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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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To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: "Paul J. Lavrakas, Ph.D." <lavrakas.1@osu.edu>
Subject: AAPOR '97 Friday Evening Update

Subject: AAPOR Conference - group social events
Author:  Dawn R Von Thurn at SRD
An update on the AAPOR Group Social Events --

We are happy to report that there was enough interest in both the Norfolk Tides Baseball Game and the American Rover Schooner Cruise to support two "official" AAPOR group social events for Friday, May 16th.

For those who have already expressed an interest in either event, AAPOR Council would like you to pre-pay for your tickets.

To do so, please:
1. Send a check (made out to "AAPOR") for the appropriate amount to the AAPOR Office at:
   AAPOR, P.O. Box 1248, 3032 ISR, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1248
   attn: baseball/cruise ticket organizer

2. "Appropriate amount" is:
   The Norfolk Tides baseball game  - $4.50 per ticket
   The American Rover Schooner Cruise  - $12.50 per ticket
   (no DJ -- there was not enough interest to hire one)

3. Write "baseball" or "cruise" in the check's memo field

4. If you have not returned your AAPOR Conference registration materials, feel free to return your baseball or cruise payment with your registration materials. HOWEVER, if you do so, please clearly indicate the reason ("baseball" or "cruise") for the additional funds.

5. The baseball tickets and the cruise boarding passes will be included in your AAPOR Registration Packet that you will pick up at the Conference. If there are any problems, please report them to me (Dawn Von Thurn)

Below, we list the 25 interested in the baseball outing & the 88 interested in the cruise. Please review the lists. If any corrections are necessary, please email me (dawn.r.von.thurn@ccmail.census.gov).

Additional tickets are available for either event:
1. Baseball game

   I must give the Norfolk Tides baseball club AAPOR's FINAL ticket count on April 23rd. At that point, they will block our seats and print out our tickets. Anyone wishing to attend the baseball game after that point
will not be guaranteed a seat in the AAPOR group block. The Norfolk Tides baseball organization will do the best they can to accommodate late ticket purchasers, but they offer no guarantees.

2. American Rover Schooner Cruise

As long as we maintain 85 interested in the cruise, we are set to go. We currently have 88 listed below. The ship can comfortably accommodate up to 135 guests, thus we have 47 more boarding passes we can sell.

If you know of anyone interested in either the baseball game or the schooner cruise who is not listed below, please have them send email to me (dawn.r.von.thurn@ccmail.census.gov).

Thank you.

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Baseball Enthusiasts (N=25)
1. Breslow, Marcy
2. Connor, Judy
3. Couper, Mick
4. Denk, Chuck
5. Edelman, Murray
6. Gendall, Phil
7. Guterbock, Tom
8. Hill, Craig
9. Hoek, Janet
10. Lavrakas, Paul
11. Livert, David
12. Marcy, Sherry
13. Mitofsky, Warren
14. Moon, Nick
15. Morrison, Nancy
16-18. Myllyluoma, Janna (3 tickets)
19. ramirez.c@gao.gov
20. Stone, Deborah
21. Thrall, Trevor
22. Traugott, Mike
23. Tucker, Clyde
24. Winneg, Ken
25. Zukin, Cliff

Schooner Cruisers (N=88)
1. Arnedt, Cheryl
2-3. Barton, Allen & Judy (2 tickets)
4. Beatty, Paul
5. Bebel, Robin
6. Black, Joan
7. Blum, Micky
8. Bryant, Barbara
9. Bush, Carolee
10-11. Buxbaum, Susan (2 tickets)
12. Chardoul, Stephanie
13. Connelly, Marjorie
14. Constantine, Wendy
15. Crossely, Helen
16. Cwi, Joan
17. Daniels, Sally
18-19. Dillman, Don & Joye (2 tickets)
20. Dobson, Richard
21. Dobson, Debra
22. Dykema, Jennifer
23. Eldred, Carolyn
24. Elinson, Jack
25. Featherston, Fran
26. Feinberg, Barry
27. Fleishman, John
28. Garcha, Bikramjit
29. Gawiser, Sheldon
30. Gaziano, Cecilie
31-32. Gjestland, Mr. Leif & Mrs. (2 tickets)
33. Goldenberg, Karen
34. Garner, Thesia
35. Gwartney, Patricia
36. Hansen, Sue Ellen
37. Henderson, Patsy
38. O'Hare, Barb
39. Krotki, Karol
40-43. Kraus, Sid & Cecile (4 tickets)
44. Krysan, Maria
45-46. Link, Michael (2 tickets)
47. Lee, Bob
48. Markowitz, Frank
49-50. Mason, Robert & Sue (2 tickets)
51. McCutcheon, Allan
52. McLeod, Jack
53. Milavsky, Ron
54. Moore, David
55. Moy, Luann
56. Moy, Patricia
57. Nash, Barbara
58. Nederend, Shirley
59. Neuman, Dale
60. Neuman, Keith
61. Nicholls, Bill
62. Penaloza, Linda
63. Perry, Suzanne
64. Pinkus, Susan
65. Porcellini, Lorraine
66. Rasinski, Ken
67. Rathbun, Pam
68. Reese, Roy
69. Rothgeb, Jennifer
70-71. Rusciano, Frank (2 tickets)
Dear AAPORites,

By now most of you should have received the Spring issue of the newsletter. For those of you who have not, I would like to announce the annual Fun Run/Walk T-shirt Slogan Contest. I am also pleased to offer an extended deadline of April 10th for the competition.

We are offering a $25 gift certificate to the book exhibit for the lucky winner of the contest. So get your pens poised and your fingers typing and send your winning entry to me as soon as possible!

Thanks, Jennifer

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University of Wisconsin-Madison
MAPOR 1997 CALL FOR PAPERS, PANELS, AND POSTERS


22nd Anniversary Meeting! Catch 22 New Research Ideas (at least)!

The Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research, a chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, invites proposals for papers or presentations related to public opinion processes or opinion research methods. Proposals on all topics in public opinion are welcome, but must be directly related to public opinion, such as theoretical issues, analysis of public opinion data, or survey methodologies.

Proposals for Papers

Submissions for papers must be abstracts no longer than two typed, double-spaced pages. No full-length papers will be reviewed. Please put the name(s) of the author(s) and affiliation on a separate page (for blind refereeing). Please include your full mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address. You will receive notification of the action on your proposal by August 15, 1997.

Send each of your submissions to Sherry Marcy, MAPOR Conference Chair. E-mail is <smarcy@datastat.com>, fax is 313-663-9084, and address is DataStat, Inc., 3975 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108. Our preference is for e-mail, so that we can put them on our website <http://www.mapor.org>!

Submissions must be postmarked by June 30, 1997. Faxes or e-mail must be received by 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on June 30. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Possible Topics
Topics may include, but are not limited to:

Internet Surveys. Survey research on the world wide web, issues and answers, possibilities and stories.

Mass Media and Public Opinion. Public journalism and public opinion, the role of polls in agenda setting, influences of the mass media on public opinion, the use of polls by the media.


Ethical Issues in Survey Research. Confidentiality for the respondent, for the client, for the data, or for the instrument, when it applies/when it doesn't. IRBs' impact on survey research. Other ethical issues.

Electoral Campaigns. Methodological and substantive issues as they relate to election polls, the use of polling in a campaign, media coverage of polls.

The Academic Survey Research Consultant. Issues s/he faces and answers.

Qualitative Studies. Qualitative approaches, including focus groups, to the study of public opinion, as an aid to questionnaire construction or interpretation.

Public Opinion Processes and Effects. The variety of theoretical and analytical questions raised in public opinion studies.

Measurement of Demographic Characteristics. Issues in the measurement of such characteristics as socioeconomic status, religion, ethnicity.

Issues in Polling on Health Care. Sampling concerns, content of questionnaires, measurement of satisfaction.

Panels

Please submit proposals for panels by June 30, 1997. You may submit a written proposal (up to two typed double-spaced pages) or telephone the program chair, Sherry Marcy, at 313-994-0540 X144. Proposals should identify the topic, briefly explain its importance, and indicate the number of panelists and their areas of interest/expertise.

Poster Sessions

Please indicate on your paper proposal if you would like to participate in the poster session rather than a paper session. The poster session will take place only if there is a sufficient number of presenters.

Moderators and Discussants

Please indicate if you would like to act as a moderator or discussant and the type of session you prefer (e.g., methodological, campaigns, media, etc.). Or, contact the program chair after the preliminary program is released in September.
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From: Rob Daves <daves@startribune.com>
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Call for chairs and discussants

I'm forwarding this to the list for Diane O'Rourke. -- Rob Daves

April 1, 1997

TO: AAPOR Members planning to attend the conference

FROM: Diane O'Rourke, Member of the Conference Committee

RE: Call for Chairs and Discussants --Due April 4

(I have asked a colleague to pass this on for me, as I have, for some
unknown reason, been kicked off AAPORNET and can't get back on.
Honest, I have paid my dues.)

