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

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

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

Shap Wolf
Survey Research Laboratory
Arizona State University
shap.wolf@asu.edu
AAPORNET volunteer host

Begin archive:

Archive aapornet, file log9702.
Part 1/1, total size 138249 bytes:
On Fri, 31 Jan 1997, Barry A. Hollander wrote:

> I've just got to decide whether it's $495 worth of useful.

AMOS is worth it, much better than LISREL. You might look at a comparative
review written by Hox in Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) 1995.

Good Luck, Edith

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A man said to the universe, "Madam I exist"
"Excellent", replied the universe,
"I need someone to take care of my cats"

with thanks to Stephen Crane's cat

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On February 20th NYAAPOR will be presenting a workshop titled "Conducting Computer-Assisted Interviews in the Field: CAPI, CASI and Audio-CASI" by Dr. Mick P. Couper. Details are below.

Daniel Merkle
NYAAPOR, Program Chair

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NYAAPOR AFTERNOON WORKSHOP

"Conducting Computer-Assisted Interviews in the Field: CAPI, CASI and Audio-CASI"

Dr. Mick P. Couper, University of Michigan and Joint Program in Survey Methodology

Date: Thursday, 20 February 1997
Time: 2:30 p.m. sharp - 5:00 p.m.

Place: NBC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza (49th - 50th), Mezzanine, Room A

MUST USE STUDIO ELEVATORS!!! ONLY ACCESS TO MEZZANINE (in center of lobby, follow signs)

This workshop will give participants an overview of the current state of knowledge and practice relating to computer assisted personal interviewing (CAPI), computer assisted self-interviewing (CASI and audio-CASI) and related methods. Some of the topics that will be covered include:

-- The various methods for conducting in-home or personal visit surveys using computers

-- The practical issues in the implementation of field surveys using computer-assisted interviewing methods

-- The advantages and disadvantages of various computer-assisted interviewing methods

-- The research findings related to the cost and error properties of these methods

-- A discussion of future opportunities and challenges of using computers for survey data collection in the field

Mick Couper is an assistant research scientist in the Survey Research Center
at the Univ. of Michigan, and an assistant professor in the Joint Program in Survey Methodology. He holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from Rhodes Univ. (South Africa) and Masters degrees from the Univ. of Cape Town and the Univ. of Michigan. He has taught courses on computer-assisted interviewing in the Univ. of Michigan's Summer Institute and was chief organizer of the recent International Conference on Computer-Assisted Survey Information Collection.

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

Pre-paid fees are: $25 (members), $35 (non-members), and $12.50 (full-time students, HLMs). Fees at the door are: $30 (members), $40 (non-members), and $17.50 (full-time students, HLMs). Sorry, no refund but you can send someone in your place.

For prepaid fees, send cheque payable to NYAAPOR by 18 Feb. to: Roni Rosner, 1235 Park Avenue, #7C, New York, New York 10128-1759
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FINAL NOTICE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

General Social Survey Student Paper Competition

The National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago announces the second annual General Social Survey (GSS) Student Paper Competition. To be eligible papers must:
1) be based on data from the 1972-1994 GSSs or from the GSS's cross-national component, the International Social Survey Program (any year or combination of years may be used), 2) represent original and unpublished work, and 3) be written by a student or students at an accredited college or university.

Both undergraduates and graduate students may enter and college graduates are eligible for one year after receiving their degree.

The papers will be judged on the basis of their: a) contribution to expanding understanding of contemporary American society, b) development and testing of social science models and theories, c) statistical and methodological sophistication, and d) clarity of writing and organization.
Papers should be less than 40 pages in length (including tables, references, appendices, etc.) and should be double spaced.

Paper will be judged by the principal investigators of the GSS (James A. Davis and Tom W. Smith) with assistance from a group of leading scholars. Separate prizes will be awarded to the best undergraduate and best
graduate-level entries. The winners will receive a cash prize of $250, a
commemorative plaque, and the MicroCase Analysis System, including data from
the 1972-1994 GSSs (a $1,395 value). The MicroCase software is donated by
the MicroCase Corporation of Bellevue, Washington.

In addition, winning papers will be eligible for publication in the
GSS Student Report Series. Honorable mentions may also be awarded by the
judges.

