job in the hands of the census bureau.

> All of this seems to prove that first, the founders had great wisdom in fearing partisan interference in an accurate count due to political

> reasons, and second, that certain individuals, even some on the federal  
> court, are willing to ignore the logic of the Constitution in favor of a  
> literal reading of its articles.

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> Frank L. Rusciano, Professor and Chair  
> Political Science Department  
> Rider University  
> email at rusciano@rider.edu  
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To Terry Madonna and others on aapornet who are not aware of it..There  
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addition we currently have a process in place to monitor and release  
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Secretary/Treasurer at efchak@bergan.com or me if you want any  
additional information about membership or NCPP activities. Janice  
Ballou

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Folks, there is a formal organization for those who do media polls, such as Terry Madonna calls for below. It is the National Council on Public Polls. Why not visit our web site at <<http://www.ncpp.org>> NCPP welcomes the participation of organizations, not individuals. Andy Kohut is currently the president.  
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>> Janzen Beach Doubletree at 5:00 pm on Thursday the 18th. If you think  
>> you might drop by, let me know so we secure an appropriate venue.

>> See you in Portland.

>>Stuart Elway

>>The Seattle Times

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Hi. I just wanted to let you know that we've been in the process of updating the group profiles for the Minorities at Risk project for about a year. This means that most of the 277 groups in all regions of the world, except Latin America which will be completed this summer, are current up to 1999 or 2000. The chronologies have been supplemented with important events that took place between 1995 and the time of the update, and that the overviews and risk assessments have been revised in many cases to reflect these events. I've also added a new column on all the regional tables from which the groups are accessible that shows the date of the last update. This way, researchers will know how current the group profiles and assessments are just by looking at the list of groups. Please pass this information on to interested parties on your listserv, and thanks for your support. Anne Pitsch

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Dr. Madonna- Please keep in mind that all academic polls are not necessarily good nor are all commercial polls necessarily bad. I hope you agree, but your comments seem to suggest this.

There is a formal organization for those who conduct polls that are released in the media. The organization is the National Council on Public Polls, established in 1969 with the primary purpose of working with the media to promote a better understanding of polls and polling methodology and the accurate reporting there of. We would welcome your membership.

Harry O'Neill

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Ray - I think your census idea is worthy of serious discussion. Probably no one responded to it because it's more fun to bash politicians (especially those of a particular persuasion).

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I'm new to AAPORNET, and it is great -- plenty of interesting things to think about. I have a couple of logistical questions relating to the upcoming conference:

- 1) Has anyone got a lead on good air fares from NYC to Portland? I'm hoping I can do better than the price I got, even though it was through Conventions in America.
- 2) Is anyone interested in getting together at the conference to chat about progressive thinking in community surveying? I'm curious what's being done in that area.

Thanks.

Dr. Josh Klein



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One of those weird coincidences -- WorldNetDaily carried the story below  
this  
a.m. Good luck to the folks at Census. Perhaps during the next few years  
they will be able to work out procedures so that the 2010 effort will have  
an  
outcome more satisfactory to all concerned. It ought to be a unifying, not  
divisive, undertaking, after all. (I don't think the headline writer here  
is  
helping: one congressional aide = "GOP" ? I wonder how many interviews  
it  
took to find this particular quotation? And how many said, "Sure, try it  
and  
see what happens"?) (why not "Census Director Criticizes Census Incentive",  
which is equally accurate? ).

Phone cards isn't a bad idea -- full value to the recipients, but far less  
marginal cost than actual cash.

Ray Funkhouser

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Friday April 21 3:44 AM ET  
GOP Criticizes Census Incentive  
By GENARO C. ARMAS, Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - A Census Bureau distribution of 30-minute telephone  
calling  
cards to a select group of people to get them to return their census reports  
sends a mixed message to the public as to why they should participate in the

count, Republican critics said.

A randomly selected group of 15,000 households took part in the program, in which they received a card good for \$20 worth of long-distance telephone calls if they answered the census questions.

The incentive was part of a number of test programs the bureau routinely does during census years in preparation for future counts, Census Bureau spokesman

Steve Jost. ``This doesn't mean this is a final decision on whether we will use these incentives or not'' in the next census to be taken in 2010.

This is the first time an incentive program has been tested by the bureau as a way to get forms back.

But Chip Walker, an aide to Rep. Dan Miller, R-Fla., chairman of the House Government Reform Committee's census panel, said ``education, not compensation, should be what motivates people to participate in the census.''

``The census should be a civic ceremony similar to voting,'' Walker said.

``I think if we start going down that road, we may find ourselves in one, two or three censuses from now trying outbid a previous census.''