As you know, the program has been set as far as scheduling papers into
specific sessions. The Conference Committee is now in the process of
identifying chairs and discussants for those sessions. Would YOU be
interested in filling one of those slots?

We are particularly interested in recruiting those of you (a) from the
commercial sector and/or (b) who are not already on the program as a
presenter, co-author, etc. If your name is not currently in the program, we
would like to add it! (If your name IS on the program but you would still
like to volunteer, please do so, but let us know your status.)

Chairs and Discussants will be paid $100 for their participation.*

IF YOU ARE NOT INTERESTED, STOP READING HERE. HOWEVER, IF
YOU KNOW OF OTHER AAPOR MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT ON
AAPORNET AND MIGHT BE INTERESTED, PLEASE PASS THIS ON.

Chairs run the sessions. They tell each presenter how many minutes they
have and keep track of time (bringing out the hook if necessary). They provide a short welcome to the audience and a short description of the session. After the speakers have finished, they call for comments from the audience and coordinate the floor discussion. (Chairs can decide if questions will be after each paper or at the end of the session. They also allocate time so there is enough time for questions and discussion.)

Discussants have a harder (but of course rewarding) job. They prepare and present comments on the papers. (Ideally they have been sent copies of the papers a week or two before, but this is not always the case.) Whenever possible, they give comments that compare and contrast the papers on related topics, are critical in a constructive manner, and praise work they believe to be sound and/or innovative. Sessions with four papers typically will have discussants. Sessions with five papers have no time left for a discussant.

If you are interested in volunteering for one of these slots, please look over the preliminary program, identify which session, sessions, or topics you are interested in, and for which role, and e-mail me directly: dorourke@srl.uic.edu. DO NOT REPLY TO AAPORNET. (Or, fax me at 217-244-4408.) I will pass on the replies to Roger Tourangeau, Conference Chair, and the other members of the Committee. Please be sure to include the following information: (1) Name, (2) Organization, (3) paper mail address, (4) e-mail address, (5) telephone number, (6) fax number, (7) session(s) or topics interested in, (8) volunteering for Chair, Discussant, or either role, and (9) whether or not you're already listed on the program.

Because some sessions may be more popular than others, please consider many possibilities, as well as being a Discussant instead of a Chair. You will be contacted by someone from the Conference Committee in the next couple of weeks. Because this has to be done NOW, I need your response by end of business day this Friday, April 4. (Conference Committee members will be spending part of their weekend filling slots!)

Thanks for your help.

Diane O'Rourke
Survey Research Laboratory, University of Illinois
Urbana, IL

* APRIL FOOL!!

>From Susan.Pinkus@latimes.com Wed Apr 2 16:36:52 1997
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I would be interested in chairing a session, if u need someone. I would be primarily interested in something about the elections, anything on California? or if in bind anything that needs chairing.

Check with Janet Streicher and Micki Blum. I know they were both interesting in chairing something.

Regards,

Susan Pinkus
AAPORIANS: A colleague of ours, Joel Bradshaw, Director of Government Relations at the NEA, asked me to pass along a job opening. (Don’t call him. Write the Human Relations people.) The title is Senior Professional Associate (Political Survey/Polling). Applications/resumes must be received by April 9. Pay ranges from the $50,000s to $80,000, depending. As I understand it from Joel, this is the inside polling person for the NEA’s government relations department. To paraphrase the posting, the essential functions are: finding software and databases; developing surveys; using survey data to design strategies for the association; participating in issue development; and conducting research and analysis. Extensive travel.

Requirements include Bachelor’s with grad or advanced studies in relevant area; 5 years experience in survey research and producing written political/legislative materials.

For much more detail contact the Employment Manager, National Education Association, 1201 16th Street NW, Washington DC 20036. Do it now! It closes April 9. You can call 202-822-7600 and ask whomever answers the phone to fax you a copy: Say it is position number 686: NEA Sr. Professional Associate (Political Survey/Polling). If this doesn’t work call me or Scott Murphy in my office (202-789-2400).

Nancy Belden
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

The Los Angeles Times is looking for someone to act as the number 2 person in the polling unit. This person must have at least 5-7 years experience in the field of polling/marketing research, as well as good managerial skills. This person will assist the Director in questionnaire writing, explaining the data to reporters, editors, writing up poll releases and work in secondary research, as well as work independently. Should be familiar with secondary research tools, such as Roper archives, NEXUS, Times On-line services, etc. When the Director is away, this person would assume all department responsibilities. The polling unit has a full-time staff of seven and about 200 part-time interviewers.

He/She should have excellent knowledge in questionnaire design, sampling methodology, analytical skills and report writing. Also a plus, but not necessary, if this person has journalistic polling experience, or journalism background. This person must have experience and understanding of analyzing complex data sets on different issues, such as politics -- national, state and local, and social trends. Therefore, interest and curiosity in politics, current events, social trends are desirable.

This person must be able to work with all different kinds of people as this job deals with editors, reporters, pundits, politicians, academicians, students and the general public. The analysis of the data must be cohesive and concise for all to understand. He/She must work extremely well under deadline pressure and not be afraid to work long hours, when necessary. There are times when weekend work is involved, especially during presidential election years.

Would be a plus for the candidate to have knowledge of SPSS and other software packages (Excel, Microsoft word, XYwrite). This person would learn the Times Poll's own data analysis package.

Must have at least a bachelor's degree.

All interested persons should send their resume to Susan Pinkus, Director of the Los Angeles Times Poll, Los Angeles Times, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, Ca. 90053 or fax resume to 213-237-2505 or e-mail resume to susan.pinkus@latimes.com. No phone calls, please.

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Susan H. Pinkus
Los Angeles Times Poll
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To AAPORNET on behalf of Diane O'Rourke:

No one in my office is currently able to post to AAPORNET, even those currently receiving mail. Could you please put this up for Response Analysis. Thanks.

From: lisa.barsczewski@response-analysis.com
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Account Executive

The position is available in the Organizational Performance Group and reports to the Group Head.

Primary Duties

The Organizational Performance Group focuses on client's organizational issues such as customer service and loyalty, market perceived value, and employee performance and attitudes. In addition to the Group Head, this group has one Account Executive, a Senior Research Director, and three additional research staff members. The group is also supported by an Administrative Assistant and a Document Processor.

Today, about half of the research being done for clients is customer satisfaction work serving a diverse clientele in the financial services industry.

The AE will ideally have strong experience in customer satisfaction and employee research, as well as be knowledgeable in a wide variety of multi-variate techniques including regression analysis. The AE is expected to develop new business, consult on research design (we have senior level statisticians who have the main responsibility of this), write proposals or oversee the preparation of proposals, write and/or supervise the analysis (again, statisticians are available for the more complex analyses) and report writing, write the recommendations, and present the findings. The job will entail at least 35 - 40% of project direction.

Most of the work carried out in the Organizational Group is quantitative. However, qualitative work is sometimes part of what we do. While not required, the ideal candidate will be an accomplished focus group moderator.

Much of the focus of this assignment is developing client relationships. Response Analysis is justifiably proud of its record of long-term client affiliations and expects that this candidate will develop, nurture and value client relationships in the same way.
The candidate will not be directly responsible for managing subordinate staff, but is responsible for providing direction to them while working on projects.

Experience & Skill Requirements

The ideal candidate has at least 10 year's experience, much of that in customer and employee satisfaction. At least five years research company experience and a track record of business development at a research company are a must (at least $700K - $800K in sales). Experience on the corporate side and/or in-depth knowledge of industry issues (preferably within the financial services industry), is also required.

The ideal candidate should be able to write well, be comfortable with making presentations and work effectively with little supervision. The candidate should also be able to work well in a congenial, team-oriented work environment.

Compensation: The position is compensated with a base salary commensurate with the candidate's level and experience and existing client base. The position is also eligible to participate in an AE bonus plan.

Account Executive

The position is available in the Communications and Information Technologies Group and reports to the Group Head.

Primary Duties

The Group serves the telecommunications and advanced technologies industries. In addition to the Group Head, this group has a research staff of three. The group is also supported by a Senior Administrative Assistant.

Most of the current project base is marketing, advertising and customer satisfaction research, with the focus almost entirely on the telecommunications industry. The group is looking to expand its activities for computer hardware and software vendors and therefore is seeking an Account Executive with a portfolio in this area.

The AE will ideally have strong experience in marketing, advertising and/or customer satisfaction research. The AE is expected to develop new business, consult on research design (we have senior level statisticians who have the
main responsibility of this), write proposals or oversee the preparation of proposals, write and/or supervise the analysis (again, statisticians are available for the more complex analyses) and report writing, write the recommendations and present the final results.

Most of the work carried out in the Communications and Information Technologies Group is quantitative. However, qualitative work is sometimes appropriate to a particular research problem. While not required, the ideal candidate will be an accomplished focus group moderator.

Much of the emphasis of this function is developing client relationships. Response Analysis is proud of its record of long-term client affiliations and expects that this candidate will strive to cultivate lasting client relationships.

The candidate will not be directly responsible for managing subordinate staff, but is responsible for providing direction to them while working on projects.