Two copies of each paper must be received by February 15, 1997. The
winner will be announced in late April, 1997. Send entries to:

Tom W. Smith
General Social Survey
National Opinion Research Center
1155 East 60th St.
Chicago, Il 60637

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To: AAPOR list members

From: Tom Guterbock

I have just received a one-inch thick bound report that will be must reading for anyone who is following the issue of "Push Polls" and attempts to regulate them.

The report is called:

"Push Polling: The Art of Political Persuasion"

by the staff of the Committee on Election Reform,

Florida House of Representatives.

It features a clearly written review of the problem, reviews of legislation proposed in a number of states, several hundred footnotes, and a number of appendices including a transcript of the public discussion session held at AAPOR last May in Salt Lake City, the AAPOR and NCPP statements on push polling, etc. The report suggests possible legislative action by the Florida legislature.

Please don't write me for a copy of this report. Send your requests
directly to
Committee on Election Reform
Florida House of Representatives
ATTN: Levita Faircloth, Committee Administrative Assistant
202 House Office Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Although I don't see any individual's name as author of this report, I know that Mr. Jonathan Fox, Staff Attorney for the committee, did a great deal of the research for it.

Thought you'd want to know . . .

Tom

Thomas M. Guterbock ............................... Voice: (804) 924-6516
Sociology/Center for Survey Research .............. FAX: (804) 924-7028
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Charlottesville, VA 22903 ..............................e-mail: TomG@Virginia.Edu
MESSAGE FROM THE AAPOR CONFERENCE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

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97/02/04

Within a week or so, a regular flow of information about the 1997 Conference should start arriving via AAPORNET and/or regular post office mail.

The 1997 Conference will be held at the Norfolk (Virginia) Waterside Marriott Hotel.

The dates are May 15 (Thursday) - May 18 (Sunday).

Information about conference and hotel registration, travel, etc. will be coming soon.

Please do not call the Marriott until you have received the information that is coming from AAPOR.
Thanks.

P.S. If you know someone who is not on AAPORNET but would be interested in this message, please pass it along.

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From: "Thomas M. Guterbock" <tmg1p@uva.pcmail.virginia.edu>
Our Center has been asked by a Virginia local government for assistance in designing an evaluation of a teen curfew that is to be instituted soon. No one is clear yet on what outcomes ought to be evaluated and which of these might involve a survey component. The local police are the sponsoring agency, so crime and arrest records would presumably be available. The evaluation period is supposed to start before implementation and extend for two years. We already have a recurring population survey planned in this area that includes a section dealing with crime and police, and we could add a few questions to that survey if needed for the evaluation.

We're looking for advice on how to proceed and would also be open to suggestions for collaboration with people with more direct experience on a problem of this kind.

BTW, we told the client that the "obvious" design would be to call a large sample of local residents at 10 pm each night and ask "Do you know where your kids are?..." :)

Please send your advice directly to me at TomG@virginia.edu

Thanks,

Tom
My experience with AMOS has been mixed. One of our doctoral students used it
last summer and began her dissertation analysis with it. She ultimately did use AMOS to draw the diagrams. However she was concerned about some programmatic flaws...for example she inadvertently identified a residual...how I'm not sure but the program didn't catch it. She did the rest of her analysis with EQS (Multivariate Software 1-800-301-4456) which I have used very happily since 1990. EQS 4 draws MAC diagrams. EQS 5 draws IBM diagrams. That was an early version of AMOS so I assume bugs have been corrected.

Susan Losh
Sociology
Florida State U

At 03:01 PM 1/31/97 EST, you wrote:

> I'm mulling over the need to get software to handle structural equation modeling. I presently use SPSS 6.1 for my analysis,
> and they have quit supporting LISREL and now use AMOS, which I'm told by their people is much more user friendly and just as powerful. Note...I never had LISREL, or else I could upgrade.
> Anyone out there using AMOS? I find myself facing some analysis situations in which this kind of thing would be very useful.
> I've just got to decide whether it's $495 worth of useful.
> Please post privately, if you like, though I'd be curious to hear how much you folks are using structural equation modeling in general. Thanks.
Thanks to everyone who sent messages on AMOS and SEM software. I ended up buying AMOS directly from the source instead of the SPSS version. Now I just have to wait for it to arrive and figure out how to make it go. I think I just put off dealing with LISREL until a simpler way of doing it came along...