Jost said Census director Kenneth Prewitt personally opposes incentives, but is willing to test it if it means more people will respond. If the incentive sticks, it could also cost far less than paying to send an enumerator to homes that did not mail back their census forms.

About 35 percent of the forms mailed out have yet to be returned. Census Bureau workers will be sent to these homes, beginning April 27, to gather the missing information.

One city, Valdosta, Ga., drew criticism after offering a \$5 incentive to people who returned their forms. The Southeastern Legal Foundation, a conservative public interest law group, said that incentive may violate Georgia law.

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I am directing a series of surveys of Medicaid beneficiaries for the state of Michigan, most of them using the standardized CAHPS instrument and protocols. If you have specific issues you'd like addressed, I'll try to help.

Sid Groeneman  
Market Facts  
McLean, Virginia  
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Suzanne Parker wrote:

> Dear Colleagues  
>  
> I am attempting to do a study on patient satisfaction in the Florida  
> medicaid program. If any of you could help by providing information on  
> surveys you have conducted concerning patient satisfaction, it would be  
> greatly appreciated. Also, if anyone could point me in the direction of  
> surveys that they know about, it would also be very helpful. I am  
> especially interested in survey instrument itself.  
>  
> Thank you for your help,  
> Suzanne Parker  
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If anyone has national data broken out by party affiliation (Reps-Dems-Independents) and by any other factors that helps explain public opinion towards the Elian Gonzales matter, I for one would appreciate having it posted as I find the simplistic marginals that are being reported unsatisfying. Thanks.

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NEW YORK AAPOR and the MEDIA STUDIES CENTER  
present an Afternoon Workshop

Date ..... Wednesday, 3 May 2000  
Presentation ..... 2:30 p.m. -- 5:00 p.m.

Place ..... Newseum/NY (The Media Studies Center)  
580 Madison Ave. (56-57th Sts.)/Auditorium

#### MANAGING INTERNATIONAL SURVEY RESEARCH PROJECTS

Allen Khorami..Sr. VP/Director, Int'l Div., Audits & Surveys Worldwide  
Terry Coen.....VP, Sales and Marketing, Survey Sampling, Inc.

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Speakers Allen Khorami and Terry Coen bring to the workshop a combined total of more than 40 years of international research experience in dozens of countries, with two of the leading firms involved in global marketing and opinion research.

ATTENDANCE IS BY ADVANCE RESERVATION ONLY. E-MAIL ronirosner@aol.com, or call if you must (212/722-5333).

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Check with NBC. They didn't show the numbers broken down, but this morning they said morning that men strongly approved the use of force while women strongly opposed it. That just a paraphrasing on my part--I don't remember

the exact wording of the question.

Joan

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Dear AAPORites,

We extremely pleased that so many of you will be joining us in Portland, Oregon for the upcoming AAPOR/WAPOR Conference. The AAPOR Conference is May 18-21. The WAPOR Conference is May 17-19. The excitement is building for this truly global conference!

Here are a few reminders and updates:

1. Preregistration: Please preregister for the Conferences by the end of this month to receive the preregistration discount. AAPOR members will save \$30 by preregistering for the AAPOR conference and even more if you are attending both AAPOR and WAPOR. All registration materials can be downloaded from the AAPOR web site: [www.aapor.org](http://www.aapor.org)

2. Hotel Accommodations: Rooms are still available at discount rates. The "official" conference hotels, the Doubletrees Columbia River and Jantzen Beach, are full. However, the AAPOR Conference Operations has arranged for rooms in several nearby alternative hotels. The Holiday Inn Express at Portland-Jantzen Beach is just a few blocks from the conference hotels. They are offering AAPOR members a rate of \$79 per night. You can sign up for the AAPOR meal plan at the conference regardless of where you are staying. You can call them at 503-283-8000, or access their website at [http://www.basshotels.com/hiexpress?\\_franchisee=PDXNH](http://www.basshotels.com/hiexpress?_franchisee=PDXNH)  
Be sure to mention AAPOR.

Information on other hotels and airline information is also available on the AAPOR web site. We have several alternate hotels listed there.

3. Program: We have over 60 panels and roundtables devoted to the Internet, questionnaire design, the 2000 elections, the 2000 Census, update on nonresponse, research design, global research, and social and generational issues. There is an "Internet" panel in every time slot during the entire conference. The Friday evening plenary is devoted the "e-Revolution" as well.

An updated program is available on the AAPOR web site. The final program will be up shortly. Participants should check the updated program for panel times. We had to make a few time changes to accommodate all the panels.

4, Short courses: Registration is still available, but courses are filling up fast. Please register as soon as possible for the short courses to avoid being disappointed. The short courses, each taught by a leading expert, are on advanced questionnaire design (Krosnick), introduction to weighting (Brick), and design of mail and Internet surveys (Dillman). Short course descriptions are available on the AAPOR web site.

