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Date: Wed, 28 Aug 2002 11:20:27 -0700
Sender: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
From: Shapard Wolf <shap.wolf@ASU.EDU>
Subject: December 1997 archive - one BIG message

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 (usually Ctrl-F).

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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Begin archive:

Archive aapornet, file log9712.
Part 1/1, total size 251783 bytes:

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>From murray1@pipeline.com Mon Dec 1 10:54:42 1997
Received: from brickbat8.mindspring.com (brickbat8.mindspring.com [207.69.200.11])
by usc.edu (8.8.8/8.8.8/usc) with ESMTTP
id KAA27915 for <AAPORNET@usc.edu>; Mon, 1 Dec 1997 10:54:31 -0800
(PST)
Received: from 5 (user-38lcf11.dialup.mindspring.com [209.86.60.53])
by brickbat8.mindspring.com (8.8.5/8.8.5) with SMTP id NAA24617
for <AAPORNET@usc.edu>; Mon, 1 Dec 1997 13:54:23 -0500 (EST)
Message-Id: <1.5.4.32.19971201185819.006b5ee0@pop.pipeline.com>
X-Sender: murray1@pop.pipeline.com
X-Mailer: Windows Eudora Light Version 1.5.4 (32)
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Date: Mon, 01 Dec 1997 13:58:19 -0500
To: AAPORNET@usc.edu
From: Murray Edelman <murray1@pipeline.com>
Subject: AAPOR Proposals are due today, Dec 1st, but if...

To accomodate your many requests:

1. The deadline for submissions is extended to: Wednesday, December 3rd at 2:00 PM. (EST)
2. You can send in your conference proposal by fax to: (212) 947-7756. Just send one copy, no coverletter, and a cover sheet to lessen the impact on our machine.

We are busily processing the submissions and sending email confirmations of receipt. If you don't receive a confirmation by Friday, December 5th, email me.

However, please don't email your submissions. They create additional work for us and we also frequently have formatting problems.

Murray Edelman

murray1@pipeline.com

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>From smarcy@datastat.com Mon Dec 1 12:33:50 1997
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    by usc.edu (8.8.8/8.8.8/usc) with SMTP
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(PST)
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    by unknown with SMTP; 1 Dec 1997 20:33:36 -0000
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with last message <1.5.4.32.19971201185819.006b5ee0@pop.pipeline.com>
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To: aapornet@usc.edu
MIME-Version: 1.0
From: "Sherry Marcy" <smarcy@datastat.com>
Subject: MAPOR Conference a Success!
Date: Mon, 01 Dec 97 15:33:43 PST
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To read all of this message, use a MIME V1.0 compliant reader.

Some parts of this message may be in a human readable form.

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MAPOR (Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research) held its annual = conference the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. We had an attendance of = 117 from all over the world, including two people from Korea and one from= Singapore.

Forty-five papers were presented, seventeen poster papers were given, and= six panels were held, for an approximate total of ninety papers/presenta= tions in all!

Paul Lavrakas of Ohio State University won this year's MAPOR Fellow Award= ,

for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Mon, 1 Dec 1997 16:06:57 -0600 (CST)
Message-Id: <3.0.1.32.19971201160654.008044d0@pop-1.iastate.edu>
X-Sender: andywill@pop-1.iastate.edu
X-Mailer: Windows Eudora Pro Version 3.0.1 (32)
Date: Mon, 01 Dec 1997 16:06:54 -0600
To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: Andrew Williams <andywill@iastate.edu>
Subject: Vendors Who Provide Tracking
In-Reply-To: <Pine.SV4.3.94.971112092305.10319A-100000@almaak.usc.edu>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I have a list sample of about 3,000 U.S. adults with name and social security number information. I need to locate the home telephone numbers and addresses for this sample.

I understand that there are three large tracking vendors: ChoicePoint (formerly Equifax), Experian (formerly TRW), and Trans Union Corporation.

Before I contact any of these vendors, I would appreciate the benefit of any experience you may have with tracking using these or other vendors. If you have suggestions for strategies to increase hit rates and lower costs, I'd appreciate hearing from you.

Please respond to me directly.

Thanks
Andy

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andywill@iastate.edu

>From murray1@pipeline.com Mon Dec 1 14:20:19 1997

Received: from camell14.mindspring.com (camell14.mindspring.com [207.69.200.64])

by usc.edu (8.8.8/8.8.8/usc) with ESMTMP

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for <AAPORNET@usc.edu>; Mon, 1 Dec 1997 17:20:16 -0500 (EST)

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Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Date: Mon, 01 Dec 1997 17:24:14 -0500

To: AAPORNET@usc.edu

From: Murray Edelman <murray1@pipeline.com>

Subject: REQ: Info of Survey Analysis Packages

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At a minimum, we need it to handle user defined cross tabs with controls.

Is there such an animal yet? Or do you know of one on the way? Or how about without the browser interface?

Thanks.

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>From skeeter@saturn.vcu.edu Mon Dec 1 15:03:00 1997
Received: from saturn.vcu.edu (saturn.vcu.edu [128.172.2.31])
by usc.edu (8.8.8/8.8.8/usc) with SMTP
id PAA08360 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Mon, 1 Dec 1997 15:02:46 -0800
(PST)
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id AA79976; Mon, 1 Dec 1997 17:58:39 -0500
Date: Mon, 1 Dec 1997 17:58:39 -0500 (EST)
From: Scott Keeter <skeeter@saturn.vcu.edu>
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Re: REQ: Info of Survey Analysis Packages
In-Reply-To: <1.5.4.32.19971201222414.00be64f0@pop.pipeline.com>
Message-Id: <Pine.A32.3.95.971201174506.97762J-100000@saturn.vcu.edu>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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Murray: take a look at the "Demonstration Archive" of UC-Berkeley's Computer-assisted Survey Methods Program. Their "CSA" analysis program is set up to run with a browser interface and crunches gigantic data sets very quickly. I don't know how easily it could be adapted to your needs, or what its capacity might be in terms of simultaneous online users.

Their web site is at <http://csa.berkeley.edu:7502/>

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On Mon, 1 Dec 1997, Murray Edelman wrote:

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> Murray Edelman murray1@pipeline.com
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>From lavrakas.1@osu.edu Tue Dec 2 04:39:54 1997
Received: from mail2.uts.ohio-state.edu (root@mail2.uts.ohio-state.edu
[128.146.214.31])
by usc.edu (8.8.8/8.8.8/usc) with ESMTTP
id EAA03091 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Tue, 2 Dec 1997 04:39:53 -0800
(PST)
Received: from lavrakas.1.acs.ohio-state.edu ([128.146.93.45])
by mail2.uts.ohio-state.edu (8.8.7/8.8.6) with SMTP id HAA24008
for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Tue, 2 Dec 1997 07:39:54 -0500 (EST)
Message-Id: <2.2.32.19971202124124.0088251c@pop.service.ohio-state.edu>
X-Sender: lavrakas.1@pop.service.ohio-state.edu
X-Mailer: Windows Eudora Pro Version 2.2 (32)
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Date: Tue, 02 Dec 1997 07:41:24 -0500
To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: "Paul J. Lavrakas, Ph.D." <lavrakas.1@osu.edu>
Subject: Re: Vendors Who Provide Tracking

At 04:06 PM 12/1/97 -0600, you wrote:

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>I have a list sample of about 3,000 U.S. adults with name and social
>security number information. I need to locate the home telephone
>numbers and addresses for this sample.
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Just curious: is it legal to have their Social Security numbers? If so, I
don't know that I'd publicize having them....

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* Professor of Public Policy & Management *
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>From lavrakas.1@osu.edu Tue Dec 2 05:49:18 1997

Received: from mail2.uts.ohio-state.edu (root@mail2.uts.ohio-state.edu [128.146.214.31])
by usc.edu (8.8.8/8.8.8/usc) with ESMTTP
id FAA15328 for <AAPORNET@usc.edu>; Tue, 2 Dec 1997 05:49:17 -0800
(PST)
Received: from lavrakas.1.acs.ohio-state.edu ([128.146.93.45])
by mail2.uts.ohio-state.edu (8.8.7/8.8.6) with SMTP id IAA08021
for <AAPORNET@usc.edu>; Tue, 2 Dec 1997 08:49:18 -0500 (EST)
Message-Id: <2.2.32.19971202135047.0067054c@pop.service.ohio-state.edu>
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X-Mailer: Windows Eudora Pro Version 2.2 (32)
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Date: Tue, 02 Dec 1997 08:50:47 -0500
To: AAPORNET@usc.edu
From: "Paul J. Lavrakas, Ph.D." <lavrakas.1@osu.edu>
Subject: Mail survey disposition codes

Dear AAPORites,

AAPOR Council is in the midst of reviewing a report written for AAPOR by a committee chaired by Tom Smith on response outcomes (dispositions) and response rates for telephone surveys. Council expects this report to receive wide distribution and hopes that it will become a 'definitive' document in bringing more standardization across surveys and polls in the way that response/nonresponse is described and calculated.

Council would like to include similar information for mail surveys in this report or in a subsequent one. As present members of Council, Rob Daves and I have agreed to try to get this to happen.

As such, I would very much appreciate receiving lists of disposition codes that surveyors use in ***mail*** surveys. That is, when you have finished data collection for a mail survey and are doing a final accounting of the disposition of the various persons, households, agencies, etc. that were sampled and mailed a questionnaire, what are the categories you use to group the various outcomes (e.g., completed questionnaire; partially completed; returned but not completed; etc.).

If you have written documentation explaining these dispositions I would also appreciate receiving that.

In addition, if you have written information about how you calculate response rates in ***mail*** surveys I would very much like to receive that too. Sections of text (e.g., xerox of pages) from a report showing the way you calculate response rates would also be of help.

If you can respond, please do so by faxing me the information (614-292-6673) or my e-mailing it to me at lavrakas.1@osu.edu

If you send an e-mail attachment please do it as WORD, WP or text file.

Please do NOT respond to aapornet@usc.edu.

I will send out a version of what I compile to AAPORnet in early 1998.

Thanks in advance for your help to AAPOR on this very important matter.
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>From ande271@ibm.net Tue Dec 2 08:04:22 1997
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by out4.ibm.net (8.8.5/8.6.9) with SMTP id QAA35262 for <aapornet@usc.edu>;
Tue, 2 Dec 1997 16:04:18 GMT
Message-ID: <3485AD55.6641@ibm.net>
Date: Wed, 03 Dec 1997 11:04:53 -0800
From: Jeanne Anderson <ande271@ibm.net>
Reply-To: ande271@ibm.net
X-Mailer: Mozilla 3.0 (Win95; U)
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Paul Lavrakas; request
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

It is not illegal to possess Social Security numbers. They probably were obtained legally. They should not, of course, be disclosed individually.

