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From: "Jon A. Krosnick" <krosnick@OSU.EDU>
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To AAPOR Members:

I am very sorry about the difficulties people have had with submitting abstracts for the 2003 AAPOR Conference.

AAPOR has made lots of administrative transitions this year, and one transition is to a new company doing the web programming for the abstract submission site.

I was concerned that the PIN number procedure (imposed on us by the Internet programming firm) would create problems for people, and my fears proved to be sustained. I'm afraid we are forced to live with the system we have at the moment and can learn from this year's experience in planning next year's system.

I apologize for not incorporating instructions about the PIN procedure in the Call for Papers. I have learned some useful lessons from this experience about how to facilitate transitions to new systems!

The program committee very much hopes to get proposals from as many people

as possible, so we have adjusted the schedule to allow abstract submissions on the web to continue through 11:59 pm Pacific time on Wednesday, December 4.

Thanks in advance for your patience with all this, and thanks also for your submissions!

Jon Krosnick
2003 AAPOR Program Chair

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Rick:

Now folks are really going to get unhappy, so I have posted a note saying the website will remain open accepting submissions through 11:59 pm Pacific time on Wednesday, December 4.

Could you please arrange that? Sorry to keep changing things on you,

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From: "mary.losch@uni.edu" <mary.losch@UNI.EDU>
Subject: Re: Searching for IRB Chairs/Vice-Chairs
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Colleagues,

I have been asked to chair a round table on IRB issues at the May conference. I have one other person willing to admit publicly that he is in a position of power on an IRB who is going

to help. If you are a current IRB chair or vice-chair and are willing to let others know that you've gone to the dark side, let me know. I'm looking for 1-2 others to sit on the round table for a general presentation on regs, IRB responsibilities, effective communication/negotiation strategies and Q/A. Please respond directly to me if you are interested in participating. Thanks.

Mary Losch

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From: "Chun, Young" <YChun@AIR.ORG>  
Subject: Re: Stabbed by the PIN  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1

Greetings,  
Did you experience not receiving confirmation of your submissions of a panel?  
For example, the current PIN system gives you a PIN if you submitted a paper .... If you had a separate panel proposal (independent of the paper you submitted) submitted as well, did you receive email confirmation? There could be other cases where you have double submissions (e.g., 2 panels, one poster plus 1 panel) yet you do not receive email confirmation of successful submission. Am I the only one confused? Perhaps I'm staying too late tonight....

Young Chun

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: "Leo G. Simonetta" <simonetta@ARTSCI.COM>  
Subject: Yet Another Survey on Augusta  
MIME-version: 1.0  
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Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

December 2, 2002  
AP Poll: Public Evenly Split on Augusta  
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/sports/AP-GLF-Masters-AP-Poll.html?pagewanted=print&position=top>

Filed at 4:24 a.m. ET

Americans are divided over whether Augusta National Golf Club should have female members, but that doesn't seem to be having much effect on the public image of the famous golf tournament played there, an Associated Press poll found.

Three-fourths said knowing the golf club has only male members has not affected their view of the Masters, according to the poll conducted for The AP by ICR/International Communications Research of Media, Pa. About one in five, 21 percent, said it made them view the tournament less favorably.

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When asked which of two statements came closer to their own views, 46 percent of respondents said Augusta National has a right to have an all-male membership, while the same percentage said a club holding such a prestigious tournament should have female members.

An overwhelming majority, 75 percent, said Tiger Woods should play in the Masters despite the dispute, while 15 percent said he should not.

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The question about the club's membership got different reactions from women and men.

Women were slightly more inclined than men to say the club should have female members. Younger adults also were more likely to feel that way, and the sentiment declined steadily among older groups.

Those who follow professional golf, just under a fourth of the population, or 23 percent, were more inclined to defend Augusta National's right to have an all-male membership. The poll of 1,004 people was conducted Nov. 22-26 and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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The club commissioned a survey it released last month that it said indicated overwhelming public support for Augusta National's position on the issue.

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From: "Leo G. Simonetta" <[simonetta@ARTSCI.COM](mailto:simonetta@ARTSCI.COM)>  
Subject: Political Pollsters Face Tougher Job  
MIME-version: 1.0

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Some of these names seem familiar . . . .

<http://www.cnn.com/2002/ALLPOLITICS/11/29/pollsters.problems.ap/>

Political pollsters face tougher job  
Expert cites 'increasing obstacles and barriers'

WASHINGTON (AP) --Pollsters face a growing number of obstacles while doing their work -- such as the rapid growth of cell phone use, caller-ID technology and answering machines, combined with the public's growing resistance to opinion surveys.

Most agree, however, that those forces have not yet crippled telephone polls. And the industry is unlikely to abandon phone surveys without something more reliable to take their place.

They are closely watching federal and state laws concerning telemarketing to make sure research and polling remain exempt.

"I think that polls face increasing obstacles and barriers," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People & The Press. "But polls done with reasonable schedules and reasonable rigor can still overcome these barriers."

The Pew Research Center has conducted research in the past that tested whether polls conducted over several days would get results similar to exhaustive surveys taken over several months. The study found no significant differences in the results, but the center plans to do a similar study this spring.

Increasing obstacles to phone polling are less likely to affect national polls done by top polling firms that follow accepted practices of selecting a random sample and doing a thorough follow-up to reach everyone possible.

The more immediate effect is on state polls done with smaller samples on a smaller budget, sometimes by polling companies not familiar with state demographics and voting patterns.

Some polls taken just before this year's midterm election picked up a voter surge toward Republicans in several Senate races following President Bush's barnstorming campaign tour, while others missed that surge.

Pollsters and analysts faced the additional challenge of an unprecedented combination of anxieties about terrorism, the economy and a possible war with Iraq.

National polls in the extraordinarily close 2000 presidential race generally were accurate.

Those in the polling business are constantly researching what's happening to their industry, which plays a critical role in both the

political debate and marketing strategies.

Researchers believe less than 5 percent of households use only a cell phone, although the number is higher among certain groups like young urban adults. The overall number using only cell phones is likely to grow, so researchers are looking for ways to cope with the changes.

People also are growing more reluctant to participate in polls, something the industry has been noticing for more than a decade.

Michael Traugott, a public opinion researcher at the University of Michigan, says that reluctance can be traced to people being too busy and having a lack of interest in politics.

He says increasing activity by telemarketers, who occasionally disguise their sales calls as legitimate polling, could increase that public resistance.

Dozens of states are looking at laws that would allow people to shield themselves from telemarketing, but it's unclear what impact that would have on legitimate public opinion research. The public opinion industry is also closely monitoring federal rules that could have an impact on auto-dialing methods that are crucial to polling.

"At this point, we don't know of any state laws that are a total impediment to research done by telephone," said Donna Gillin, who monitors such developments for the Council for Marketing and Opinion Research.

"The biggest issue is not the law as it is, but the public blurring the difference between (legitimate polling) and telemarketing," said Linda Piekarski, an executive at Survey Sampling Inc., a Connecticut company that provides phone samples to polling companies.

People underestimate the influence they gain through polls and the surveys are "increasingly being viewed as nuisances or invasions of privacy," said Peter Tuckel, a researcher at Hunter College in New York.

Pollsters need to do a better job of burnishing their own image, Tuckel said.

"Americans are losing sight of the critical role that polls can play in a democratic, consumer-oriented society such as ours," he said.

Pollsters are also trying to figure out whether telephone surveys, currently the most reliable and affordable method, will eventually become obsolete.

"That," said Tuckel, "is the million dollar question."

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: "James P. Murphy" <jpmurphy@JPMURPHY.COM>  
Subject: Augusta National - AP/ICR  
MIME-version: 1.0  
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

"When asked which of two statements came closer to their own views, 46 percent of respondents said Augusta National has a right to have an all-male membership, while the same percentage said a club holding such a prestigious tournament should have female members."

The opposite choice would be "Augusta National does NOT have a right to = have an all-male membership."

If the actual question was what it appears to have been from the above, = it's an embarrassment to whoever wrote it.

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: Sid Groeneman <sid.grc@VERIZON.NET>  
Subject: Beware of Virus jdbgmgr.exe !  
Comments: To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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I was just informed by an unwitting victim that he might have passed along a virus named "jdbgmgr.exe" - thinking that because I am in his Address Book, it might have infected my computer. When I did a search,

sure enough the file was there. I'm told that this virus cannot be detected by the Norton or McAfee virus protection software, and that it sits quietly for 14 days before damaging your system. I followed his instructions to get rid of it, which I'm passing along here:

1. Go to start, then find or search
2. In files/folders write the name jdbgmgr.exe
3. Be sure to search in your "C" drive
4. Then hit search or find
5. The virus has a teddy bear logo with the name jdbgmgr.exe (DO NOT OPEN!!)
6. Click and delete
7. Go to the Recycle Bin and delete in there also
8. If you had the virus, you must contact everyone in your address book.

I am by no means an expert on computer viruses, so use your own best judgment on this. I'd be interested in finding out if anyone else on the list has "caught" the virus. (If any of you HAVE discovered it, it might be wise for others to check too, so please post to the list if you have it.)

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Subject: jdbgmgr "virus" is a hoax!  
MIME-version: 1.0  
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I reacted too quickly. My recent warning about "jdbgmgr" should be ignored. This is NOT a true virus. If you have this file, you shouldn't delete it. For further information, see:  
<http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/venc/data/jdbgmgr.exe.file.hoax.html> .

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Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: Don Ferree <[gferree@SSC.WISC.EDU](mailto:gferree@SSC.WISC.EDU)>  
Subject: Re: Beware of Virus jdbgmgr.exe !  
Comments: To: Sid Groeneman <[sid.grc@VERIZON.NET](mailto:sid.grc@VERIZON.NET)>  
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The file in question is part of the operating system and is NOT an indication of a virus. I got a very similar version of this hoax a couple of weeks ago, complete with a "covering letter" which, to my recollection was virtually identical with the one Sid just posted (or was posted in his name)..

Don Ferree

At 02:31 PM 12/2/02 -0500, Sid Groeneman wrote:

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Thank you.

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Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 14:45:07 -0500  
Reply-To: Geoff Feinberg <[GFeinberg@ROPERASW.COM](mailto:GFeinberg@ROPERASW.COM)>  
Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: Geoff Feinberg <[GFeinberg@ROPERASW.COM](mailto:GFeinberg@ROPERASW.COM)>  
Subject: Re: Beware of Virus jdbgmgr.exe !  
Comments: To: Sid Groeneman <[sid.grc@VERIZON.NET](mailto:sid.grc@VERIZON.NET)>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1

No need to fear the jdbgmgr.exe file; it is harmless and need not be deleted from your computer. For more info, go here:

<http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/venc/data/jdbgmgr.exe.file.hoax.html>

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Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 14:55:55 -0500  
Reply-To: "Butterworth, Michael" <MXB@CBSNEWS.COM>  
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: "Butterworth, Michael" <MXB@CBSNEWS.COM>  
Subject: Re: Beware of Virus jdbgmgr.exe !  
Comments: To: Sid Groeneman <sid.grc@VERIZON.NET>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1

Wait a bit - that sounds like a legitimate file - maybe we should get a  
second opinion.

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

From: Sid Groeneman [<mailto:sid.grc@VERIZON.NET>]  
Sent: Monday, December 02, 2002 2:32 PM  
To: AAPORNET@asu.edu  
Subject: Beware of Virus jdbgmgr.exe !

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Reply-To: "Christopher Karadjov, Assistant Professor, Journalism"  
<[karadjov@OSWEGO.EDU](mailto:karadjov@OSWEGO.EDU)>  
Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: "Christopher Karadjov, Assistant Professor, Journalism"  
<[karadjov@OSWEGO.EDU](mailto:karadjov@OSWEGO.EDU)>  
Subject: Re: Beware of Virus jdbgmgr.exe !  
Comments: To: Sid Groeneman <[sid.grc@VERIZON.NET](mailto:sid.grc@VERIZON.NET)>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
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Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Interesting enough - I had this virus, but it was dated as a file created in  
May 2001...before this computer was up and running...is that so in all other  
cases?

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Sent: Monday, December 02, 2002 11:31 AM  
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Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 15:14:40 -0500  
Reply-To: tmglp@T.MAIL.VIRGINIA.EDU  
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: Thomas Guterbock <tmglp@T.MAIL.VIRGINIA.EDU>  
Subject: Advice on drug surveys in school--parental consent  
Comments: cc: "Meekins, Brian" <bjm5k@virginia.edu>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: TEXT/PLAIN; CHARSET=US-ASCII

Hello to the list:

A physician group at our university has asked our Center to help design a survey on illegal drug use in high schools and middle schools in our state or in a region of the state. They did a trial of the survey on their own, with active parental consent, and achieved a miserable rate of return of about 10%.

I know that surveys like the YRBSS gain as much as 60% rates of cooperation from parents in those schools that require active consent.



(But they don't do the YRBSS in Virginia any more.)

I'd like to know what steps are followed to achieve that rate of success. And what the costs are like. Probably best to respond off-line regarding this. I'll gladly post a summary back to the list.

Tom

Thomas M. Guterbock Voice: (434) 243-5223  
NOTE: NEW TELEPHONE AREA CODE CSR Main Number: (434) 243-5222  
Center for Survey Research FAX: (434) 243-5233  
University of Virginia EXPRESS DELIVERY: 2205 Fontaine Ave  
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Charlottesville, VA 22904-4767 e-mail: TomG@virginia.edu

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Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 13:22:30 -0700  
Reply-To: Barbara Smela <[bsmela@EARTHLINK.NET](mailto:bsmela@EARTHLINK.NET)>  
Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: Barbara Smela <[bsmela@EARTHLINK.NET](mailto:bsmela@EARTHLINK.NET)>  
Subject: American Customer Satisfaction Index

I am looking for information on The American Customer Satisfaction Index  
which is put out quarterly by the University of Michigan Business School.

I am paeticularly interested in information about the pluses and minuses of  
this index...such as academic papers or people who are highly familiar with  
it and can render an objective opinion.

It would be most helpful if I could access a copy of their questionnaire.

Thanks,  
Barbara Smela

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Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 17:17:10 -0500  
Reply-To: [RFunk787@AOL.COM](mailto:RFunk787@AOL.COM)  
Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: "G. Ray Funkhouser" <[RFunk787@AOL.COM](mailto:RFunk787@AOL.COM)>  
Subject: Re: Yet Another Survey on Augusta  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

I think it's about time for a survey to determine how Americans feel about  
media and pollsters poking their noses into situations that are really none

of their business.

Ray Funkhouser

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Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 17:37:00 -0500  
Reply-To: "Leo G. Simonetta" <[simonetta@ARTSCI.COM](mailto:simonetta@ARTSCI.COM)>  
Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: "Leo G. Simonetta" <[simonetta@ARTSCI.COM](mailto:simonetta@ARTSCI.COM)>  
Subject: Re: Augusta National - AP/ICR  
In-Reply-To: <[004001c29a3a\\$b6029b40\\$98f8c3d1@default](mailto:004001c29a3a$b6029b40$98f8c3d1@default)>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

> "When asked which of two statements came closer to their own views, 46  
> percent of respondents said Augusta National has a right to have an  
> all-male membership, while the same percentage said a club holding  
such  
> a prestigious tournament should have female members."  
>  
> The opposite choice would be "Augusta National does NOT have a right  
to  
> have an all-male membership."  
>  
> If the actual question was what it appears to have been from the  
above,  
> it's an embarrassment to whoever wrote it.

I do not think that is necessarily so:

If they wanted to know whether people agreed with or disagreed with a  
statement such as "Augusta National has the right to have an all-male  
membership" they could merely use an agree/disagree response categories.  
Obviously if someone disagreed to that statement then they would be  
saying "Augusta National does NOT have the right to have an all-male  
membership."

While my personal experience in public opinion polling does not include  
writing or using these kinds of questions (as best I can recall) a quick  
trip to the Polling Report website indicates that many polling companies  
(e.g. Fox News/Opinion Dynamics Poll, Princeton Survey Research  
Associates, CBS News/New York Times Poll) use similar non-opposite  
pairing and back when I was a social psychologist it was a fairly common  
form of question for some types of data collection.

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Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 18:12:47 -0500  
Reply-To: [CTalkov@AOL.COM](mailto:CTalkov@AOL.COM)  
Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: Cynthia Talkov <[CTalkov@AOL.COM](mailto:CTalkov@AOL.COM)>  
Subject: Seeking Minority or Woman-owned CATI firm w/Spanish  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1  
Content-transfer-encoding: 8bit

Can anyone recommend a firm that can conduct CATI surveys in Spanish and  
English and is also either a Woman-Owned or Minority-owned Business? We  
anticipate a large proportion of Spanish interviews (the surveys are in  
California).

Thanks.

Cynthia Talkov Boyd  
[ctalkov@aol.com](mailto:ctalkov@aol.com)  
PH: 781-273-5700 x238

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Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 16:36:26 -0800  
Reply-To: Paolo Gardinali <[paolo@SURVEY.UCSB.EDU](mailto:paolo@SURVEY.UCSB.EDU)>  
Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: Paolo Gardinali <[paolo@SURVEY.UCSB.EDU](mailto:paolo@SURVEY.UCSB.EDU)>  
Subject: Re: Stabbed by the PIN  
Comments: To: "Chun, Young" <[YChun@AIR.ORG](mailto:YChun@AIR.ORG)>  
In-Reply-To: <[3B3E23FB7DBAD411AC1C00306E0004A2E7839D@DC3](mailto:3B3E23FB7DBAD411AC1C00306E0004A2E7839D@DC3)>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I didn't get the PIN and I'm unable to change what I posted (especially  
adding other authors). Something's wrong with the site?