Experience & Skill Requirements

The ideal candidate has at least ten year's experience, much of that in the computer industry. Substantial research company experience is desirable. Experience on the corporate side and/or in-depth knowledge of industry issues is essential.

The candidate should be able to write well, be comfortable with making presentations and work effectively with little supervision. The candidate should also be able to work well in a congenial, team-oriented work environment.

Compensation: The position is compensated with a base salary commensurate with the candidate's level and experience and existing client base. The position is also eligible to participate in an AE bonus plan.

PROGRAMMERS
Survey Programming Department

The Programmer will be an integral part of the research project. On the front-end of the study, the primary responsibility will include programming questionnaires on a Novell LAN based system. During this phase, programmers will consult with research staff on questionnaire design issues, troubleshoot problems, and monitor
the interviewing process in conjunction with telephone centers. On the back-end of the study, data tables will be programmed which will be used by researchers for analysis interpretation. Additional tasks will include cleaning and weighting data, creating cross-tabulations, and converting files for use in analysis reports.

We are seeking a recent college graduate with some programming background, or an individual with at least one year of survey research computer programming experience, specifically using either Surveycraft, CfMC, UNCLE, or Quantime. Comprehensive on-going training in Surveycraft, the primary software used, will be provided.

SENIOR RESEARCHER
Telecommunications Group

Studies in this group are generally conducted for companies in the telecommunications and information technologies industries and are related to such issues as customer satisfaction, new product and service development, service naming and pricing, and marketing communications evaluations.

The candidate will have a Bachelor's, a Master's is preferred, and a minimum of five years demonstrated experience in Telecommunications and/or new information technologies. Responsibilities include preparing budgets and proposals, developing questionnaires, designing and determining the sample of respondents, conducting focus group interviews, preparing telephone interviewer instructions, preparing the written analytical report on the results of the study, and making oral presentations to the client of the study results. The individual must be able to handle multiple projects and proposals at the same time.

SENIOR RESEARCHER
Organizational Performance Group

Studies in this group focus on client's organizational issues such as customer satisfaction and loyalty, market perceived value, and employee performance and attitudes.

Together with the Sr. Vice President and two Account Executives, the senior researcher will assist in the design of the project approach and methodology, as well as developing the instrument. The position may also be responsible for managing the studies including the analysis,
report writing, and client presentation.

The candidate will have a Bachelor's degree in the social sciences or communications. Ideally, the candidate should have a Master's, preferably in organizational development or psychology, or operations management. With at least two years of demonstrated supplier research, the candidate will have at least 6-10 years of research experience, preferably in organizational performance, customer satisfaction, service quality, and process improvement. A strong background in telephone and mail studies is important. The position also requires excellent quantitative, communication, presentation, and organizational skills, as well as the ability to work effectively with senior management.

JUNIOR RESEARCHER (entry-level)
Telecommunications Group

Studies in this group are generally conducted for companies in the telecommunications and information technologies industries and are related to such issues as customer satisfaction, new product and service development, service naming and pricing, and marketing communications evaluations.

The position is an excellent opportunity for a recent college graduate. Responsibilities include assisting senior staff in directing projects, managing data collection, analyzing data, and working with clients. The ideal candidate must have a Bachelor's degree in either business or social sciences, excellent communication skills, strong analytical skills, and experience with WordPerfect or MS Word for Windows. Knowledge of Powerpoint or Harvard Graphics is a plus.

Response Analysis Corporation, an employee-owned market research company in Princeton, NJ, offers excellent benefits, including medical, dental, tuition reimbursement, 401(k), and an employee stock ownership plan. Interested applicants should send or fax their resume with position of interest and salary requirements to:

Response Analysis Corporation
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A Deadline reminder to all '97 conference paper authors
who wish to have their paper included in the
American Statistical Association Survey Research
Methods Section Proceedings ---

Today, April 7, 1997 is the deadline.
Your abstract and accompanying form should be received
at Ann Arbor AAPOR today if you wish your paper included
in the AStatA Proceedings. (The form was included in
your letter from conference chair, Roger Tourangeau.

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Please ignore if not a '97 AAPOR Conference Poster Session Participant.

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Guidelines 1997 AAPOR Conference
for Poster Session Participants Norfolk Waterside Marriott

There are two poster sessions at this year's conference. Abstracts of poster session papers will be found in the Conference Program.

Poster Session I: Friday, May 16, from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Poster Session II: Saturday, May 17, from 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Authors will have a 40 x 60 inch foam core board, mounted on an easel. You will be supplied with session accoutrements such as push pins, a small table for storing copies of papers, handouts and other materials. AAPOR will supply the necessary push pins and tape. Authors who ordered audio-visual equipment for their poster presentation will find them in the poster-session room.

The foam core board allows you to mount 20 manuscript pages (in a 4x5 grid) portrait style or 18 pages (3x6 grid) landscape style. We encourage you to use this space as a key graphic exhibit, i.e., tables, charts, graphs, equations, photographs, etc., rather than exhibiting your typed manuscript. Displays intended to be viewed in sequence should be prominently numbered.

An essential goal is to make the key elements of your presentation visible from at least 10 feet away. Testing your display's visibility before arriving at conference is recommended.

We suggest the PROMINENT DISPLAY of the following: Paper Title, Names of Authors (Allows attendees to find you.) It is well to display in large type an abstract of your most important hypotheses, finding and conclusions.

Feel free to prepare a brief formal presentation to present to small groups that form before your display.

The Poster Session Rooms will be open early both Friday and Saturday to allow you to work on your displays, which should be ready about one-half hour before the session begins. Someone representing your paper must be present during the entire 45-minute poster session to present work, field questions and distribute handouts.
Please remove your materials after your session. All materials left behind will be discarded.

If you know of someone who is not on AAPORnet, and who need this information, please pass it along. Thank You.

Direct further enquiries to conference chair, Roger Tourangeau.
301.314.7911
Rtourangeau@survey.umd.edu

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From: dykema@ssc.wisc.edu (Jennifer Dykema)
To: aapornet@ssc.wisc.edu
Subject: Vote for your favorite t-shirt slogan!

AAPORites,

Ever ordered an AAPOR t-shirt and been significantly dismayed when you saw the slogan? Now is YOUR chance to decide which of the witty slogans below should adorn the 1997 AAPOR Fun Run/Walk T-shirt.

Simply pick out your favorite entry and email the corresponding number to me. For example, if #19 is your favorite, send email to DYKEMA@ssc.wisc.edu with the following message "19". Don't send your vote to AAPORNET.

*** Deadline for voting is April 15th. ***

Be sure to read through ALL of the entries.

Thanks for your help,

Jennifer Dykema
Fun Run/Walk Coordinator
Email: Dykema@ssc.wisc.edu

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#1) Its name is Public Opinion. It is held in reverence.
   It settles everything. Some think it is the voice of God.
   Mark Twain
#2) Vox populi, vox deus.
#3) AAPOR: It's a matter of opinion.
#4) WE ALL COUNT
#5) Old Pollsters Never Die; They Just Forget The Question
#6) Whatever it means to you.
#7) AAPOR: We Count on Your Opinion.
#8) DEVIANT CASE ... and proud of it!
#9) I'd rather be sampling.
#10) SURVEY CREW AT WORK (A facsimile of an orange highway
    warning sign with the legend)
#11) Just the facts, mam. Joe Friday, police detective and
demographer
#12) To err is human, but if it's less than 4% it's just
    sampling.
#13) Raising Heart Rates and Response Rates in '97!
    AAPOR Fun Run/Walk, Norfolk VA 1997
#14) Opinions count and we count opinions.
#15) Your opinion counts if we count your opinion.
#16) Behind every great man there's a pollster.
    Behind every great woman there's a pollster.
    (Two versions, blue for male chauvinists
    and pink for feminists.)
#17) Four out of five voices in my head agree . . .
#18) PWA - Pollsters with Attitude.
#19) Measuring the heartbeat of America.

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CROSS LISTED TO POR AND AAPORNET:

Does anyone have any references/data/information on the use of differential incentives to increase cooperation internationally (specifically in Europe, but any references to international studies would be helpful) -- such as:
* do pre-paid incentives work better than promised incentives
* the effect of using monetary vs. non-monetary incentives

Any help that you might be able to offer would be greatly appreciated.

Please respond directly to me.
Thank you.

Colleen Sullivan
cmsull@umich.edu

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National Omnibus Survey
May 1997

The University of Maryland Survey Research Center (SRC) will conduct its next National Omnibus telephone survey in May.

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 Random Digit Dial sample, with random selection of one adult respondent within each sample household. Up to 20 callbacks; refusal conversion; two pretests.

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 identification), sample design and poststratification weights, and a brief methods report.

Schedule:

QUESTIONS DUE: MAY 1

Pretesting: early May
Data collection: mid-May to late June
Data delivered: July 14

Cost: $675 per single response item. More complex questions, split ballot experiments, rotated items or response categories will be budgeted on an individual basis.