Getting address/phone numbers is more difficult now in view of the "stalker law." You have to document the need, and be backed by some [governmental?] authority. Check with the U.S. Post Office on the procedures.

If you do have SS #'s, you might try the Dept. of Motor Vehicles databases if you think large numbers of your respondents are car/truck owners. Again, though, this may be more difficult than it was several years ago before stalker laws came into being.

>From andy@troll.soc.qc.edu Tue Dec 2 12:23:35 1997
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by usc.edu (8.8.8/8.8.8/usc) with SMTP
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id PAA13569; Tue, 2 Dec 1997 15:24:04 -0500
Date: Tue, 2 Dec 1997 15:37:13 -0500 (EST)
From: Andrew Beveridge <andy@troll.soc.qc.edu>
X-Sender: andy@troll
To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>
Subject: Re: REQ: Info of Survey Analysis Packages (fwd)
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.96.971202153624.10586B-100000@troll>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Since I had changed mail servers this bounced.

----- Forwarded message -----
Date: Mon, 1 Dec 1997 20:53:36 -0500 (EST)
From: Andrew Beveridge <andy@troll.soc.qc.edu>
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Cc: Dean Savage <savage@qcvaxa.acc.qc.edu>
Subject: Re: REQ: Info of Survey Analysis Packages

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> We are looking for a survey analysis software package which will work
> in a Client Server environment with a browser interface, will handle
> multiple interactive sessions, and will be user-friendly.
One answer would be the SAS system, which recently released SAS Intranet,
which allows one to do what you want. It probably would require setting up
use either SAS/ASSIST or SAS/AF some query screens.

My colleague Dean Savage has the GSS using SAS in a similar manner using
sommething called QSERVE.

The survey center at Berkeley also has something.

Andy Beveridge

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>From POJA@FHSUVM.FHSU.EDU Wed Dec 3 09:34:00 1997
Received: from FHSUVM.FHSU.EDU (fhsuvm.fhsu.edu [198.22.249.1])
by usc.edu (8.8.8/8.8.8/usc) with SMTP
id JAA23145 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Wed, 3 Dec 1997 09:33:55 -0800
(PST)
Message-Id: <199712031733.JAA23145@usc.edu>
Received: from FHSU by FHSUVM.FHSU.EDU (IBM VM SMTP V2R3) with BSMTMP id
3765;
Wed, 03 Dec 97 11:35:12 CST
Date: Wed, 3 Dec 97 11:35:09 CST
From: "Joe Aistrup, Assistant Director" <POJA@FHSUVM.FHSU.EDU>
Subject: JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
To: <aapornet@usc.edu>

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Strong interpersonal skills

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or to send application through e-mail:
poja@fhsuvm.fhsu.edu

Applications will be processed as received. Interviewing will begin as soon as people with the appropriate skills and interest are identified.

>From caspar@rti.org Wed Dec 3 10:00:02 1997
Received: from cscnts3.rti.org (cscnts3.rti.org [152.5.128.49])
by usc.edu (8.8.8/8.8.8/usc) with ESMTTP
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From: "Caspar, Rachel A." <caspar@rti.org>
To: "'aapornet@usc.edu'" <aapornet@usc.edu>
Cc: "Pate, D. Kirk" <dkp@rti.org>
Subject: Job openings at RTI
Date: Wed, 3 Dec 1997 12:59:20 -0500
MIME-Version: 1.0
X-Mailer: Internet Mail Service (5.5.1960.3)
Content-Type: text/plain

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>From HOneill536@aol.com Wed Dec 3 13:16:34 1997
Received: from mrin51.mail.aol.com (mrin51.mx.aol.com [198.81.19.161])
by usc.edu (8.8.8/8.8.8/usc) with ESMTTP
id NAA09116 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Wed, 3 Dec 1997 13:16:31 -0800
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From: HOneill536@aol.com
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by mrin51.mail.aol.com (8.8.5/8.7.3/AOL-2.0.0)
id QAA17902 for aapornet@usc.edu;
Wed, 3 Dec 1997 16:16:01 -0500 (EST)
Date: Wed, 3 Dec 1997 16:16:01 -0500 (EST)
Message-ID: <971203161600_1982296746@mrin51.mail.aol.com>
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: sample list with ss numbers

regarding the person who has a sample with social security numbers, i'd like to know how this sample list was obtained. I regard having people's social security numbers as a gross invasion of privacy and any research use made of them as unethical.

harry o'neill

>From ande271@ibm.net Wed Dec 3 13:52:54 1997
Received: from out5.ibm.net (out5.ibm.net [165.87.194.245])
by usc.edu (8.8.8/8.8.8/usc) with ESMTTP
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Wed, 3 Dec 1997 21:51:48 GMT
Message-ID: <34875028.5DA4@ibm.net>
Date: Thu, 04 Dec 1997 16:51:52 -0800
From: Jeanne Anderson <ande271@ibm.net>
Reply-To: ande271@ibm.net
X-Mailer: Mozilla 3.0 (Win95; U)
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Ethics and SS #'s
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yes, one must question how anyone can obtain names and SS #'s without addresses. If the list is of subscribers (to an HMO, for example), the SS # can be useful to make sure you have the right "John Doe" if the phone number given is no longer operative, the person has moved from the address he/she gave, etc.

Could there be an instance where a SS # and name alone are legally and ethically obtained? I hadn't thought of that before this. Thanks for educating me, Harry.

>From mikemokr@ap.org Wed Dec 3 15:24:58 1997
Received: from janus.ap.org (eos.ap.org [165.1.6.1])
by usc.edu (8.8.8/8.8.8/usc) with SMTP
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X-Sender: mikemokr@eos.ap.org
X-Mailer: QUALCOMM Windows Eudora Light Version 3.0.3 (32)
Date: Wed, 03 Dec 1997 18:23:22 -0500
To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: Mike Mokrzycki <mikemokr@ap.org>
Subject: Re: REQ: Info of Survey Analysis Packages
In-Reply-To: <1.5.4.32.19971201222414.00be64f0@pop.pipeline.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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Murray, as I mentioned to you during the Survey Committee meeting, you might want to consider a Citrix WinFrame server. Multiple instances of the survey analysis app would run on the server, one each for however many clients are logged in.

The remote user sees the app in a window on their desktop and runs it as if it were on his/her own PC, including the ability to save/print files locally.

Execution logic is stripped out of the transaction so that only screenshots and keystrokes/mouse commands go back and forth, thereby consuming a minimum of bandwidth.

Winframe clients are available for Win95/NT, Win 3.x and even DOS (VGA monitor minimum), with Java-based clients in beta for Mac and Unix. There's a browser plugin Citrix client but I haven't tried that yet.

You'd need to set up a hefty WinNT 3.51 server to run Citrix WinFrame Server and the survey analysis software, but client setup is easy. (Supposedly a version for NT 4.0 Server is in development.) We're using this now to serve Windows-based CD-ROM content to AP points worldwide (our Sydney, Australia, bureau successfully tested it last week) -- I'd be happy to demo it for you. Our server is a quad Pentium Pro 200 with 512MB RAM.

Our access is via TCP/IP, entirely behind a firewall, but we plan next year to offer dialup access -- which Citrix was initially designed for.

See <http://www.citrix.com/> for more details.

rgds

mjm

At 05:24 PM 12/1/97 -0500, you wrote:

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>We are looking for a survey analysis software package which will work
>in a Client Server environment with a browser interface, will handle

>multiple interactive sessions, and will be user-friendly.
>
>At a minimum, we need it to handle user defined cross tabs with
>controls.
>
>Is there such an animal yet? Or do you know of one on the way? Or how
>about without the browser interface?
>
>Thanks.

>
>Murray Edelman murray1@pipeline.com
>Editorial Director
>Voter News Service
>225 W. 34th #310
>New York City, 10122

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Mike Mokrzycki
mmokrzycki@ap.org

>From HOneill1536@aol.com Wed Dec 3 15:43:54 1997
Received: from mrin40.mx.aol.com (mrin40.mx.aol.com [198.81.19.150])
by usc.edu (8.8.8/8.8.8/usc) with ESMTTP
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From: HOneill1536@aol.com
Received: (from root@localhost)
by mrin40.mx.aol.com (8.8.5/8.7.3/AOL-2.0.0)
id SAA12475 for aapornet@usc.edu;
Wed, 3 Dec 1997 18:43:20 -0500 (EST)

Date: Wed, 3 Dec 1997 18:43:20 -0500 (EST)
Message-ID: <971203184320_1240042599@mrin40.mx>
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: names & SS nos.

I don't know any way that names and SS nos. can be legally and ethically
obtained - particularly for commercial research. If anyone does, please
enlighten me.

>From andy@pixie.soc.qc.edu Thu Dec 4 04:54:10 1997
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id HAA17370; Thu, 4 Dec 1997 07:54:21 -0500
Date: Thu, 4 Dec 1997 08:07:30 -0500 (EST)
From: Andrew Beveridge <andy@pixie.soc.qc.edu>
X-Sender: andy@troll
To: HOneill1536@aol.com
cc: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Re: names & SS nos.
In-Reply-To: <971203184320_1240042599@mrin40.mx>
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.96.971204075134.12361C-100000@troll>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Dear AAPORNET:

The issue of what is and what is not leagally and ethically available is a fine line indeed. There are available at least 2 files, that purport to be relatively complete, of every household in the US.

They included: party registration, voting behavior, income, house value, name and address, ethnicity, magazine readership, automobile ownership, etc., asset ownership, mortgage balance, etc. One of these was maintained by Donnelly Marketing Information Systems, another was maintained by Techno something. At one point Lotus was going to sell these on CD (120 million households), but there was an outcry so the product did not come to market.

As I understand it these are generated by lists that are relatively easy to get ahold of, including credit histories (which usually have a SSNO), by merging.

Social security number has become so ubiquitous as an ID (for instance it is my ID and all of the students ID's at Queens College) that getting a hold of them in many contexts is probably pretty easy.

Government collected data: Tax Returns, Census Forms, Social Security Account Information is pretty secure.

Privately collected information is not. All of the controls have been placed on government information. The Equifaxes and credit bureaus are still out there collecting data that have large consequences with very little control.

I personally hoped the LOTUS data would be made available, because it would have meant that everyone would see what data quality they were dealing with! Just because Lotus did not sell it does not mean that it is not collected.