5. The Social Side: The AAPOR Conference is always a time for mingling, making new acquaintances and renewing old ones. This year's conference has several pre-dinner receptions, an AAPOR Jazz Cafe Thursday evening, and the "Saturday Night Fever" costume party Saturday night. We will also have the traditional Saturday evening sing-along, seminar in applied probabilities, and the Saturday morning fun-run.

We look forward to seeing you in Portland!

Mark Schulman  
Chair, AAPOR Conference 2000

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National Omnibus Survey  
2000

The University of Maryland Survey Research Center (SRC) will be beginning its Sixth National Omnibus survey in June.

The objective of the National Omnibus is to provide a vehicle for

researchers interested in collecting data on a small number of variables or who want to experimentally compare alternative versions of questions on a large sample.

Survey Design: 1,000 interviews (48 states), using a list-assisted sample, with random selection of one adult respondent within each sample household. Up to 20 callbacks; refusal conversion; two pretests and assistance with question construction.

Deliverables: ASCII data set and SPSS Windows systems file with researcher's items and standard SRC demographics (sex, age, race, income, education, marital status, household size, political party affiliation), sample design and poststratification weights, and a brief methods report.

Schedule: Questions due: June 9  
Pretesting: June  
Data collection: July-August  
Data delivered: September 15

Cost: \$975 per single response item. More complex questions, split ballot experiments, rotated items or response categories will be budgeted on an individual basis.

We expect to repeat this survey semi-annually or annually, depending on sponsor interest..

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Can anyone provide a rough estimate of the number of polls/surveys of all kinds carried out in the U.S. over a given period, e.g., during 1999?

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Hi!

We are seeking leads on data bases that describe the current national population of college students including age, gender, degree path, and geographic region. Any suggestions where we might find such data?

Thanks, -Vicky

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To: "'albright@field.com'" <albright@field.com>  
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The U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) has a website which lists the various studies they conduct and published reports from those studies. That would be a good place to start. The url is nces.ed.gov , then click on "surveys and programs." Hope that helps!

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-----Original Message-----

From: victoria albright [mailto:albright@field.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2000 1:27 PM  
To: aapornet@usc.edu  
Subject: Seeking Profile of Am. College Students

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Thanks, -Vicky

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To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: Re: Number of polls/surveys?

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I am also be very interested in this, particularly if there is any useful way to gauge the reliability of the estimate.

In January 1999, a Washington Post article by Claudia Deane stated that "...every year, about 20 million Americans participate in opinion surveys, one-fourth of these in surveys sponsored by the federal government."

With Ms. Deane's help, I was able to trace the origin of this estimate back to Laure Sharpe's presidential address at the 1984 AAPOR conference, which means that even if it had been reasonably accurate at that time, it was at least 15 years out of date when printed in the Post and certainly did not take into account the enormous growth in commercial and political polling during that period.

Jan Werner

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> kinds carried out in the U.S. over a given period, e.g., during 1999?

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From: Leo Simonetta <simonetta@artsci.com>

To: "'aapornet@usc.edu'" <aapornet@usc.edu>

Subject: RE: Seeking Profile of Am. College Students

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You might try Digest of Education Statistics, 1999

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2000031>

though the data tends to be a couple of years old.

There is also the Higher Education Research Institute

<http://www.gseis.ucla.edu/heri/>

which conduct a number of surveys at participating schools.

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Leo G. Simonetta  
Art & Science Group, Inc.  
simonetta@artsci.com

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> Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2000 1:27 PM

> To: aapornet@usc.edu

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To: <aapornet@usc.edu>

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Call the Higher Education Research Institute at the Graduate School of  
Education, UCLA, 310/ 825-1925. (Alexander Astin and Helen Astin.) They  
collect freshmen norms--trends back to 1967 or so. cheers, mark richards

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Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2000 1:27 PM

To: aapornet@usc.edu

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Howard,

Considering what one now finds virtually everywhere on the Web, even under names like "Newsweek" and "MSNBC," I'd like to see someone even attempt to \*define\* your term "polls/surveys". Would you be content to confine your question to efforts \*not\* conducted on the Web?

This is an unjustly unkind oversimplification, I admit, but not an unreasonable one, considering the likely imprecision of any such estimate

of all U.S. polls in a year, from the start.

It's also unclear, by "carried out in the U.S.," whether you wish to include international and foreign polls conducted by American researchers.

Also worth clarifying, I suppose, is whether you really mean to include not only national polls, but also those regional, state, county, local, city, neighborhood, precinct, school system, corporation, etc. or, if not, at which level would you draw your line?

Hope this helps at least more than it complicates.