Respond to: src@cati.umd.edu
phone 301 314 7831
fax 301 314 9070

Georgia Tech students have collected and analyzed the attitudes and demographics and preferences of Web users twice a year since 1994. Results can be obtained at http://www-survey.cc.gatech.edu/
Richard S. Halpern, Ph.D                              3837 Courtyard Drive
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Strategic Marketing and Opinion Research              Phone/Fax:: 770 434
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E-Mail: rshalpern@mindspring.com

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Questionnaire from Vanderbilt Univ project 2000 concentrating on the
attitudes and feelings of Web users is also included.

Richard is right. These guys have been doing the survey for
quite some time (even got coverage today in the NYTimes).
However, a number of Web mavens have long criticized the GaTech
survey on a number of methodological grounds, mainly the
highly selective nature of their sample.

Then again, no one has come up with a really good method
of attacking web/net usage, attitudes, and the like.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

The date is rapidly approaching for everyone who plans to stay at the Norfolk Marriott for the 1997 AAPOR conference to have made their hotel room/meal reservations.

Technically, the hotel does not have to save unreserved rooms they are now holding for AAPOR after April 23.

If you haven't made your hotel reservations, please do so soon. The Marriott phone number to use is 757-628-6452. Please call between 9am-12pm or between 1pm-5pm when the Marriott reservations staff who are trained to make AAPOR reservations are most likely to be available.

We expect to post the listing of hotel reservations the Marriott is showing within a week so that you can double check to see if the correct reservation information is showing for you.

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*                        Paul J. Lavrakas, Ph.D.                        *
*                Professor of Communication & Journalism                *
*                    Director, Survey Research Unit                     *
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*       Derby Hall [Room 0126], 154 N. Oval Mall, Columbus OH 43210     *
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On April 30th NYAAPOR is presenting a Brown Bag by Dr. Richard R. Peterson titled: "When Published Results are Wrong: A Methodological Detective Story." All are invited. Details are below.

Daniel Merkle
NYAAPOR Program Chair

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NYAAPOR

BROWN BAG LUNCH

Wednesday, 30 April 1997; 12 noon - 2:00 p.m.

NBC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza (49th – 50th)
Mezzanine, Room A

MUST USE STUDIO ELEVATORS!!!
(in center of lobby, follow signs)

"When Published Results are Wrong: A Methodological Detective Story" Dr. Richard R. Peterson, Bard College

What happens when a widely publicized, influential statistical result is wrong? Rick Peterson will present his re-analysis of data from Weitzman's "The Divorce Revolution", which concerned the impact of no-fault divorce. He will discuss:

What clues led him to suspect an error in the reported findings.

How he tracked down the original data.

How he attempted to replicate the original findings.

How the re-analysis has affected the policy debate.

As with all of our brown-bag luncheons, your participation is encouraged.
Dr. Richard R. Peterson is a Visiting Associate Professor of Sociology at Bard College. He also consults on the Fragile Families Project, a study of unwed parents at Columbia University. From 1993 to 1996, he served as a Program Officer at the Social Science Research Council. He has also directed the Center for Applied Social Science Research at New York University, and held research positions at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and the American Foundation for the Blind.

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES COFFEE, TEA, SODA, COOKIES. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR LUNCH.

ATTENDANCE IS BY ADVANCE RESERVATION ONLY, due to NBC security. So, reserve a place now! E-mail: ronirosner@aol.com. Or, call if you must: 212/722-5333 by Mon., 28 Apr.

Pre-paid fees are: $10 (members), $15 (non-members), and $5 (full-time students, HLMs). Fees at the door are: $15 (members), $20 (non-members), and $10 (full-time students, HLMs). Sorry, no refund but you can send someone in your place.

Send cheque payable to NYAAPOR to: Roni Rosner, 1235 Park Avenue, #7C, New York, New York 10128-1759

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MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

APOLOGIES!!

The Marriott's number for reservations is 757-627-4200.

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Expert comment:

I would like info on any "Socio Economic Status" (I know its vague) indicators used in CATI surveys. Also, we would like to target areas in the Detroit Tri-county metropolitan area where we could locate African Americans from the mid or upper "Socio Economic status" strata. Any ideas on drawing RDD samples on this population? Any advise is welcome.

Please respond to "jtrewn@cms.cc.wayne.edu" or to the Appornet listserv if you think it is of use to all subscribers. Regards.

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Hi folks,

One of our graduate students is looking at non-response bias in RDD surveys. I recall that there was mention here of a new book on non-respondents but do not recall the name. Can anyone help?

You may respond to Charlotte Fridolfsson directly:

lotte@ecst.csuchico.edu

Thank-you,
Barbara Alderson
SRC
CSU, Chico
David:

In responding to you about a possible survey of partner assault, I was enthusiastic but I also felt some guilt. So I have a (partly self-serving) proposition to make that could deal with some past sins on my part and prevent future similar sins. I am feeling guilty about articles based on you previous surveys that were supposed to be written and published and were not. And I do not want the same thing to happen if this survey is done. So my proposal is that Gallup fund a "Gallup Poll Research Assistantship" for a graduate student. The assistantship would be for the purpose of assisting you and me in doing research analyzing Gallup data as the basis for articles in social science journals.

The cost of such an assistantship would be about $ for a 12 month appointment, $ for an academic year appointment, and $ for summer only appointment.

I think it would be possible to work out suitable recognition of Gallup for this. When a paper is presented at a meeting, I usually get the University News Bureau to do a press release and these usually get national attention. I could make sure that Gallup is mentioned in the press release as the source of the data and also as the source of support for the graduate student. There could also be recognition of Gallup by listing the assistantship in the Graduate School catalog for as long as Gallup continues to fund it.

If this happens, I will probably find new sins to atone for.

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You can now visit our website
http://www.unh.edu/frl

Please note our upcoming 5th International Family Violence Research Conference June 29-July2, 1997. See our web page.

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MESSAGE FROM THE AAPOR CONFERENCE OPERATION COMMITTEE

As was done last year for the Salt Lake City Red Lion, I am posting a list of the current reservations that the Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel is showing for our 1997 conference.

The list below is based on information the hotel faxed to me yesterday, April 22. If you made a reservation or a change in the past day, it probably won't show up below, but should show up next week when a new listing is posted on AAPORnet.

Today, April 23, is technically the last day the hotel has to hold rooms for AAPOR conference attendees. If you have not yet made your reservations PLEASE DO SO **IMMEDIATELY**.

We have heard that the weekend we will be at the hotel is Armed Services Day/Weekend and with Norfolk being a major US Naval base, the other hotels are filled to capacity.

If you have made your reservations at the Marriott but you are not listed below, please contact the hotel (757-627-4200) to determine why the list does not contain your name. If the information below is incorrect, it is your responsibility to get the hotel to correct it. I have tried to copy exactly what the hotel fax contained. Thus, if you are listed twice for the same days, that is because your name appears twice with two different confirmation numbers.

As always, if you know someone else who plans to attend the conference but who is not on AAPORnet, please share this information. Thanks!

(The dates below are the arrival and departure dates for each reservation. If you are coming before the conference or staying after the conference, you will have more than one reservation in the sections below.)

PRE-CONFERENCE DAYS (Room only, No meal plan):

Acton, S  5/14-5/15
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Anderson, R  5/14-5/15
Armson, R  5/14-5/15
Baim, J  5/13-5/15
Baumgartner,  5/14-5/15
Belmonte, B  5/14-5/15
Beveridge, A  5/14-5/15
Billingsley,  5/14-5/15
Bishop, G  5/14-5/15
Brown, A  5/14-5/15
Caspar, R  5/14-5/15
Chun, Y  5/14-5/15
Clancey, M  5/14-5/15
Cooper, M  5/14-5/15
Crane, M  5/14-5/15
Daves, R  5/14-5/15
David, M  5/14-5/15
Dillman, D  5/14-5/15
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Dykema, J  5/14-5/15
Ervin, K  5/14-5/15
Field, M  5/14-5/15
Geert, L  5/14-5/15
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Groves, R  5/14-5/15
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Mathiowetz, N  5/14-5/15
McGrath, P  5/14-5/15
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Fellow AAPOR Members:

AAPOR issued a press release today on a matter of importance to the Association. I've included the text of the press release below.

Diane Colasanto

Wednesday, April 23, 1997: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
The Executive Council of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) announced Wednesday that a 14 month investigation found pollster Frank Luntz violated the Association's Code of Professional Ethics and Practices.

AAPOR found Luntz, who heads the Luntz Research Companies in Arlington, Virginia, repeatedly refused to make public essential facts about his research on public attitudes about the Republicans' "Contract with America".

In particular, the AAPOR inquiry focused on Luntz's reporting, prior to the November elections in 1994, that his research showed at least 60 percent of the public favored each of the elements in the GOP "Contract". When later asked to provide some basic facts about this research, Luntz refused.