Confidentiality is honored in the breach. We executed an agreement to have access for research purposes to a survey collected by the NCES. To get the data we had to agree to criminal liability up to 250K, and have a secure computing facility. One of the assurances that had to be made was that no college official would direct us to share the data.

I personally do not see the harm of having SSNO's even with name. Without access to SS files, what is the big deal if they are used for research purposes.

Andy

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>From Tucker_C@BLS.GOV Thu Dec 4 06:14:21 1997
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From: Tucker_C <Tucker_C@BLS.GOV>
To: aapornet@usc.edu, Jeanne Anderson <ande271@ibm.net>
Subject: RE: Ethics and SS #'s
Date: Thu, 4 Dec 1997 09:16:14 -0500
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I suspect one way of getting the SSNs is from motor-voter, which currently is public data in many states, although there is some controversy about that. But I certainly would suspect anyone who obtains the lists just for the SSNs. The bigger question is whether and how to use it if you find you have it.

From: Jeanne Anderson [SMTP:ande271@ibm.net]
Sent: 04 December 1997 19:52
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Ethics and SS #'s

Yes, one must question how anyone can obtain names and SS #'s without addresses. If the list is of subscribers (to an HMO, for example), the SS # can be useful to make sure you have the right "John Doe" if the phone number given is no longer operative, the person has moved from the address he/she gave, etc.

Could there be an instance where a SS # and name alone are legally and ethically obtained? I hadn't thought of that before this. Thanks for educating me, Harry.

>From mikemokr@ap.org Thu Dec 4 06:19:39 1997
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Date: Thu, 04 Dec 1997 09:19:21 -0500
To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: Mike Mokrzycki <mikemokr@ap.org>
Subject: Re: REQ: Info of Survey Analysis Packages
In-Reply-To: <3.0.3.32.19971203182322.007be100@eos.ap.org>

References: <1.5.4.32.19971201222414.00be64f0@pop.pipeline.com>
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Mike Mokrzycki, AP

>From jwerner@jwdp.com Thu Dec 4 08:27:57 1997
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From: Jan Werner <jwerner@jwdp.com>
Reply-To: jwerner@jwdp.com
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MIME-Version: 1.0
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Re: REQ: Info of Survey Analysis Packages
References: <1.5.4.32.19971201222414.00be64f0@pop.pipeline.com>
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(NOT inadvertently posted to the entire group)

Sometimes things work out for the best. Mike Mokrzycki's description of the Citrix Winframe server was quite informative and I am glad that it was posted here for all (or at least me) to see.

I personally feel that this is precisely the kind of truly useful information that I look to find on AAPORNET.

Jan Werner

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> Mike Mokrzycki, AP
>From andywill@iastate.edu Thu Dec 4 08:56:18 1997
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X-Sender: andywill@pop-1.iastate.edu
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Date: Thu, 04 Dec 1997 10:56:17 -0600
To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: Andrew Williams <andywill@iastate.edu>
Subject: Use of SS#s for Research Purposes
Cc: HOneill536@aol.com
In-Reply-To: <Pine.SOL.3.96.971204075134.12361C-100000@troll>
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From: Tucker_C <Tucker_C@BLS.GOV>

To: aapornet@usc.edu, Andrew Williams <andywill@iastate.edu>

Cc: HOneill536@aol.com

Subject: RE: Use of SS#s for Research Purposes

Date: Thu, 4 Dec 1997 12:19:42 -0500

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X-Mailer: Internet Mail Service (5.0.1458.49)

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I should have been clearer in my original message. Public opinion researchers may now have become interested in these files, but car insurance companies have always been interested in them. By the way, in the state of Virginia, the SSN is used as the driver's id.

I also want to clarify that while I might suspect a researcher who is only after SSN, I did not mean there couldn't be some good reasons for it. On the other hand, humanitarian reasons do not automatically justify violations of privacy.

Clyde Tucker, AAPOR Standards Chair

From: Andrew Williams [SMTP:andywill@iastate.edu]

Sent: 04 December 1997 11:56

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Cc: HOneill536@aol.com

Subject: Use of SS#s for Research Purposes

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>From JRachels@concentric.net Thu Dec 4 12:17:49 1997

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Message-ID: <34870FB5.63C4D365@concentric.net>

Date: Thu, 04 Dec 1997 15:16:53 -0500

From: Joyce Rachelson <JRachels@concentric.net>

Reply-To: JRachels@concentric.net

X-Mailer: Mozilla 4.03 [en] (Win95; I)

MIME-Version: 1.0

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: Software Information Request

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

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Is anyone aware of any software for frequency and reach reporting?

Thanks,

Joyce Rachelson

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"The only foolish question is the one you didn't ask!!!"

Visit CfMC's Home Page at: <http://www.cfmc.com>

>From ande271@ibm.net Thu Dec 4 17:33:38 1997
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Date: Fri, 05 Dec 1997 20:34:05 -0800
From: Jeanne Anderson <ande271@ibm.net>
Reply-To: ande271@ibm.net
X-Mailer: Mozilla 3.0 (Win95; U)
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To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Legitimate use of SS no's?
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We have received info about program clients from NYC Dept. of
Employment, to use in a program evaluation. It helps in making sure we
have contacted the right person. It also is a way of validation for
some interviews, sparing respondents in sensitive interviewing. And, it
helps in merging interview data with program data supplied by the
client.

We do not give SS # info to interviewers. We use it in the office only.

Respondents's replies are given to our govt. client. That, apparently,
is required by law in some program evaluation surveys! What should we
do? We have been helpful in identifying program elements that do not
work well, and the client has used our findings without identifying
individual respondents in contracting with program providers. Is it
worth the risk that confidentiality will be breached to the detriment of
the respondents?

>From JOHN_MARCUM.parti@ecunet.org Fri Dec 5 08:14:22 1997
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Date: Fri, 5 Dec 1997 11:13:16 -0500 (EST)
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To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: JOHN_MARCUM.parti@ecunet.org (JOHN MARCUM)
Message-ID: <9712051113.aa15004@pcusa01.ecunet.org>

To: aapornet@usc.edu

We're trying to make a case that Research Services staff deserve equity pay increases, and would appreciate information any of you feel free to share about salary amounts (or ranges) in your organization for Ph.D. or M.A.-level researchers, both at entry and with experience. (If you don't feel comfortable putting such material on AAPORNET, send it to me in a personal note. I'll keep specifics confidential.) Thanks!

Jack Marcum, Research Services, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville KY 40202-1396. Phone 502-569-5161; fax 502-569-5501; email john_marcum@pcusa.org 9:43 am Fri, Dec 5, 1997
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>From Tara@arfsite.org Fri Dec 5 08:25:40 1997
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From: Tara McLaughlin <Tara@arfsite.org>
To: "aapornet@usc.edu" <aapornet@usc.edu>,
"JOHN MARCUM"
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I would suggest contacting Gerry Kanovski at the Career Consulting = Group, as he just did the third wave of a survey among Research = Directors regarding staffing, skills, and hiring trends. He does cover = salaries in his study. He can be reached at (203)975-8800.

Tara McLaughlin

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From: JOHN MARCUM[SMTP:JOHN_MARCUM.parti@ecunet.org]
Sent: Friday, December 05, 1997 6:13 AM
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: SALARIES

To: aapornet@usc.edu

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To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: Robert M Worcester <worc@worc.demon.co.uk>
Subject: Re: sample list with ss numbers
In-Reply-To: <971203161600_1982296746@mrin51.mail.aol.com>
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You sound like a member of the ACLU!

By the way, sold a another project this week in Washington to Greenpeace, which we'll use you on in a month or two. Get your people to send me the up to date timetable and cost sheet.

Happy Xmas.

Bob

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Robert M Worcester

>From Tucker_C@BLS.GOV Fri Dec 5 11:21:45 1997

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id <X6N8KS9B>; Fri, 5 Dec 1997 14:22:02 -0500

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From: Tucker_C <Tucker_C@BLS.GOV>

To: aapornet@usc.edu, Jeanne Anderson <ande271@ibm.net>

Subject: RE: Legitimate use of SS no's?

Date: Fri, 5 Dec 1997 14:22:58 -0500

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Have the respondent's consented to the merge?

From: Jeanne Anderson [SMTP:ande271@ibm.net]

Sent: 05 December 1997 23:34

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: Legitimate use of SS no's?

We have received info about program clients from NYC Dept. of

Employment, to use in a program evaluation. It helps in making sure we

have contacted the right person. It also is a way of validation for

some interviews, sparing respondents in sensitive interviewing. And, it

helps in merging interview data with program data supplied by the

client.

We do not give SS # info to interviewers. We use it in the office only.

Respondents's replies are given to our govt. client. That, apparently,

is required by law in some program evaluation surveys! What should we

do? We have been helpful in identifying program elements that do not work well, and the client has used our findings without identifying individual respondents in contracting with program providers. Is it worth the risk that confidentiality will be breached to the detriment of the respondents?

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Date: Fri, 05 Dec 1997 15:31:14 -0800
To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: "richard s. halpern" <rshalpern@mindspring.com>
Subject: Re: sample list with ss numbers
In-Reply-To: <YAI3utB4kCi0Ewbb@worc.demon.co.uk>
References: <971203161600_1982296746@mrin51.mail.aol.com>
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>From lockhadc@Maritz.com Fri Dec 5 15:30:37 1997

Received: from gatekeeper.maritz.com (firewall-user@[209.96.36.2])

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From: "Lockhart, Dan C." <lockhadc@Maritz.com>

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

Subject: Sampling error or response bias?

Date: Fri, 5 Dec 1997 16:43:17 -0600

X-Priority: 3

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lockhadc@maritz.com

Best regards,

Dan :-)

>From slosh@garnet.acns.fsu.edu Fri Dec 5 17:07:57 1997

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To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: Susan Losh <slosh@garnet.acns.fsu.edu>
Subject: Re: sample list with ss numbers

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When was the last time someone asked you what you really thought and LISTENED to the answer?

your survey research interviewer

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>From murray1@pipeline.com Fri Dec 5 18:06:12 1997
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Date: Fri, 05 Dec 1997 21:10:10 -0500
To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: Murray Edelman <murray1@pipeline.com>
Subject: Confirmation Letters

We have sent confirmation messages for all proposals received by us on or before December 1st. If you notice typos in the names or proposal descriptions, please let me know.

I will send another notice next week when the confirmation letters for all proposals, including those which arrived later in the week, will have been sent. If your proposal could have been received by us after December 1st please wait until then before contacting me.

Thanks.