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I have a student who is interested in obtaining data (or reports of data) on the public's reaction to endorsements of political candidates by entertainers. She has found some references in an electronic search, and we are interested in obtaining contact information for:

- KRC Research
- Robinson Lerer Poll
- Campaign Study Group in Springfield VA

Any other hints about sources of survey data would be appreciated. Thanks in advance. Mike Traugott
I have been asked to post the following notice:

Opening for position as vice president of Information Technology division of a Philadelphia-based marketing research and consulting company.

Ideal candidate:

- Must have broad research experience
- Must be expert in some aspect of information technology
  ie: software, hardware, telcom, new products, etc.
- Must have numerous contacts in IT market or an established book of business
- PhD or MBA

Compensation: $150,000 base plus commissions totaling up to $250,000.
Reports to CEO/President.
Contact Kate Bullis at Trebor Weldon Lawrence, Inc.
355 Lexington Avenue, 11th floor
New York, NY 10017
Tel: 212/867-0066
Fax: 212/867-2784

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Subject: Job Opening

Princeton Survey Research Associates, an opinion and attitude research firm, is looking to hire a Data Manager. Duties include general data management
using dBase IV, SPSS, and Procomm Plus for data transfers. The Data Manager is also responsible for statistical weighting and analysis, in consultation with project directors.

Candidates with the appropriate experience and training should email dcolasanto@aol.com or write to:

Diane Colasanto, President,  
PSRA  
911 Commons Way  
Princeton, NJ  
08540.

We will contact qualified applicants for interviews.

Andrew Kohut
Introduction to Audit Sampling
Dr. Benjamin J. Mandel

About the Course

One of the fields which heavily relies on sampling is auditing, particularly because of the volumes of records that would otherwise have to be examined. This one-day seminar introduces the basic elements of statistical sampling with emphasis on auditing and inspection. It does so in a practical, down-to-earth manner with simple illustrations by an educator with many years of experience in the field.

The course will begin with the basics -- defining the uses of both judgement and statistical sampling in auditing, how these types of samples connect with the different purposes of audit sampling, and some pitfalls to guard against.

The presentation will be made using actual applications and the results obtained. During the class a sampling application will be conducted from beginning to end -- guided by the basic elements of statistical sampling.

About the Speaker

Dr. Ben Mandel has had a long and distinguished career. with many awards, as a federal executive, consultant, educator, and author.
As an author, Dr. Mandel has written some 50 articles for many national periodicals. The sixth edition of his well-known textbook,
Statistics for Management, came out in 1996. It is known for its direct, simple and readable style, with emphasis on the practical uses of statistical methods.

Who should Attend

The course is geared to statisticians new to the field of audit sampling or accountants who want to enhance the use of statistical sampling in their practice. It would be a good refresher for those who have been away from the field, for those working in other areas of accounting, or those in positions of management.

Cost and Timing

This one-day course will be held Friday, April 18, 1997, at the new Alexandria Campus of The George Washington University at 1775 Duke Street, just across from the King Street Metro. Registration (and coffee) begin at 8:30 am, with sessions scheduled to run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The cost is $70 for Washington Statistical Society members or members of the Association of Federal Government Accountants. For American Statistical Association Members the cost is $85, for nonmembers, $100 -- except full-time students where the cost is just $20.

For registration information call Kathy Crocker at the American Statistical Association on 703-684-1221 or Fritz Scheuren at Ernst and Young on 202-327-5908.

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Forwarded message:
From: Wendy.Alvey@WPGATE.IRS.GOV (Wendy Alvey)
The conference, below, may be of interest to you...

Wendy Alvey
wendy.alvey@wpgate.irs.gov

Record Linkage Workshop 1997
March 20-21, 1997

The Committee on Applied and Theoretical Statistics of the National Academy of Sciences, the Washington Statistical Society, the Bureau of the Census, the National Agricultural Statistical Service, National Center for Health Statistics, National Science Foundation, the Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology, and The George Washington University are sponsoring or providing support for a two-day workshop on Record Linkage in Washington, D.C.