AAPOR holds that researchers must disclose, or make available for public disclosure, the wording of questions and other basic methodological details when poll findings are made public. This disclosure is important so that claims made on the basis of opinion research findings can be independently evaluated. Section III of the AAPOR Code states: "Good professional practice imposes the obligation upon all public opinion researchers to include, in any report of research results, or to make available when that report is released, certain essential information about how the research was conducted."

Richard A. Kulka, chair of AAPOR's Standards Committee noted that AAPOR's investigation of Luntz began in January 1996, after receiving a complaint from a member. According to Kulka, "AAPOR tried on several occasions to get Luntz to provide some basic information about his survey, for example, the wording of the questions he used. For about a year, he ignored these requests. Subsequently, he provided partial information, but still refused to let us make any of the information public, arguing that the results were proprietary, even though he had been discussing the conclusions of the survey in public for nearly two years."

AAPOR's President, Diane Colasanto, adds "When researchers make public arguments based on their research data, then refuse to say how their research was conducted, that harms the public debate on issues and reduces the credibility of all survey and public opinion research."

AAPOR is an organization of over 1,400 research professionals from government agencies, colleges and universities, non-profit organizations, and commercial polling firms. It is the primary professional association representing public opinion researchers, and has a strong interest in protecting and strengthening the credibility of survey research. The organization was founded in 1947 by such pioneers of polling as George Gallup, Hadley Cantril, and Paul Lazarsfeld. Luntz is not a member of the organization.
Congratulations. Well done. Long overdue. Luntz did admit to his Republican colleagues (in 1995) that no "real" research was ever done on the "Contract" and that his findings could not be used to measure public support.

I recall a message over AAPORNET in 1995 which cited a story by Knight Ridder reporter Frank Greve, "Pollster May Have Misled GOP on Contract" (Seattle Times, 11/12/95) [There were several good commentaries on the story by several AAPORNET members]

GOP pollster Frank Luntz has admitted that his widely touted poll indicating that 60% of Americans supported the Contract was based not upon actual questions about Contract items themselves, but rather on ad-campaign slogans supporting the Contract. When pressed to disclose the methodology of his poll, Luntz initially insisted that only his client, the Republican National Committee, could provide the details.

RNC officials, however, said they'd never seen it.

Luntz then maintained that he'd done the survey only for himself, and that the results were "private information", an apparent violation of the ethics code of the American Association of Public Opinion Research. When questioned, Luntz agreed that the purpose of his poll had been to find the most persuasive wording of the Contract's propositions for a TV Guide ad.
In an example of the methodology employed by Luntz, a positive response to the statement "we should stop excessive legal claims, frivolous lawsuits, and overzealous lawyers" was counted as a vote for the Contract's specific proposal on tort reform, one of the more controversial items of the agenda.

According to Republican Party officials, the Luntz survey was in fact the *only* poll on the contract's popularity. According to Barry Jackson, chief of staff of the House Republican Conference, "What Luntz said about extensively testing the content (of the contract) is simply untrue."

What makes this revelation particularly significant is that these alleged "poll results" were widely circulated by Gingrich et al to build momentum for the Contract through creating an impression of public support apparently far greater than actually existed. Most distressing of all is the apparently significant impact this poll had on members of Congress themselves, especially freshmen with few polling resources of their own.

According to Rep. Mitch Castle, R-Del., "It was just repeated over and over by the leadership and others that polls showed these were proposals highly popular with the American public." Though harboring reservations about the Contract himself, Castle too eventually supported the measure.

According to the Knight-Ridder article, pollster Luntz, a self-described "marketer of ideas", ultimately agreed that his findings could not be used to measure public support. Their analysis: "If not, the House GOP's legislative agenda isn't just losing popularity; it was probably never that popular to begin with."

Despite the apparently significant impact of his "poll" on the Congressional vote on the Contract, Luntz' admission of his bogus methods have come conveniently late (by the better part of a year) to affect the Congressional vote on the Contract, and the resulting GOP PR bonanza.
Kudos to Diane Colasanto, the Standards Committee and the AAPOR Executive Council for today's forthright news release. They are to be commended for diligence in pursuing the matter and for courage in seeing it through.

Albert H. Cantril
Susan Davis Cantril

The Norfolk Marriott has agreed to extend the dates they will "hold" rooms for AAPOR attendees who are late making their reservations until next Monday, April 28. After that date the Marriott is free to sell "our" rooms to other guests.

So........, if you haven't made your hotel/meal plan reservations and plan to come to the conference, please do so ASAP. If you call to make reservations at the Marriott, please try to call, 757-627-4200, between 900am-1200pm EDT or 100pm-400pm EDT; these are the times the hotel reservation people who know how to make AAPOR reservations are most likely to be available.

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I am interested too.

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My opinions, mine, all mine.

>>> Barbara Alderson <balderson@CAMPUSPO.CSUCHICO.EDU> 04/22/97 03:09pm
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Hi folks,

One of our graduate students is looking at non-response bias in RDD surveys.

I recall that there was mention here of a new book on non-respondents but
do not recall the name. Can anyone help?

You may respond to Charlotte Fridolfsson directly:

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Thank-you,
Barbara Alderson
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The Southern Poverty Law Center has opened an excellent site at http://www.splcenter.org. It contains up to date info re the structure and functioning of militia groups, prominent hate groups, Ku Klux Klan along with suggestions for teaching tolerance and fighting hate.

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Any ideas?

Thanks.

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One book is "The Little SAS Book" by L. Delwiche and S. Slaughter. This is very good for data steps but is a little short on PROCs.

Kim Anderson

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Its an old version and is out-of-date now, but I bet that they have a newer version of "SAS System for Elementary Statistical Analysis" Schlotzhauer and Littell, SAS Institute.

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The windows versions of SAS and SPSS require relatively little programming for simple work.

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Applied Research Center My opinions. Mine! All mine.

[The new experimental statistical psychology] could hardly have arisen in a country whose natives could be bored. [The likes of] Weber, Fechner and Wundt obviously cannot. –William James
I am attempting to locate data which would permit me to make inferences with respect to norms - preferably national - for PHYSICIAN SATISFACTION with their hospital affiliation. To be clear, I am referring to a survey of physicians that we would conduct (not a survey of patients).

We are also surveying alternative health practitioners and if there are norms concerning their satisfaction with their hospital affiliation as well, though I am less hopeful that these may exist.

I am making a presentation on this early Saturday AM and would really appreciate any information I could get before that utterly unreasonable deadline.

Many thanks,

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Due to an unanticipated change of plans after I already made irrevocable air arrangements, I find I need a ride back to anywhere in the Wash DC/VA/Balto area on Sunday after AAPOR.

(I had a relaxing week in DC with a trip thru VA to AAPOR planned, but a client insisted on usurping Tue and Wed to run focus groups. Thus I will fly into Norfolk but have to get back to Balto to catch my original return flight back West)

I need to catch a 4:30 flight out of Baltimore but can get help getting there from anywhere in the DC metro area.
I would, of course, be willing to share costs, conversation, etc.

thanks.

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>From BeldenRuss@aol.com Thu Apr 24 15:14:07 1997
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To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: conference and kids

Is anyone else thinking of bringing or planning to bring a child to AAPOR?
Our eight year old boy MIGHT be coming along. You can reply to me or to the
whole AAPORNNet if you think it is appropriate! Thanks -- Nancy Belden
202-789-2400 telephone or email BeldenRuss@aol.com.

>From lavrakas.1@osu.edu Fri Apr 25 05:42:42 1997
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To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: "Paul  J. Lavrakas, Ph.D." <lavrakas.1@osu.edu>
Subject: Good & Bad news on Marriott hotel

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MESSAGE FROM THE AAPOR CONFERENCE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
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DEAR AAPORITES:

The good news is that so many members who waited to the last moment to make
their reservations at the Marriott called in on Wednesday and Thursday this
week that our room block of 350+ rooms is completely filled, thus helping
AAPOR not experience any "shortfall" charges.
The bad news is that some members who wanted to stay at the Marriott now cannot do so.

The Marriott's "sister" hotel, the Omni, (connected by a skywalk/ramp) is also pretty full. However, the Marriott is faxing me a list of other downtown hotels/motels which I will post on Monday.

Thanks to all of you who called in this week to fill the hotel. Sorry to those of you who are now closed out of the Marriott.

For those of you with Marriott reservations, I will post an updated and final listing on Monday.

P.S. Please pass this message news along to any AAPORite you know who is not on AAPORnet. Thanks.

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From: "Margaret R. Roller" <71501.716@CompuServe.COM>
To: <aapornet@usc.edu>
Subject: Email surveys
Message-ID: <970425183426_71501.716_FHD44-3@CompuServe.COM>

I know we have probably touched on this before, but does anyone have any data that compares email surveys with mail and telephone. I am particularly interested in turnaround time, cost, and response rate.

Thanks.

Margaret Roller
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>From ARCLGS@langate.gsu.edu Fri Apr 25 12:57:05 1997
Beth,

Thought you might be interested.

Leo

>>> "richard s. halpern" <rshalpern@mindspring.com> 04/24/97 01:57pm >>>
The Southern Poverty Law Center has opened an excellent site at http://www.splcenter.org. It contains up to date info re the structure and functioning of militia groups, prominent hate groups, Ku Klux Clan along with suggestions for teaching tolerance and fighting hate.