Murray Edelman
Conference Chair

>From mcohen@inet.ed.gov Sat Dec 6 12:36:46 1997
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From: mcohen@inet.ed.gov (Michael P. Cohen)
To: lockhadc@Maritz.com, aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Re: Sampling error or response bias?
X-Status: ON 32768

Dan Lockhart asks (6 December 1997):

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You do not have sampling error. You have non-sampling error that includes non-response bias, non-response variance, and so forth.

Michael P. Cohen phone 202-219-1917
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From: "Robert M. Worcester" <worc@worc.demon.co.uk>
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Re: sample list with ss numbers
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Well Harry used to think so some 30 years ago when I was on the ACLU national Board! But then he's mellowed in his old age.

Bob

P.S. In those days people used to say that they didn't agree with everything the ACLU stood for, and my reply was that nobody on the Board did either.

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>From mitofsky@mindspring.com Sat Dec 6 21:06:54 1997

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Date: Sun, 07 Dec 1997 00:05:13 -0500

To: aapornet@usc.edu

From: "Warren J. Mitofsky" <mitofsky@mindspring.com>

Subject: Re: sample list with ss numbers

I think the discussion about social security numbers is off the mark. There are some legitimate uses for a sample with social security numbers that are not unethical. For example, social security numbers could be supplied by the respondent and used to link data bases with the respondent's consent. The could be used by federal government researchers to link data bases (IRS and Census data bases). They might be used by financial institutions to link their own internal data bases (banking information and credit card information). My point is that to condemn samples with social security numbers in the absence of a purpose does not make sense to me.

Incidentally, I belong to the ACLU.

warren mitofsky

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To: srmsnet@umdd.UMD.edu, aapornet@usc.edu
From: Edith de Leeuw <edithl@educ.uva.nl>
Subject: Optimal introductions telephone interviews
Cc: wapornet@listserv.oit.unc.edu, por@unc.edu
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My apologies for cross-posting

I am planning an experiment with telephone introductions in the Netherlands.
Goal is: improving response and emphasizing the legitimacy
Problem: Response seems to be declining, respondents fear 'selling
of products', 'tele-marketing, selling' is growing.

Question: What are optimal introductions to LEGITIMATE opinion research.
(e.g. should one add: we are not selling anything? or is it better to let
sleeping dogs lie).

Please, send any reactions, ideas, etc DIRECTLY to me edithL@educ.uva.nl I
will post a summary to the list

THANKS, Edith

Dr. Edith D. de Leeuw, Plantage Doklaan 40, NL-1018 CN Amsterdam
tel/fax + 31 20 622 34 38 e-mail edithl@educ.uva.nl

Ode to Heinz (sorry Spot):

A tail is quite essential for your acrobatic talents
You would not be so agile if you lacked its counterbalance

And when not being utilized to aid in locomotion
It ALWAYS serves to illustrate the state of your emotion
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To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>
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-- Jim

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ESSAY / By WILLIAM SAFIRE

Sampling Is Not Enumerating

WASHINGTON -- As elections demonstrate, a poll is an
educated guess and not a hard count. A sampling is not
an enumeration. Often pollsters are mistaken.

Here's how polling warps politics. In the 1996
Presidential campaign, most major polls showed Bob Dole
trailing throughout by a whopping 12 to 20 percentage
points, throwing the G.O.P. into despair. Even
right-wing publications hooted at their "sure loser";
dispirited Republicans stayed home in droves.

Toward campaign's end, the New York Times/CBS poll --

run by the most respected statistical geniuses and random samplers alive -- showed Bill Clinton ahead by a likely landslide of 18 points. ABC and NBC/ Wall Street Journal said 12.

But one poll -- the Zogby poll for Reuters -- was out of step. It showed only a seven-point gap.

On Election Day, the actual enumeration showed Zogby alone to be within one point of accuracy.

The other polls that made the Dole campaign a laughingstock in the media -- and helped confer a false inevitability to Clinton's re-election from the start -- had been grievously misleading. (In the Times/CBS case, fully 10 points off.)

Thus can reliance on samples distort our politics. Sampling is no science; ask President Dewey and Prime Minister Peres.

Democrats want to gain a political edge in 2000 by changing our method of counting American noses. This flies in the face of the U.S. Constitution, which in Article I calls for an "actual Enumeration," with a capital E -- which means "counting one by one."

Democrats led by President Clinton say the founding fogies did not have available the blessings of modern sampling and their stricture about counting everybody can be ignored. Liberals want to replace, or "augment," laborious counting with the educated guesswork of sampling.

Reason: Census takers don't like to climb five stories in crummy neighborhoods, where residents are more likely to vote Democratic. This assumes most of the people who hide from Government bell-ringers, or don't have phones, or can't read their mail, or are recent immigrants, are likely to be Democrats.

That stereotype strikes me as insulting. But the Democratic minority in Congress, backed up by the White House, insists Democrats have been getting a "short count" by letting the Census Bureau do it the constitutional way. By having a statistician put a thumb on the scale, liberals figure they can pick up a dozen House seats and increase spending on the poor

Was the 1990 Census accurate? Probably not; sloppiness in planning, fearfulness about interviewing and poor mail service failed to count millions -- including libertarian moonshiners in the Blue Ridge Mountains and Republicans in Beverly Hills mansions, all threatening armed response.

To do better next time, Democrats want to (1) do

another slapdash nose count; (2) redo selected slums with a vengeance, and (3) extrapolate those redone samples to skew -- or "weight" -- the earlier count. An oversight committee (Charlie Trie, chairman?) would watch out for political manipulation. This is supposed to increase people's trust in government.

The right answer is to improve enumeration before 2000: (1) advertise to reassure the reluctant and gain their cooperation; (2) improve mailing lists to reach everyone with an address, and (3) train census foot soldiers to make them more effective in finding the homeless.

The wrong answer is the cockamamie compromise that Clinton and Republican leaders have just perpetrated: a bill passed with a straight face by the Congress, solemnly signed by the President, requiring the Supreme Court to rule in advance on the constitutionality of sampling.

Here's what will happen. The Justices will respond unanimously to the legislative and executive branches: "Whaddaya, out of your minds? Didn't we just teach you on the legislative veto that we're not in the business of giving advisory opinions? We will decide when an issue is ripe for our decision and who has standing, so take your silly bill and gedoudahere." (Jurists call this "denying cert.")

Justice Hugo Black read the line in the Constitution that begins "Congress shall make no law" and opined "No law means no law." In the same way, "actual Enumeration" means what it says. Start counting. This sample is not for sale.

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Tucker_C wrote:

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> Have the respondent's consented to the merge?
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> -----
> From: Jeanne Anderson [SMTP:ande271@ibm.net]
> Sent: 05 December 1997 23:34
> To: aapornet@usc.edu
> Subject: Legitimate use of SS no's?
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> We have received info about program clients from NYC Dept. of
>
> Employment, to use in a program evaluation. It helps in making sure
> we
>
> have contacted the right person. It also is a way of validation for
>
> some interviews, sparing respondents in sensitive interviewing. And,
> it
>
> helps in merging interview data with program data supplied by the
>
> client.
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> We do not give SS # info to interviewers. We use it in the office
> only.
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> Respondents's replies are given to our govt. client. That,
> apparently,
>
> is required by law in some program evaluation surveys! What should we
>
> do? We have been helpful in identifying program elements that do not
>
> work well, and the client has used our findings without identifying
>
> individual respondents in contracting with program providers. Is it
>
> worth the risk that confidentiality will be breached to the detriment
> of
>
> the respondents?

No, of course we did not consult the respondents about merging their interview data with the program data supplied by the client. We did explain in the introductory letter prior to the telephone interview that we had been engaged by NYC Dept. of Employment. At the end of the interview the interviewer asked for the last four digits of the SS # " so that my supervisor will know that I really interviewed you -- it will mean that you won't have to be called again to make sure I did."

The merge really made it possible for us to do a more extensive analysis for the client, since we had program data to run against interview responses.

The fact that interview data (with identifying name, address, tel. no. and liast 4 digits of SS #) were made available to the client was of considerable concern to us. We were assured that it was only for validation purposes, and that the data would probably sit in some locked file and no one would look at it. I was satisfied before and afterwards that this was the truth -- the Dept. personnel were too busy even to validate (although I think they were required by statute to do so!)

In addition, the project monitor authorized us to give her name and telephone number to anyone who had a complaint about program experience and wanted to know whom to contact. We know that several people did call her, and that she tried to help in every instance.

Of course, most of the reassurance we got came after we took on the project the first time. It was difficult to argue against the law before that, and we had the choice of taking on the contract or letting it go to another firm we knew of that had no scruples about confidentiality and even hired program staff to do the interviewing! (That's some kind of incest but I have not seen it described or named in any textbook.)

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From: Tucker_C <Tucker_C@BLS.GOV>

To: aapornet@usc.edu, "Warren J. Mitofsky" <mitofsky@mindspring.com>

Subject: RE: sample list with ss numbers

Date: Mon, 8 Dec 1997 09:31:31 -0500

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I agree with Warren. It must be determined on a case by case basis. I might add with the burden of proof falling on the one requesting the information.

Clyde Tucker, Standards Chair

From: Warren J. Mitofsky [SMTP:mitofsky@mindspring.com]

Sent: 07 December 1997 00:05

To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Re: sample list with ss numbers

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To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: sgoold@unm.edu (Scott Goold)
Subject: Re: Confirmation Letters

Hello Murray,
I was just nervous because I faxed my information to you and had to leave.
When I returned, the confirmation message wasn't there. I was gone a long
time and my computer might have dispensed with the notification, but I
really don't know. Thanks in advance.

Scott

>We have sent confirmation messages for all proposals received by us on
>or before December 1st. If you notice typos in the names or proposal
>descriptions, please let me know.
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>I will send another notice next week when the confirmation letters for
>all proposals, including those which arrived later in the week, will
>have been sent. If your proposal could have been received by us after
>December 1st please wait until then before contacting me.
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>Thanks.
>
>Murray Edelman
>Conference Chair

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From: "Paul J. Lavrakas, Ph.D." <lavrakas.1@osu.edu>
Subject: Origin of Term -- Margin of Error
Cc: KJO@doh.state.nj.us

I am passing along this query for Kenneth J. O'Dowd, Ph.D., Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services who has been seeking feedback about the term "margin of error" via ASA's Survey Methods Listserver.

His questions is:

What is the historical origin of the term Margin of Error? That is, does anyone know who first used this term to refer to the confidence interval associated with a survey's sampling error (providing it's a probability sample)?

If you'd like to respond directly to Ken, his e-mail is KJO@doh.state.nj.us

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To: aapornet@usc.edu
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Subject: Re: Legitimate use of SS no's?