On Mon, 2 Dec 2002, Chun, Young wrote:

> Greetings,  
> Did you experience not receiving confirmation of your submissions of a  
> panel?  
> For example, the current PIN system gives you a PIN if you submitted a  
> paper .... If you had a separate panel proposal (independent of the paper  
> you  
> submitted) submitted as well, did you receive email confirmation? There

> could be other cases where you have double submissions (e.g., 2 panels,  
> one  
> poster plus 1 panel) yet you do not receive email confirmation of  
> successful  
> submission. Am I the only one confused? Perhaps I'm staying too late  
> tonight....  
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>  
> Young Chun  
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Paolo A. Gardinali  
Associate Director  
UCSB Social Science Survey Center  
<http://www.survey.ucsb.edu>

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Reply-To: Dretha Phillips <[dretha@WSU.EDU](mailto:dretha@WSU.EDU)>  
Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: Dretha Phillips <[dretha@WSU.EDU](mailto:dretha@WSU.EDU)>  
Subject: Re: Beware of Virus [jdbgmgr.exe](#) !  
Comments: To: "Christopher Karadjov, Assistant Professor, Journalism"  
<[karadjov@OSWEGO.EDU](mailto:karadjov@OSWEGO.EDU)>  
In-Reply-To: <[004901c29a56\\$6ccc0490\\$2b1c0381@chris](mailto:004901c29a56$6ccc0490$2b1c0381@chris)>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed

I, too, had this file -- dated July 2000. The notice came across my home  
e-mail address (not from this list), and I deleted all 9 versions of  
it. If it was a legitimate system file, then I could be in a big mess, eh?!

At 02:59 PM 12/2/2002 -0800, Christopher Karadjov, Assistant Professor,  
Journalism wrote:  
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>May 2001...before this computer was up and running...is that so in all other  
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Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: "H. H. Kassarjian" <[hkassarjian@ADELPHIA.NET](mailto:hkassarjian@ADELPHIA.NET)>  
Subject: Re: Beware of Virus jdbgmgr.exe !  
Comments: To: Sid Groeneman <[sid.grc@VERIZON.NET](mailto:sid.grc@VERIZON.NET)>  
In-Reply-To: <[000001c29a39\\$74739360\\$6601a8c0@dell14300](mailto:000001c29a39$74739360$6601a8c0@dell14300)>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

I am pretty sure this is a hoax. I think jdbgmgr.exe is a legitimate file  
and I understand that Norton has listed a way to restore the file if it is  
accidentally deleted. I have not checked as yet as I want to get this out  
as quickly as possible.

Please check this out, there is a high probability that it is a hoax.

Hal Kassarjian

At 02:31 PM 12/2/2002 -0500, Sid Groeneman wrote:

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>might be wise for others to check too, so please post to the list if you  
>have it.)

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Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 08:36:49 -0500  
Reply-To: "Mariolis, Peter" <pxml@CDC.GOV>  
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: "Mariolis, Peter" <pxml@CDC.GOV>  
Subject: FW: Beware of Virus jdbgmgr.exe ! OSH DONE  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain

Below is a response from my computer support group.

-----Original Message-----  
From: NCCD/IRM Help Desk  
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2002 7:20 AM  
To: Mariolis, Peter  
Subject: RE: Beware of Virus jdbgmgr.exe ! OSH DONE

Hey Peter,  
This is a hoax, so don't try to delete any files. This file is a java  
debugger.  
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-----Original Message-----  
From: Mariolis, Peter  
Sent: Monday, December 02, 2002 2:54 PM  
To: NCCD/IRM Help Desk  
Subject: FW: Beware of Virus jdbgmgr.exe ! OSH

Is this a hoax?

-----Original Message-----  
From: Sid Groeneman [mailto:[sid.grc@VERIZON.NET](mailto:sid.grc@VERIZON.NET)]  
Sent: Monday, December 02, 2002 2:32 PM

To: AAPORNET@asu.edu  
Subject: Beware of Virus jdbgmgr.exe !

AAPORNET members:

I was just informed by an unwitting victim that he might have passed along a virus named "jdbgmgr.exe" - thinking that because I am in his Address Book, it might have infected my computer. When I did a search, sure enough the file was there. I'm told that this virus cannot be detected by the Norton or McAfee virus protection software, and that it sits quietly for 14 days before damaging your system. I followed his instructions to get rid of it, which I'm passing along here:

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Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 15:50:08 -0500  
Reply-To: Leo Bogart <[leobogart@WORLDNET.ATT.NET](mailto:leobogart@WORLDNET.ATT.NET)>  
Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: Leo Bogart <[leobogart@WORLDNET.ATT.NET](mailto:leobogart@WORLDNET.ATT.NET)>  
Subject: Civility and incivility  
MIME-version: 1.0



Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Can anyone lead me to a source of data on the public's perception of =  
incivility in popular behavior, use of profanity, etc.? Of course, a =  
time series on this subject would be better, but any crumbs of evidence =  
would be useful. Thanks.

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Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 16:41:12 -0600  
Reply-To: MFlanagan@GOAMP.COM  
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: Mike Flanagan <MFlanagan@GOAMP.COM>  
Subject: Polling Industry data  
Comments: cc: [lazaroff@direcway.com](mailto:lazaroff@direcway.com)  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"

I'm posting this message on the list serv. If any AAPOR member has  
information to share with this individual, please respond to him direct as  
he is not a current AAPOR member and, as such, not a member of this list.

Thanks

Mike Flanagan

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I'm trying to obtain some information on the prevalence of polls in the  
United States. Does your organization have data on the number of opinion  
polls conducted annually in the U.S? If not, do you have any ideas on how I  
can find this information?

Thank you.

Tom Lazarof  
[lazaroff@direcway.com](mailto:lazaroff@direcway.com) <<mailto:lazaroff@direcway.com>>

Mr. Lazarof can find AAPOR membership information on our website at  
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Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 23:10:50 -0500  
Reply-To: Susan Carol Losh <[slosh@garnet.acns.fsu.edu](mailto:slosh@garnet.acns.fsu.edu)>  
Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: Susan Carol Losh <[slosh@GARNET.ACNS.FSU.EDU](mailto:slosh@GARNET.ACNS.FSU.EDU)>  
Subject: Get in my multiple authors?  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain  
Content-transfer-encoding: binary

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Reply-To: Beth Schapiro <[beth@SCHAPIRORESEARCHGROUP.COM](mailto:beth@SCHAPIRORESEARCHGROUP.COM)>  
Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: Beth Schapiro <[beth@SCHAPIRORESEARCHGROUP.COM](mailto:beth@SCHAPIRORESEARCHGROUP.COM)>  
Subject: Hiring public opinion researcher  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

We have an opening in our senior research staff. Does anyone know of a head-hunting firm that places public opinion researchers? Reply directly to me & I'll post a compilation. Thanks.

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President  
Schapiro Research Group, Inc.  
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: Stephen Immerwahr <Stephen\_Immerwahr@BARUCH.CUNY.EDU>  
Subject: Civility and incivility  
In-Reply-To: <OFFE5DF7BB.ABCCDD9F-ON85256C85.001DE849@Baruch.cuny.edu>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
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Earlier this year, the Public Agenda Foundation ([publicagenda.org](http://publicagenda.org)) did a large national study on civility, funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts. A brief description is available here:

<http://www.publicagenda.org/specials/civility/civility.htm>

Stephen Immerwahr  
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-----Original Message-----

From: AAPORNET [mailto:[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)] On Behalf Of Automatic digest processor

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: "Leo G. Simonetta" <[simonetta@ARTSCI.COM](mailto:simonetta@ARTSCI.COM)>  
Subject: Pollsters who angered Iran's hard-line clerics go on trial  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

<http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/world/wire/sns-ap-iran-trial1204dec03,0,4103699.story>

Iranian Pollsters Arrested For Survey  
By ALI AKBAR DAREINI  
Associated Press Writer

December 3, 2002, 9:34 PM EST

TEHRAN, Iran -- Three pollsters who angered Iran's hard-line clerics with a survey showing strong public support for dialogue with the United States went on trial Tuesday, charged with selling the poll results to foreign intelligence agencies.

The three pollsters were arrested in October and November after their poll reported that 74 percent of Tehran residents surveyed supported dialogue with the United States. The countries have not had diplomatic relations since the 1979 takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, repeatedly has rejected resuming ties with Washington, saying such talk was "treason and stupidity." Khamenei has the final say in all state matters.

Hossein Ali Qazian, Abbas Abdi and Behrouz Geranpayeh, all dressed in prison uniforms, sat listening to the five-hour presentation of a 400-page indictment read against them Tuesday in a packed courtroom in northern Tehran.

Judiciary official Ali Asghar Tashakori accused them of holding secret contacts with institutes and individuals affiliated with American, British and Israeli intelligence services and receiving financial assistance from them.

Those contacts included the Gallup Organization and Gary Sick, a U.S.-Iran scholar at Columbia University in New York, he said.

"All of this evidence proves Qazian has been in touch with people seeking to overthrow the Islamic establishment and shows that the opinion polls they have conducted were politically motivated," Tashakori said.

He also accused the defendants of "revealing views about Iranians' access to the Internet, Iran's financial problems and street children," provoking laughter in the courtroom.

Defense attorney Ramezan Haji Mashhadi said after the hearing that the charges were "irrelevant."

"Qazian has confirmed that he was in contact with foreign scientific and educational institutes, and traveled abroad to address conferences, but has denied any wrongdoing," Haji Mashhadi said.

"If such charges bring punishment, then any academics and journalists should be punished for collecting information and publishing it."

The poll enraged hard-liners and prompted the judiciary to close the polling institute, affiliated with the Culture Ministry.

The reformist-dominated parliament insisted the poll, ordered by a

parliamentary committee, was accurate. Lawmakers say an opinion poll conducted by the Intelligence Ministry earlier this year had similar findings.

President Mohammad Khatami, who has pushed a program of social and political freedoms, appointed a three-member committee to investigate at parliament's request, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported Tuesday.

The trial was scheduled to resume Sunday.  
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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: Scott Keeter <skeeter@GMU.EDU>  
Organization: George Mason University  
Subject: new poll of global attitudes  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

I believe that many AAPORites will find this of interest, so I am taking the liberty of posting this to AAPORnet.

The Pew Research Center has just released its first major report from a new 44-nation survey of attitudes about globalization, world problems, the United States, and many other topics. You can read a summary online and download PDF copies of the report and topline at <http://people-press.org/>

Below is a brief blurb about the study:

Despite an initial outpouring of support for America after last year's terrorist attacks, discontent with the United States has grown around the world over the past two years. The U.S. image has been tarnished in all types of nations: among NATO allies, in developing countries, in Eastern Europe and, most dramatically, in Muslim societies.

The slipping U.S. image is one of the major findings of "What the World Thinks in 2002," an in-depth survey by the Pew Research Center of more

than 38,000 people in 44 countries. The poll examines how people feel about their lives, their countries and global conditions at the end of 2002. It also presents public views of the United States, as well as its foreign policy, values and culture.

Despite rising criticism of the U.S., those views remain generally favorable, outside of the Muslim nations of the Middle East and Central Asia. America is still rated positively by majorities in most countries surveyed. People around the world embrace things American, even as they decry U.S. influence on their society. But there is deep concern over a potential war with Iraq: a follow-up six-nation survey found huge majorities in France, Germany and Russia opposed to the use of force in Iraq; more than eight-in-ten in Turkey oppose allowing U.S. forces to use bases in their country.

The survey, the first major report of the Pew Global Attitudes Project, finds that people in almost every nation are dissatisfied with world conditions. The spread of AIDS and other diseases is judged the top global problem, followed by religious and ethnic violence and nuclear weapons. In all but a handful of countries, people also are dissatisfied with the state of their own countries. Deprivation is common outside the advanced economies, especially in Africa. Yet majorities in many developing countries hold out hope their children's lives will be better.

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: Douglas Strand <dstrand@CSM.BERKELEY.EDU>  
Subject: Re: Get in my multiple authors?  
Comments: To: Susan Carol Losh <slosh@GARNET.ACNS.FSU.EDU>  
In-Reply-To: <200212040410.gB44AoF25358@fire3.fsu.edu>  
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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: Joel Bloom <jbloom@DARKWING.UOREGON.EDU>  
Subject: Re: Get in my multiple authors?  
In-Reply-To: <5.1.0.14.2.20021204152654.027a2140@csm.berkeley.edu>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On co-authors:

Since no official solution seems to be forthcoming, my unofficial solution was to include the co-authors' names and PINs in a brief parenthetical statement at the end of the abstract.

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: Robert Eisinger <eisinger@LCLARK.EDU>  
Subject: Not working!  
Comments: cc: krosnick@osu.edu  
In-Reply-To: <5.1.0.14.2.20021204152654.027a2140@csm.berkeley.edu>  
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To whom it may concern!

I am trying to submit a roundtable. The computer is telling me that the pin numbers are incorrect. I have received pin #s from aaporites interested in participating in the roundtable. I presume that they are giving me the correct numbers.

Advice? I am going out of town tomorrow, and will not have email access. I would hate to lose the possibility of organizing a roundtable because of a computer glitch.

-Robert Eisinger  
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Sender:    AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From:      "mary.losch@uni.edu" <mary.losch@UNI.EDU>
Subject:   Re: Get in my multiple authors?
Comments:  To: Douglas Strand <dstrand@CSM.BERKELEY.edu>
In-Reply-To: <5.1.0.14.2.20021204152654.027a2140@csm.berkeley.edu>
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I had the same problem over the weekend and simply listed everyone as a presenter. It worked. Mary L.

On 4 Dec 2002, at 15:30, Douglas Strand wrote:

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Date sent:      Wed, 04 Dec 2002 15:30:18 -0800
From:           Douglas Strand <dstrand@CSM.BERKELEY.EDU>
Subject:        Re: Get in my multiple authors?
To:             AAPORNET@asu.edu
Send reply to: Douglas Strand <dstrand@CSM.BERKELEY.EDU>
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> I also had this same problem, trying to add only 1 co-author. I checked
> and double-checked that I followed the screens correctly, but still no
> soap.
>
> Attention, AAPOR high priests, could someone please post a response to this
> problem, or tell us what we're stupidly doing wrong?
>
> Thanks,
> Doug Strand
> -----
> Douglas Strand, Ph.D.
> Lecturer in Political Science
> and
> Project Director
> Public Agendas and Citizen Engagement Survey (PACES)
> Survey Research Center
> UC Berkeley
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> Tel: 510-642-0508
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> At 11:10 PM Tuesday 12/3/02 -0500, Susan Carol Losh wrote:
> >OK, I submitted my abstract on the site and received confirmation, but
> >the site wouldn't let me do multiple authors. I tried the long form, I
> >tried the "add author". So finally I emailed "help". I just got a message
> >that my server has tried to deliver my "help" message to "help at AAPOR"
> >for over 4 hours with no luck.
> >
> >Short of rejecting the paper which is one (unpreferred) way to solve the
> >problem, any suggestions from those who did it successfully?
> >
> >Thanks! Susan
> >
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> >Department of Educational Psychology  
> >and Learning Systems  
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Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: Edith de Leeuw <[edithl@XS4ALL.NL](mailto:edithl@XS4ALL.NL)>  
Subject: Re: Pollsters who angered Iran's hard-line clerics go on trial  
Comments: To: "Leo G. Simonetta" <[simonetta@ARTSCI.COM](mailto:simonetta@ARTSCI.COM)>  
Comments: cc: [wapornet@listserv.unc.edu](mailto:wapornet@listserv.unc.edu)  
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Edith de Leeuw, Amsterdam

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><http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/world/wire/sns-ap-iran-trial1204dec03,0,4103699.story>  
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>December 3, 2002, 9:34 PM EST

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Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: Jan Werner <[jwerner@JWDP.COM](mailto:jwerner@JWDP.COM)>  
Organization: Jan Werner Data Processing  
Subject: NPR story on polling problems  
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On Tuesday, NPR's "All Things Considered" ran a feature story on  
problems facing telephone polling.

Nothing in the 5:32 minute story would be news to AAPOR members, but it  
provided a fine exposition for the layman to much of what has been  
discussed here, except for some self-serving comments from Gordon Black  
of Harris Interactive. Karlyn Bowman and Peter Tuckel were also heard.

You can listen to the piece in RealAudio at:  
<http://www.npr.org/ramfiles/atc/20021203.atc.13.ram>

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Subject: Conference Abstract Submission  
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A few persons reported problems with submitting multi-person panel and = roundtable abstracts. We have switched over to new software this year = that=20 significantly improves the submission and reviewing of the abstracts. = Obviously, a few problems arose. These problems will be addressed and = fixed for next year.=20

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From: Worc <Worc@MORI.COM>  
Subject: Re: Pollsters who angered Iran's hard-line clerics go on trial  
Comments: To: edithl@XS4ALL.NL  
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I faxed it yesterday to the Editor of The Economist, Bill Emmott, my client= there; hope they'll do something with it next week!

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Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: steve johnson <[stevej@NSDSSURVEY.ORG](mailto:stevej@NSDSSURVEY.ORG)>  
Subject: Re: response rate  
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Thanks in advance

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: "James P. Murphy" <jpmurphy@JPMURPHY.COM>  
Subject: Re: response rate  
Comments: To: steve johnson <stevej@nsdssurvey.org>  
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It was a Pew study, I believe.

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

From: steve johnson <stevej@NSDSSURVEY.ORG>  
To: AAPORNET@asu.edu <AAPORNET@asu.edu>  
Date: Friday, December 06, 2002 3:40 PM  
Subject: Re: response rate

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From: steve johnson <stevej@NSDSSURVEY.ORG>  
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Subject: Re: response rate.  
Comments: To: pmeyer@email.unc.edu  
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Phil,

Just so, and this heuristic anecdote hints at the worry that even these POQ articles do not allay, and that only extremely high (under most practical circumstances, virtually unreachable) response rates would begin to chip away at: that the non-respondents who remain forever beyond our grasp might well, on a particular issue, be distinctively different. But my own experience is that it's vexingly difficult to find real data to support a strong response rate - bias connection. Are there any good, carefully-documented examples out there that AAPORNETTERS could share?

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On Fri, 6 Dec 2002, steve johnson wrote:

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> To: AAPORNET@asu.edu  
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Dear Colleagues:

I want to thank everyone for the responses I received in a call for a speaker about polling. I have another request for someone to teach a Survey Research Methods course at our college during the spring 2003 semester (Feb. 1 to May 10).