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    17:10:14 +1100
Organization: Survey Research Center, UMCP
Telephone Survey Manager

Responsible for managing a 24-station CATI facility, recruiting and training supervisors and interviewers; scheduling projects, implementing diverse pretesting methods and monitoring project budgets.

Must have experience training interviewers for social science surveys, along with strong organizational and management skills. Interest in survey research methodology and quality control processes a plus.

minimum B.A./B.S.

Candidates should send cover letter, resume and salary history to:

    Johnny Blair
    Associate Director
    Survey Research Center
    1103 ART/SOCY
    University of Maryland
    College Park MD 20742

or for more information email: src@cati.umd.edu

This is why we have all been deluged with unsolicited inquires from "Mystery Shoppers" lately.

Mike O'Neil

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Forwarded message:
Below is some information that can be profitable to you!

This is an exciting opportunity that you will want to take advantage of!

GET PAID up to $24 per Hour to Shop at your Local Stores, Receive Free Merchandise, and test new products to the market.

Dear shopper,

I'm addressing you as "shopper" because you already are one. We all are. But now you can turn this everyday activity into cash starting today, and have more time to enjoy it!

You've heard how companies hire people to "shop" in their stores or places of business - then report their findings so they can improve their operations. Below, see how this works and how you can easily make $300 to $700 or more per week part-time in your area.

Now you can go on exciting shopping spree's and get paid up to $24.00 per hour, shopping at your local stores. You can begin the same day you receive a copy of the "Guide To Professional Mystery Shopping". In which includes Names, Toll Free Phone Numbers, Addresses, of hundreds of companies offering Local Mystery Shopping opportunities to you NOW! Guaranteed! Below, Also find out how you can receive FREE MERCHANDISE every time you shop!

HELP SOLVE YOUR MONEY PROBLEMS............

No more worries over inflation, recession, bills rising, gasoline, and other costs. If you are looking for easy extra income to relieve financial pressures, you owe it to yourself to investigate our offer.

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE to earn extra money by becoming an active participant of our successful "Mystery Shopping" program. You receive cash weekly for "Shops" completed, and can take on whatever fits your schedule. There is no limit. You can live anywhere and begin shopping this week and making a hefty paycheck by next week. Not to mention all the free products you will receive from your few hours of shopping!

WHAT IS MYSTERY SHOPPING?

As a Mystery Shopper you will be going to local stores to pose as an ordinary shopper. Only you will be inspecting store operations such as, Cleanliness, Courteousness, Accuracy, How the employee's are dressed, and other small observations that anyone can perform. You then go home and fill out simple questionnaires provided to you and mail them in. Then just sit back and wait for your check to arrive! It's that simple!

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HAVE MORE TIME AND MONEY TO DO
WHAT YOU WANT WITH......BY BECOMING A "MYSTERY SHOPPER"

This is no pie in the sky impossible dream. In fact, it's happening to regular ordinary people just like you Everyday, and you can be the next. You make YOUR OWN HOURS and set YOUR OWN PACE. No time clock to punch and no boss breathing down your neck. This is the ULTIMATE JOB and is a growing part of the service sector.

In fact, wherever business is taking place, whether it be banks, supermarkets, hotels, stores, gas stations, etc... you can be almost certain that there is a Mystery Shopper in the area. This is a common practice for companies with large chains of businesses to have their employee's "Mystery Shopped" by outsiders, who pose as ordinary shoppers.

90% of the work is actually done in the comfort of your own home filling out questionnaires. You report your findings by writing them down on easy to understand forms. You will be asked to answer simple questions about your previous shopping experience. It's Easy! Anyone can do it!

Until NOW, This information was not available to the public. It was the worlds best kept secret! But, after hundreds of hours of research by our company, we have broken the silence!

The companies in our guide have agreed to let you shop in their stores and receive the benefits that were at one time only available to a certain few. You are guaranteed a position as a Mystery Shopper. You can work whenever you desire and for as long as you like.

You are a valuable person to these companies. The reason YOU will be taking home the big bucks, is because you will be looking after their businesses and reporting your overall observation of their operations to them! You will be given step-by-step instructions on what to do while on a shopping spree.....You will also be provided with the necessary forms to be filled out after each shop!

As a Mystery Shopper you will receive FREE MERCHANDISE with every shop! The company pays for it.......and you Get To Keep It! From food to clothes, theater tickets, electronics, appliances, even free oil changes. You will go on shopping spree's and the company will pay for all your merchandise.

You will be testing new products before they ever hit the shelves. Try the products out. Report your satisfaction or dissatisfaction and keep them. Also, you will receive huge savings on thousands of other promotional items, such as cruises, vacations, hotels, cars, and the list goes on and on.

Remember, this is in addition to getting paid up to $24.00 per hour. Just Imagine....... Getting paid to shop!

The GUIDE TO PROFESSIONAL MYSTERY SHOPPING has the secret information to change your life and is only available through us.
It's informative and to the point. When you receive this amazing guide you can begin the same day! You will know who to contact and what to say. Included are phone numbers and addresses of some of the biggest companies offering Mystery Shopping to you in your area, NOW!

They are waiting to hear from you TODAY. You will begin a fun and exciting job in your spare time, and have more extra time and money to do what you want with....The guide to "Professional Mystery Shopping" is all you will need to get started and continue to receive all the benefits to make your life easier.

IN ADDITION.......  

You will be put into our Nationwide Database of Mystery Shoppers! When a company contacts us for shops in your area, we can give them your profile and they will contact you for additional "shops". This information is kept strictly confidential and will never be passed on to unauthorized people. Remember, this special offer is in addition to receiving the guide, which lists the companies themselves and is all you will need to begin.

Whether you currently have a job now or not, really doesn't make any difference. Because you can work part time and keep your current job. Or work full time and make a career out of it. It is entirely up to you! You will be in charge of your own destiny. You can "shop" when you want and where you want. You can refuse assignments if you wish or take on as many assignments to fit your schedule.

Do you have a spouse or children? Take them with you shopping and become a closer family. In almost any case you can bring your children shopping with you. This way you don't have to pay for a baby sitter or rely on someone to take care of your children.

Get your friends and family involved so they can profit and benefit from Mystery Shopping! This is truly the most incredible opportunity that has ever been offered to the public.

You can secure employment today! No aggravating job applications to fill out, and no long interviews to attend. All you need to do is pick up the phone and your in! You can contact all of the companies included in the guide, by phone or mail, and begin within days.

You can begin to reap huge paychecks within one weeks time. Don't Delay! Your family is far to important to let this pass you by. Take the right step today, because you may never come across another opportunity like this again.

Don't let this once in a lifetime opportunity to become a Mystery Shopper slip through you fingertips! Take the only reasonable next step and reach your goals today!

GET STARTED TODAY AND RECEIVE YOUR FIRST PAYCHECK NEXT WEEK.......
If you are like most people and are unhappy with your current situation or just can't seem to find the right job. With all the bills piling up and having to much wasted time in your life. Then you need to get started right now! Now you can start living the wonderful dream that life has to offer.

We welcome you to this program and extend to you our unconditional Guarantee that everything we have said about this Program is true, and you will be delighted with the money you make. Our goals and continued success depends upon your 100% satisfaction with Mystery Shopping.

This is an opportunity to become an independent MYSTERY SHOPPER. It is an easy way for you to Earn Money while filling the needs of a company who needs you. Therefore, making it Easy to work at your OWN PACE and set your OWN HOURS.

IN ORDER TO GET STARTED IMMEDIATELY, Print out the form below, Fill it out and send it in. It's that simple. Or you can write your information on a piece of paper and mail it to us. We will RUSH the "Guide To Professional Mystery Shopping" out to you the same day we receive your reply.

You can start receiving all the benefits mentioned above starting today! There is a small one time fee of $29.95 to cover the costs of printing, computing, research, shipping and handling. This is a small fee indeed!

You will earn this tiny investment back plus some, after your very first shop. You will never be asked to pay any other costs or fee's. As soon as you get started by filling out the form below, you can begin a fun, exciting and new career within days.

30-Day No-Risk Money-Back Guarantee! We helped thousands of people like yourself get started, and you can be the next. Let us help make a difference in your life! Our company specializes in connecting people just like you with professional Mystery Shopping contractors.

We are so confident you will succeed, that if for any reason after contacting the contractors in our guide, you are not completely satisfied, return the guide within 30 days for a full refund. No Questions Asked!

THINK WHAT AN EXTRA $300, $500, $700 OR MORE A WEEK CAN DO FOR YOU, AND LET US HEAR FROM YOU TODAY! ACT NOW AND GET PAID TO SHOP!!!

So if you are interested in taking advantage of our The Guide To "Professional Mystery Shopping"......

Print out the Following EZ ORDER form and mail it along with your payment.