Responding to Jeanne Anderson <ande271@ibm.net>:

[detail snipped]

JA> I think we did well, were helpful in protecting respondents and
> educating the client about proper research procedures, and did a more
> extensive analysis of the data than had ever been done before.

Looks like you handled it in a very conscientious manner.

JA> But there is this nagging doubt: what should ethical research
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> do to persuade clients that validation can be done by the research
> company so that the client does not need to conduct independent
> validation and in the process gain and use confidential information?

Really can't think of anything that would persuade me of that. The work of
research suppliers should always be subject to independent verification.
Most clients won't bother--or even know enough to consider doing a verifi-
cation, but it's healthy for the industry as a whole for that potential to
be preserved. What would that unethical research company you describe do if
it knew its clients had no means of verifying its work?

You worked out an informal understanding with your client. Restrictions on
the client's use of confidential information could be included in the
project contract or in a separate written agreement with clients.

Why the assu

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I agree with Warren Mitofsky. Social security number can also be used as tracing information of last resort in longitudinal studies. It is the one of the few pieces of information that does not change when people move to a new state (unlike address, telephone number, or drivers license number). Our data collection subcontractor has told us that the Social Security Administration, under the right circumstances, will provide a current mailing address to go with an individual's social security number. I say last resort because it is usually faster, and less likely to run afoul of privacy concerns, to seek new phone numbers or forwarding address information or contacts provided by the respondent who might be able to locate them.

I am very concerned about the accusatory tone of the responses to the original inquiry that set off this debate. There were immediate assumptions of possible unethical and illegal behavior based on little knowledge or information. There seemed to be a lot of energy being expended on emotion and outrage and exclamation points, and not much on finding out more information about this particular inquiry as well as the legalities of having/obtaining social security numbers. Why didn't you just ask the sender what the circumstances were?

It is obviously not illegal to ask an individual for his/her SS#. Private and public employers, educational institutions, and other entities do it every day. I suspect the illegalities pertain to how one uses the information. Is it ethical to ask for such information, even if it is only for last ditch tracing information? Like any other question, respondents may refuse to provide such information. Like any other information we obtain, we are not supposed to reveal it to anyone else or use it to link to other databases. As researchers, we already have codes of ethics for handling sensitive private information. As long as we adhere to those codes I do not see a major problem.

Lance M. Pollack

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

From: Warren J. Mitofsky [SMTP:mitofsky@mindspring.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 06, 1997 9:05 PM
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Re: sample list with ss numbers

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In the past couple of weeks, Gallup has received numerous requests for detailed data about a survey of scientists it conducted in 1991 dealing with global warming. The catalyst for these requests, apparently, is a widely cited figure that only 19% of these scientists believe that global warming is due to human activity. That formulation of the results is misleading and the more detailed results are noted below.

The survey of 400 scientists was commissioned by the Center for Science, Technology & Media in Washington, D.C., and was conducted by The Gallup Organization by telephone from October 14 to 25, 1991. The sample was a proportionate stratified random sample of scientists in the continental U.S. listed with the American Meteorological Society or the American Geophysical Union. Students and non-science professionals were excluded.

The series of questions that are relevant to this news story are as follows:

Q4. Do you think that global average temperatures have increased during the past 100 years? Q5. IF YES IN Q.4: In your opinion is the warming measured over the last 100 years within the range of natural -- not human-induced -- fluctuation? Q6. ASK ALL: In your opinion, is human-induced greenhouse warming now occurring? Q7. IF YES IN Q.6: Do you think that currently available scientific evidence substantiates its occurrence?

The following two tables summarize the results of Q4/Q5 and Q6/Q7.

Q4/Q5 Summary Table:

Temperatures have increased over past 100 years (Within natural range of fluctuation)	60%	(29)
(Human induced)		(19)
(don't know cause)		(12)

Temperatures have not increased over past 100 years	15
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Don't know if temperatures have increased	25
TOTAL	100%
Sample size	(400)

Q6/Q7 Summary Table

Believe human-induced greenhouse warming now occurring	66%
(Current evidence substantiates its occurrence)	(41)
(Evidence does not substantiate its occurrence)	(21)
(Don't know if evidence substantiates its occurrence)	(4)
Do not believe human-induced greenhouse warming is now occurring	10
Don't know if human-induced greenhouse warming is now occurring	24
TOTAL	100%
Sample size	(400)

VERBAL DESCRIPTION OF TABULAR RESULTS:

These results show that six years ago, 19% of the scientists included in this study believed that global average temperatures had increased over the past 100 years AND that this rise was human-induced.

On the other hand, a total of 44% believed there had been NO global warming due to human activity: 15% said that global temperatures had NOT risen in the past 100 years, while 29% said that temperatures had risen but they were not human-induced.

Another 37% were unsure about what was happening: 12% said temperatures had risen over the past 100 years but did not know why, and 25% said they did not know if temperatures had risen.

The results also show that 66% of the same sample of scientists believed that "human-induced greenhouse warming" is "now occurring." Among all the scientists surveyed, 41% believed both that human-induced global warming was occurring AND that there was scientific evidence to substantiate such warming. Another 21% believed that human-induced global warming was occurring, but the evidence did not substantiate it, and 4% believed that such global warming was occurring but did not know whether evidence substantiated it.

In addition, 10% of the surveyed scientists said that human-induced global warming was NOT occurring, while another 24% said they didn't know if such

global warming was occurring or not.

COMMENT:

There is a major distinction between what the scientists, who were surveyed in 1991, believed had happened in the past 100 years, and what they believed was happening "now" -- a distinction that was lost in some of the reports of this survey.

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The editorial page of today's New York Times includes two letters from readers responding to Times columnist William Safire's Sunday op-ed page "Essay," headlined "Sampling Is Not Enumerating."

If you'd like to respond, either to these letters or to Safire's column (posted here two days ago), for possible publication in the Times letters section, you might send your thoughts to letters@nytimes.com. If you wish to express your ideas to the Times editors, without consideration of publication, you might send them to editor@nytimes.com

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-- Jim

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Census Has It Right

To the Editor:

William Safire's attempt to discredit census sampling by comparing it to pre-election polling (column, Dec. 7) is based on an inaccurate comparison. A more reasonable association would be with exit polling, where information is collected about actual behavior, not predictions about future actions (which those polled may not wish to disclose).

Sampling, in both exit polling and census taking, derives from large quantities of substantiated data, from which projections are then made about the much smaller unrecorded portion. Mr. Safire may be correct that Democrats hope to pick up enough unrecorded population to achieve greater representation, but his contention that they are using an unreliable methodology is illogical.

JOSEPH RABEN
New York, Dec. 7, 1997

To the Editor:

William Safire's definition of "enumeration," as it appears in the Constitution, as "counting one by one" (column, Dec. 7) won't wash.

The Oxford English Dictionary, which traces the word "enumeration" from 1577, defines it as "the action of ascertaining the number of something," without further specifying what that action might be. Throughout the 18th century and into the 19th, published "enumerations" of populations often included official numbers rounded to the nearest 100 or even 1,000.

Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution leaves the methods for the "enumeration" it mandates open to "such manner as they [Congress] shall by law direct," thereby allowing for countless innovations in methods over the past two centuries.

Scientific probability sampling, today routinely used in virtually every academic discipline and throughout the world's scientific communities, certainly qualifies as one of many methods that fall well within both the 18th-century tradition of "enumeration" and the Constitution's few qualifications.

JAMES R. BENIGER

Manhattan Beach, Calif., Dec. 8, 1997

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Colleagues,

For those of you who don't normally see the Star Tribune and might have a Minnesota connection or an interest in health care policy research, I'd like to let you know about a six-day series of news articles we began publishing Sunday. Part of that series is based on two surveys: a Minnesota Poll of 1,649 adults that examines attitudes about health care policy and individual insurance plans; and a survey of 988 physicians on similar topics.

You can find the stories and survey findings on the web at

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I apologize to those who might be members of more than one group and get duplicate postings.

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Given the recent discussion of the Gallup survey on global warming, I thought people might like to see something about another recent national survey gauging public opinion on that issue. A press release appears below, and a longer report with more details is available by clicking at the bottom of this web page:=20

<http://www.weathervane.rff.org/refdocs/osusurvey.pdf>.

U.S. Beliefs About Global Warming Investigated
by Ohio State Team

By Michael Tebo

DECEMBER 1, 1997 -- A new survey conducted by researchers at Ohio State University (OSU) reveals that Americans are most concerned about the potential impacts of global warming on sea levels, food supplies, and animal species. Overall, they found that American beliefs are in line with the scientific community's principal beliefs -- that is, the earth's temperature has been rising during the last 100 years, that this rise is attributable to the actions of humans, and that the long-term effects on people of such temperature change may be quite negative.

Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, Jon A. Krosnick, an OSU professor of psychology and political science, and Penny S. Visser, a graduate research associate in OSU's Survey Research Unit, conducted an independent survey to gauge the opinions and attitudes held by Americans about global warming. The results of their survey is detailed in the article, American Public Opinion on Global Warming.

Krosnick and Visser sought to determine how many people believe that global warming is a real threat, and how many are skeptical of the risks posed by climate change; whether or not people are united in a belief that global warming will have negative consequences for humans; what effects people think global warming will have, and which of these effects are the most alarming to them; what, if anything, would people like to see done about global warming, who they would like to see do it, and how much they believe is being done now.

"We sought to find out whether American beliefs about global warming are in line with the scientific community's beliefs," Krosnick says. "If, in fact, public perceptions are largely accurate, then they merit more attention by policymakers and the public's policy preferences would be

unlikely to change much if people were further informed about global warming."

"On the other hand," Krosnick adds, "if people's preferences are largely based upon misinformation, then an effective campaign to fully inform the public about the facts of global warming might produce large shifts in preferences."

Krosnick and Visser, in collaboration with OSU's Survey Research Unit, conducted telephone interviews with 688 individuals between September 15 and October 5, 1997. The sample of telephone numbers was generated by standard random digit dialing methods, and the data were weighted to reflect the demographic composition of the U.S. adult population in terms of age, gender, race, education, and region of the country.

Their survey revealed the following:

Three quarters of the American public believes global warming is real and is the result of human behavior, and a majority of Americans believe it is bad.

More than half of Americans believe that steps should be taken to combat global warming, with 80 percent believing that reducing air pollution will reduce future global warming.

In assigning responsibility for combating global warming, 59 percent think that both U.S. government and business should do quite a bit to combat global warming. Forty-four percent also believe that the average person should do quite a bit to combat global warming as well.