-- Jim

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On Tue, 25 Apr 2000, Howard Schuman wrote:

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> kinds carried out in the U.S. over a given period, e.g., during 1999?

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From: Kat Lind <kat\_lind99@yahoo.com>  
Subject: Organized Transportation in Portland - One more time  
To: aapornet@usc.edu  
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I have not gotten a lot of response to my previous emails concerning "organized" transportation on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. If there is anyone else who is interested in this, please email me a note at TSHIRT2000\_1999@yahoo.com and let me know the number of people and the day you are interested in.

If there is not enough interest in this, we will have sign up sheets for folks who would like to share cabs into the city at registration.

Thanks,

Katherine "Kat" Lind  
AAPOR Social Activities Coordinator  
LIND@IOPA.SC.EDU

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From: Jerold Pearson <jpearson@stanford.edu>

Subject: Re: Seeking Profile of Am. College Students

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Vicky (and others who may be interested),

Try CASE (the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education) in Washington, DC. You might want to start by calling John Abrahams, its Director of Research and Information, at 202-328-5900x5575. (And say hi for me.) CASE's web site is at: <http://www.case.org/>

If CASE doesn't have the info you need, try AIR (the Association for Institutional Research) at 850-644-4470. If you go to its web site, there is a link to a bunch of other resources on higher education statistics. <http://www.airweb.org/>

Hope this helps.

Jerold Pearson, '75  
Director of Market Research  
Stanford University  
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The mind boggles at the magnitude of this task. Effective operational definition of 'polls/surveys of all kinds' would be a challenge. All I know is that CASRO has done surveys asking the public if they've participated in a (telephone?) survey in the past year. Harry O'Neill has the details on that. This could give you a kind of prevalence figure, but I don't know how to go about estimating 'incidence.'

Gallup has made a claim that they conduct some (large) percentage of all polling done in the world; you could ask them for how they calculate the denominator in that fraction.

Tom

On Tue, 25 Apr 2000 12:21:59 -0400 (EDT) Howard Schuman  
<hschuman@umich.edu> wrote:

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> kinds carried out in the U.S. over a given period, e.g., during 1999?

Thomas M. Guterbock ..... Voice:(804) 924-6516  
Sociology/Center for Survey Research .... FAX: (804) 924-7028  
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Charlottesville, VA 22903 ..... e-mail: TomG@virginia.edu

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No, but couldn't someone could put a question on a national omnibus and ask respondents how many times they've been polled this/last year.

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- Marc Zwelling -  
Vector Research + Development Inc.  
Phone: 416 - 733 - 2320  
Fax: 416 - 733 - 4991  
<http://www.vectorresearch.com/>  
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Hi, Vicky...

This is the from the subscribers' site of the Chronicle of Higher Education  
and promises to help with at least some of your questions. For the princely  
sum of \$7.00, why not give it a shot?

Phil Harding  
paharding7@aol.com

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I would try to talk with Honomichl, who is an expert on the market/survey research industry, but I can't find him in the AAPOR directory or in The AMA Greenbook. He is the guy who publishes the Honomichl 50 list of top survey research firms, and as of 1995 had a company called Marketing Aid Center Inc. in Barrington IL. Hope that helps.

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Thanks to the several individuals who suggested different ways of wording my inquiry about the number of polls/surveys done during some unit of time. All the suggestions seemed sensible: theoretical questions, like survey questions, benefit from suggested changes by colleagues.

In any case, I would welcome any measure that anyone has of the profusion of polls/surveys, whether limited by mode (e.g., putting aside internet surveys); approached in a different way (e.g., proportion of the population that reports having been contacted to be in a survey [other than the U.S. Census!]; amount of money spent on carrying out surveys; growth of any of the preceding; or whatever.

>From pbraun@braunresearch.com Wed Apr 26 06:09:54 2000  
Received: from fatuka.netreach.net (fatuka.netreach.net [207.29.195.121])  
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Reply-To: <pbraun@braunresearch.com>  
From: "Paul Braun" <pbraun@braunresearch.com>  
To: <aapornet@usc.edu>

Subject: RE: Number of polls/surveys?  
Date: Wed, 26 Apr 2000 09:11:00 -0400  
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In-Reply-To: <SIMEON.10004251538.B@98cab544.config.mail.virginia.edu>  
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Perhaps the census bureau could help with this inquiry. Now we have a question to add on the 2010 census.

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-aapornet@usc.edu [mailto:owner-aapornet@usc.edu] On Behalf Of Thomas M. Guterbock  
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2000 3:23 PM  
To: AAPORnet List server  
Subject: Re: Number of polls/surveys?