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EZ ORDER FORM

YES! Rush me your guide to PROFESSIONAL MYSTERY SHOPPING Today! Find enclosed my one-time refundable fee of only
Thanks to the many netfriends who sent me information on texts suitable for teaching SAS to beginners.

I have summarized some of the information, included a list of the texts I could identify, and included an edited selection of comments on the texts. The [contributor's name] in brackets follows comments.

I addition to your favorite bookseller, it happens that ALL of the texts mentioned can be purchased through SAS (1.800.727.3228). They are all...
listed in a SAS catalog called "Publications Catalog." Each of these
texts is denoted "BBU" = Books by Users. Possibly there is a separate
"Books by Users" catalog.

Thanks again to everyone who sent information!

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Beginning texts for teaching SAS

I. List of texts.

A. Beginning texts

1. SAS system for Elementary Statistical Analysis, Sandra D.
Schlotzhauer and Ramon C. Littell. This was mentioned most frequently.

2. Learning SAS in the Computer Lab, Rebecca J. Elliot.


4. The Little SAS Book, Lora D. Delwiche and Susan J. Slaughter.

5. SAS Software Solutions, Thomas Miron.


B. More advanced:

7. SAS System for Linear Models, 3rd edition, Ramon C. Littell, Rudolf
J. Freund, and Philip C. Spector.

II. Other suggestions

A. Don't use SAS at all. This was a popular suggestion.

B. Use locally produced materials.

Locally produced SAS instructional materials frequently have the nice
advantage of helping the novice through the process of making SAS do
something (ANYTHING!) on the existing local system.

Quin Monson wrote a nice note praising materials produced at BYU.

C. Roll your own:

SAS will produce customized texts for you "SELECTEXT" program.

III. Selection of comments.

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I am going to try:
Learning SAS in the Computer Lab by Rebecca Elliot next Fall. Though the above book was good, I need a change to wake me up. [Will Miller]

I can recall two that I would consider to be accessible to a motivated beginner:
* SAS Programming for Researchers and Social Scientists
* SAS System for Elementary Statistical Analysis
[Dan Needham]

It's an old version and is out-of-date now, but I bet that they have a newer version of "SAS System for Elementary Statistical Analysis" Schlotzhauer and Littell, SAS Institute. The windows versions of SAS and SPSS require relatively little programming for simple work. [Leo G. Simonetta]

A book called "SAS System for Elementary Statistical Analysis" by Schlotzhauer and Littell is put out by SAS Institute. This is without a doubt the best book for getting people who know little or nothing about data analysis into SAS. It not only explains how to create data sets, but how to manage them, run and interpret statistics. It packs a lot in a surprisingly small book. I hope this helps. [Chris McCarty]

2. Learning SAS in the Computer Lab, Rebecca J. Elliot.

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The best intro book on SAS I have seen is "Learning SAS in the Computer Lab" by Rebecca J. Elliott. Its 175 pages long and its published by Duxbury Press which is an arm of International Thomson Publishing Company. The book is designed for teaching undergrads SAS. Also available is a disk of data sets to be used with the exercises in the text and a solution manual. [Samuel W. Winslow, Jr]


Sage has a 1993 book out. I've never used it, although I have a copy. SAS Programming for Researchers and Social Sciences by Spector. SAS also put out its own about 10 years ago. [Janet A. Bridges]

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One book is "The Little SAS Book" by L. Delwiche and S. Slaughter. This is very good for data steps but is a little short on PROCs. [Kim Anderson]

5. SAS Software Solutions, Thomas Miron.

You might be interested in 2 references I have on my shelf:
SAS Software Solutions: Basic Data Processing by Thomas Miron This is a very basic level text on working with data within SAS. and SAS System for Linear Models, 3rd edition by Littell, Freund, & Spector This one is a bit more advanced and focuses on regression and ANOVA. [Patrick Kulesa]


I like SAS Applications Programming: A Gentle Introduction. I believe the author is John DiOrio. It helped me get started and made the large number of SAS manuals far less intimidating. [Sarah Kathryn Pepper]


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The best thing I have found to do is use SAS's new "SELECTEXT" program. You can choose any PROCs, or descriptions of data steps and syntax, from any SAS manual. with about six month's advance, SAS can give you a "text" (almost exactly like a course-pak) that has just the procs, or information, that you need. This is much cheaper, and more focused, than having students buy several manuals they will never use. For more info, see their web site at:
http://www.sas.com/selectext
It is pretty self explanatory, and gives ordering info. SAS itself also has lots of new intro stuff that is self-contained. These are much easier to teach from than the old stuff... [Mike Munger]
That's it.

>From D1992@pucc.PRINCETON.EDU Sun Apr 27 13:11:49 1997
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Date: Sun, 27 Apr 97 16:07:08 EDT
From: Richard Sobel <D1992@pucc.PRINCETON.EDU>
Subject: AAPOR meeting lodging
To: aapornet@usc.edu

Got the news from the Marriot last week that it was full of AAPORers. Would
like to be there (or nearby) since chairing an early morning panel. If
someone is interested in sharing in the area, please let me know (by email
to RSobel@ksgrsch.harvard.edu.) Thanks. RS

>From JJanota@asha.org Mon Apr 28 11:04:49 1997
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[207.86.138.3])
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X-Mailer: WordPerfect Office 4.0
Date: Mon, 28 Apr 1997 14:08:06 -0400
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Surveying nonrespondents

We are planning to survey a random sample of recent nonrespondents to our
organizations major (n=6343) (mail) survey instrument. Currently it looks
like it will be a single mailing of a tear-off, postcard size survey.

Does anyone have input from having done this on (a) response rates or
(b) questions that were particularly helpful/insightful.

>From paniotto@kmis.kiev.ua Mon Apr 28 14:17:16 1997
Return-Path: kmis.kiev.ua!paniotto@kmis.kiev.ua
Dear Colleagues,

Between May 19 and June 25, 1997 the Kiev International Institute of Sociology will conduct an omnibus-survey of the adult population of Ukraine. A large part of the questionnaire is reserved for potential clients. We are inviting you to take part in this survey.

Enclosed you will find information about survey and about conditions of including your questions in the questionnaire;

We would be glad to cooperate with you.

Sincerely yours,

Director, doctor of science
Vladimir Paniotto

For more information, write or call

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E-mail: paniotto@kmis.kiev.ua

KIIS UKRAINE OMNIBUS SURVEY

The Kiev International Institute of Sociology informs that between
May 19 and June 25, 1997 it will conduct an omnibus survey of the adult population of Ukraine.

Sample. 1600 respondents aged 16 years and older, living in Ukraine. Sample is based on random selection of 200 sampling points (post-office districts) all over the Ukraine. The sampling process consists of random selection of streets, buildings and apartments inside each post-office district. The last stage - random selection of respondents from families. The sample is representative not only for Ukraine as a whole but for separate regions and groups of regions.

Closing Date for Questions: 18 May 1997

Results Available: 25 June, 1997 (Marginals and the data in SPSS-file)

Costs:
Entry fee $380 plus $260 per closed (pre-coded) question, $370 for open-ended question (receiving the information without including your own questions - $19 per question).
Discount:
- for clients who will purchase more than 10 questions - 10% discount;
- for clients who purchased data of one previous omnibus - $200 per closed question and $330 per open-ended question.

Questions already included in questionnaire:

Demography: sex, age, education, ethnicity of respondent and his parents, marital status, occupational status, socio-economic status, language, religion, place of residence - oblast, city or village, size.

Political questions: view on general situation in Ukraine, social problems, attitudes toward economic reforms, private property, free market, opinion about the Black Sea fleet, Crimea, relations with Russia, independence of Ukraine, nuclear weapons, language problems.

The full list of questions (with exact wording) will be send on your request.

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I don't know whether this got sent to me by mistake, or whether it was broadcast to all of aapornet. You may want to verify that it was received by the "Beth" for whom it was intended. Regards.

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From: Kenneth Sherrill <ksherril@shiva.Hunter.CUNY.EDU>
To: kenslist <kenslist@queernet.org>
cc: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>,
    Public Opinion Research Discussion <por@unc.edu>
Subject: Is Lutz at it again?
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Here is a poll in the new issue of the Christian American for you and your poll experts to examine.

Jerry Sloan
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Poll Finds Americans Want More Religion in Public Life to Address Moral Concerns

Large Majorities Support Return to Traditional Values, Religious Freedom Amendment, Abstinence, Content-Based TV Ratings

APRIL 21, 1997

CHESAPEAKE, VA -- An astonishing 80 percent of the American people see a "moral crisis" in America and large majorities of those surveyed want politicians of both parties to address moral and spiritual concerns, according to a new poll conducted by the Luntz Research Corporation and released today by the Christian Coalition.

"This survey shatters the myth that values issues are a liability to politicians and elected officials. The American people are anxious about the moral direction of America, and they are hungering for political leadership that will address their moral and spiritual concerns," said Ralph Reed, Executive Director of the Christian Coalition.

NOTEWORTHY FINDINGS

Is there a moral crisis in America today?