We have just begun our new certificate program in survey research. The course meets on Saturday afternoons from Noon to 5:PM for 14 weeks. The pay is about \$5,000 for a person without a Ph.D. and about \$6,000 or more for one with a Ph.D. and experience in the field.

Students taking the course (I think there would be about 8-10 students) would have had basic statistics and perhaps a social science methods course. This course is the first course in a two course sequence on the nuts and bolts of survey research. It is Sociology 226: Survey Research I. The syllabus would cover:

Research Design and Hypothesis Construction  
Types of survey research  
Sampling in some depth  
How to ask survey questions  
Questionnaire and scale construction

Focus groups  
How to conduct in-person interviews

While learning each topic students would be developing a survey project to carry out during the second semester using all types of survey methods, e.g., mail, telephone, Internet, and interviews. They would also analyze data and write reports.

I thought as a text we could use the Sage Survey Kit, 2nd edition (a ten volume set of slim books for these topics which cover the two semester sequence). I would be willing to help out on the syllabus.

Someone please volunteer. I don't want to have to teach this course myself. PLEASE!

Thanks, Bill Divale

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This Census Bureau analysis of early vs. late respondents in the Current Population Surveys, "The Last Five Percent", assigns probability by demographic characteristics of being a late/difficult interview after repeated callbacks.  
<http://www.fcs.m.gov/committees/ihsng/asa2000proceedings.pdf>

Got papers such as this by going to google advanced search and entering the words callback AND bias in the box "with all of the words" and survey OR sample in the box "with at least one of these words". (Hope this works.)  
[http://www.google.com/search?num=100&hl=en&lr=&ie=ISO-8859-1&newwindow=1&safe=off&as\\_qdr=all&q=callback+AND+bias+survey+OR+sample&btnG=Google+Search](http://www.google.com/search?num=100&hl=en&lr=&ie=ISO-8859-1&newwindow=1&safe=off&as_qdr=all&q=callback+AND+bias+survey+OR+sample&btnG=Google+Search)



Got 1,390 hits.

Nick

Jack Ludwig wrote:

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> Phil,  
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> Just so, and this heuristic anecdote hints at the worry that even these POQ  
> articles do not allay, and that only extremely high (under most practical  
> circumstances, virtually unreachable) response rates would begin to chip  
> away at: that the non-respondents who remain forever beyond our grasp might  
> well, on a particular issue, be distinctively different. But my own  
> experience is that it's vexingly difficult to find real data to support a  
> strong response rate - bias connection. Are there any good,  
> carefully-documented examples out there that AAPORNETTERS could share?

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> Jack

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

> From: Philip Meyer [mailto:pmeyer@EMAIL.UNC.EDU]

> Sent: Friday, December 06, 2002 5:59 PM

> To: AAPORNET@asu.edu

> Subject: Re: response rate.

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> This may be worse than useless, but, in the 1960s there was a survey of  
> physicians on their smoking habits. It was done with several efforts to  
> convert nonrespondents. With each wave, the proportion of smokers remained  
> about the same -- until the last one. And it turned up a hard core of  
> doctors who smoked but didn't want to tell anyone about it. Sorry that I  
> don't remember the source. But it stuck in my head all these years because  
> the moral is that with a low response rate you might be okay most of the  
> time -- but you're never sure.

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From: Thomas Guterbock <[tmglp@T.MAIL.VIRGINIA.EDU](mailto:tmglp@T.MAIL.VIRGINIA.EDU)>  
Subject: Re: response rate.  
Comments: To: [steve.johnson@nsdssurvey.org](mailto:steve.johnson@nsdssurvey.org)  
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I recall a paper given at AAPOR a few years ago by Johnny Blair of U. of Md., analyzing differences in response between refusal-conversion respondents and other respondents in a telephone survey of time use. It may be that hold-out, late respondents who did not actually refused were also compared, too. The finding that sticks in my mind is the significant difference in measured respondent effort (on the time-diary task) between the converted respondents and those who agreed right away to do the interview.

Tom



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Subject: Re: POQ on line?  
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Is POQ available on-line? I checked the AAPOR website and did not see it.

thanks,  
Lynda Voigt

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POQ is available on line-- either through the Members Only section, or  
through the text box on the lower left side of the screen.

Paul

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Tuesday, December 10, 2002

CONSUMER SENTIMENT TUMBLES IN DEC., SLUMPING TO  
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BY IBD STAFF

Americans' faith in the economy fell in December  
to its lowest level of the year - and they're  
not bullish on the future either, a new poll  
shows.

The IBD/TIPP Economic Optimism Index fell 1.1  
points to 53.3 in December, off 9.6 points from  
its  
March 2002 high. The poll of 900 adults was taken  
from Dec. 2 to Dec. 8.

"The economy has been stumbling in its attempts to  
get traction. Risks are balanced evenly  
between a recession or a recovery," said Raghavan  
Mayur, president of TIPP, a unit of  
TechnoMetrica Market Intelligence, IBD's polling  
partner.

"Consumers are clearly worried," he added. "Unless  
we see new business investment and a palpable  
improvement in the job situation, a continued

erosion of consumer confidence could trigger a reversal in the recovery."

Mayur said uncertainties over war with Iraq, terrorist attacks overseas and the shakeup of President Bush's economic team has also hurt confidence.

"The decline in confidence is broad-based, with 16 of the 21 key demographic groups slipping in the December poll," he said.

A reading above 50 shows optimism; below 50, pessimism.

Despite recent stock market gains, investors' optimism fell 0.8 point from 54.8 to 54.0.

Readings slipped for all income groups, with wealthy groups falling most. Households earning \$50,000 to \$75,000 a year slipped from 55.0 to 51.5. Those above \$75,000 fell from 55.2 to 53.4.

Families below \$30,000 edged down from 52.9 to 52.1 and those in the \$30,000 to \$50,000 range dropped from 56.9 to 55.5.

Even Republicans, who are typically bullish, grew less optimistic, declining from 68.5 to 64.8.

The biggest chunk of this month's drop in the overall index comes from the component that measures how consumers feel about the economy's prospects six months from now.

It sliced through the neutral level of 50, to 48.8 from 50.4 in November, a loss of 1.6 points, or 3.3%. The drop is "worrying," said Mayur. "It could be signaling an economic turning point in the future," he said.

Only six of 21 demographic subgroups scored above 50 on the economic outlook.

Of the remaining two components, one gauges how Americans feel about their personal finances. It declined from 58.9 in November to 57.5 in December, its lowest for 2002. This subindex remained above 60 through August, but fell through that level in September and hasn't climbed back yet.

The third component of the overall index measures how government economic policies are working. It slipped to 53.5 from 54.0, another low for the year.

Since Bush took office, the federal policies subindex has fallen most - by 8.5 points. The personal financial outlook component has dropped 2.8 points, while the six-month outlook component is up 8.6 points.

By party affiliation, Democrats showed the biggest drop in the federal policy index: 13.3 points. Independents are down 8.8 points, and Republicans off 4.5 points. Investors have given up 12.8 points vs. 3.6 points by noninvestors.

The key worry? Jobs, says Mayur.

"A stimulus package that focuses on new job creation can greatly help the morale of the country," he said. Americans' anxieties are echoed in a "quality of life" gauge that's part of IBD/TIPP's National Outlook Index. That index has fallen to 55.8 from its normal level near, "showing Americans' economic concerns are spilling into broader issues."

The lower economic confidence ratings have yet to hurt Bush's approval rating. The IBD/TIPP Presidential Leadership Index stands at 66.6 in December vs. 65.0 in November. And the share of those who give Bush an A or B on handling the economy rose from 39% in November to 43% this month.

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> Director of Operations December 10, 2002  
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> The Center for Survey Research at Ohio State University is searching  
> for a Director of Operations to manage the Center s day-to-day  
> business. CSR is a growing, lively interdisciplinary research  
> operation with a 32-station CATI facility. The center also processes  
> mail, fax-back and web-based surveys, as well as combinations of these  
> modes, for a variety of university, public sector, nonprofit, and

> private sector clients.  
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> The Director of Operations works under the supervision of the Faculty  
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> oversees daily operations. We are seeking a candidate with  
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> applied statistical methods, including SPSS-PC. Candidates are  
> expected to have experience in a social sciences survey research  
> organization or an equivalent combination of education and experience.  
> The Director of Operations designs and/or approves methods for survey  
> projects, including sampling procedures and questionnaires, and works  
> with the Faculty Director to develop and monitor the projected budget  
> for the fiscal year. The Director of Operations also assists in  
> marketing the center s services to faculty researchers and  
> administrators within the university, cultivates and develops  
> relationships with private and public sector users, and markets  
> services to external clients. A master s degree or an equivalent  
> combination of education and experience is required. A doctoral degree  
> is highly desired. Salary is competitive and negotiable.  
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> The CSR was established in 1996 as a university-wide interdisciplinary  
> research center administered by the OSU College of Social and  
> Behavioral Sciences. The Center administers a Graduate  
> Interdisciplinary Specialization in Survey Research, a 23-hour program  
> of instruction in survey methodology, a faculty seed-grant program,  
> and a graduate student summer fellowship program, as well as other  
> activities to enhance the role of survey research on campus. The  
> Center typically has 9 graduate research associates from nationally  
> prominent social science fields in residence.  
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> Additional information about the Center is available via  
> [www.csr.ohio-state.edu](http://www.csr.ohio-state.edu). Information about Ohio State University can be  
> found at [www.osu.edu](http://www.osu.edu) and about the Columbus area at [www.columbus.org](http://www.columbus.org).  
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> Interested candidates should send a letter of application and current  
> resume or vita to the address below.  
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> Dr. Gerald Kosicki  
> Center for Survey Research  
> 3045 Derby Hall  
> 154 North Oval Mall  
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Colleagues,

One of our research scientists has asked me to inquire about experiences = AAPOR members have had regarding tracking high school drop outs. He's = especially interested in publications that discuss strategies that have = been used and found to be successful in locating and interviewing students = who have dropped out as well as response rates that might be expected. He = is also interested in your practical experiences in tracking this = population, obstacles you encountered and any suggestions or advice you = might have. Please send your responses to me and I will forward them to = him. Thanks very much for your help.

Linda Young  
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This is not important, just an interesting experience.

My husband is a research biologist for the USDA, one of the top specialists on the imported red fire ant. And I've been involved in survey research since 1984. He has tended to denigrate our field as being a "soft" science, and not REALLY research.

But last week we were driving someplace two hours away, and he asked me about the possibility of doing an RDD

household survey about how fire ants affect the quality of life. These ants are a pest in the Southeast clear over to Texas. They arrived in California in 1999 and Australia in 2000. They have a sting that burns, and they can make a picnic miserable and pose a threat to livestock and children, who don't know to brush them off and get away.

He is concerned about getting an accurate estimate of the impact of this pest on people's lives. He thought a survey might allow him to ask whether people had been stung lately, if they had purchased commercial control products, etc.

After a few minutes of conversation, I announced, "Okay, you've convinced me that a survey is the best methodology to approach this problem."

He blinked. "But don't you just do a survey if someone brings you money?" he asked.

I explained that NO, my first task was to determine if a survey was appropriate. And in fact, on one of my current projects, I decided that the way to get the best information was to mine an administrative database rather than conduct a survey.

So then I shifted into client relations mode, and asked him questions that would explore what he wanted and how to design the survey. We started with who the respondent should be. He said the person who deals with yardwork and home pest control. I asked him if he was willing to defend a sample that was mostly male. I told him about random respondent selection procedures. He was fascinated.

He had sticker shock when I priced out the project. And then we talked about IRB approval, and he was amazed at the process. Working with flies and ants, the whole world of human subjects is new to him.

Throughout the conversation, I kept saying, "The research shows..." or, "There was a paper at AAPOR last year that found..." and again, he was surprised that we actually did methodological research on these details.

I don't think we'll ever actually do the survey, because his research group is not convinced, and the federal government takes a dim view of nepotism. But the experience of planning it was such fun, and I think his respect for survey researchers has grown a lot.

Colleen

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From: "Chun, Young" <[YChun@AIR.ORG](mailto:YChun@AIR.ORG)>  
Subject: Freedom of releasing polling results  
MIME-version: 1.0  
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state authority claims its respective turf.

Your comments and leads to key sources are greatly appreciated!!

Young Chun

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Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: Diana Mutz <[mutz.1@OSU.EDU](mailto:mutz.1@OSU.EDU)>  
Subject: Re: Freedom of releasing polling results  
Comments: To: "Chun, Young" <[YChun@AIR.ORG](mailto:YChun@AIR.ORG)>  
In-Reply-To: <[3B3E23FB7DBAD411AC1C00306E0004A2E783DF@DC3](mailto:3B3E23FB7DBAD411AC1C00306E0004A2E783DF@DC3)>  
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Part III of my book, *Impersonal Influence: How Perceptions of Mass  
Collectives Influence Political Attitudes* (Cambridge University Press,

1998), reviews this literature, provides psychological explanations for this process, and new evidence relating to when the bandwagon effect occurs. Hope you find it helpful!

Diana Mutz

At 10:28 AM 12/11/2002 -0500, Chun, Young wrote:  
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Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: Frank Rusciano <[rusciano@RIDER.EDU](mailto:rusciano@RIDER.EDU)>  
Organization: Rider University  
Subject: The Public Perspective for classroom use  
Comments: cc: The wapornet mailing list <[wapornet@listserv.unc.edu](mailto:wapornet@listserv.unc.edu)>  
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Dear AAPORneters and WAPORneters,

I generally receive a lot of suggestions for classroom use, and for the most part, they don't tend to be that useful. However, I heard of the following resource for teaching Public Opinion (along with other courses) that might be of interest to my colleagues, so I thought I would post it. If you are not

interested, please just delete the message, but I think this will be an excellent resource for when I teach Public Opinion, Political Communication, or Methods next, so I decided to post it.

Frank Rusciano

Public Perspective for college classroom use

The idea:

Professors of courses in or relevant to public opinion include subscriptions to Public Perspective on their lists of required reading. They send their orders to us for upcoming semesters at the same time they are placing book orders with their campus bookstores.

The rationale:

Public Perspective is the only magazine entirely devoted to public opinion and polling. As subscribers, students can read articles by leaders in the field of polling, as well as by political scientists, sociologists, policymakers, and members of the media, on the most pertinent political, social, and polling issues of the day. Each issue also contains comprehensive graphic presentations of survey data, both current and historical, relating to these subjects.

Students get all this, plus searchable access to the entire back-issue library of Public Perspective, at a fraction of the price of most textbooks; they become familiar with a publication and an institution that should figure prominently in any future connected with such studies; and the professor is relieved of any copyright concerns, costs, and inconvenience associated with reproducing such materials for students.

The offer:

The plan is to provide students with online access to three current issues of the magazine (half a year's subscription) for each semester, the first issue being the one already out when the semester begins, and the other two to be "sent" as they are published during the course of the semester.

Students will also be given access to the entire back-issue library of Public Perspective, beginning with the first issue published in 1989. This material will be fully indexed and searchable by author, title, and subject.

Students will access everything using pass-codes we provide. The cost will be \$15—a price that covers half of a normally \$38.50 current subscription, plus the back-issue library (which we plan to charge a fairly substantial subscription

price for when we're ready to make it available to the rest of the world).

Target course audiences:

Public opinion  
Political science, general  
Journalism  
Sociology  
Communications

Ordering procedure:

We have spent long hours devising an ordering process that we hope will be simple and efficient, while placing the least possible burden on professors.

The professor fills out an online form with name of course(s), approximate number of students, begin date of class(es), and contact information (name, address, email, phone). The form goes to [pubper@ropercenter.uconn.edu](mailto:pubper@ropercenter.uconn.edu).

Orders can also be called or faxed in.

We send special subscriber cards, with return envelopes, for the professor to hand out on the first day of class. Each card is preprinted with that professor's name and a unique registration code that we assign. Students are to fill out and send the cards back to us with payment by a deadline that we specify, ## days after begin date of class. As soon as we receive card and payment from a student, we will send that student's pass-code directly to him or her by email--professors do not need to handle money or magazines.

After some set amount of time (say, two weeks or so into the semester), we send the professor a list of all the students who have actually followed through with their orders.

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Reply-To: MFlanagan@GOAMP.COM  
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: Mike Flanagan <MFlanagan@GOAMP.COM>  
Subject: Call Management Software  
Comments: cc: [susanne.babcock@itracks.com](mailto:susanne.babcock@itracks.com)  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1

Please respond to this individual direct at:

[susanne.babcock@itracks.com](mailto:susanne.babcock@itracks.com)

Hi

My name is Susanne Babcock I am the call center supervisor for Itracks in Saskatoon Saskatchewan. Currently my company is looking for a quality stand alone, web enabled call management software to eliminate paper call sheets. I was wondering if your association has any recommendations for a good software in this area. I have looked online and there are so many choices I wanted to see if I could get some input from you people. Thank you very much for taking the time to review this e-mail and I look forward to hearing back from you.

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: Ellis Godard <ellis.godard@CSUN.EDU>  
Subject: Bang for the Buck?  
MIME-version: 1.0  
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Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

For purposes of equipping a forthcoming survey center, we are having trouble discerning whether Sawtooth's WinCATI is worth more than three times the price of Creative Research Systems' Survey System (\$20K vs \$6K for our situation). I'm more familiar with Sawtooth, and more impressed by their web presentation, but can't discern substantial differences in functionality. Any feedback would be much appreciated.

Regards,  
Ellis Godard  
Sociology Dept.  
Cal State Northridge

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From: peter tuckel <ptuckel@HUNTER.CUNY.EDU>  
Subject: Field Service Director Position Available  
MIME-version: 1.0  
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15 year old qualitative research company seeks experienced Field Service Director.  
Duties include all field related activities, knowledge of field service companies in the United States (information about overseas field services a plus), and ability to discuss recruiting issues with clients and moderator.