Although a majority of Americans believed that governments and businesses should do quite a bit to combat global warming, very few respondents said that these groups were indeed doing that much. For example, only 11 percent of people thought the U.S. government was doing quite a bit, and only 7 percent thought U.S. businesses were doing quite a bit.

A sizable majority of Americans endorsed two specific policy steps the U.S. government could take to combat global warming. First, 88 percent of people said that the U.S. government should limit air pollution from U.S. businesses, with 71 percent of respondents believing that the U.S. should make foreign aid contingent on steps to reduce air pollution. Second, 77 percent of Americans said they are willing to pay more money for electricity, gas, and oil in order to reduce the amount of air pollution caused by manufacturing each. Further, 62 percent said they are willing to pay \$5 or more per month; 51 percent said they are willing to pay \$10 or more per month.

Among environmental and natural resource consequences, 52 percent of Americans said they thought global warming would cause the world's sea level to rise; 69 percent believed that global warming would cause an increase in the number of hurricanes and tornadoes in the world; 54 percent said global warming would cause more water shortages; 57 percent thought that global warming would reduce the amount of food

available to people; 50 percent felt that global warming would reduce the number of plant species in the world; and 52 percent of people thought global warming would reduce the number of animal species in the world.=20

Among possible effects of global warming, people attached the greatest weight of concern to sea level rise, with the second largest weight attached to people's beliefs about impact on food supplies, and the third largest weight was attached to the possible extinction of animal species.=20

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Many of the findings of the Ohio State University poll (just sent by Jon Krosnick) about the general public's attitudes about global warming are consistent with those reported in a news article by Lydia Saad and Alec Gallup about Gallup polls on the same subject, conducted in October and November of this year. However, the Gallup polls also indicate some reservations the public has about the immediacy of the threat of global warming and the sacrifices people are willing to make right now to deal with the issue. I don't think the OSU and Gallup polls contradict each other so much as provide complementary information.

The Gallup news release can be found at

<http://www.gallup.com/poll/news/971202.html> .

One question that does not seem to be answered by the news release about the OSU poll is the source of the statement about what the "scientific community" currently believes about global warming. The news release says that "Overall, they found that American beliefs are in line with the scientific community's principal beliefs; that is, the earth's temperature has been rising during the last 100 years, that this rise is attributable to the actions of humans, and that the long-term effects on people of such temperature change may be quite negative."

Is this statement based on the 1991 Gallup poll of scientists, on some other poll of scientists, or some other source of information?

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CALL FOR EXHIBITORS - 1998 AAPOR CONFERENCE

Please let me know of any technology products of interest to the profession that you would like to see exhibited at the conference in May. Send enough detail so that I can get in touch with the potential exhibitor.

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The 1998 AAPOR conference will be a joint one with the World Association for Public Research to be held May 14-17th at the Mariott Pavilion Downtown in St. Louis. The plenary session will feature a panel of CEOs from four major market research organizations discussing the state of the industry. We expect that well over 550 people will attend.

Exhibits of microcomputer products of interest to the survey profession will be on display from 9 AM to 5 PM on May 15th and May 16th. Technology exhibits and books will both be in the same room -- close to the registration desk. This should insure very good traffic for exhibitors. There will be no fee for exhibiting, though it is expected that exhibitors will register for the conference. Exhibitors will be given a copy of the current AAPOR membership directory.

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> Responding to Jeanne Anderson <ande271@ibm.net>:

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> [detail snipped]

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> JA> I think we did well, were helpful in protecting respondents and

> > educating the client about proper research procedures, and did a more

> > extensive analysis of the data than had ever been done before.

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> Looks like you handled it in a very conscientious manner.

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> JA> But there is this nagging doubt: what should ethical research

> JA> companies

> > do to persuade clients that validation can be done by the research

> > company so that the client does not need to conduct independent

> > validation and in the process gain and use confidential

> information?

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> Really can't think of anything that would persuade me of that. The

> work of research suppliers should always be subject to independent

> verification. Most clients won't bother--or even know enough to

> consider doing a verifi- cation, but it's healthy for the industry as

> a whole for that potential to be preserved. What would that unethical

> research company you describe do if it knew its clients had no means

> of verifying its work?

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> You worked out an informal understanding with your client.

> Restrictions on the client's use of confidential information could be

> included in the project contract or in a separate written agreement

> with clients.
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The issue is important, but we haven't got the solution yet. Neither the indifferent client nor the unprincipled research company will assure that standards are maintained. The client who monitors telephone interviews/validates interviewing is given access to identifying variables and confidential information.

I would like to suggest that a trade association like AAPOR might offer validation of collected data as a service. A member would be asked to validate a study without knowing the identity of the research outfit that collected the data. A report certifying to the quality of the data but omitting identifying info would be submitted to the research unit and the client.

There would be a cost, of course. That would be the sticking point. Would anyone feel strongly about the value of such a service for the image of our industry to offer it at cost (with no overhead)? Would any long-term clients with experienced researchers on the staff be willing to reimburse an independent researcher for doing what staff members have had to do up to now?

Alternatively, would AAPOR be willing to gather data on research units that do not maintain standards and take action/make statements?

If not, do we doom ourselves to violating the confidentiality standard in our own research?

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For those interested in the answer to David Moore's question below, our statement about the scientific community's beliefs is based upon the 1995 report of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a large group of scientific experts on climate change. If you'd like a quick summary of it, the New York Times wrote long front-page stories about this report in September, 1995.

Jon Krosnick

At 01:58 PM 12/10/97 -0600, you wrote:

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The last of four editorials on today's New York Times editorial page, titled "Painting by the Polls," appears below. As many AAPORNETters will recall, the two "polling experts," Vitaly Komar and Alexander Melamid, presented the painting discussed in the editorial several years ago at an AAPOR Annual Conference at the invitation of our own John Robinson.

Although the editorial is obviously intended to be lighthearted, it does suggest a reasonable point: Public policy by piecemeal polling alone might produce aggregate results which are ludicrous. Nevertheless, the overall effect of the editorial could be further to erode public respect for survey research and opinion polling. But judge for yourself (as if you wouldn't anyway).

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-- Jim

December 11, 1997

Painting by the Polls

What kind of art do Americans really want? The question prompts a bilious sigh. But two Russian conceptual artists, Vitaly Komar and Alexander Melamid, have proposed an answer, for painting at least, that unites careful polling, statistical analysis and a scathing sense of humor. In 1993, aided by polling experts, Mr. Komar and Mr. Melamid queried a sampling of Americans about their artistic preferences. Using the results, they created two paintings -- "America's Most Wanted" and "America's Most Unwanted," which were shown in 1994 at the Alternative Museum in Soho. These are participatory works, rather like the 1996 painting the two did with Renee the elephant, who wielded a brush with her trunk, except that in this case the elephant is public opinion.

These two works, and paintings based on recent testing for 10 other countries, have now been published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux in a book called "Painting by Numbers: Komar and Melamid's Scientific Guide to Art, edited by JoAnne Wypijewski." Statistically speaking, the painting Americans want is a realistic, "dishwasher-sized" landscape. It contains wild animals and clothed persons relaxing. It is autumnal but also predominantly blue. The painting has some of the eeriness of a diner mural. A great river is visible. Two deer disport themselves at the water's edge. A steep, wooded hillside cascades down to the shore, where George Washington walks, ignored by a small American family in modern dress. It looks, in fact, like the Heaven of House Republicans, except that there is too much nature.

This painting, and the book that presents it, is a wonderfully tricky work of art. It incorporates nearly all the artistic elements Americans say they prefer, but the result is dreadful, a most-wanted painting, as the critic Arthur Danto points out, that no one could want. To look at this painting is to participate in an instant referendum on the arts, a referendum that illustrates the nature of popular taste without excoriating it.

As Mr. Komar and Mr. Melamid explain, the research for this painting -- the poll itself -- mimics the polling by which American politics is conducted. "We trust these people to vote for the President," Mr. Melamid says of Americans. "But we never trust them in their tastes, in their esthetic judgment," even though, as the authors found, Americans were quite specific about

what they liked.

And what about "America's Most Unwanted"? It is a small, abstract piece, the size of a paperback. It looks like the ragged old linoleum under the kitchen stove, only oranger.

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I remember the AAPOR session fondly, it was one of the most enjoyable sessions I've ever attended. But I also remember the aftertaste that the artists were out to make fun of our profession. In fact, much of the ludicrousness was from the extrapolation of the survey results. For example, the survey results said that a majority of Americans liked wild animals in art and the artists put in a hippopotamus. Of all wild animals why a hippo? Artistic choice, certainly not from the data. Is this art and the editorial enough to erode public respect for survey research and opinion polling? I don't think so. In fact, the lessons are that we have a good purpose, but need to be careful not to overstep our bounds -- or allow others (such as our clients) to do so either.

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The last of four editorials on today's New York Times editorial page, titled "Painting by the Polls," appears below. As many AAPORNETters will recall, the two "polling experts," Vitaly Komar and Alexander Melamid, presented the painting discussed in the editorial several years ago at an AAPOR Annual Conference at the invitation of our own John Robinson.

Although the editorial is obviously intended to be lighthearted, it does suggest a reasonable point: Public policy by piecemeal polling alone might produce aggregate results which are ludicrous. Nevertheless, the overall effect of the editorial could be further to erode public respect for survey research and opinion polling. But judge for yourself (as if you wouldn't anyway).

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-- Jim

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December 11, 1997

Painting by the Polls

What kind of art do Americans really want? The question prompts a bilious sigh. But two Russian conceptual artists, Vitaly Komar and Alexander Melamid, have proposed an answer, for painting at least, that unites careful polling, statistical analysis and a scathing sense of humor. In 1993, aided by polling experts, Mr. Komar and Mr. Melamid queried a sampling of Americans about their artistic preferences. Using the results, they created two paintings -- "America's Most Wanted" and "America's Most Unwanted," which were shown in 1994 at the Alternative Museum in Soho. These are participatory works, rather like the 1996 painting the two did with Renee the elephant, who wielded a brush with her trunk, except that in this case the elephant is public opinion.

These two works, and paintings based on recent testing for 10 other countries, have now been published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux in a book called "Painting by Numbers: Komar and Melamid's Scientific Guide to Art, edited by JoAnne Wypijewski." Statistically speaking, the painting Americans want is a realistic, "dishwasher-sized" landscape. It contains wild animals and clothed persons relaxing. It is autumnal but also predominantly blue. The painting has some of the eeriness of a diner mural. A great river is visible. Two deer disport themselves at the water's edge. A steep, wooded hillside cascades down to the shore, where George Washington walks, ignored by a small American family in modern dress. It looks, in fact, like the Heaven of House Republicans, except that there is too much nature.