80% Yes
15% No
5% Don't know/refused

I am deeply concerned about our moral and religious well being as a nation.
83% Agree
13% Disagree
3% Don't know/refused

Which of the following statements is closer to your opinion?

Is the involvement of religion in American politics...

45% Too Little
25% Just About Right
24% Too Much
6% Don't know/refused

A Religious Freedom Amendment to the Constitution legalizing voluntary school prayer and the posting of the Ten Commandments in public buildings.

68% Agree
28% Disagree

4% Don't know/refused

Sex education classes in the schools that emphasize abstinence before marriage.

84% Agree
12% Disagree
3% Don't know/refused

A TV ratings system that tells parents the specific content of the shows they are watching.

89% Agree
8% Disagree
3% Don't know/refused

"The common thread that runs through these numbers is the consensus that as a country we have gone astray when it comes to moral issues. People feel religious freedom needs to be better protected, thus the support for a Religious Freedom Amendment. People are questioning institutions such as the
public schools and television to the point where they are looking for specific reforms. Overall, the overwhelming desire for religion to play a much greater role in public life appears to be the consensus response to the moral crisis that four out of five Americans see," Reed said.

The Luntz Research Companies, Arlington, VA, surveyed a nationwide sample of 900 American adults, selected randomly, on April 4-5, 1997. The overall margin of error for the survey is +/-3.3%.

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(A co-worker has asked me to post the following job announcement. It is being sent to several lists, so please forgive any duplication.)

Please post or circulate the following announcement to prospective applicants.

The Institute for Survey Research at Temple University is currently accepting applications for the permanent full-time position of Research Assistant to provide ongoing research, administrative, and logistical support to Study Directors as part of ISR's Study Direction staff. The position will provide the successful candidate with hands-on experience conducting large scale social science survey research with the possibility of advancement. Salary will be commensurate with education, skills, and experience. ISR is a full service social science survey research institute with complete in-house research facilities for carrying out all facets of survey research projects. ISR has had 30 years experience conducting face-to-face, telephone, and mail survey research projects in paper/pencil and CATI/CAPI modes of data collection. ISR maintains a web site at
Job Description: To support the work of Study Directors in the following tasks:

* Assist with development work such as survey sample selection and design of data collection instruments and protocols

* Participate in and occasionally lead pretesting and piloting of data collection instruments

* Assist in planning and conducting of interviewer training for paper/pencil studies and for CATI/CAPI studies

* Assist in debriefing interviewers and in making decisions about improvements in questionnaire and study design

* Under supervision, calculate sampling weights, sampling errors, confidence intervals, and design effects

* Develop and contribute technical expertise and experience in computerized data collection technologies

* Evaluate progress on survey research projects

* Actively participate in planning, progress, and problem solving meetings regarding survey projects with other ISR departments and staff

* Assist in report writing and data analysis

* Become familiar with typical proposal and grant requirements and assist Study Directors in tasks required to develop proposals and grants

Education:

* Master's degree in sociology, survey research methods, statistics or other social science discipline preferred with methodological and/or quantitative emphasis

* Minimum of two years experience with large scale survey research

Skills and Experience:

* Experience preferred in implementing various sampling designs including RDD telephone samples, list samples, and multistage area probability samples

* Must have facility with data analysis software packages such as SPSS or SAS

* Must have excellent oral and written communication skills, and experience working with a wide variety of people

* Must have proficiency with standard word processing, spreadsheet,
and database packages.

* Ability to work within both PC and UNIX environments desirable
* Must be well organized and detail-oriented

Resumes should be sent to: Frederick Licari, Study Director
Institute for Survey Research
Temple University
1601 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19122

Resumes can be faxed to same at: 1-215-204-4416

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Subject: Fwd: Mexico's Wapor seminar

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>From: miguel.basanez@response-analysis.com
To: BeldenRuss@aol.com
Date: 97-04-29 13:01:55 EDT

Dear Nancy: My access to AAPORNET has a problem and I need to post the
attached message. Can you help me in forwarding this for me? Thanks

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Dear AAPOR colleague:

On behalf of WAPOR/Mexico I am sending you information on the Mexico City
one-day WAPOR seminar that will be held on Monday May 19, the day after the AAPOR meeting in Norfolk.

Could you please let WAPOR know if you are coming by replying to basanez@internet.com.mx?

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Mexico City One-Day Seminar, May 19, 1997

The seminar, titled POLLING AND MODERNIZATION, will explore the beneficial impact that polling has had in the development of more competitive economic and political markets, particularly how polling has influenced the modernization of political and business practices since Mexico entered the North American Free Trade Agreement with the USA. Midterm congress election to take place in Mexico in July will add interest to our seminar.

The conference is hosted by ITAM (Instituto Tecnologico Autonomo de Mexico), the outstanding Mexican university committed to modernization. The program starts at 8:30 am with a panel on Methodological Debates; 10:30 Forecasting Elections; 12:00 lunch at the site; 2:00 Mass media impact on public opinion; and 4:00 Global trends on public opinion research. Sessions are aimed at four highly motivated audiences: media, parties, scholars, and opinion and market researchers.

FLIGHT, HOTEL, TAXI AND TOURS INFO >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

American Airlines has two good connections Norfolk - Dallas - Mexico City on Sunday May 18 at 7:50 am (arriving Mexico City at 1:30 pm) and 12:41 pm arriving 6:34 pm. On returning to Norfolk on Tuesday or later the price is $318 return. Each traveler should make their own reservations.

Wapor/Mexico has pre-booked 50 rooms at the 5 stars "Hotel Royal Pedregal" located 5 minutes drive from the seminar place (ITAM/Unidad de Posgrado). The single-room fare is $88 US (plus tax) per night. People should make their own reservations by calling +(525) 726-9036, faxing +(525) 645-7964 or emailing royalp@netfm.com.mx and letting them now are part of the WAPOR conference.
For visiting the hotel web page go to www.netfm.com.mx/royal

After clearing customs in the Mexico City airport, you MUST look at your left hand side for the TAXI STAND where you shall buy a taxi ticket to the hotel. It is a $12 US one way ride to: Hotel Royal Pedregal, Periferico Sur # 4363, Jardines de la Montana. On a Sunday it is around a 30 minutes ride. On a weekday they should allow at least for 45-60 minutes.

Upon checking in at the hotel, people can ask about a selection of tourist options available. They range from 4 hours City tours at $25 US up to 3 one-day tours at $100 US total with any combination in between. Groups of 7 and over shall get
reduced price. Good choices are the Anthropology Museum, the Aztec archeological site of Teotihuacan, the silver mining colonial town of Taxco and the Xochimilco floating gardens.

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To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: Jerold Pearson <jpearson@stanford.edu>
Subject: Re: Is Lutz at it again?
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At 08:21 AM 4/29/97 -0400, you wrote:
>Here is a poll in the new issue of the Christian American for you and
>your poll experts to examine.
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>Poll Finds Americans Want More Religion in Public Life to Address Moral
>Concerns
>
>Large Majorities Support Return to Traditional Values, Religious
>Freedom Amendment, Abstinence, Content-Based TV Ratings

I've finally figured Frank Luntz out: He's secretly working for the Democrats, feeding the GOP and rightist groups spurious data based on methodology that is questionable at best and non-existent at worst. The big question is why reputable organizations like C-SPAN give him so much air (cable) time. Actually, the bigger question is "Who is his PR rep?"

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From: Marlene Bednarz <mbednarz@umich.edu>
Reply-To: mbednarz@umich.edu
A Little Reminder.....

Tomorrow, Thursday May 1, is the preregistration deadline for the AAPOR Conference (May 15-18 in Norfolk, VA). (Registration fee increases after May 1.)

AAPOR's fax number is 313.764.3341.

Yesterday, I posted a job announcement for a full-time Research Assistant position at the Institute for Survey Research at Temple University. The Web address was incorrect. The correct address is www.temple.edu/ISR.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

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Anyone have any suggestions for the following message I picked up on a different list? If so, email Bill direct since he doesn't belong to AAPORNET (this was posted to computer-assisted reporting).

From: Bill Doskoch <bdoskoch@COMPUSMART.AB.CA>
Subject: Nat'l Council on Public Polls
To: CARR-L@ULKYVM.LOUISVILLE.EDU

The National Council on Public Polls (NCP) *had* a website, and on it was a highly useful pamphlet that advised reporters on questions to ask about polls before reporting on them.

The page was alive and well on Saturday. Then, on Monday, I tried accessing it, and I got a File Not Found message. To try this at home, the URL is http://www-rci.rutgers.edu/~mediapol/20questi.htm.

I tried using the search utility on Rutgers University's home page. Indeed there was a link to the NCP site, but I got the same message. A HotBot search turned up the same dead link, but it might take some time for it to be updated if the website just went down.

Next step was to e-mail the webmaster, asking what the problem might be. He said Rutgers has over 300,000 pages, and that he can't trace anything without knowing who originally created the page.

My question is, does anyone have a snail-mail, phone number or e-mail address for the NCPP? Does anyone know what happened to its web site?

TIA
Bill Doskoch

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