Candidate should be skilled at developing/writing screeners, recommending field services, addressing field related questions, managing day-to-day contact with field services about projects currently being recruited, monitoring show rates, and working to insure the recruitment of top quality respondents. Additional responsibilities include the ability to make all logistical arrangements required for any given project, providing in-house access to a qualitative professional while moderators are traveling, and providing accurate information with which to bill the client. The successful candidate will have a minimum of 5 years experience as a field service professional. Our company is a top qualitative market research company with five full time moderators on staff. The company is located in lower Fairfield county in Connecticut. The successful candidate will have all of the field service skills listed above as well as excellent interpersonal skills that allow for successful phone interface with our current and potential clients. Interested and qualified candidates can e-mail their resume to [eleppo@invisionmr.com](mailto:eleppo@invisionmr.com) or can fax their resume to 203-978-0462.

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Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: Yasamin Diciccio <[yd17@CORNELL.EDU](mailto:yd17@CORNELL.EDU)>  
Subject: telephone look-ups  
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>Yasamin  
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>Yasamin DiCiccio Miller, Director  
>Computer-Assisted Survey Team CAST  
>168 Ives Hall  
>Cornell University  
>Ithaca, NY 14853  
>tel: 607-255-0148  
>fax: 607-255-7118  
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From: Lance Hoffman <[lhoffman@OPINIONACCESS.COM](mailto:lhoffman@OPINIONACCESS.COM)>  
Organization: Opinion Access Corp.  
Subject: Re: telephone look-ups  
Comments: To: Yasamin Diccicio <[ydl17@CORNELL.EDU](mailto:ydl17@CORNELL.EDU)>  
In-Reply-To:  
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Reply-To: "Beatty, Paul C." <pbb5@CDC.GOV>  
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: "Beatty, Paul C." <pbb5@CDC.GOV>  
Subject: What does it take to be a good public opinion researcher?  
MIME-version: 1.0  
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Many thanks,

Paul Beatty  
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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: "Safir, Adam" <ASafir@UI.URBAN.ORG>  
Subject: Spanish language respondents  
MIME-version: 1.0  
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A colleague, who is not a member of AAPORnet, is looking for journal  
articles or conference papers on response rate and measurement error issues  
for Spanish language respondents.

She has been working on a reinterview survey of income in which respondents  
initially reporting no visible means of support were reinterviewed in a more  
open-ended, semi-structured format. The reinterviews were conducted in  
English and Spanish, as was the main survey. Anecdotal reports from the  
bilingual interviewers who worked on the survey suggested that the Spanish  
language respondents were more hesitant than the English language  
respondents to report on income and program participation, and less willing  
to "open up and tell their stories."

Any references, suggestions, or experiences from the field would be greatly  
appreciated.

best, Adam

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: "Michael B. Conaway" <Michael.Conaway@UA.EDU>  
Subject: Re: Bang for the Buck?  
In-Reply-To: <NCEELGJNGFLOAJBFAFFOKEEKGMMAA.ellis.godard@csun.edu>  
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I'm curious as to the reason you do not include CASES.

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: "Lowndes F. Stephens" <stephens-lowndes@SC.EDU>  
Subject: Re: What does it take to be a good public opinion researcher?  
Comments: To: "Beatty, Paul C." <pbb5@CDC.GOV>  
In-Reply-To: <C79290593AB9D1118C9C0080D870032D09E0BFB7@MCDL-HVL-1>  
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It makes sense for her to get involved in scholastic journalism activities in middle and high school. Shadow some pollsters particularly university researchers, if she is near a college or university.

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From: Jason Boxt <jboxt@GLOBALSTRATEGYGROUP.COM>  
Subject: New telemarketer law  
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Does anyone know how or whether this affects polling?

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FTC creates national 'do not call' list

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Fines up to \$11,000 for telemarketers who call listed people

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By Andy Sullivan  
THE WASHINGTON POST

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 - Federal regulators are creating new protections for people plagued by unwanted telemarketing calls, establishing a national "do-not-call" list that consumers can use to keep their phones from ringing with sales pitches.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION officials said that under the strengthened rules telemarketers also must transmit identifying information that can be viewed by services like Caller ID and limit the number of "abandoned" calls that hang up or leave people listening to silence on the line.

The regulations were being made public Wednesday.

The national do-not call registry, first proposed in January,

would allow people to stop sales calls made from outside their state. Consumers who register on the Internet or with one call to a toll-free government number would remain on the list for five years before having to renew, FTC officials said.

Officials said the agency is taking bids from companies interesting in creating the registry.

Once the list is operating, telemarketers will have to check the registry every three months to find out who doesn't want to be called, the officials said. Telemarketers who call listed people could be fined up to \$11,000 for each violation.=20

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The registry will likely cost about \$16 million in its first year and would be paid for with fees collected from telemarketers, officials said. The agency has not decided how those fees will be imposed and still needs congressional approval to collect them.

The Direct Marketing Association, which represents telemarketers, issued a statement before the FTC announcement calling the changes unlawful. The group said it "intends to pursue all legal and equitable courses of action" to protect the industry.

There are exceptions to the FTC's do-not-call protections.=20

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A company can call someone on the list if that person has bought, leased or rented something from the seller within 18 months. Telemarketers also can call consumers if they have inquired or applied for something during the last three months.

The FTC also has limited authority to police certain industries - such as telephone companies - that fall under the jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission. The FCC is considering its own do-not-call registry.

The two agencies would have to work together to cover all telemarketers unless Congress gives more authority to one.

Charities are exempt from the FTC's do-not-call list, but third-party telemarketers who call on their behalf are bound by rules that require them to obey when consumers ask to be put on a do-not-call list, officials said.

Another new restriction on telemarketers involves machines called predictive dialers. The machines dial numbers stored in a database and predict when a telemarketer will be ready to finish one sales call and start another. When the machine reaches a person, the call is supposed to be transferred to a telemarketer who is just finishing another call.

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The system doesn't always work and calls are made before a

telemarketer is available. With these "abandoned" calls, a consumer on the other end picks up their phone only to be disconnected or greeted with a long silence before the sales pitch begins.

The new rules limit abandoning - calls that hang up or have pauses longer than two seconds - to less than 3 percent of a telemarketer's business, agency officials said. The FTC also is requiring sellers to play an identifying recording after two seconds if no operator is available.

The new rules also prohibit telemarketers from charging someone without permission, especially when the seller already knows the person's billing information.

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> To: [AAPORNET@asu.edu](mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu)  
> Subject: Spanish language respondents  
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> Any references, suggestions, or experiences from the field=20  
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Comments: To: "Norval D. Glenn" <ndglenn@MAIL.LA.UTEXAS.EDU>  
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Here's a summary from CMOR on yesterday's FTC announcement of the creation of a national do-not-call registry. Fortunately, survey research remains exempt. CMOR monitors regulatory and legislative issues for the survey research industry. AAPOR is a contributing member of CMOR.

>>> "Kim Hoodin" <khoodin@cmor.org> 12/19 3:21 PM >>>

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Reply-To: Christopher Barnes <cebuconn@YAHOO.COM>  
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: Christopher Barnes <cebuconn@YAHOO.COM>  
Subject: Re: CMOR Newsflash re: FTC Do-Not-Call Registry  
Comments: To: Mark Schulman <M.SCHULMAN@SRBI.COM>  
In-Reply-To: <se01ec8c.094@srbi.com>  
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Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: Jane Sheppard <[jsheppard@CMOR.ORG](mailto:jsheppard@CMOR.ORG)>  
Subject: Re: CMOR Newsflash re: FTC Do-Not-Call Registry  
Comments: To: [BMcCready@KNOWLEDGENETWORKS.COM](mailto:BMcCready@KNOWLEDGENETWORKS.COM)  
Content-type: text/plain

CMOR has met with Federal Trade Commission (FTC) senior staff members regarding this issue. As part of that discussion, the FTC indicated that they were reluctant to single out any one non-sales related industry (i.e survey research) for an explicit exemption. Furthermore, as a general principle, attempting to procure an explicit exemption for survey research in a sales-related law/rule does have the possible negative effect of raising survey research on a legislative/privacy radar that would not otherwise include us. CMOR has recently published an article about this specific issue -- "To Amend or Not to Amend" - which is available on the CMOR website at [http://cmor.org/downloads/govt\\_articles/0402amend.pdf](http://cmor.org/downloads/govt_articles/0402amend.pdf).

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Jane Sheppard  
Director of Respondent Cooperation  
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> Bill

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> Knowledge Networks  
> Tel: 312.474.6464  
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Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>

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Subject: Re: The trial of Ayandeh'  
Comments: To: Frank Rusciano <rusciano@RIDER.EDU>  
In-Reply-To: <3E0223A9.ADC2D3CC@rider.edu>  
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> To: AAPORNET@asu.edu

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: Nancy Belden <nancybelden@BRSPOLL.COM>  
Subject: Re: The trial of Ayandeh'  
In-Reply-To: <20021219215135.3266.qmail@web41410.mail.yahoo.com>  
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I would particularly like to hear from Andy and those who are connected professionally to the researchers (Gallup? Lydia?), about what you know about them, their track record, and so forth.

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From: Warren Mitofsky <mitofsky@MINDSPRING.COM>  
Subject: Population Estimate Problems  
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This is from Mike McDonald. His contact information is at the bottom. At the end of this note he points out a very serious problem for anyone using independent estimates of the Census Bureau's age-race-sex population data for weighting sample surveys. The beginning affects those interested in election turnout.  
warren mitofsky

I posted new turnout rates based on official canvasses available on the Secretary of State web sites, available at  
[http://elections.gmu.edu/VAP\\_VEP.htm](http://elections.gmu.edu/VAP_VEP.htm) <[http://elections.gmu.edu/VAP\\_VEP.htm](http://elections.gmu.edu/VAP_VEP.htm)>

. These turnout rates will likely be the final rates, since the two states that have not certified their results are simply awaiting legislative approval early next year. I have calculated a VEP turnout rate of 39.9% in the 2002 election (using an estimate of total ballots cast). Minnesota had the highest VEP turnout rate of 63.4% and Virginia came in last at 28.6%. I thought I would also make everyone aware that I have had conversations this week with the people who put together population estimates at the Census Bureau. They have indicated to me that they may not produce even 2004 VAP estimates because of budgetary constraints. In fact, we may not get new age-sex-race population projections for some time, which could pose a problem for people who need these numbers to weight surveys. They urged

interested people to start complaining to the powers that be so that they will be able to make this a priority.

These numbers will not be released because the Census Bureau is still struggling to figure out how the 2000 estimate (based on the 1990 census) predicted 174 million persons, while the actual census counted 181 million. In a related matter, the Census Bureau is unable to correct the 1990-2000 estimates for the 2000 census. The reason is only partially related to the previous prediction problem - also factored in is an OMB directive which prevents the Census from reconciling the 2000 race categories with the 1990 race categories, which is necessary to make age-sex-race population projections. So, we may never get updated 1990-2000 population estimates even if the Census can figure out the prediction problem. This could affect any study that uses these numbers - turnout rates, cancer rates, accident rates, etc. Out of that list, I think turnout is the least important, and makes me concerned that this may pose real health risks.

There is further funny business going on at the Census Bureau. As some of you may be aware, the Bush Administration has agreed to release the adjusted census numbers as the result of a lawsuit brought by Oregon Democratic legislators. The Census Bureau has released the original adjustment to Oregon, but the Census Bureau is now claiming that the original undercount projections were wrong, and that in fact, there was essentially no undercount in 2000 (a revised 0.16% undercount from a 1.2% undercount). The undercount problem is related to the prediction problem, since the Census Bureau has figured out that some of the prediction problem can go away if they can wish away the undercount (never mind the political ramifications since minorities are more likely to be undercounted). I gathered in my conversations that these new adjusted data are available for purchase, though they are not advertised on the Census Bureau web pages, and I have not yet investigated purchasing them.

Have a Happy Holiday!

-Mike

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From: Mike O'Neil <mike.oneil@ALUMNI.BROWN.EDU>  
Subject: Recommendation for a most extraordinary person  
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Fellow AAPORNETers:

I intend to make this the most compelling letter of reference I have ever written. Niels Marslev has worked as an analyst for our firm for most of 2002. He is the sort of person I would love to have work for us for the next thirty years. His wife, however, has accepted a position in Stockholm, Sweden. Unfortunately for us, he has decided to move there with her. His availability creates a rare opportunity for anyone in that area to acquire one of the most extraordinary young researchers I have ever met.

Prior to hiring Niels earlier this year, I read a wide portfolio of his writings. After reading the material, I felt decision to hire him had already been made for me by the sheer excellence of his work. Niels writes with extraordinary insight and a nuanced flair for the English language. (This is all the more impressive given that English is not his native tongue—he tells me he writes equally well in Danish, and has a functional knowledge of several other language, including Swedish). He has written virtually every type of report for us, both qualitative and quantitative. In twenty years of working with analysts (I read and edit every report that comes out of our shop), I have never been less needed as an editor than when Niels has handed in his finished product. Indeed, when interacting with employees on writing tasks, it is the ideal situation when the only comments necessary tend to be idiosyncratic, incidental, and matters of legitimate discussion.

After I had read Niels' portfolio and made the decision to hire him, I received a call from a colleague at Arizona State University (a Michigan political science Ph.D.) that I have known for many years. His endorsement was unequivocal: "This is the best graduate student I have had in thirty years." Every aspect of my working relationship with Niels has confirmed the accuracy of this statement.

Incidentally, while Niels has functioned primarily as an analyst, he has also displayed great versatility and understanding with the tools of our

craft. He is facile with SPSS, Excel, Access, and many other computer programs. He works extremely well with other employees, no matter what their position within the firm. He is also an engaging colleague who is a delight to work with on a personal level, and someone with whom you can engage intellectually and academically. Niels holds two Masters degrees, one from the University of Copenhagen (political science) and one from Arizona State University (mass communication/media research). That formal academic training, however, greatly understates his actual level of competence and understanding of the nuances of social science research. I would put his skills on a par with recent Ph.D.s from any of our leading social science graduate programs.

Niels is traveling halfway around the globe for love. If you know a colleague in the Stockholm area, please pass this note along to them. You will be doing both that person and Niels a great favor. Niels is a social scientist with wide interests, but is principally interested in a position located within commuting distance of Stockholm. (He has a standing offer from us to do as much analytical writing as he cares to do, up to and including full-time work. His long-term preference, however, is to be in a work environment where he has physical interactions with other colleagues rather than a virtual workplace. In other words, we can keep him fully occupied with internet/commuter work, but he is very much interested in providing his services to an employer in Stockholm.

If someone on AAPORNET would be willing to cross-post this to WAPORNET, they would likewise be doing a favor for Niels, and any prospective employer.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mike

Michael O'Neil, Ph.D.

[www.oneilresearch.com](http://www.oneilresearch.com)  
[oneil@oneilresearch.com](mailto:oneil@oneilresearch.com)

(480) 967-4441 Ext. 86 (I would be happy to discuss Niels in person with anyone)

If you want to contact Niels directly, the best way is by email:

[marslev@asu.edu](mailto:marslev@asu.edu)

If you want to print this letter on the letterhead of my company, email me and I will send you a pdf file, which will open with any version of Adobe

Acrobat or Adobe Acrobat Reader; AAPORnet rejected my attachment.

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From: Edith de Leeuw <edithl@XS4ALL.NL>  
Subject: Re: The trial of Ayandeh'  
Comments: To: nancybelden@brspoll.com  
Comments: cc: Brian.Gosschalk@mori.com  
In-Reply-To: <000601c2a7c5\$1bd5fd80\$5d8b09d1@brspoll.com>  
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Dear Nancy & Aapor friends,

For your further information it concerns the following three market researchers Hossein Ali Qazian, Abbas Abdi and Behrouz Geranpayeh. One of the accusations was having contacts with GALLUP! So we have to be very careful in how we word petitions and what we do. But that we have to do something is clear.

I think the suggestion from Andy Hessabi is a good one to send a petition from our organization sent to the US Government officials, United Nations, and organizations such as Amnesty International (and perhaps also to the Iranian government).

I suggest AAPOR-officials contact WAAPOR official Brian Gosschalk <Brian.Gosschalk@mori.com> who has already drawn up a Waapor statement.

More info on

> > > <http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/world/wire/sns-ap-iran-trial1>  
> 204>  
> > > dec03,0,4103699.story

Warmest regards, EDITH

At 08:14 PM 12/19/02 -0500, you wrote:

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>Nancy  
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>Nancy Belden  
>Belden Russonello & Stewart  
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>Washington, DC 20036  
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>202.822.6090  
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Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
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Subject: Re: Population Estimate Problems  
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For those interested in the furor over the adjusted numbers see below. The  
race problem is devilish for calculating fertility, mortality, and migration  
rates  
for population projections and intercensal estimates for a lot of health  
data.  
Currently we are using the multi-race/single race questions from the BRFSS  
and NHIS  
to derive estimates "compatible" with 1990. Its a mess!

Ed Ratledge  
University of Delaware

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The University of California, Los Angeles has created an ftp site for the  
recently released adjusted 2000 census data for all states at:  
[http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/issr/da/Adjusted/adjust\\_web.html](http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/issr/da/Adjusted/adjust_web.html).

The Census Bureau does not support the use of the Adjusted 2000 Census Data.

"The numbers were released pursuant to the order of the United States Court  
of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in *Carter v. Department of Commerce*, 307  
F.3d 1084. These numbers are not official Census 2000 counts. These  
numbers are estimates of the population based on a statistical adjustment

method, utilizing sampling and modeling, applied to the official Census 2000 figures. These estimates utilized the results of the Accuracy and Coverage Evaluation (A.C.E.), a sample survey intended to measure net over- and undercounts in the census results. The Census Bureau has determined that the A.C.E. estimates dramatically overstate the level of undercoverage in Census 2000, and that the adjusted Census 2000 data are, therefore, not better than the unadjusted data. Accordingly, the Department of Commerce deems that these estimates should not be used for any purpose that legally requires use of data from the decennial census and assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of the data for any purpose whatsoever. The Department, including the U.S. Census Bureau, will provide no assistance in the interpretation or use of these numbers."