The mind boggles at the magnitude of this task. Effective operational definition of 'polls/surveys of all kinds' would be a challenge. All I know is that CASRO has done surveys asking the public if they've participated in a (telephone?) survey in the past year. Harry O'Neill has the details on that. This could give you a kind of prevalence figure, but I don't know how to go about estimating 'incidence.'

Gallup has made a claim that they conduct some (large) percentage of all polling done in the world; you could ask them for how they calculate the denominator in that fraction.

Tom

On Tue, 25 Apr 2000 12:21:59 -0400 (EDT) Howard Schuman  
<hschuman@umich.edu> wrote:

> Can anyone provide a rough estimate of the number of polls/surveys of all  
> kinds carried out in the U.S. over a given period, e.g., during 1999?

Thomas M. Guterbock ..... Voice:(804) 924-6516  
Sociology/Center for Survey Research .... FAX: (804) 924-7028  
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Charlottesville, VA 22903 ..... e-mail: TomG@virginia.edu

>From simonetta@artsci.com Wed Apr 26 06:51:37 2000  
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(twsn1-hfc-0252-dl1db038b.rdc1.md.comcastatwork.com [209.219.3.139])  
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    id <JV49WQZ1>; Wed, 26 Apr 2000 09:50:08 -0400

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From: Leo Simonetta <simonetta@artsci.com>  
To: "'aapornet@usc.edu'" <aapornet@usc.edu>  
Subject: RE: Seeking Profile of Am. College Students  
Date: Wed, 26 Apr 2000 09:50:06 -0400  
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There is actually a more recent 1999-2000 Almanac Issue of the Chronicle that was published 8/27/99.

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Leo G. Simonetta  
Art & Science Group, Inc.  
simonetta@artsci.com

> -----Original Message-----

> From: PAHARDING7@aol.com [mailto:PAHARDING7@aol.com]  
> Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2000 7:54 PM  
> To: aapornet@usc.edu  
> Subject: Re: Seeking Profile of Am. College Students

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> Hi, Vicky...

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> This is the from the subscribers' site of the Chronicle of  
> Higher Education an

> d promises to help with at least some of your questions. For  
> the princely

> sum of \$7.00, why not give it a shot?

>

> Phil Harding

> paharding7@aol.com

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>From JRachels@concentric.net Wed Apr 26 07:27:47 2000

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[1-800-745-2747 The Concentric Network]

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Date: Wed, 26 Apr 2000 10:30:15 -0400

From: Joyce Rachelson <JRachels@concentric.net>

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MIME-Version: 1.0

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: Re: Number of polls/surveys?  
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You can get in touch with Larry Gold. He's editor of Inside Research which was started by Honomicl. P.O. Box 296, Barrington, IL 60011 (847) 526-0707

Sorry, but I don't have an e-mail address for him.

Joyce Rachelson

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"We do not see things as they are, we see things as we are." The Talmud

"Software without support is hardware" - JR/1999  
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Date: Wed, 26 Apr 2000 10:42:35 -0400  
From: Jan Werner <jwerner@jwdp.com>  
Reply-To: jwerner@jwdp.com  
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Jack Honomicl can probably be reached through the American Marketing Association, for whom he produces the "Top 50" list each year. I believe he still publishes a newsletter called "Inside Research", but he has no web presence that I know of.

Jan Werner

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jk wrote:

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> I would try to talk with Honomicl, who is an expert on the market/survey  
> research industry, but I can't find him in the AAPOR directory or in The  
> AMA  
> Greenbook. He is the guy who publishes the Honomicl 50 list of top  
> survey  
> research firms, and as of 1995 had a company called Marketing Aid Center  
> Inc. in Barrington IL. Hope that helps.  
>

> -----Original Message-----  
> From: owner-aapornet@usc.edu [mailto:owner-aapornet@usc.edu] On Behalf Of  
> Howard Schuman  
> Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2000 12:22 PM  
> To: aapor  
> Subject: Number of polls/surveys?  
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> Can anyone provide a rough estimate of the number of polls/surveys of all  
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To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>  
Subject: GOP frugs Census  
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Today's Washington Post has a major front page article on the Census under the headline: "Census to Start Hardest Job: Opening 42 Million Doors".

In the print edition (but not online), the headline is followed by this sublead: "GOP Letter adds to Concern about Resistance".

The article begins:

Hundreds of thousands of temporary census takers, carrying official black and white tote bags and red, white and blue ID badges, head out across the country tomorrow to begin the hardest phase of the 2000 count, asking questions of millions of people who were missed on the first round, or who would rather be left alone.

Even as census takers prepared to begin knocking on doors, Census Bureau

Director Kenneth Prewitt said a GOP fundraising letter that went out this month--in an envelope reading "Republican census document enclosed"--could make it harder for them to do their job.