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Chair: Richard Allen, National Agricultural Statistics Service
Matching Federal Estate Tax Records, by Jenny Wahl, St. Olaf College

Post-Matching Administrative Record Linkage Between Sole-Proprietorship Tax Returns and the Standard Statistical Establishment List, Philip Steel, Bureau of the Census

Approximate String Comparison and its Effect in an Advanced Record Linkage System, Edward Porter, Bureau of the Census

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Contributed Session on More Applications of Probabilistic Record Linkage

Chair: Jennifer Madden, NCHS

Comparison of Direct Match and Probabilistic Linkage in the Death Clearance of the Canadian Cancer Registry, by T. LaBillois, M. Wysocki, and F. Grabowiecki


Technical Issues Related to the Probabilistic Linkage of Population-Based Crash and Injury Data, by Sandra Johnson

Record Linkage Progress Towards Meeting the New Jersey High School Proficiency Testing Requirements, by Eva Miller, New Jersey Department of Education
Software Demonstrations

10:30 AM-12:00 Noon

Invited Session on Confidentiality

Chair: Laura Zayatz, Bureau of the Census

Public Attitudes Toward Data Sharing by Federal Agencies, by Eleanor Singer, University of Michigan

How to Learn Things You Were Not Supposed to Know, by Michael Meyer, Carnegie Mellon University

Sharing of Statistical Information, by Katherine K. Wallman, Office of Management and Budget

Contributed Session on Methods and Plans for Record Linkage

Chair:

Generating Name Standardization Files Automatically, by David Koepke and John Van Voorhis, University of Chicago

Linking Records on Federal Housing Administration Single-Family Mortgages,
by Thomas Herzog and William Eilerman, Housing and Urban Development

Using Microsoft Access to Perform Exact Record Linkages, by Scott Meyer, Statistics Canada


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Software Demonstrations
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1:30-3:00 PM

Invited Session on More Record Linkage Applications in Epidemiology

Chair:


Matching Census Database and Manitoba Health Care Files, by Christian Houle, Jean-Marie Berthelot, Pierre David, Cam Mustard, and Michael Wolfson, Statistics Canada

The Development of Medical Record Linkage in Scotland: The Responsive Application of Probability Matching, by Steve Kendrick, National Health Service, Scotland
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8:30-10:00 AM

Invited Session on Business and Miscellaneous Record Linkage Applications

Chair: Richard Allen, National Agricultural Statistics Service

Matching Federal Estate Tax Records, by Jenny Wahl, St. Olaf College

Post-Matching Administrative Record Linkage Between Sole-Proprietorship Tax Returns and the Standard Statistical Establishment List, Philip Steel, Bureau of the Census

Approximate String Comparison and its Effect in an Advanced Record Linkage System, Edward Porter, Bureau of the Census

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Contributed Session on More Applications of Probabilistic Record Linkage

Chair: Jennifer Madden, NCHS

Comparison of Direct Match and Probabilistic Linkage in the Death Clearance of the Canadian Cancer Registry, by T. LaBillois, M. Wysocki, and F. Grabowiecki

Improvements in Record Linkage Processes for the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Universe Database, by Kenneth Robertson, Larry Huff, and Gordon Mikkelson,
Bureau of Labor Statistics

Technical Issues Related to the Probabilistic Linkage of Population-Based Crash and Injury Data, by Sandra Johnson

Record Linkage Progress Towards Meeting the New Jersey High School Proficiency Testing Requirements, by Eva Miller, New Jersey Department of Education

Software Demonstrations

10:30 AM-12:00 Noon

Invited Session on Confidentiality

Chair: Laura Zayatz, Bureau of the Census

Public Attitudes Toward Data Sharing by Federal Agencies, by Eleanor Singer, University of Michigan

How to Learn Things You Were Not Supposed to Know, by Michael Meyer, Carnegie Mellon University

Sharing of Statistical Information, by Katherine K. Wallman, Office of Management and Budget
Contributed Session on Methods and Plans for Record Linkage

Chair:

Generating Name Standardization Files Automatically, by David Koepke and John Van Voorhis, University of Chicago

Linking Records on Federal Housing Administration Single-Family Mortgages, by Thomas Herzog and William Eilerman, Housing and Urban Development

Using Microsoft Access to Perform Exact Record Linkages, by Scott Meyer, Statistics Canada


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Software Demonstrations
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1:30-3:00 PM