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From: Nick Panagakis <[mail@MARKETSHARESCORP.COM](mailto:mail@MARKETSHARESCORP.COM)>  
Organization: Market Shares Corporation  
Subject: Poll Accuracy  
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Study: Most 2002 Election Polls Accurate  
By WILL LESTER  
Associated Press Writer

December 20, 2002, 3:05 AM EST

WASHINGTON -- Polls conducted in races for governor and the Senate in 2002 were generally accurate, according to an analysis by the National Council on Public Polls. The study of 159 polls in governor's and Senate races found a generally good performance, contradicting some reports at the time that pollsters were having problems getting accurate results because of declining response rates. The National Council of Public Polls monitors the polling industry and news media coverage of it. The analysis found that those reports were based on results of a handful of inaccurate polls and did not accurately reflect the larger situation. Of the 159 public polls reviewed, 22 had the wrong winner. Four of five of the polls differed from the final results by less than the margin of error. Some pollsters who had problems blamed a late surge of Republican support related to President Bush's intense campaigning in battleground states in the closing days. Most organizations conducted polls in only one or two states. Five organizations working in three or more states conducted 64 polls. \* Mason-Dixon conducted 23 polls in 16 states and had only one poll with the wrong candidate winning.

\* Zogby International did 17 polls in 12 states and had five incorrect winners.  
\* Research 2000 did 13 polls in nine states and had two wrong winners.  
\* The Gallup Organization did seven polls in four states and had one mistake.  
\* Quinnipiac College did four polls in four states and had no mistakes.  
\* The 95 polls done by the other polling organizations had 13 wrong winners.  
The mistaken polls refer to situations where the wrong candidate was ahead in the last release before the election.

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From: Rob Daves <daves@STARTRIBUNE.COM>  
Subject: Re: The trial of Ayandeh'  
Comments: To: nancybelden@BRSPOLL.COM  
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Nancy, this is off the top of my head, so perhaps I need to be educated about it. But it seems that a letter, announced at a press conference, would be more public and much quicker than the Innovator's Award, which I think was meant for something a little different.

Am I way off base?

Rob

>>> Nancy Belden <nancybelden@BRSPOLL.COM> 12/19/02 07:14PM >>>  
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about them, their track record, and so forth.

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Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2002 4:52 PM  
To: AAPORNET@asu.edu  
Subject: Re: The trial of Ayandeh'

I am an Iranian-American member of AAPOR. It is so nice to see  
everyone's  
interest and concern about one of the examples of the ongoing human  
rights  
and freedom of speech violations in Iran. I want to thank AAPOR for  
directing attentions to this matter.  
I personally believe a petition sent to the leadership of Iran will  
have no  
effect in this case. Perhaps a petition from our organization sent to  
the US  
Government officials, certain members of the Senate, United Nations,  
and  
organizations such as Amnesty International will achieve more in  
raising  
awareness about these arrests and trials. I think such petition should  
be  
prepared and sent from AAPOR as a matter of principle - if for no  
other  
reason.  
If I can be of any assistance in providing more information or answer  
any  
questions, please let me know.  
Andy Hessabi  
(w) (202) 884-8617  
Frank Rusciano <rusciano@RIDER.EDU> wrote: I agree. Why hasn't there  
been  
some message, or even a discussion of this?

Maureen Michaels wrote:

> The arrest and trial of Dr. Ghazian and his colleagues has been an  
issue  
> of great concern to me and I had hoped that the AAPOR council would  
> investigate and report back to members its perspective and  
> recommendations, if any. With no statement or dialogue from AAPOR

> leadership on this issue, I would now like to formally request that  
> our  
> organization begins some kind of an inquiry into the accusations. I  
> would be willing to sign the petition if I knew more about this case  
> or  
> if AAPOR asked its members to do so.  
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> --Maureen Michaels  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of Norval D.  
Glenn  
> Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2002 2:04 PM  
> To: AAPORNET@asu.edu  
> Subject: Fwd: The trial of Ayandeh'  
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> Dear AAPORNETers,  
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> I received the following petition from a former student who is from  
> Iran. If you want to add your name to the petition, send a note to  
Ms.  
> Poopak Taati at poopak\_taati@yahoo.com.  
>  
> Norval Glenn  
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> >  
> > > As many of you already know, Dr. Ghazian, a  
> > > sociologist and head of Ayandeh Research Institute,  
> > > and his colleagues, Mr. Abdi and Mr. Geranpayeh, are currently  
on  
> > > trial in Tehran on the charges of "spying  
> > > for foreign governments."  
> > >  
> > > Dr. Ghazian and his colleagues released a public  
> > > opinion survey in September indicating that majority  
> > > of Iranians favor the opening of a dialogue with the  
> > > United States. This survey, some contacts with  
> > > foreign  
> > > scholars and a working  
> > > contract with Gallup are among the evidences  
> > > presented  
> > > in the court as "proof" of "selling harmful  
> > > information" to outsiders.  
> > >  
> > > Please review the following petition and reply to me directly  
for  
> > > including your signature/name in the list. I am hoping to send  
out  
> > > this petition in a few days.  
> > >  
> > > Poopak Taati  
> > >  
> > >  
> > > To: His Excellency, Ayatollah Udhma Khamenei  
> > > (webmaster@wilayah.org)  
> > > Cc: His Excellency, Mr. President Khatami  
> > > (Khatami@president.ir)

> > >  
> > > From: Concerned Members of the International  
> > > Academic  
> > > Community  
> > >  
> > > Subject: The Arrest and Trial of Dr. Ghazian, Mr.  
> > > Abbas Abdi, and Mr. Behrooz Geranpayeh  
> > >  
> > > December 12, 2002  
> > >  
> > > As members of the international academic community,  
> > > we  
> > > are extremely concerned over the closure of  
> > > Ayandeh's  
> > > research institute and the arrest and imprisonment  
> > > of  
> > > its director, Dr. Hossein Ghazian and his colleagues  
> > > Mr. Abbas Abdi and Mr. Behrooz Geranpayeh.  
> > >  
> > > The accusation that these individuals have been  
> > > "spying for foreign governments" cannot be further  
> > > from the truth. Dr. Ghazian and his colleagues are  
> > > people of honor, integrity, professional standards,  
> > > and extreme commitment to the well-being of the  
> > > Iranian people and the Islamic revolution. Dr.  
> > > Ghazian  
> > > and his colleagues have devoted much valuable time  
> > > and  
> > > energy to scholarly research and public opinion  
> > > polling for the benefit of Iranian society and its  
> > > policy makers.  
> > >  
> > > In almost all countries of the world, public opinion  
> > > polls and scholarly research are used by governments  
> > > and peoples as means of analyzing and understanding  
> > > a  
> > > society's directions and interests. Research  
> > > institutes follow scientific procedures and use standardized  
methods  
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> > > to the best of their abilities, although they can never be  
perfect  
> > > in their accomplishments.  
> > >  
> > > In our assessment, Dr. Ghazian's connections with  
> > > scholars and institutions outside of Iran are  
> > > neither  
> > > unusual nor dishonest. On the contrary, they are a  
> > > matter of routine scientific consultation and  
> > > entirely  
> > > in conformity with the standards of professional responsibility.  
> > >  
> > > Within the international academic community, we are  
> > > not only closely watching the worrisome trial of Dr. Ghazian and  
his  
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> > > colleagues, but we are also deeply disturbed by the ill treatment

of

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> > > Iran's best and brightest professionals and concerned about the  
> > > direction of scientific research in the country.

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> > > We request and hope that your Excellency orders the immediate  
> > > release of Dr. Ghazian and his colleagues and the reopening of  
their

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> > > research institute.

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Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: ALLAN L MCCUTCHEON <[amccutch@UNLSERVE.UNL.EDU](mailto:amccutch@UNLSERVE.UNL.EDU)>  
Subject: Re: Fwd: Re: The trial of Ayandeh' (fwd)  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi,

Over the past 2-3 weeks I have discussed the Iranian situation with a  
number of colleagues--I have learned quite alot, and am indebted to them  
for their insights. Below, I am attaching an email I forwarded to AAPOR  
council urging us to be thoughtful in our actions--whatever those may be.

Happy holidays for all, may we all live to see the day when these  
situations are only fading memories.

Best wishes,  
Allan

----- Forwarded message -----  
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 18:04:53 -0600 (CST)  
From: ALLAN L MCCUTCHEON <[amccutch@unlserve.unl.edu](mailto:amccutch@unlserve.unl.edu)>  
To: Mark Schulman <[M.SCHULMAN@SRBI.COM](mailto:M.SCHULMAN@SRBI.COM)>  
Cc: AAPOR\_COUNCIL@ASU.EDU  
Subject: Re: Fwd: Re: The trial of Ayandeh'

Hi Mark and others,

As you (or whoever) prepares to draft a letter, I believe it is  
important to keep in mind the nature of what is actually happening in Iran  
and know that the letter itself may be used as "evidence" that these 3  
researchers are acting as agents of the US (we are after all the AMERICAN  
Association for Public Opinion Research).

The Court itself knows that there is nothing to these charges -- and  
that's not the point of the proceeding at all.

The courts, which are effectively controlled by the mullahs, are settling  
political scores with their reform faction opponents, i.e. President  
Khatami and the Parliament. These three men's "real" crime is that they  
are public advocates of the latter, and one of them is actually a



high-ranking adviser to Khatami.

Even Iran's own intelligence agency weighed in about 3 weeks ago and stated that it didn't see any substance at all to the espionage allegation against these three men (because there is none).

The three are convenient foils in a high stakes internal battle, simply because its superficially easy to portray them as "agents" of the West.

It should be borne in mind that the mullahs have plenty of street support from heavily armed vigilante brownshirts (Basijs) for their program of targeting pro-reform intellectuals. The Basijs turned out in the tens of thousands 2 weeks ago to protest reform, and broke up numerous pro-reform student rallies. The Basijs often carry automatic weapons and are the mullahs trump card -- so much so that the Reform Party in the past few weeks had to warn students protesting on their behalf to cool it, before their protests were used as a pretext for the mullahs invoking a state of emergency.

Any outrage that AAPOR or others voice on the pollsters behalf may add to the impression on the Right that intellectuals are at best stooges and at worst actual agents of the West.

We should not underestimate how high the personal stakes are here, and why caution is so important. The poll has been specifically denounced by the judge as a CIA-financed operation, and any charge of espionage is a capital offense.

A month ago, President Bush issued a public statement of support for the Iranian student protesters, who promptly begged him to shut up and stay out of their struggle.

Again, the actual facts here are totally beside the point to the court. Possibly, the best thing to do to help them is take the approach the European diplomats have taken on the unrest, and be absolutely quiet about it as regards any public pronouncements -- while working quietly privately. This may have been the reason Iran's own intelligence agency took their side. The alternative approach of public condemnation may possibly threaten them, not help them.

Happy holidays...

Best,  
Allan

On Thu, 19 Dec 2002, Mark Schulman wrote:

> A number of members have asked us to take some action to protest the trial of the Iranian pollsters. (See attached.) I would like to take some public step, even if only symbolic. Brian Gosschalk did sent a letter on behalf of WAPOR to the Iranian President.

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> Any suggestions? Would anyone like to draft a letter?

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> Thanks, Mark

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Dear Friends:

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Cc: [AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU); [Brian.Gosschalk@mori.com](mailto:Brian.Gosschalk@mori.com)

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More info on

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By Richard Morin  
Washington Post Staff Writer  
Wednesday, December 18, 2002; Page A18

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The survey found that six in 10 Americans favored a nuclear response if Hussein orders use of chemical or biological weapons on U.S. troops. Slightly more than a third -- 37 percent -- were opposed. Nearly nine in 10 Americans said the United States is headed for war with Iraq, which most Americans believe possesses weapons of mass destruction.

"We need to get Saddam Hussein out of power, even if it means using nuclear weapons, particularly if they attack us with dirty weapons," said Rebecca Wingo, 35, a trucking dispatcher who lives in Johnstown, Ohio. "When you're dealing with people like him, the only thing they understand is brute force."

But the new survey also found that 58 percent of those interviewed would like to see President Bush present more evidence explaining why the United States should use military force to topple the Iraqi leader, up from 50 percent in September. And while most Americans view Iraq as a major threat, fewer than half said it poses an immediate danger to this country.

That finding and others suggest that Bush may be moving faster toward war than the public would prefer. At the time Americans are becoming more certain that war will break out, the survey found they also are growing more wary of the president and his motives for pressing to move quickly with military force against Iraq.

More than half -- 54 percent -- feared that Bush will act too quickly to use force, while 40 percent worried that he won't move quickly enough. And an even larger majority -- 58 percent -- opposed taking military action against Iraq without the support of the United Nations.

"Eventually, yes, I believe we will have to use force," said David Sherman, 49, who delivers medical oxygen and lives outside Grand Rapids, Mich. "But . . . I have not seen enough that would make me give my support for sending troops to go in right now."

Nina Russell, 67, of Mettief, W.Va., said, "It's really looking like war, but I'd like to know more facts about what Iraq has and what our friends plan to do. I worry that Bush has made it personal with Saddam Hussein."

For some Americans, skepticism about Bush's motives make it even more important that the United States secure support from its allies.

"He's got that little smirk on his face," said Brian Rust, 51, a Realtor living in Moneta, Va. "After 9/11, he wants to go out after some of those countries that were behind this and behind that. It concerns me a little bit. That's why I think it's important to have support from other countries, to use their airstrips or at least be able to say we have their support."

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Two-thirds of those interviewed said Bush has done enough to win the backing of other countries, up from barely half three months ago. Among those who say Bush as done enough, seven in 10 favored military strikes against Iraq. But among those who say he needs to do more, 54 percent opposed the military option, a finding that underscores the importance for Bush to secure international backing.

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"After September 11, I'm feeling a little less secure," said Shannon Groskreutz, 22, a recent college graduate in Tallahassee. "I know the world is changing, and we need to concentrate right on making our country safer as well as spreading peace before we go on to other issues."

Barely six weeks after Republicans claimed both chambers of Congress in the midterm elections, this mix of defense and security issues has given Bush and the GOP a clear advantage over Democrats. By 2 to 1, the public trusts the Republicans more than Democrats to handle homeland security, terrorism and the situation with Iraq. The two parties are at parity on handling the economy, which barely a third of the public rated as "excellent" or "good."

Democrats hold more modest advantages over the GOP on domestic issues such as health care, education, Social Security and prescription drugs, issues that only a third or fewer Americans now rate as top priorities for Bush and Congress.

The Republican Party, by 44 to 41 percent, continues to be viewed by the public as the party best able to deal with the country's biggest problems.

Bush's overall job approval rating stood at 66 percent. Even larger percentages of Americans said they approved of the way the president is handling the anti-terrorism campaign (79 percent), while two-thirds approved of the way he is dealing with homeland security concerns. Nearly six in 10 -- 58 percent -- approved of the way he is handling the confrontation with Iraq.

Assistant director of polling Claudia Deane contributed to this report.

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> anyone see a reason NOT to? Does anyone see a more productive or  
> additional  
> route? Is there something we can do faster? Louder?  
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> I would particularly like to hear from Andy and those who are connected  
> professionally to the researchers (Gallup? Lydia?), about what you know  
> about them, their track record, and so forth.  
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> Nancy  
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> If I can be of any assistance in providing more information or answer any  
> questions, please let me know.  
> Andy Hessabi  
> (w) (202)884-8617  
> Frank Rusciano <rusciano@RIDER.EDU> wrote: I agree. Why hasn't there been  
> some message, or even a discussion of this?  
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> Maureen Michaels wrote:  
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>> The arrest and trial of Dr. Ghazian and his colleagues has been an issue  
>> of great concern to me and I had hoped that the AAPOR council would  
>> investigate and report back to members its perspective and  
>> recommendations, if any. With no statement or dialogue from AAPOR  
>> leadership on this issue, I would now like to formally request that our  
>> organization begins some kind of an inquiry into the accusations. I  
>> would be willing to sign the petition if I knew more about this case or  
>> if AAPOR asked its members to do so.  
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>> --Maureen Michaels  
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>> -----Original Message-----  
>> From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of Norval D. Glenn  
>> Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2002 2:04 PM  
>> To: AAPORNET@asu.edu  
>> Subject: Fwd: The trial of Ayandeh'  
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>> Dear AAPORNETers,  
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>> I received the following petition from a former student who is from

> > Iran. If you want to add your name to the petition, send a note to Ms.  
> > Poopak Taati at poopak\_taati@yahoo.com.  
> >  
> > Norval Glenn  
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> > > > As many of you already know, Dr. Ghazian, a  
> > > > sociologist and head of Ayandeh Research Institute,  
> > > > and his colleagues, Mr. Abdi and Mr. Geranpayeh, are currently on  
> > > > trial in Tehran on the charges of "spying  
> > > > for foreign governments."  
> > > >  
> > > > Dr. Ghazian and his colleagues released a public  
> > > > opinion survey in September indicating that majority  
> > > > of Iranians favor the opening of a dialogue with the  
> > > > United States. This survey, some contacts with  
> > > > foreign  
> > > > scholars and a working  
> > > > contract with Gallup are among the evidences  
> > > > presented  
> > > > in the court as "proof" of "selling harmful  
> > > > information" to outsiders.  
> > > >  
> > > > Please review the following petition and reply to me directly for  
> > > > including your signature/name in the list. I am hoping to send out  
> > > > this petition in a few days.  
> > > >  
> > > > Poopak Taati  
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> > > >  
> > > > To: His Excellency, Ayatollah Udhma Khamenei  
> > > > (webmaster@wilayah.org)  
> > > > Cc: His Excellency, Mr. President Khatami  
> > > > (Khatami@president.ir)  
> > > >  
> > > > From: Concerned Members of the International  
> > > > Academic  
> > > > Community  
> > > >  
> > > > Subject: The Arrest and Trial of Dr. Ghazian, Mr.  
> > > > Abbas Abdi, and Mr. Behrooz Geranpayeh  
> > > >  
> > > > December 12, 2002  
> > > >  
> > > > As members of the international academic community,  
> > > > we  
> > > > are extremely concerned over the closure of  
> > > > Ayandeh's  
> > > > research institute and the arrest and imprisonment  
> > > > of  
> > > > its director, Dr. Hossein Ghazian and his colleagues  
> > > > Mr. Abbas Abdi and Mr. Behrooz Geranpayeh.  
> > > >  
> > > > The accusation that these individuals have been  
> > > > "spying for foreign governments" cannot be further  
> > > > from the truth. Dr. Ghazian and his colleagues are  
> > > > people of honor, integrity, professional standards,



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Reply-To: Shapard Wolf <[shap.wolf@ASU.EDU](mailto:shap.wolf@ASU.EDU)>  
Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: Shapard Wolf <[shap.wolf@ASU.EDU](mailto:shap.wolf@ASU.EDU)>  
Subject: Temporary mail suspension instructions

If you're going to be away from your email over the holidays and would like to temporarily suspend your AAPORNET subscription, here's how:

Logon to the archive site <http://lists.asu.edu/archives/aapornet.html> and go to the "Join/leave list change settings" link. The 'nomail' option is near the bottom.