This painting, and the book that presents it, is a wonderfully tricky work of art. It incorporates nearly all the artistic elements Americans say they prefer, but the result is dreadful, a most-wanted painting, as the critic Arthur Danto points out, that no one could want. To look at this painting is to participate in an instant referendum on the arts, a referendum that illustrates the nature of popular taste without excoriating it.

As Mr. Komar and Mr. Melamid explain, the research for this painting -- the poll itself -- mimics the polling by which American politics is conducted. "We trust these people to vote for the President," Mr. Melamid says of Americans. "But we never trust them in their tastes, in their esthetic judgment," even though, as the authors found, Americans were quite specific about what they liked.

And what about "America's Most Unwanted"? It is a small, abstract piece, the size of a paperback. It looks like the ragged old linoleum under the kitchen stove, only oranger.

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To AAPORNET:

The Komar and Malamid survey that established their rules for "most wanted" and "most unwanted" painting was published in The Nation in March 14, 1994. The questionnaire is most instructive and cleverly designed to insure that the "most wanted" picture would include both animals and George Washington. Washington shows up because a grand total of 3% of the entire sample wind up expressing a preference (after a series of questions) for historical figures like him. The hippo is there because respondents were asked "What kind of animals do you like in your paintings?" NOT Do you like animals in your painting?

Obviously, the "Hudson River School with hippo" artwork wouldn't have attracted as much attention if it didn't have George Washington or the hippo. It's great fun, and Komar and Malamid are brilliant at representing our preconceptions of what Americans must like in art and long-term memories of what we think of as American (their Russian poll and subsequent painting from it had images in it that had hung on the wall in my Russian grandmother's house). But it isn't necessarily what the public would choose, given a broader range of alternatives. In fact, an earlier question in the same survey finds Americans agreeing that art can be beautiful without resembling anything in the real world.

But what might be most troubling is the tendency (ours and perhaps the editors of The Times) to immediate acceptance of the underlying truth of a "careful survey."

Kathy Frankovic

By the way, I'm planning to buy their book -- what they've done IS extremely clever and funny, even if it's partly twisted to get the "best" results!
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We are at the beginning stages of developing two mail surveys (for different clients) of the reading habits of Presbyterians. We'd appreciate examples of existing survey questions that look at this topic. Thanks!

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We have sent an email confirmation to the CONTACT AUTHOR for every proposal that we have received. You should have already received a message listing the title and authors on your proposal in the exact form that it has been entered in our database.

NOW IS THE TIME to send me a message if you have NOT received a confirmation from us. If you inquired previously and haven't subsequently received a message, please email me again.

If you are inquiring, please give me the names and title on your proposal and approximately when you sent it in.

We will soon be digesting your proposals and trying to fashion a coherent program. I will keep you informed over AAPORNET as to our progress. You should receive word by the end of January.

Thank you for your participation,

Murray Edelman, Conference Chair

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In response to a message, David Moore questioned the basis of the following statement by Jon Krosnik:

"...the scientific community's principal beliefs; that is, the earth's temperature has been rising during the last 100 years, that this rise is attributable to the actions of humans, and that the long-term effects on people of such temperature change may be quite negative."

Krosnik responded:

"For those interested in the answer to David Moore's question below, our statement about the scientific community's beliefs is based upon the 1995 report of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a large group of scientific experts on climate change. If you'd like a quick summary of it, the New York Times wrote long front-page stories about this report in September, 1995."

The report by the UN Panel, however, does not bear out the notion that a "principal belief" of the "scientific community" is that global warming has already begun and is caused by human activity. The words of the UN report are : "... the balance of evidence suggests that there is a discernible human influence on global climate." This kind of tentative statement can not be characterized as a "principal belief." The clearly suggest that this is a question that is still being debated by scientists. In a report published in January 1997 by the United Nations Environment Programme's Information Unit for Conventions, the following appears which again points out the tentative nature of their conclusions.

" The evidence suggests that recent [climate] changes are unlikely to be entirely due to known sources of natural variability. The pattern of change seems to point to some human influence on climate similar to that projected by climate models and larger than expected from natural fluctuations. This point is not yet settled, however, mainly because of uncertainty over the ability of current models to simulate natural variability realistically. Nevertheless, it is reassuring for many modelers because it suggests that the models are pointing in roughly the right direction.

"Uncertainty about the ability of models to simulate natural climate variability remains a significant problem. As with trends in global mean temperature, scientists must use climate model simulations to assess the probability of getting a certain level of agreement purely by chance between the model and the observed patterns of change. There are many sources of natural variability that these models simulate poorly or not at all, and one of these might be associated with a pattern similar to the greenhouse warming pattern. Thus there is still a wide range of uncertainty about the size and origin of the present signal and about the size of future changes."

An article by Patrick Michaels, Professor of Environmental Sciences at the University of Virginia, in the June 30 edition of the Washington Post National Edition, discusses the scientific evidence that does not support the global warming hypothesis. A fairly extensive discussion of both sides of the global warming issue can be found on the internet at:

<http://www.policy.com/issuewk/97/1006/100697a.html>

Included is an article by Richard S. Lindzen, Alfred P. Sloan Professor of Meteorology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that more fully discusses the claims of a "consensus" among scientists about global warming.

For a current example on the range of opinions about global warming, the January, 1998 issue of the The Atlantic has an article by William H. Calvin that argues that "'Climate change' is popularly understood to mean greenhouse warming, which it is predicted, will cause flooding, severe windstorms, and killer heat waves. But warming could lead, paradoxically, to drastic cooling -- a catastrophe that could threaten the survival of civilization." See:

<http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/98jan/climate.htm>

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> interest. We also know that the computer equipment of their users
> varies very widely, including some Macs and some pre-Windows DOS
> machines. What would you recommend that we use as a software platform
> for sending out and getting back usable, confidential e-mail
> questionnaires?
> In particular, has anyone had experience with Survey Tracker, which
> I recently saw demonstrated? I'm looking for something with some
> similar capabilities at a more attractive price. (Those interested can
> check them out on the web at www.surveytracker.com.)
> BTW--I dimly recall someone sending out a freebie demo of such a
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> the details or have a contact to suggest?
> Thanks for your help. To save bandwidth, you can respond to me at
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> Tom

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>From today's Chronicle of Higher Education's DAILY REPORT.....

A glance at the December 22 issue of "Business Week":

A tough market is reshaping colleges as businesses

Higher education is behaving more like the \$250-billion business it has become, write Keith H. Hammonds and Susan Jackson, reporters at the magazine. Universities are rethinking the traditions that have defined higher education for centuries, such as tenure and distinct academic departments, and are making curricula more relevant to the needs of employers and students. Colleges that flourish, the authors say, will be those that identify a segment of the student population and equip themselves to serve it effectively. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Portland State University are among the institutions that are years ahead in making changes, the magazine says. At Rensselaer, the number of courses was reduced by introducing "studio classes," which combine large lectures, laboratory instruction, and small seminars. Portland State developed an interdisciplinary curriculum that relies on student inquiry and peer mentors. If universities don't adapt quickly, the writers conclude, competitors -- particularly for-profit institutions -- will be happy to accommodate students. (The magazine's World-Wide Web address is <http://www.businessweek.com>)

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A Brazilian newspaper has published some time ago a note about the practice of some Americans companies (Sears, Wall Mart, etc.) on using children for more hours than it is permitted by law; the same article mentions that the ilegal use of children labor is also very common on farms during harvest.

Does anyone know about it?

Thanks for any clue on this subject.

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TIA for any clue on this one too!

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Dear Leandro:

Empty Nesters are parents whose children have left home for school and/or work. It conveys the notion that they have raised children (in the nest) and one of their main roles is no longer necessary.

Andy

Leandro L. Batista wrote:

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Leandro,

Building on Andy B's reply, the concept of "empty nesters" is one of the "life stages" that some market researchers use to help understand how families and households use many consumer products. The progression usually, but not always, runs something like this, and different researchers use different terms and definitions.

Young singles
No-kid couples
Young families
Mature families
Empty nesters
Older singles

Hope this helps.

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> Young singles
> No-kid couples
> Young families
> Mature families
> Empty nesters
Then there are the ex-empty nesters that end up
putting up (and putting up with) their post-college
age children. This is particularly true in the
Northeastern cities and suburbs and other areas
where rents are very high.

I don't know of a cutsie name for this group,
the kids are called the "boomerang generation."

This is a real trend.

> Older singles
>
> Hope this helps.
>
> Robert P. Daves

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Here is a brief overview of the position. We should note: this is a =
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Job Description: Assist the Director of Surveys, Kathy Frankovic, and the =
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Hours: 10 AM to 6 PM, with weekend and night work as required. Work =
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"The researches of many commentators have already thrown much darkness on this subject, and it is probable that, if they continue, we shall soon know nothing at all about it." - Mark Twain

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Veteran AAPOR members may remember Raymond B. Nixon, retired professor of journalism and mass communication at the University of Minnesota. He died this week in Minneapolis; he was 94.

Ray was well known for his studies of the consequences of newspaper mergers, and for his work in international communications. In 1959 he was the first president of the International Assn. for Mass Communication Research.

Phil Tichenor

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We have been experiencing a 10% decline in initial refusals by making it clear at the beginning that our interviews aren't sales calls. It seems to establish legitimacy at the outset.

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From: HGoldberg@ap.org (Howard Goldberg)
Subject: Re: ilegal child labor

On 16 December, Leandro Batista wrote:

>A Brazilian newspaper has published some time ago a note about the
>practice of some Americans companies (Sears, Wall Mart, etc.) on using
>children for more hours than it is permitted by law; the same article
>mentions that the ilegal use of children labor is also very common on
>farms during harvest.

>
>Does anyone know about it?
>Leandro L. Batista
>datapmc@uol.com.br
>

You may be referring to "Children for Hire," a five-part series by The Associated Press that ran in many American newspapers this week.

In a five-month investigation, the AP found 165 children working illegally in 16 states. A Rutgers University labor economist (Douglas Kruse) who analyzed workplace and population data for the AP series estimated that 290,200 children were employed unlawfully last year. About 59,600 of them were under age 14 and 13,100 worked in garment sweatshops, defined as factories with repeated labor violations.

Many newspapers are carrying the entire series on "The Wire" section of their Web sites. A hyperlink list of those newspapers is at <http://www.wire.ap.org>
It includes methodology, and if you click on "Background" you can see the entire study.

Polls taken for the series will be archived at the Roper Center.