Invited Session on More Record Linkage Applications in Epidemiology

Chair:

Matching Census Database and Manitoba Health Care Files, by Christian Houle, Jean-Marie Berthelot, Pierre David, Cam Mustard, and Michael Wolfson, Statistics Canada

The Development of Medical Record Linkage in Scotland: The Responsive Application of Probability Matching, by Steve Kendrick, National Health Service, Scotland

Software Demonstrations

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From: Robert Yale Shapiro <rys4@columbia.edu>
Sender: rys4@columbia.edu
To: aapornet@usc.edu
cc: Robert Yale Shapiro <rys3@columbia.edu>
Subject: Job announcement
I am forwarding this from Steve Farkas of the Public Agenda Foundation Bob Shapiro

PUBLIC OPINION ANALYST -- SEARCH REOPENED
IMMEDIATE

Public Agenda - a nonpartisan, not-for-profit, research organization - has an opening for an issues-oriented public opinion analyst.

We are searching for someone experienced in gathering and analyzing surveys from diverse sources; who can design and produce presentations using various graphics software; and who can conduct focus groups and in-depth interviews...
with leaders. The position requires the ability to write quickly and crisply, as well as a willingness to travel.

Applicants should have a graduate degree, be computer-proficient, and be comfortable making presentations and leading group discussions.

Only suitable candidates will be contacted.

Respond to:
Steve Farkas, Vice President and Director of Research
The Public Agenda Foundation
6 East 39th Street
New York, NY 10016
fax (212) 889-3461, e-mail paresearch@aol.com

>From ACORA1@aol.com Mon Feb 10 11:05:21 1997
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Received: from emout03.mail.aol.com (emout03.mx.aol.com [198.81.11.94])
    by usc.edu (8.8.4/8.7.2/usc) with ESMTP
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From: ACORA1@aol.com
Received: (from root@localhost)
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I received this information today. If you’re concerned about Internet charges, please let your voice be heard.

<< >>As you read the following, keep in mind that if the phone companies get away with this, you and I will be personally effected, and the internet will never again be the same. Let your voice be heard!! Email this to everyone, and encourage everyone to write to the FCC and be heard! Time to leave some fingerprints on the FCC! >> Hi, I am writing you this to inform you of a very important matter. I am currently under review by the FCC. Your local telephone company has filed a proposal with the FCC to impose per minute charges for your internet service. They contend that your usage has or will hinder the operation of the telephone network. It is my belief that Internet usage will diminish if users were required to pay additional per minute charges. The FCC has created an email box for your comments, responses must be received by February 13, 1997. Send your comments to isp@fcc.gov and tell them what you think. Every phone company is in on this one, and they are trying to sneak it in just under the wire for litiagtion. Let everyone you know here this one. Get the e-mail address to everyone you can think of. >> isp@fcc.gov
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    Mon, 10 Feb 1997 14:15:59 -0500 (EST)
Date: Mon, 10 Feb 1997 14:15:59 -0500 (EST)
Message-ID: <970210135106_-1810600922@emout08.mail.aol.com>
To: aapornet@usc.edu, por@unc.edu
Subject: Fwd: phone charges on internet- URGENT

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Forwarded message:
Subj: phone charges on internet- URGENT
Date: 97-02-10 13:49:19 EST
From: MurphyKay
To: ACORA1

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Forwarded message:

Subj:  Re: phone charges on internet- URGENT

Date:  97-02-08 00:28:42 EST

From:  Pmkcm

To:  MurphyKay,MurphyM2@hartwick.edu
To:  Murphy@emi.com(johnmurphy)
To:  MurphyMary,Darren2001,Caroga21
To:  Pjjmca,SFSK80B@prodigy.com
To:  emurphy@webltv.net
To:  DRBN92C@prodigy.com
To:  Jeanne_Murphy@albint.com
To:  BRreynold@telnet.net(billreynolds)
To:  JohnsoRW@cleo.bc.edu
To:  alda_osinaga@brown.edu
To:  w_watkins@wesley.it.emerson.edu
To:  sgorton@newport.ntcnet.com(suegorton)
To:  CREUTZ86@snycorva.cortland.edu
To:  0315POLI@roberts.edu(juliepolivka)
To:  Patrick@computer.net.,Spunky9924
To:  Bipser,CDWAGS,ARKivist,Jones40
To:  fonte@pc2.nmrlab.hcsyr.edu
To:  Dave Z NY,debbie@sunyit.edu