OR:

Send an email to [listserv@asu.edu](mailto:listserv@asu.edu) with the following one line of text:

set aapornet nomail

You don't need a subject, and don't include any signature text, etc. You will receive a confirmation email from Listserv.

To restart mail delivery, either uncheck the box on the settings page, or send another email to [listserv@asu.edu](mailto:listserv@asu.edu) with this one line:

set aapornet mail

Note if you use the email method to send the commands to [listserv@asu.edu](mailto:listserv@asu.edu), and not to aapornet.

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Happy Holiday Season to everyone,  
Shap Wolf

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: Phillip Downs <pd@KERR-DOWNS.COM>  
Subject: Telephone samples for the Florida Keys  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Other than relying on telephone directories or samples from commercial firms, are there other (e.g., CD-ROMs) sources from which to pull random telephone samples for all of the Florida Keys and/or specific islands and/or zip codes in the Florida Keys? thank you.

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
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Subject: Re: Temporary mail suspension instructions

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From: Mike Flanagan <MFlanagan@GOAMP.COM>  
Subject: Re: The envelope, please  
Comments: To: slosh@garnet.acns.fsu.edu  
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Happy Holidays to everyone.

Mike Flanagan

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> Maureen Michaels wrote:  
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> > The arrest and trial of Dr. Ghazian and his colleagues has been an issue  
> > of great concern to me and I had hoped that the AAPOR council would

> > investigate and report back to members its perspective and  
> > recommendations, if any. With no statement or dialogue from AAPOR  
> > leadership on this issue, I would now like to formally request that our  
> > organization begins some kind of an inquiry into the accusations. I  
> > would be willing to sign the petition if I knew more about this case or  
> > if AAPOR asked its members to do so.

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> > --Maureen Michaels

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

> > From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of Norval D. Glenn  
> > Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2002 2:04 PM  
> > To: AAPORNET@asu.edu  
> > Subject: Fwd: The trial of Ayandeh'

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> > Dear AAPORNETers,

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> > I received the following petition from a former student who is from  
> > Iran. If you want to add your name to the petition, send a note to Ms.  
> > Poopak Taati at poopak\_taati@yahoo.com.

> >  
> > Norval Glenn

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> > > > As many of you already know, Dr. Ghazian, a  
> > > > sociologist and head of Ayandeh Research Institute,  
> > > > and his colleagues, Mr. Abdi and Mr. Geranpayeh, are currently on  
> > > > trial in Tehran on the charges of "spying  
> > > > for foreign governments."  
> > > >  
> > > > Dr. Ghazian and his colleagues released a public  
> > > > opinion survey in September indicating that majority  
> > > > of Iranians favor the opening of a dialogue with the  
> > > > United States. This survey, some contacts with  
> > > > foreign  
> > > > scholars and a working  
> > > > contract with Gallup are among the evidences  
> > > > presented  
> > > > in the court as "proof" of "selling harmful  
> > > > information" to outsiders.  
> > > >  
> > > > Please review the following petition and reply to me directly for  
> > > > including your signature/name in the list. I am hoping to send out  
> > > > this petition in a few days.

> > > >  
> > > > Poopak Taati

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> > > > To: His Excellency, Ayatollah Udhma Khamenei  
> > > > (webmaster@wilayah.org)  
> > > > Cc: His Excellency, Mr. President Khatami  
> > > > (Khatami@president.ir)

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> > > > From: Concerned Members of the International  
> > > > Academic  
> > > > Community

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> > > > Subject: The Arrest and Trial of Dr. Ghazian, Mr.  
> > > > Abbas Abdi, and Mr. Behrooz Geranpayeh  
> > > >  
> > > > December 12, 2002  
> > > >  
> > > > As members of the international academic community,  
> > > > we  
> > > > are extremely concerned over the closure of  
> > > > Ayandeh's  
> > > > research institute and the arrest and imprisonment  
> > > > of  
> > > > its director, Dr. Hossein Ghazian and his colleagues  
> > > > Mr. Abbas Abdi and Mr. Behrooz Geranpayeh.  
> > > >  
> > > > The accusation that these individuals have been  
> > > > "spying for foreign governments" cannot be further  
> > > > from the truth. Dr. Ghazian and his colleagues are  
> > > > people of honor, integrity, professional standards,  
> > > > and extreme commitment to the well-being of the  
> > > > Iranian people and the Islamic revolution. Dr.  
> > > > Ghazian  
> > > > and his colleagues have devoted much valuable time  
> > > > and  
> > > > energy to scholarly research and public opinion  
> > > > polling for the benefit of Iranian society and its  
> > > > policy makers.  
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> > > > In almost all countries of the world, public opinion  
> > > > polls and scholarly research are used by governments  
> > > > and peoples as means of analyzing and understanding  
> > > > a  
> > > > society's directions and interests. Research  
> > > > institutes follow scientific procedures and use standardized methods  
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> > > > to the best of their abilities, although they can never be perfect  
> > > > in their accomplishments.  
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> > > > In our assessment, Dr. Ghazian's connections with  
> > > > scholars and institutions outside of Iran are  
> > > > neither  
> > > > unusual nor dishonest. On the contrary, they are a  
> > > > matter of routine scientific consultation and  
> > > > entirely  
> > > > in conformity with the standards of professional responsibility.  
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> > > > Within the international academic community, we are  
> > > > not only closely watching the worrisome trial of Dr. Ghazian and his  
> > > >  
> > > > colleagues, but we are also deeply disturbed by the ill treatment of  
> > > >  
> > > > Iran's best and brightest professionals and concerned about the  
> > > > direction of scientific research in the country.  
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> > > > We request and hope that your Excellency orders the immediate  
> > > > release of Dr. Ghazian and his colleagues and the reopening of their  
> > > >  
> > > > research institute.

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Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: Nick Panagakis <[mail@MARKETSHARESCORP.COM](mailto:mail@MARKETSHARESCORP.COM)>  
Organization: Market Shares Corporation  
Subject: Re: CMOR Newsflash re: FTC Do-Not-Call Registry  
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The legislation does not apply to market or opinion research - but also does not explicitly state that market or opinion research is excluded. The fact that lawmakers recognize the difference is good, lawmakers at both the federal and state levels. (Dozens of states are launching their own do not call registries.)

But some members of the public will not make this distinction which is

not good because some respondents will wrongfully believe they should be shielded from the calls we make.

What Bill is suggesting is that news stories should distinguish us from telemarketers. The Post writer below does not do this in his list of exceptions. He stuck to the language of the regulation.

Perhaps the industry should undertake a communications campaign to fill this gap in news stories.

Nick

Bill McCready wrote:

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> Is there any work proceeding on trying to get the exemption for survey  
> research explicit rather than implicit? Many respondents most likely do  
> not distinguish between survey and telemarketing very well. It would  
> help if the legislation and stories about it could make that distinction  
> forcefully.  
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> Bill  
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> =====  
> Bill McCready  
> Knowledge Networks  
> Tel: 312.474.6464  
> Cell: 708.466.3805  
> Fax: 708.524.1241  
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> FTC creates national 'do not call' list  
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> Fines up to \$11,000 for telemarketers who call listed people  
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> By Andy Sullivan  
> THE WASHINGTON POST  
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> WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 - Federal regulators are creating new protections  
> for people plagued by unwanted telemarketing calls, establishing a  
> national "do-not-call" list that consumers can use to keep their phones  
> from ringing with sales pitches.  
  
> FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION officials said that under the strengthened  
> rules telemarketers also must transmit identifying information that can  
> be viewed by services like Caller ID and limit the number of "abandoned"  
> calls that hang up or leave people listening to silence on the line.  
> The regulations were being made public Wednesday.  
> The national do-not call registry, first proposed in January,  
> would allow people to stop sales calls made from outside their state.  
> Consumers who register on the Internet or with one call to a toll-free  
> government number would remain on the list for five years before having  
> to renew, FTC officials said.  
> Officials said the agency is taking bids from companies  
> interesting in creating the registry.  
> Once the list is operating, telemarketers will have to check the  
> registry every three months to find out who doesn't want to be called,  
> the officials said. Telemarketers who call listed people could be fined

> up to \$11,000 for each violation.  
> The registry will likely cost about \$16 million in its first year and  
> would be paid for with fees collected from telemarketers, officials  
> said. The agency has not decided how those fees will be imposed and  
> still needs congressional approval to collect them.  
> The Direct Marketing Association, which represents telemarketers,  
> issued a statement before the FTC announcement calling the changes  
> unlawful. The group said it "intends to pursue all legal and equitable  
> courses of action" to protect the industry.  
> There are exceptions to the FTC's do-not-call protections  
> A company can call someone on the list if that person has bought,  
> leased or rented something from the seller within 18 months.  
> Telemarketers also can call consumers if they have inquired or applied  
> for something during the last three months.  
> The FTC also has limited authority to police certain industries -  
> such as telephone companies - that fall under the jurisdiction of the  
> Federal Communications Commission. The FCC is considering its own  
> do-not-call registry.  
> The two agencies would have to work together to cover all  
> telemarketers unless Congress gives more authority to one.  
> Charities are exempt from the FTC's do-not-call list, but  
> third-party telemarketers who call on their behalf are bound by rules  
> that require them to obey when consumers ask to be put on a do-not-call  
> list, officials said.  
> Another new restriction on telemarketers involves machines called  
> predictive dialers. The machines dial numbers stored in a database and  
> predict when a telemarketer will be ready to finish one sales call and  
> start another. When the machine reaches a person, the call is supposed  
> to be transferred to a telemarketer who is just finishing another call.  
> The system doesn't always work and calls are made before a  
> telemarketer is available. With these "abandoned" calls, a consumer on  
> the other end picks up their phone only to be disconnected or greeted  
> with a long silence before the sales pitch begins.  
> The new rules limit abandoning - calls that hang up or have  
> pauses longer than two seconds - to less than 3 percent of a  
> telemarketer's business, agency officials said. The FTC also is  
> requiring sellers to play an identifying recording after two seconds if  
> no operator is available.  
> The new rules also prohibit telemarketers from charging someone  
> without permission, especially when the seller already knows the  
> person's billing information.

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Please reply back directly to:

Cheryl Rieger, Ph.D.  
Vice-President, Operations  
Symmetrics Marketing Corporation  
317-823-3634  
Cheryl Rieger [crieger@symmetricsmarketing.com]

Dear AAPOR contact:

I am a graduate of the University of Michigan's Dept. of Communication (MA) and Sociology (Ph.D. '95); my advisor in the Communication Dept. was Mike Traugott, and I worked with Howard Schuman at the Institute for Social Research when I was a student. Currently, I am a Vice-President with Symmetrics Marketing Corporation, a small but growing firm that provides consulting to Fortune 500 companies based on surveys we design, manage and analyze.

We are looking for a strong candidate for a research analyst position (see attached job description), and I think someone coming out of a rigorous quantitative methods program might be an ideal fit. The position is in our Indianapolis office, and reports to me.

I anticipate that one concern of a candidate might be whether our company is sufficiently "social scientific" to satisfy high methodological standards. I assure you that, while we are engaged in a commercial enterprise, we are focused on maintaining a high degree of statistical and methodological integrity, and indeed are developing some cutting-edge structural equation models. (In fact, our founder, thought-leader and Chairman of the Board, Larry Crosby, Ph.D., has held a variety of academic positions throughout his career; our CEO Jon Masland has his Ph.D. from IU and is a former Director of the Center for Survey Research.)

In all, this would be a really exciting and rewarding position for the right person!

Please let me know if there are formal routes I need to follow to post this position through AAPOR.

Thanks very much for your help!

Cheryl Rieger, Ph.D.  
Vice-President, Operations  
Symmetrics Marketing Corporation  
317-823-3634

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Statistician/Survey Analyst  
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Full-time Statistician position - Responsibilities of this Indianapolis-based position include but are not limited to:

\*Quantitative Analysis - .50 FTE

?conduct multivariate analysis including but not limited to multiple regressions, factor analysis, discriminant analysis and statistical testing  
?perform structural equation modeling and advanced analyses

\*Internal Consulting - .25 FTE

?participate in analytic planning meetings  
?review drafts of questionnaire and advise research teams on methodological issues  
?advise account teams concerning data management needs, statistical issues, and related quantitative design/interpretation issues

\*Data Management, Production, and Documentation - .15 FTE

?assist in checking CATI programs as needed  
?check and manage complex survey datasets  
?prepare complex data for reporting  
?produce tabs for internal use; direct others on how to check and use  
?document datasets

\*Process Development/Improvement - .10 FTE

?develop and document data management, quality assurance and analytic processes  
?participate in Marketing Sciences development projects as needed (e.g., normative database updating, updating modeling approaches, etc.)

\*Provide daily advice and counsel regarding statistical and methodological issues in survey research

EDUCATION REQUIRED: Master's Degree in related field (minimum)

KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:

General:

\* Minimum of three years of related experience and/or training, or equivalent combination of education and experience.

\* Working knowledge of MSOffice applications.

\* Working familiarity with SPSS, SAS or similar statistical software

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Communication Skills:

\* Ability to effectively present information to internal clients.

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Mathematical and Statistical Skills:

\* Ability to explain and use advanced statistical operations for research questions.

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Staff Management and Development:

\* No direct staff management responsibilities, but acts as resource to other staff members.

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Please reply back direct to:

Marie Lihn  
Government Technical Representative  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Phone: 202/708-0614 Ext 5866  
Fax: 202/708-1337  
E-Mail: [marie\\_l.\\_lihn@hud.gov](mailto:marie_l._lihn@hud.gov)

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is interested in issuing several contracts to conduct random digital dialing surveys of one- and two-bedroom rents for about 90 areas per year. We have been conducting these surveys regularly over the past 10 years or so, but now want to pursue this work as a set aside for small businesses (revenues under \$6 million). On November 20th, HUD issued a Sources Sought Notice to Conduct Random Digital Dialing Surveys requesting interested firms to respond. We would like to continue our market research of potential firms by having you make this contracting opportunity known to your members. The current one-year contract would be for \$1.2 million, in the first year with two option periods of up to \$2 million. It is assumed that multiple awards will be made to several small firms to make sure all of the work can be completed.

The minimum requirements of this contract are:

1. Number of Computer Assisted Telephone Survey Stations you own and operate ( must be more than 15);
2. Information regarding three RDD surveys conducted in last 3 years including client name and contact, sample size and type, a brief

description of the survey content, and survey response rates;

3. A response rate of 50% (without pre-survey contact mailing) or more using the AAPOR survey response method 3 calculation for at least one survey, including calculation component numbers.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved collection of this information conditionally for one year, but response rates must be at or above 65%.

Please provide the minimum requirement information and any other information you desire by January 10, 2003 if you are interested in pursuing this contract.

(See attached file: SOW\_revised11-11-02.doc)

(See attached file: AAPOR Calculator.xls)

Please let me know if this information can be e-mailed to your member companies or posted on your web.

Thanks,

Marie Lihn  
Government Technical Representative  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Phone: 202/708-0614 Ext 5866  
Fax: 202/708-1337  
E-Mail: marie\_l.\_lihn@hud.gov

11/11/2002 Draft STATEMENT OF WORK  
SECTION 8 FAIR MARKET RENT TELEPHONE SURVEYS

## I BACKGROUND

Fair Market Rents (FMRs) serve as the payment standard used to calculate subsidies under the Rental Voucher program. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annually estimates FMRs for about 350 metropolitan areas and 2,330 nonmetropolitan county FMR areas.

FMR Standard.--FMRs are gross rent estimates. They include the shelter rent plus the cost of all tenant-paid utilities, except telephone. HUD sets FMRs to assure that a sufficient supply of rental housing is available to program participants. To accomplish this objective, FMRs must be both high enough to permit a selection of units and neighborhoods and low enough to serve as many low-income families as possible. The level at which FMRs are set is expressed as a percentile point within the rent distribution of standard-quality rental housing units. The current definition used is either the 40th or 50th percentile rent paid by recent movers for standard quality housing units. The definition of "recent mover" is that used by the census - those who moved to their current residence within the past 15 months. Public housing units, units less than 2 years old, units rented from relatives, and units where the tenant supplies more than basic maintenance services, are excluded.