A sample finding: Q. Generally speaking, do you think school-age children are better off or worse off if they work outside the home at some kind of paying job? Random national sample of 1,000 adults: Better off: 73 percent.

Worse off: 17 percent. Doesn't make a difference: 6 percent. No answer: 4 percent. Random sample of 500 teens ages 12-17: Better off: 80 percent. Worse off: 16 percent. Doesn't make a difference: 2 percent. No answer: 2 percent. Polling by phone Nov. 12-16 by ICR of Media, Pa.

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Friends: We are looking for existing survey research or focus group research (or reviews of such) on Americans' attitudes about civil liberties. I have McClosky and Brill's Dimensions of Tolerance already. If any one has done or knows of other material that I can obtain, please let me know. Email (Beldenruss@aol.com) or call me (202-798-2400) or fax me (202-789-0022). Many thanks as always.

Nancy Belden
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AAPORNETters interested in the unusually long discussion here in recent weeks on the privacy of Social Security numbers might want to note the front-page, above-the-fold report, "A Plan for Database Privacy," in today's New York Times.

If you'd like to respond for possible publication in the Times letters section, you might send your thoughts to letters@nytimes.com. If you wish to express your ideas to the Times editors, without consideration of publication, you might send them to editor@nytimes.com.

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-- Jim

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A Plan for Database Privacy, But Public Has to Ask for It

By KATHARINE Q. SEELYE

WASHINGTON -- In a move to head off restrictive legislation, more than a dozen companies that use cyberspace to disseminate personal information, including Social Security numbers, announced on Wednesday that they would voluntarily limit access to it.

But consumers will first have to take steps of their own to restrict that access, by requesting that their names be removed from databases of private information made available to the general public.

The agreement involves 14 "look-up" service companies, including Lexis-Nexis, that account for about 90 percent of the traffic in personal information. Three of those companies are among the nation's largest credit-reporting agencies.

On request, the companies said, they will restrict the

access that the general public has to private information, including Social Security numbers, dates of birth, unlisted telephone numbers and mother's maiden name.

The agreement does not apply to information generally available in public records like court documents and marriage and divorce papers. Further, all the private information will still be available to law-enforcement agencies, and some of it to law firms and to banks and other businesses.

The Federal Trade Commission, which worked closely with the companies to develop the agreement, said in a report issued today that the F.B.I. had found a sixfold increase since 1991 in reports of wrongful access to information stored in computers. These included the case of a Maryland couple who pleaded guilty in September to stealing the Social Security numbers, and hence the identities, of hundreds of people through the routine use of Internet databases.

The F.T.C. report said it was not certain that such fraud was attributable only to the access provided by look-up services. Nonetheless, it warned, while the "availability of public records information from government custodians already poses risks, the look-up services greatly facilitate access to the public records, and thereby substantially increase those risks."

Critics of the industry noted that while the agreement would allow people to keep their names out of databases of private information available to the general public, it would require them to "opt out," meaning that they would have to reach each of the 14 companies to have their names removed.

"Many people don't even know that these entities exist," said Deirdre Mulligan, staff counsel to the Center for Democracy and Technology, a civil liberties organization focusing on privacy on the Internet. "Access doesn't matter if you don't know they are there."

The companies have not determined exactly how consumers can "opt out." But Ronald Plesser, a Washington lawyer serving as the companies' spokesman, said the consumer would probably have to contact each of them.

"They can expect they will be on Web pages, there will be advertising, there will be public education," Plesser said, adding that the companies did not intend "to send individual letters" to all consumers.

Timothy Davies, chief operating officer of Lexis-Nexis, said the agreement was a "great milestone" in self-regulation, in part because if the companies do

not keep to their pledge, they can be prosecuted by states for deceptive practices. He said the consumer would be better served by self-regulation than by legislation because the legislative process was too slow in the fast-moving world of cyberspace.

The 14 companies, which pledged to make the restrictions effective by the end of next year, are Acxiom Corp., CDB Infotek, DCS Information Systems, Database Technologies Inc., Equifax Credit Information Services Inc., Experian, First Data Solutions Inc., Information America Inc., IRSC Inc., Lexis-Nexis, Metromail Corp., National Fraud Center, Online Professional Electronic Network and Trans Union Corp.

The companies also said they would be responsible for determining that their subscribers are legitimate and that the subscribers have a legitimate reason to obtain the information they seek -- tracking down deadbeat parents, for instance, or looking for witnesses.

The Federal Trade Commission, which worked closely with the companies to develop the restrictions, offered encouraging words in response to the agreement and said it would delay proposing legislation that would further protect the privacy of consumers.

"Self-regulation ought to be given a chance," said Robert Pitofsky, the commission's chairman, who hailed the industry move as "innovative and far-reaching." "In an industry that is moving as rapidly as this," Pitofsky added, "it may make more sense not to solidify regulation through statute but leave it to self-regulation."

Advances in technology have made private information easily accessible to anyone roaming through cyberspace. That development -- particularly after the introduction last year of a Lexis-Nexis product called P-Trak, which gave access to dates of birth and Social Security numbers -- has prompted numerous cries of invasion of privacy and threats by Congress to curb the industry.

More than 80 bills have been introduced to impose such restrictions. But the industry's announcement on Wednesday, and the blessing by the Federal Trade Commission, may keep that legislation at bay.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona, chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, which has been considering such privacy legislation, said through a spokesman that he was impressed with the industry for taking the initiative and wanted to give the new plan a chance to work.

Similarly, Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev., who has been a leading advocate on privacy matters, said he was

pleased with the industry, and added that it would not be fair for Congress to encourage self-regulation and then adopt legislation anyway.

Consumer and civil liberties advocates also applauded the move, as did the Clinton administration, but some also cautioned that the self-regulation did not go far enough in giving individuals redress.

Carole Lane, author of "Naked in Cyberspace: How to Find Personal Information Online," (Pemberton Press, 1997), said in an interview that the restrictions were mostly cosmetic. "They don't protect the consumer because nothing prevents you from hiring a business to do your search," she said. "If you really want someone's Social," she said, referring to the Social Security number, "you just have to jump through a few more hoops and pay more."

Evan Hendricks, editor of "Privacy Times," a Washington newsletter that covers information law, generally praised the agreement as a "giant step" beyond any self-regulation that any other industry had taken. But he said "we have to keep the lights on" because most industries did not have a good track record on regulating themselves.

He also said that the code was very narrowly focused and did little to advance overall privacy matters, but that was not the industry's fault. "It's how we've done privacy policy in this country, by narrow slices," he said. "We have a law for video-rental records, but we don't have a national law for the privacy of our medical records. And it doesn't affect the broader issue of Internet privacy."

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Of particular note on civil liberties are the 1972-1996 Stouffer series that appears in the General Social Surveys and the 1985, 1990, 1996 International Social Survey Program items that appear in the GSS and up to 20 other countries. Data from the

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Division of Surveys and Technologies of the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research currently has an opening for an associate manager of Data Collection and Processing. The position description is below. We are seeking a qualified candidate who is self-motivated and can work both independently as well as lead and participate in project teams. The successful candidate must have demonstrated experience in all phases of

research and project management. Excellent communication skills are required.

Responsibilities of this position include oversight of day-to-day operations

for a large scale data collection and processing unit. Applicants should have a Master's degree with five or more years of demonstrated experience in

the conduct and administration of social research.

We would very much appreciate your sharing this position description with potential candidates or colleagues who may be aware of candidates.

Associate Manager

Data Collection and Processing Services, Division of Surveys and Technologies Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan

Duties: Manage and oversee the day-to-day operations of all subunits within the Survey Research Center's Data Collection and Processing Services Unit: Production Sampling; National Field Team; Survey Services Laboratory; and Data Processing and Control Units. To plan, assign, coordinate and review data gathering and processing activities. To provide leadership and technical direction to the subunits; to participate in related research activities; and to promote technical and methodological innovations within the units.

Oversee the scheduling and conduct of the unit's multi-project workload. This involves meeting the resource needs of up to forty ongoing projects.

Initiate developmental projects that will create or improve cost effective systems related to survey and administrative procedures.

Represent the Data Collection and Processing Services Unit in meetings with researchers and administrators within ISR and from other DST units with

authority to commit the resources of the Unit to project work plans and schedules.

Plan and administer assigned operating budgets and monitor budget expenditures with full accountability for outcome.

Ensure the completion of staff performance appraisals, training needs assessments and implementation of training for staff in all subunits.

Select, evaluate, and recommend salary adjustments for staff.

Necessary Qualifications: Master's degree in a related field or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Considerable and progressively responsible experience and demonstrated competence in the conduct of social research including knowledge of statistical methods, data collection and processing and sampling procedures. Reasonable supervisory and management experience; five years of progressively responsible experience in research administration. Demonstrated competence in the management of a multi-project survey research operation.

Interested individuals are encouraged to send a letter of introduction and their resume to: Director's Office, Survey Research Center, University of Michigan, P.O. Box 1248, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1248. Informal inquiries can also be made by e-mail to bpennell@isr.umich.edu.

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Hi Nancy

Can't help you, but as former national board member of ACLU I'm very interested, and would be grateful if you could share with me what you find, and maybe I can replicate some of the questions for the British, and possibly on the Latinobarometer next year.

Happy Christmas, see you in St. Louis.

Bob

In message <fae7d33d.34999f97@aol.com>, BeldenRuss <BeldenRuss@aol.com> writes
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>research (or reviews of such) on Americans attitudes about civil
>liberties. I have McClosky and Brills Dimensions of Tolerance already.
>If any one has done or knows of other material that I can obtain,
>please let me know. Email
>(Beldenruss@aol.com) or call me (202-798-2400) or fax me (202-789-0022).
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>thanks as always.
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>Nancy Belden

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FULL-TIME SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, CBS NEWS=20

The CBS News Election & Survey Unit is looking for a full-time staff =

survey research associate. Qualified applicants must have at least one to two years of experience working in a commercial or academic polling environment.

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Job Description: Provide support to the Unit including researching survey topics; compiling trend data; programming data analysis computer programs; and helping oversee field operations.

Experience: Hands-on experience in survey research methods and telephone polls. Knowledge of questionnaire design and field work supervision very helpful. Proficiency in WordPerfect essential. Ability to work under short deadlines critical. Interest in politics and elections a plus. =20

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last fall, I sent out a request for help on this topic. I got probably 50 very useful responses; if anyone would like a copy of the replies, please e-mail me

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pls. send your snail mail address, JH

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Jennifer,

Thank you very much for your offer. Yes I would like a copy the responses.

Thanks again.

George M.

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