So far, despite hurdles of apathy and suspicion, the response has gone

better than Census Bureau officials expected. Sixty-five percent of households that were sent forms have mailed them back, the same as in 1990, halting a decades-long decline in participation. But officials worry that the 42 million households yet uncounted include many people

who will slam the door on enumerators.

The Republican mailing prompted Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney (N.Y.), ranking Democrat on the House census subcommittee, to ask the U.S. Postal Service yesterday to investigate whether the letter violates laws against deceptive mailings. In asking Republican Party Chairman Jim Nicholson to stop the mailing, she wrote, "Your tawdry efforts to use the Census to raise money cheapens our American ceremony."

But Republican Party spokesman Mike Collins said "it would be impossible to be fooled" into thinking the envelope was a census document, and Chip Walker, a spokesman for House census subcommittee Chairman Dan Miller (R-Fla.), called Maloney's criticism "much ado about nothing."

Both accused Maloney of playing partisan politics instead of working with the GOP to persuade people to complete their forms. Walker noted that the mailing did not go out until April 10, after most people had sent in their forms.

But Prewitt said the mailing could confuse some people into thinking the Census Bureau was asking them inappropriate questions--the letter asks their views on subjects including abortion and homosexuality--and that might make them less welcoming when the census taker arrives.

"Any distraction, any confusion," Prewitt said, "puts higher barriers to us to finish the task that we are trying to do for a bipartisan U.S. Congress."

The article goes on much longer and includes a thumbnail history of the Census, explanations of how Census data is used with illustrations from D.C. area communities. It may be read in full at:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A14377-2000Apr25.html>

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X-Mailer: QUALCOMM Windows Eudora Pro Version 4.1

Date: Wed, 26 Apr 2000 12:20:43 -0400



To: AAPORNET@usc.edu  
From: Michael Kagay <kagay@nytimes.com>  
Subject: Winners of AAPOR Elections  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
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All best wishes to you.

I am pleased to announce our seven  
new officers and Council members:

Vice-President & President-Elect.....Don Dillman  
Associate Secretary-Treasurer.....Rob Santos  
Associate Conference Chair.....Dick Kulka  
Councillor-at-Large.....Diane Colasanto  
Assoc. Standards Chair.....Scott Keeter  
Assoc. Publications & Info Chair.....Larry McGill  
Assoc. Membership &  
Chapter Relations Chair.....Dawn Von Thurn Nelson

Congratulations to the Winners !!

And many thanks to the other seven candidates who stood for election  
and who were also willing to serve AAPOR.

Cheers, - Mike Kagay  
Nominations Committee Chair

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Date: Wed, 26 Apr 2000 14:02:15 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)  
From: bwiggin@irss.unc.edu (Bev Wiggins)  
To: aapornet@usc.edu, nns@vance.irss.unc.edu  
Subject: SAPOR student paper competition  
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If you know of students who have written good papers this year on any public

opinion topic, or using  
survey data, please encourage them to apply for SAPOR's James W. Prothro  
student paper award.  
Deadline for submissions is June 15, 2000. More information can be found at  
[www.irss.unc.edu/sapor](http://www.irss.unc.edu/sapor)

Also available at that URL is information about the October SAPOR conference  
and call for paper  
abstracts.

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To: [aapornet@usc.edu](mailto:aapornet@usc.edu)  
Subject: Slick "Sleep" SUG"Survey"  
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I received today a thoroughly pro mailing that belongs in the Slick  
SUGgers Hall of Fame, the "2000 Sleep Survey sponsored by the Sleep  
Education Council . . . co-sponsored by Sleep OnAir," a mattress  
company.

Should I be sending this on to Mitofsy as Standards Chair or some other  
AAPOR committee?

Albert Biderman  
[abider@american.edu](mailto:abider@american.edu)

>From [mtrau@umich.edu](mailto:mtrau@umich.edu) Wed Apr 26 18:03:48 2000  
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From: Michael Traugott <mtrau@umich.edu>  
To: "'aapornet@usc.edu'" <aapornet@usc.edu>  
Subject: RE: Slick "Sleep" SUG"Survey"  
Date: Wed, 26 Apr 2000 21:07:40 -0400  
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I would send it both to Warren and to Janice Ballou, incoming Standards  
Chair.