Data Sources. HUD uses the most accurate and current data available to develop the FMR estimates. Three sources of survey data are used:

1. Most currently available decennial Census, which provides statistically reliable rent data for use in establishing base year FMRs.
  2. American Housing Survey (AHS), which are conducted by the Bureau of Census for HUD for selected large metropolitan areas. [and whose accuracy is comparable to that of the decennial Census.] AHS enables HUD to develop revisions between Census years for some of the largest metropolitan areas that are surveyed on a revolving schedule of about 11 areas annually.
1. Random digit dialing (RDD) telephone surveys, which are based on a sampling procedure that uses computers to select statistically random samples of telephone numbers, dial and keep track of them, guide the interviewer through a questionnaire, and tabulate the responses to the calls. RDD surveys are conducted for HUD by a contractor to: (a) develop 40th or 50th percentile FMR estimates for selected FMR areas; (b) develop rent estimates for subparts of FMR areas; and (c) develop the annual HUD regional gross rent change factors. RDD regional rent change factors are developed annually for the metropolitan parts (exclusive of metropolitan areas with their own Consumer Price Index [CPI]) and nonmetropolitan parts of each of the 10 HUD regions--20 surveys in all.

Base year FMR estimates are updated and trended forward using CPI data for rents and utilities or HUD regional updating factors developed from the regional RDD surveys. CPI data are available for about 100 metropolitan FMR areas. The RDD regional factors are used to update the base year estimates for all FMR areas that do not have their own CPI survey.

This contract effort is restricted to area-specific FMR surveys, and does not require use of the regional rent survey time-series estimation methodology.

FMR Areas. HUD defines FMR areas as metropolitan areas and nonmetropolitan counties. FMRs are intended to be housing market-wide rent estimates that provide housing opportunities throughout the geographic area in which rental units are in direct competition. With a few exceptions, the most current Office of Management and Budget (OMB) definitions of metropolitan areas are used because of their generally close correspondence with housing market areas. For a small number of large metropolitan areas, some peripheral counties of OMB-defined metropolitan areas are treated as free-standing FMR areas because HUD does not consider them to be integral parts of the respective housing market areas.

## II OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this contract are to conduct up to 90 area-specific Fair Market Rent surveys per year. Because of the volume of surveys that must be conducted simultaneously, high levels of telephone and data processing technology and staffing are critical for success.

## III SCOPE

The contractor is to conduct and analyze the area-specific Fair Market Rent survey methodology and conduct research as specified by the GTR.

## 1. Area Surveys

Under this contract, for which it is anticipated multiple awards will be necessary, up to 90 area surveys may be conducted per fiscal year:

1 Each contractor shall be capable of completing at least 5 surveys within a two-month period. These surveys may start the first week of January and are to be delivered by March 15th. Up to 60 surveys may be requested during this period. The Government Technical Representative (GTR) will specify what areas are to be surveyed by the previous December 31st. No individual survey is to take more than six weeks to complete.

2 Each contractor shall be capable of completing at least 5 additional surveys that must be completed by the end of the first full week in August and may be started in April. No individual survey is to take more than six weeks to complete.

2 Each contractor selected for this contract may also be requested to conduct and deliver results for additional surveys at any point in the year to the extent they have the capacity and are requested to do so.

## 2. Research, Evaluation, and Program Support

Under this contract HUD has the option of requesting additional survey design research for FMR estimation factors. This may include: (1) refining the simplified methodology for estimation of FMRs in areas that are too small to merit full-scale RDDs; (2) analyzing all survey data obtained to estimate confidence intervals, medians, and other statistical properties; and (3) optimizing survey design for hard-to-survey areas. This research is to be conducted by experts in survey design and statistics who are intimately familiar with the details of the surveys being done under this contract and any request. These services may be provided by subcontractors which need not be identified until the need for such services, if any, is requested by HUD.

## IV DETAILED WORK REQUIREMENTS

### A. Minimum Requirements

1. Contractors must document the proven capacity for conducting Random Digit Dialing (RDD) surveys with response rates at or above 50% without pre-contact mailings as calculated according to the American Association of Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) guidelines (see attachment, AAPOR method 3), or response rates at or above 65% with pre-contact mailings. This is a non-negotiable OMB requirement.

2. Because of the large volume of work, the degree of precision required, and the requirement for detailed documentation, the contractor must use fully automated telephone interviewing and data processing technology. The questionnaire must be programmed into a computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) system with data validation feed-back to interviewers. The system must also feature direct data entry and summarization and automatic telephone scheduling, dialing, sample tracking, and record-keeping.

3. The contractor's facility must operate a minimum of 15

computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) stations, and it must be capable of completing 5 area surveys and submitting results within an 8-10 week period. For estimation purposes, it should be assumed that an average of 100,000 phone numbers would need to be selected for 5 area surveys, that surveys should be done primarily during evening and weekend hours over a 8-10 week period, and that at least 10 attempts must be made to contact each number

4. The contractor may expand its CATI capacity by using a subcontractor, but the subcontractor's capacity may not be substituted for the minimum contract capacity of 15 CATI stations or, in total, reduce the offer's portion of the work done to less than 50 percent of the total contract value.

#### B. General Requirements

The contractor shall furnish the necessary personnel, materials, services, postage, equipment, facilities and otherwise do all things necessary for, or incidental to, the performance of the tasks set forth in this Statement of Work. The work to be performed under this task includes, but is not necessarily limited to: discussions with the GTR and other HUD staff on methodological issues; modification of instruments for information collection; modification of the sampling methodology for selecting phone numbers; development of interviewer protocols; training and monitoring interviewers; conducting all needed phone calls; automation of results; calculation of the 40th and 50th percentile contract and gross rents for surveyed areas; calculation of the 95th percent confidence interval for the estimates produced; quality control; and provision of reports to HUD containing the results of the surveys conducted.

The contractor is responsible for maintaining data files under secure conditions, to be released only to the GTR. In addition, the contractor is responsible for providing off-site backups of data files. The contractor shall make all work sites available for on-site inspection and monitoring on an as-requested basis by HUD staff or designees.

#### C. Specific Requirements

In conducting this work, the Contractor shall perform the following subtasks in accordance with the objectives and general scope of the contract.

##### Subtask 1: Orientation and Work Plan

Within two weeks of the contract award date, the Contractor's project manager and key project staff shall review all information provided in this contract package and discuss the scope of this effort with HUD staff. The objective is to establish a detailed common understanding of the task order objectives, the scope of work needed to achieve these objectives, the type of information sought, procedures for contacting HUD staff, and a schedule for the performance of subtasks.

The contractor shall submit to the GTR a work plan with a time schedule for completing the area surveys within two weeks following the discussion, and describe a time frame and process for responding to additional requests for area-specific surveys, as well as for related statistical consulting. It

shall also specify a proposed means of electronically exchanging data files, such as via the Internet or an FTP site.

Subtask 2:

Review Survey Design and Instruments and Recommend Modifications

Within four weeks of contract award, the contractor shall submit to the GTR any modifications sought to the survey design or questionnaire used in either type of survey. Any modifications must have the GTR's prior approval.

Subtask 3: Conduct Area Surveys

3.1 General Background

Attachment J-1 describes in detail the methodology to be used to conduct area-specific surveys, including the suggested questionnaire wording and the precision requirements. For each metropolitan area, the contractor must complete at least 200 interviews of eligible recent mover renters, thereafter increasing the sample size if necessary to produce the desired 95% confidence level that the rent estimate desired is within 5% of the true value. In most cases, 200 responses are adequate, and it is very unusual to need more than 250. (This requirement is more stringent than that specified in Attachment J-1, as it is possible that more than 200 responses may be needed to achieve the required sample precision.)

Under this contract, up to 90 area surveys per year will be conducted: up to 60 between January 2 and March 15, up to 60 between April and the end of the first week of August are to be conducted. [For the first year of this contract these time schedules will not apply.]

3.2 Operational Requirements

Samples must be randomly selected from all known working 100-blocks of residential numbers. Automated screening must be used to filter out non-working and business numbers. Reverse address matches must be used to identify residential addresses to the extent possible, and pre-contact postcards sent using a provided HUD script to encourage survey participation.

The contractor must make at least 10 attempts to reach and interview each sample number. These attempts must be made on different days and at different times of the day. Extensive supervision of interviewers (i.e., one supervisor per 5-6 interviewers) is required to ensure that protocols are followed and that interviewees are treated with respect in accordance with survey protocols.

For surveys in areas with high numbers of Spanish speakers, Spanish-speaking interviewers must be available at all times. Interviewers with other language capability must be available as needed, but need not be on duty at all times.

3.3 Schedule and Deliverables

Under this contract up to 90 area surveys per year will be conducted, with the following timing: (1) for up to 60 of these surveys, to begin in



January, the contractor shall deliver the results to the GTR by the middle of March. This requirement is premised on specification by the GTR of what areas are to be surveyed by no later than December 31st; (2) for up to an additional 60 surveys, to begin no earlier than April, the contractor shall deliver the results no later than the end of the first full week in August; (3) each contractor may also be requested to conduct and deliver results for up to 1 survey a year, of which no more than one will be requested at one time, within 4 weeks of the GTR's request.

The contractor must calculate the fair market rent at the 40th or 50th percentile (depending on whether or not an area receives a 40th or 50th percentile rent) for all units surveyed and separately for recent movers and for stayers. For each of these categories, rents must be calculated for 1-bedroom units, 2-bedroom units and a blended rate based on both 1- and 2-bedroom units. The 95% estimate confidence interval for the 40th or 50th percentile rent should be calculated for the 2-bedroom blended recent mover rent (i.e., based on 1- and 2-bedroom units), the 2-bedroom only recent mover rent, and the 2-bedroom blended rent for all units surveyed (stayers and movers).

The resolution rate, residential rate, response rate, screening rate, completion rate and overall rate must be calculated for each area using AAPOR definitions. As noted previously in the Minimum Requirements specifications, an average AAPOR (method three) response rate performance standard of 65% is required for this work. This response rate assumes use of a pre-contact mailing. Surveys used to demonstrate an offeror's potential to comply with this requirement must show at least a 50% AAPOR response rate if no pre-contact procedure was used.

The contractor shall provide to the GTR all information needed to reconstruct any statistics or estimate of sampling errors, including an explanation of how the sample was selected; all information for completed one and two-bedroom renter unit interviews (including telephone numbers); all calculations used to construct estimates of the 40th percentile rent estimates (2-bedroom blended recent movers, 2-bedroom recent movers, and 2-bedroom blended all renters) and their variance; and all of the response rate calculations specified in Attachment J-1. The results are to be summarized in a written communication, and the full survey data are to be sent electronically as a data file in the form requested by the GTR.

In addition, the contractor shall submit an overall summary and recommendations report within two months of submitting the results of the January-March surveys.

### 3.4 Government-Furnished Materials

HUD will supply the current Section 8 utility allowance schedule, as a data file or in Microsoft EXCEL form, prior to completion of each Area survey (See Attachment J-3 for an example.) HUD will also provide the survey instrument and the script for the pre-contact postcard mailing.

#### Subtask 4: Research and Evaluation

##### 4.1 General Background

The contractor may, at the GTR's discretion, review the Area survey

methodology as currently specified in Attachments J-1 and J-2, and propose any modifications that it deems necessary. Cost-saving measures to be taken in areas where surveys are expected to be particularly expensive to conduct should be proposed to the GTR. This is particularly true in the smaller nonmetropolitan areas, where a somewhat lower standard of precision may be acceptable to HUD.

#### 4.2 Simplified RDD Surveys

Small housing authorities wishing to comment on their FMRs must be able to provide usable, scientifically defensible surveys without the comparatively large expenditure of funds required by full-scale RDDs. In response to this need, HUD developed a simplified RDD survey methodology and guide explaining, in non-technical terms, how to conduct surveys that would be acceptable as FMR comments. The latest version of this guide is included as Attachment J-2. The contractor may be requested to advise HUD on ways to refine that survey methodology, if requested by the GTR.

### V INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS

#### A. Varying Number of Area RDDs

The total number of individual area RDDs that HUD will fund annually may differ from year to year, subject to funding availability, as follows:

1. No less than ten (10) or more than sixty (60) area RDDs to be completed between January 2 and March 15, by all contractors in total. Each area RDD is to take at most 6 consecutive weeks of interviewing time.

2. No less than ten (10) or more than sixty (60) area RDDs are to be completed between April 1 and August 7, by all contractors in total. Each area RDD is to take at most 6 consecutive weeks of interviewing time.

3. Up to three (3) area RDDs to be completed by all contractors in total at any time of the year on an expedited basis (final results to be delivered within 4 weeks of the GTR's request) at any one time.

#### B. Minimum Number of Area RDDs

Subject to annual funding availability, HUD anticipates never requesting fewer than 40 area surveys per year. Not less than five (5) surveys will be assigned to a contractor at one time for either of the two normal area survey periods.

#### C. Work Assignment Preferences

Surveys will be assigned based on estimated cost, capacity, and performance (i.e., lowest bidder will be given as many surveys as they can readily conduct within required timeframes.)

#### D. Cost Variability

In addition to the number of surveys that will be requested annually under

the contract, there will also be variability in the size of the samples required to meet the survey requirement for 200 or more completed surveys of recent mover renters of one and two bedroom units. This variability will be compensated using a standardized formula approach provided on the following page.

E. Bidding Procedures

For purposes of bidding, contractors may submit one or two bid estimates. One must be for doing five surveys within a 10-week period during the months of April through July of 2003. The other should be for doing the maximum number of surveys they believe they can feasibly conduct during a 10-week period within those months. Bids should be structured as follows:

| 5 surveys<br>per 500 case change                                                                                                                                                                              | ___ Surveys | Cost Increment/(Decrement) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Fixed Cost per survey for overhead and selecting and pre-screening 20,000 numbers/survey (15% nonworking & business numbers screened out)                                                                  |             | na                         |
| 2. Cost of reverse matching residential phone numbers and of a pre-contact mailing, assuming 6,000 valid residential addresses found                                                                          |             |                            |
| 3. Price per completed non-interview or ineligible interview, including fax numbers, modems, terminations, hard refusals, and ineligible responses (e.g., owners), estimated to average 72% of initial sample |             |                            |
| 4. Price for completed eligible interviews, including stayer and recent mover renters, assuming that 200 recent movers and 400 stayers are interviewed                                                        |             |                            |
| 5. Total cost:                                                                                                                                                                                                |             | na                         |

Request for Comments and Information:

It is anticipated this effort will be funded at a level of approximately \$2 million a year. The objective of this pre-competition announcement is to solicit comments and to determine the feasibility of awarding this contract solely as a small business set-aside. To assist the agency with this matter and to help HUD develop a list of qualified bidders, the following information is requested from interested prospective bidders:

1. Detailed comments and suggestions on the Statement of Work that would address any ambiguities or uncertainties.
2. Detailed suggestions as to how the Statement of Work could be modified to make it a more attractive and/or less risky business opportunity to contractors.
3. Detailed information on the qualifications of interested potential bidders, including the following:
  - a) Information on the number of directly controlled CATI stations
  - b) Information on three recent (i.e., within past three years) RDD surveys conducted, including client name and contact, sample size and type,

a brief description of the survey content, and survey response rates with an explanation of the calculation method used.

c) AAPOR survey response method 3 calculations for at least one survey, including calculation component numbers.

AAPOR This spreadsheet will calculate outcome rates based on AAPOR's

Outcome Rate Calculator Standard Definitions, Version 2. Enter final dispositions in the columns below.

Version 2.0 / May, 2002 For more complete instructions about how to classify final dispositions see

Detailed directions are at line 115 below. the complete Standard Definitions documents at <http://www.aapor.org>.

|        |             |           |           |         |         |         |         |
|--------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Your   | Your        | Example 1 | Example 2 | Your    | Your    | Your    | Your    |
| survey | survey      | Your      | Your      | survey  | survey  | survey  | survey  |
| go     | data go     | Example:  | Example:  | data go | data go | data go | data go |
| below  | Final       | survey    | survey    | below   | below   | below   | below   |
|        | Disposition |           |           |         |         |         |         |
|        | Code        |           |           |         |         |         |         |

Interview (Category 1)

|          |       |     |     |
|----------|-------|-----|-----|
| Complete | 1.100 | 806 | 616 |
| Partial  | 1.200 | 25  |     |

Eligible, non-interview (Category 2)

|                            |       |     |     |
|----------------------------|-------|-----|-----|
| Refusal and break-off      | 2.100 | 142 | 21  |
| Refusal                    | 2.110 |     |     |
| HH level refusal           | 2.111 |     |     |
| Known-respondent refusal   | 2.112 | 251 | 236 |
| Break off                  | 2.120 | 33  | 31  |
| Non-contact (general)      | 2.200 |     |     |
| Respondent never available | 2.210 | 570 | 264 |

|                                                       |       |     |  |     |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----|--|-----|--|
| Known HH - telephone answering device                 | 2.220 |     |  |     |  |
| HH telephone answering device - message left          | 2.221 | 30  |  | 1   |  |
| HH telephone answering device - no message left       | 2.222 | 125 |  | 34  |  |
| Other                                                 | 2.300 |     |  |     |  |
| Deceased respondent                                   | 2.310 | 0   |  | 5   |  |
| Physically or mentally unable/incompetent             | 2.320 |     |  |     |  |
| Language                                              | 2.330 | 200 |  | 150 |  |
| HH level language problem                             | 2.331 |     |  |     |  |
| Respondent language problem                           | 2.332 | 19  |  | 33  |  |
| No interviewer available for needed language          | 2.333 |     |  |     |  |
| Miscellaneous                                         | 2.350 |     |  |     |  |
| Unknown eligibility, non-interview (Category 3)       |       |     |  |     |  |
| Unknown if housing unit                               | 3.100 |     |  |     |  |
| Not-attempted or worked                               | 3.110 |     |  |     |  |
| Always busy                                           | 3.120 | 150 |  | 74  |  |
| No answer                                             | 3.130 | 955 |  | 518 |  |
| Telephone answering device-don't know if household    | 3.140 | 27  |  | 2   |  |
| Telecommunication tech barriers (e.g., call blocking) | 3.150 | 185 |  | 157 |  |
| Technical phone problems                              | 3.160 | 52  |  | 33  |  |
| Housing unit, unknown if eligible respondent          | 3.200 |     |  |     |  |
| No screener completed                                 | 3.210 | 774 |  | 463 |  |
| Other                                                 | 3.900 | 31  |  | 15  |  |
| Not eligible (Category 4)                             |       |     |  |     |  |
| Out of sample - other strata than originally coded    | 4.100 | 189 |  | 143 |  |
| Fax/data line                                         | 4.200 | 142 |  | 121 |  |
| Non-working/disconnect number                         | 4.300 |     |  |     |  |
| Non-working number                                    | 4.310 | 567 |  | 349 |  |
| Disconnected number                                   | 4.320 | 219 |  | 220 |  |
| Temporarily out of service                            | 4.330 |     |  |     |  |

|                                                  |       |    |     |       |     |     |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------|----|-----|-------|-----|-----|--|--|
| Special technological circumstances              |       |    |     | 4.400 |     |     |  |  |
| Number changed                                   | 4.410 | 64 | 35  |       |     |     |  |  |
| Cell phone                                       | 4.420 | 5  | 7   |       |     |     |  |  |
| Call forwarding                                  | 4.430 | 26 | 3   |       |     |     |  |  |
| Residence to residence                           | 4.431 |    |     |       |     |     |  |  |
| Non-residence to residence                       | 4.432 |    |     |       |     |     |  |  |
| Pagers                                           | 4.440 | 4  | 1   |       |     |     |  |  |
| Non-residences                                   | 4.500 |    |     |       |     |     |  |  |
| Business, government office, other organizations |       |    |     | 4.510 | 596 | 419 |  |  |
| Institution                                      | 4.520 | 79 | 36  |       |     |     |  |  |
| Group quarters                                   | 4.530 | 10 | 8   |       |     |     |  |  |
| No eligible respondent                           | 4.700 | 96 | 254 |       |     |     |  |  |
| Quota filled                                     | 4.800 | 0  | 0   |       |     |     |  |  |
| Other                                            | 4.900 | 49 | 25  |       |     |     |  |  |

|                          |   |   |   |   |      |      |   |   |   |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|------|------|---|---|---|
| Total phone numbers used |   |   |   |   | 6396 | 4299 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0                        | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |      |      |   |   |   |

|                              |   |     |     |     |     |     |   |   |   |
|------------------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|
| I=Complete Interviews (1.1)  |   |     |     |     | 806 | 616 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0                            | 0 | 0   | 0   | 0   |     |     |   |   |   |
| P=Partial Interviews (1.2)   |   |     |     |     | 0   | 25  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0                            | 0 | 0   | 0   | 0   |     |     |   |   |   |
| R=Refusal or break off (2.1) |   |     |     |     | 426 | 288 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0                            | 0 | 0   | 0   | 0   |     |     |   |   |   |
| NC=Non Contact (2.2)         |   |     |     | 725 | 299 | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0                            | 0 | 0   | 0   |     |     |     |   |   |   |
| O=Other (2.3)                |   | 219 | 188 |     | 0   | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0                            | 0 | 0   |     |     |     |     |   |   |   |

e=estimated proportion of cases of unknown eligibility that are eligible  
(enter a value or accept the calculated value as a default)  
0.250

Estimate of e is based on proportion of eligible households among all numbers for which a definitive determination of status was obtained (a very conservative estimate). This will be used if you do not enter a different estimate.

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| #DIV/0!                     | #DIV/0! | #DIV/0! | #DIV/0! | #DIV/0! | #DIV/0! | #DIV/0! |
| UH=Unknown household (3.1)  |         |         | 1369    | 784     | 0       | 0       |
| 0                           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |         |         |
| UO=Unknown other (3.2, 3.9) |         |         | 805     | 463     | 0       | 0       |

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Response Rate 1

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Response Rate 2

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Response Rate 3

$I/(I+P) + (R+NC+O) + e(UH+UO)$  0.245 0.357 #DIV/0!  
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Response Rate 4

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Cooperation Rate 1

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Cooperation Rate 2

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Cooperation Rate 3

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Cooperation Rate 4

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Refusal Rate 1

$R/(I+P)+(R+NC+O) + (UH + UO)$  0.098 0.108 #DIV/0!  
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Refusal Rate 2

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Refusal Rate 3

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Contact Rate 1

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Contact Rate 2

$(I+P)+R+O / (I+P)+R+O+NC + e(UH+UO)$  0.441 0.647  
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Contact Rate 3

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Directions:

Enter totals for each call outcome category  
in the cell beside the appropriate code (rows 14-67).  
The categories are mutually exclusive,  
so do not enter a single category's totals in more  
than one cell.

Example:

You have 50 refusals by a known respondent  
and 40 household-level refusals. You would enter  
50 in the cell beside code 2.112 and 40 in the cell  
beside code 2.111. If you have 90 refusals but  
don't know any more details about them, then  
you should enter 90 in the cell beside code 2.110.

About the calculator:

An early version of this outcome rate calculator was originally developed by  
the Market Solutions Group of Minneapolis for the Star Tribune

Minnesota Poll under the direction of poll director Rob Daves; Daves  
completed the calculator with suggestions from members of AAPOR's Standards  
Committee. Tom Smith at NORC was especially helpful. Address comments or  
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On behalf of a group in Oregon interested in sponsoring a very large and  
ambitious citizen initiative to reach a durable public compact on funding  
schools and public services, I am interested in hearing from people on the  
topics listed below. The need for the initiative has been expressed by the  
Governor-elect as follows:

"If we are to reach a new, durable, compact with Oregon citizens about how  
we fund schools and public services, we are going to do it by putting the  
citizens at the forefront and in the middle of the dialogue.

"They will, after all, have the final say.

'The way to make sure Oregon's tradition of citizen initiative is up to  
this  
s  
task is through a combination of old fashioned grassroots organizing and  
modern communication."

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Rather than craft a measure and try to sell it to voters through a standard  
media campaign, I have proposed involving voters in defining the problem and  
crafting the solution.

I am proposing a multi-year effort which will seek to enroll people in  
individual and group conversations that begin with the question, "are you  
satisfied with the way we fund schools and the way our tax system works now,  
,  
or would you like to see changes?" The hope is to carry on this  
conversation  
n  
over time with several hundred-thousand people so that at the end, we have  
taken our best shot at reaching civic judgment. The end will be when we  
have agreed on the various ballot measures to go to the ballot.

This is not a simplistic exercise in whatever the people say. The

conversation will be structured, people will be asked to consider information, there will be plenty of feedback.

With a very short deadline for outlining a plan, I am interested in hearing from people on:

\*Experiences and evidence that bears on feasibility of the basic model

\*Comparable (if any) large-scale civic engagement projects

\*Examples of smaller-scale but instructive efforts, including deliberative democracy efforts

\*Relevant specific techniques and technology, especially use of internet and large-scale data bases

\*Advice and interest from those who might want to stay in touch or be involved if there is a decision to proceed

Please respond individually to me.

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Dear Fellow AAPOR Colleagues:

I have been following with intense interest and deep sympathy the recent thread re "The trial of Ayandeh." I had intended to comment but was slow.

In the meantime, Rob Santos has written me asking me to share some of the things that can be done -- particularly how to get other organizations with similar concerns involved.

Rob, himself, wrote to the American Statistical Association (ASA) Committee on Human Rights and Scientific Freedom. The new Chair of that Committee is Patrick Ball (PBALL@AAAS.ORG).

Dr. Ball is one of the main forces behind a new human rights website sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). That website may be of interest to some of you; its URL is <http://shr.aaas.org/hrdag>.

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Subject: Re: AAAS and ASA working with AAPOR re "The trial of Ayandeh"  
Comments: To: Fritz Scheuren <Scheuren@AOL.COM>

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Dick Halpern

NY Times, December 26, 2002

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By NAZILA FATHI

TEHRAN, Dec. 25 =97 The trial of Abbas Abdi, a prominent reformist=20 politician, began here today. Mr. Abdi, who in the 1970's was involved in=20 the hostage-taking at the American Embassy here, heads the Ayadneh Polling=20 Institute.

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Today in court, he was accused of selling information to institutes like=20 the Gallup polling organization, which the court says has ties to the=20 C.I.A. He was also charged with acting against the Islamic Republic by=20 attending international seminars and by meeting in Paris in 1997 with Barry=20 Rosen, an American diplomat who was among the 52 hostages.

Mr. Abdi said in his defense that he had spent three decades working for=20 the Islamic Republic and that the charge of acting against it was thus=20 irrelevant. As for his work in polling, he said he was willing to make=20 amends if his findings had been damaging. His remarks were reported by the=20 student news agency ISNA.

Mr. Abdi, an influential member of the Participation Front, a leading=20 reformist party, has supported holding a referendum on the governing party.=20 He also recently proposed that reformers resign from the legislature if two=20 key bills backed by President Mohammad Khatami are rejected by the=20 hard-line Guardian Council.

The bills aim at expanding the president's power and allowing liberals to=20 run for office.

Addressing the court, Mr. Abdi noted that prosecutors had questioned his=20 backing of the referendum and his call for mass resignations. He declared=20 himself to be against any referendum that would threaten the stability of=20 the establishment.

Reformers have argued that Mr. Abdi's trial is aimed at pressing President=

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Khatami to withdraw his bills from consideration.

Three reformist members of Parliament, including Reza Khatami, the=20 president's brother, were in the audience today in support of the accused.

Reza Khatami said he thought the court was politically motivated, adding,=20 "The court must reveal its evidence, if there is any, that would show=20 information has been sold."

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Voter News Service Is in Danger of Dissolution

By JIM RUTENBERG

The major television news networks and The Associated Press are seriously considering dissolving their decadelong partnership in the Voter News Service, the Election Day polling organization that was at the heart of the problems they had in reporting the results of the last two national elections, network executives close to the discussions said.

At the very least, the partnership will probably scrap the multimillion-dollar upgrade of the service's computer system, its main component, which has been fraught with technical problems, the executives said.

The dissolution of the partnership would leave in doubt the news media's plans for reporting the results of the primaries and the general election with only a little more than a year to go before the presidential campaign's first test in Iowa. The service has dozens of subscribers, including The New York Times, which rely on it as the main source of Election Day projections and analysis.

Executives who know about the deliberations said a vote on the future of the service could come as early as Jan. 6, when the partners are scheduled to meet. Though they did not think it was likely that the service would survive a vote, these people said they could not rule out its continuation. They all cited a confidentiality agreement and spoke on the condition that

their names not be used.

The computer system that is in question was to replace the one that in part led the major television networks to make errors in calling the state of Florida first for Al Gore, then for George W. Bush during the 2000 presidential election. That system's statistical models produced erroneous results; its software failed to detect an overcount for Mr. Bush in Volusia County.

In the elections last month, the new system's first real test, various technical glitches delayed the transmission of election results from some states. At an estimated cost of \$8 million to \$12 million, the system has yet to produce a survey of voters leaving the polls analyzing how important blocs like blacks, gays and married people voted and what motivated them in their choices.

Executives at the partner organizations ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox News, CNN and The Associated Press are said by people close to the polling organization's board to have little confidence in the system, which was initially expected to be in perfect working order by the 2004 campaign.

With that target now in doubt, executives at some of the partner organizations said they believed they would be better off starting from scratch now rather than taking a chance that the system's bugs can be worked out in the next year.

They clearly do not want to relive election night 2000, when their flawed calls angered both parties for complicating the close vote count. The errors led to embarrassing Congressional hearings where executives of the news organizations were dressed down by legislators.

Several proposals to replace the service are being discussed, executives said. One would have the networks share the costs of yet another vote projection system, with the six partners then hiring an independent organization or academic institution to produce the surveys of voters leaving the polls.

Another possibility is for The Associated Press, which already provides its own vote counting service, to start a second one for use by the networks and clients of the Voter News Service. Failing that, it could at least devise features in its existing system for double-checking its data, a function the Voter News Service has served.

Under yet another, though less likely, plan, the partners would cede the vote projection and analysis work to CNN, a unit of  
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Time Warner. CNN devised its own election system in crucial precincts as a way to double-check for flaws in the news service data last month.

Then again, executives said, the networks could go off and partner with one or two other organizations to devise competing proprietary systems, much as they did before 1988.

After elections that year, the networks began to pool their resources as a way to fight the high costs of new vote projection and analysis technology

that allowed them to call elections much faster than before. They had previously teamed with newspaper partners to provide several different vote analyses.

By joining together, the networks and The Associated Press have saved up to \$10 million a year, according to an analysis by Tom Wolzien, a media analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein. Lacking the resources to start polling operations without network partners, newspapers became subscribers to the service.

Good-government groups and other news organizations have complained that by effectively reducing the number of Election Day projection and polling operations, the networks created more room for error.

The various services before the Voter News Service was formed worked as a loose verification system in which the erroneous information of one could be noticed because of the accurate findings of the others.

But network executives said the networks would probably decide against paying the extra money to go off on their own. Several competing executives said their alternate plans would include some sort of joint operation. "It's just a matter of cost," one executive said.

The networks and The Associated Press are still trying to figure out what they can salvage from the polling operation. If they scrap the system, they could try to revive some of the new software that was devised for it.

The Voter News Service is also trying to determine how to proceed with the contractor that is building the system, the Battelle Memorial Institute, which is still owed more than \$2 million. Battelle, a privately held research company based in Columbus, Ohio, could conceivably sue the service for ending the project before it was complete. It could likewise hamper the partners' efforts to salvage parts of the computer system.

Battelle, however, may not have the high ground. Its system was supposed to be in working order by the last election, when it was to provide projections of winners and local and national polls that would explain the voting patterns.

But the system was hobbled on Election Day. Shortly before the polls closed, the service warned its subscribers that the system would not be fully operational and would probably not be able to produce the poll results.

As the day wore on, its servers, the powerful computers that run networks, were overloaded by data coming in from many states and counties, and the system crashed several times during the evening, several executives said.

The Voter News Service and its clients are still waiting for survey data that was supposed to be available on election night.

Battelle declined to comment on its contract with the service.

A network executive involved in discussions about the fate of the service said that he doubted it would continue because "there's zero faith" in it.

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Web site lets students spot tough profs

By Dan Mihalopoulos, Tribune staff reporter

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MILWAUKEE -- Before registering for classes, students at the University of Wisconsin campus here soon will be able to use the Internet to see just how tough it would be to ace courses.

Many students say they are eager to log on to [pickaprof.com](http://www.pickaprof.com) as they decide which classes to enroll in--or which professors to avoid. Bar charts on the Web site show what percentage of each instructor's students received As, Bs, Cs, Ds or Fs during past semesters.

"I'll be strongly tempted to look, like a bear with a honey jar," said Thomas McKinney, 27, a graphic design major. "You could always hear this kind of stuff through the grapevine. Now you can just punch it up."

The UW student association recently decided to pay \$10,000 to Pick-A-Prof, joining more than 50 public universities nationwide that subscribe to the three-year-old service based in Texas. And student leaders at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Wright College are debating whether to bring it to their campuses next year.

In an age when students can order term papers over the Internet, the spread of Pick-A-Prof has triggered a fresh debate about the effects of rapid technological change on education.

Many students relish having easy access to grading histories, but college instructors here and across the country are complaining that Pick-A-Prof is the worst blow to the integrity of higher education since Cliffs Notes.

"There is no relation between an easy A and the quality of learning," UW sociology professor Carrie Yang Costello said.

Critics say publishing grading histories on the Internet will make it simple for students to choose professors who are most likely to grade gently. Students inevitably will try to play the odds to give themselves the best chance of posting high grade-point averages and attracting job offers, said George Davida, a computer science professor and faculty senate member.

"It's a no-brainer," Davida said. "This will turn the university into a casino."

Professors warned that Pick-A-Prof will result in grade inflation.

"There will be an influence on professors to bring students into their classes by not grading too hard," said Jennifer Maher, an associate professor of women's studies.

Pick-A-Prof is a simple, if novel, concept. Data on the grading histories of professors at public universities are open to the public. Pick-A-Prof requests the information from universities and places it on its password-protected Web site.

At most universities where Pick-A-Prof is used, the student associations pay the company to construct and maintain the site.

Pick-A-Prof also runs message boards featuring anonymous reviews of professors, which the company screens for profanity and personal attacks. Company officials say the screening process makes Pick-A-Prof's reviews more useful than the feedback that students post on other Internet sites, such as myprofessorsucks.com.

Offered at many schools

Pick-A-Prof is in operation at some of the nation's largest universities, including the University of Texas, University of Massachusetts, University of

Maryland, University  
of Kentucky and Indiana University.

Pick-A-Prof founders Chris Chilek and John Cunningham began the company while students at Texas A&M University, where they graduated in 1999.

Cunningham, a marketing major, and Chilek, who studied computer science, knew they had the right to view professors' grading history. But they noticed that few students went to the trouble of asking university administrators for the fat binders that contained the paper records.

"We recognized the opportunity to put it online, where there would be more access," Chilek said in a telephone interview from the Pick-A-Prof office in Austin.

Professors who criticize the service underestimate their students, Chilek said.

"The students know that if they go for the easy A, then they won't have the background they will need to succeed in a higher-level course," he said.

Some college students defend the site as a valuable tool for increasing accountability among professors and giving students more information as they choose expensive courses.

"You pay for a class and you want to get something out of it," said Kory Kozloski, the UW student association president.

UIC student government President Angel Alvarez has proposed subscribing to Pick-A-Prof. The company chose the campus as a trial site, meaning some data are already available to UIC students on a test basis.

"Now I don't have to rely on how accurate my friends are when I ask them about a class," Alvarez said, who expects student representatives at UIC to decide on taking the service soon after the holiday break.

Easy to use

May Ming Lam, a junior majoring in movement science at UIC, has logged on to the test version and said it is easy to use. "Of course, everyone is looking for a professor who hasn't failed too many people," she said.

But some students said the main attraction of Pick-A-Prof is the opportunity to learn more about the demands of a class and the teaching style of professors before signing up. Course catalogs customarily give no more than a terse description of the material a class will cover.

"There will be a lot of people trying to get an easy A, but those people

have always  
been there," said Susan Howell, a marketing major at UW. "I just want to know  
which classes are good and which classes are not."

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