-----Original Message-----

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Albert Biderman

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X-Mailer: QUALCOMM Windows Eudora Pro Version 4.2.0.58

Date: Wed, 26 Apr 2000 21:18:16 -0700

To: aapornet@usc.edu, unovic@aol.com

From: victoria albright <albright@field.com>

Subject: Job Opening - Market Research Analyst

Mime-Version: 1.0

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The following job posting was forwarded to me by a recruiter.&nbsp; While  
I am not familiar with the company, it seems like an interesting  
opportunity for the right person.&nbsp; Please do not respond to

me.&nbsp; See contact info at bottom.&nbsp; (Dominic, please circulate on  
BASE list.)<br>

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Best, -Vicky Albright<br>

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efforts. Coordinates with the product marketing groups in outlining a  
plan of action for individual research projects, including objectives,  
method, time line and costs for the implementation of market research  
studies, conducted either in-house or through outside vendors as  
appropriate. Coordinates with internal ABI groups to keep projects on  
track time-wise, ensuring that all members of research project team meet  
jointly agreed upon, realistically established deadlines associated with  
their particular contributions to the projects. Reviews primary research  
reports produced by outside consultants, both past (for tracking  
purposes) and current; summarizes results for internal groups,  
interpreting findings within ABI's business context( based on input from  
Director); may or may not be asked to give project specific research  
finding presentations to internal groups.<br>

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Skills Required:<br>

Minimum Bachelor's Degree in social science discipline (psychology,  
sociology, anthropology, methodology). Life science background a plus.  
Minimum 3 years of market research experience, with at least one of those  
years having occurred in a market research firm. Experience in  
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Interested candidates should Email their resumes to:

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You can also send it to:

Diane Bowers, Pres.  
CMOR  
170 N. Country Road, Suite 4  
Port Jefferson, NY 11777

And to:

Betsy Peterson, Dir.  
Marketing Research Association  
1344 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 306  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067-0230

Joyce Rachelson  
Industry Action Council Chair  
Marketing Research Association

OM wrote:

>  
> I received today a thoroughly pro mailing that belongs in the Slick  
> SUGgers Hall of Fame, the "2000 Sleep Survey sponsored by the Sleep  
> Education Council . . . co-sponsored by Sleep OnAir," a mattress  
> company.  
>  
> Should I be sending this on to Mitofsy as Standards Chair or some other  
> AAPOR committee?  
> Albert Biderman  
> abider@american.edu

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"We do not see things as they are, we see things as we are." The Talmud

"Software without support is hardware" - JR/1999

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To: <aapornet@usc.edu>

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Another thought about where to look is the authoritative (though dated) *Surveying Subjective Phenomena*, Turner & Martin, 1984, Vol. 1. Chapter on 2 Uses and Abuses of Surveys has a section on the Size of the Industry which says there is no reliable info for comprehensive estimate of survey industry size. The references might help you get something more current.

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-aapornet@usc.edu [mailto:owner-aapornet@usc.edu] On Behalf Of Joyce Rachelson

Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2000 10:30 AM

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: Re: Number of polls/surveys?

You can get in touch with Larry Gold. He's editor of *Inside Research* which was

started by Honomi. P.O. Box 296, Barrington, IL 60011

(847) 526-0707

Sorry, but I don't have an e-mail address for him.

Joyce Rachelson

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"Software without support is hardware" - JR/1999

>From G.Terry.Madonna@millersv.edu Thu Apr 27 10:30:01 2000  
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Hi Harry,

Sorry for the late response. Of course, I know that not all academic polls are good and commercial polls bad. My point was that many times political consultants deliberately mislead to advantage their candidates. Certainly not all political pollsters do that, but my direct experience is that a large number do. Also, they manipulate polling data for their own advantage. Obviously many political pollsters understand polling methodology quite well and because they do, they are better situated to manipulate the data in their efforts to win elections.

Thanks for the information about the National Council on Public Polls.

Terry

-----Original Message-----

From: HOneill1536@aol.com [mailto:HOneill1536@aol.com]  
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2000 3:39 PM  
To: aapornet@usc.edu  
Subject: Re: Newspaper Pollsters Guild

Dr. Madonna- Please keep in mind that all academic polls are not necessarily good nor are all commercial polls necessarily bad. I hope you agree, but your comments seem to suggest this.

There is a formal organization for those who conduct polls that are released in the media. The organization is the National Council on Public Polls, established in 1969 with the primary purpose of working with the media to promote a better understanding of polls and polling methodology and the accurate reporting there of. We would welcome your membership.

Harry O'Neill

>From PAHARDING7@aol.com Thu Apr 27 11:03:10 2000  
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Howard...

Honomichl's the guy you want. His phone is 847-382-3246, and AMA's website devotes some space to him at: <http://www.ama.org/pubs/mn/honomichl/>

This doesn't meet the challenge of e-mailing Jack directly, but here AMA's standard boilerplate may be of use.

Contacts at AMA

311 S. Wacker Dr.  
Suite 5800  
Chicago, IL 60606  
(800) AMA-1150  
(312) 542-9000  
Fax: (312) 542-9001  
For questions or comments about the website, contact [Webmaster@ama.org](mailto:Webmaster@ama.org)

Should you still not be able to reach Jack, get hold of Larry Gold (to whom you've already been directed) at...

INSIDE RESEARCH  
P.O. Box 296  
Barrington, IL 60011  
847-526-1224  
847-526-0707

Here, the telephone trumps e-mail, but, if you must, you can always get the e-mail address from whoever answers either phone. Assuming someone does.

Good luck.

Phil Harding  
[paharding7@aol.com](mailto:paharding7@aol.com)

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Jack Honomichl can probably be reached through the American Marketing Association, for whom he produces the "Top 50" list each year. I believe he still publishes a newsletter called "Inside Research", but he has no web presence that I know of.

Jan Werner

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jk wrote:

>  
> I would try to talk with Honomichl, who is an expert on the market/survey > research industry, but I can't find him in the AAPOR directory or in The AMA  
> Greenbook. He is the guy who publishes the Honomichl 50 list of top survey > research firms, and as of 1995 had a company called Marketing Aid Center > Inc. in Barrington IL. Hope that helps.  
>  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: owner-aapornet@usc.edu [mailto:owner-aapornet@usc.edu] On Behalf Of > Howard Schuman  
> Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2000 12:22 PM  
> To: aapor  
> Subject: Number of polls/surveys?  
>

> Can anyone provide a rough estimate of the number of polls/surveys of all  
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From: "Mark D. Richards" <mark@bisconti.com>

To: "AAPORNET" <aapornet@usc.edu>

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I call this project/website to the attention of those interested in voting  
behavior and citizen activism to enforce clean voter lists.

Nick Kennan (Shaw, DC) and other DC citizens launched the "8 Is Enough"  
project due to a "little problem" that was identified related to residents  
of Maryland suburbs voting in DC elections (jokingly referred to as "Ward  
9"-DC has 8 Wards). The first phase of the "8 Is Enough Project" is  
complete ( <http://www.conexos.com/anc/INDEX.HTM>), providing names,  
addresses, and voting history of all DC registered voters, sorted by Ward  
and within Ward by the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (no telephone  
numbers or E-mail addresses...). The purpose of the "8 is Enough" project  
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"to allow residents to inspect the voting rolls of their own neighborhoods,  
in the hope that broad public scrutiny will lead to more accurate rolls."  
Is anyone aware of similar citizen initiatives? One complaint I've heard is  
that fraudulent voter rolls inflate the number of registered voters, making  
it more difficult for citizens to put initiatives on the ballot (5% of  
voters, plus 5% in both Wards 5 and 8, must be gathered within 180 days to  
get an Initiative on the ballot-- <http://www.dcboee.org/htmldocs/guide.htm>).  
Mark Richards

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To: beniger@rcf-fs.usc.edu, mbednarz@umich.edu  
Subject: Possible Contribution to AAPOR list

Hello:

My name is Karen Wheelless, I'm the Acting Chief of the American  
Community Survey Analytic Staff at the Census Bureau.

A recent series of discussions on the American Community Survey on the  
AAPOR discussion group was brought to my attention. I'm wondering if  
you would find it useful to your list members to provide them the  
following info?

If you think this would interest them or be helpful in response to the  
questions they raised, I appreciate your sharing this info with them.

Thanks for considering this,

Karen Wheelless

301-457-2902

AAPOR List:

Your recent discussions about the American Community Survey (ACS) were brought to my attention and I thought you might be interested in further information about this new survey, along with a few links you can use to keep up-to-date on the American Community Survey.

In regard to Ray Funkhouser's question about whether the Census Bureau has used or is considering the use of incentives to bolster participation in surveys and censuses, the short answer is yes. We've both considered and used incentives in relation to various survey and census work. For example, the decennial census is offering pre-paid phone cards to certain households in return for completing their census questionnaires. This is part of a Census 2000 experiment and anticipates 2010 Census development.

We've also tested the use of various types of incentives in conjunction with the Survey of Income and Program Participation. One paper that addresses the results of this test can be found at <http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/workpapr/wp230.pdf>. I can also send a couple of other papers on the topic to anyone interested. You'll find a e-mail address at the end of this message

Please be aware that the Census Bureau has used incentive techniques on an experimental basis in conjunction with survey or census efforts where our response rates were less than desired. Since we've not had that problem in the first five years of testing the American Community Survey (our final weighted response rates are right around 97%), we do not plan to offer incentives in conjunction with ACS.

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We hope you'll learn more about the American Community Survey and let us know how it could better meet your needs. You can always send questions, comments, and suggestions via e-mail to [acs@census.gov](mailto:acs@census.gov) or call us toll free at 1-888-456-7215.

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