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isp@fcc.gov

From MPRNJ!BGC@mprnj.com Tue Feb 11 10:40:39 1997
Return-Path: mprnj!MPRNJ!BGC@mprnj.com
Received: from tigger.jvnc.net (tigger.jvnc.net [128.121.50.145]) by usc.edu (8.8.4/8.7.2/usc) with SMTP id KAA02264 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Tue, 11 Feb 1997 10:40:32 -0800 (PST)
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From: MPRNJ!BGC@mprnj.com (Brenda Cox)
Date: 11-Feb-1997 9:28:23 -0500
Received: by mprnj.com (UUCP-MHS-XtcN) Tue Feb 11 13:36:56 1997
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Re: AAPORNET digest 478
Message-Id: 35D3995101DC3BD9
In-Reply-To: 32D3995101DC3BD9
Importance: Normal
Encoding: 13 TEXT

Just a note to say I received your 2/10/97 message on the topic "AAPORNET digest 478" at 9:28a on 2/11/97 at my old e-mail address of bgc@mprnj.com. My new e-mail address is

bcox@mathematica-mpr.com

Brenda G. Cox

bcox@mathematica-mpr.com

>From dobson@usia.gov Tue Feb 11 11:39:56 1997
Return-Path: dobson@usia.gov
Received: from usia.gov (XGATE.USIA.GOV [198.67.64.2])
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The Office of Research and Media Reaction of the United States
Information Agency (USIA) has an opening for a Social Science Analyst in
Washington, DC. The incumbent will be responsible for initiating,
planning, and supervising the execution of surveys on public opinion and
media behavior in western Europe and central and eastern Europe for
analyzing survey data, and for preparing reports on the findings for U.S.
government policy-makers.

The position is at the GS-101-12/13 level. Starting salary will be
between $45,939 and $54,629, depending on qualifications and experience.
Training and experience in survey research is a requisite. Applicants
will be evaluated on the basis of five criteria: (1) knowledge of survey
research methodology and quantitative data analysis; (2) skill in organizing and conducting research on public opinion, the mass media, and political, economic, and cultural developments; (3) knowledge of the politics, societies and cultures of western and eastern Europe and US foreign policy toward the region; (4) skill in writing clearly and concisely in English; and (5) knowledge of one or more of the major foreign languages of the region.

Please bring this announcement to the attention of researchers and graduate students who may be interested.

Completed applications should be submitted to USIA's Office of Human Resources by March 7, 1997.

For further information and/or to request a copy of the job announcement (HRC-26-97) with details on how to apply for this position, please contact Dina Smeltz at USIA's Office of Research and Media Reaction.

By email: SMELTZ @USIA.GOV
By phone: (202) 619-4490
By fax: (202) 619-6977

By mail: Office of Research and Media Reaction
European Branch
U.S. Information Agency
301 Fourth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20547

>From Mann@loma.org Wed Feb 12 05:57:09 1997
We're considering using a raffle as an incentive to increase response rates.

We'd ask potential respondents to return a ballot separate from their survey if they'd like to be enrolled in the raffle. Respondents don't have to return their survey to return their ballot. Can anyone comment on what, if any, legal issues need to be considered when using an incentive like this? We're concerned there may be regulations regarding the use of a raffle. Thank you.

Jeff Mann
LOMA
We are working with some economists and local economic agencies. One part of the study is a workforce study. They would like to include 16 and 17 year olds. As all of our surveys have been 18+ year olds I would appreciate any insights regarding proper procedures and ethics of using juveniles in a random household telephone survey. Thank you.

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University politics are vicious precisely because the stakes are so small."

- Henry Kissinger

Steve Frank, Department of Political Science
St. Cloud State University St. Cloud, MN. 56301 FAX (320)-654-5198
VOICE (320)-255-4131

We have begun to explore this issue more thoroughly here at the Institute both in terms of legal as well as human subjects issues. Some of our clients have successfully used such incentives to boost response rates as much as 20%. In these cases, however, no separate ballot was used. The
tracking numbers on the questionnaires provided the "entry numbers."

The legal issues vary from state to state and must be researched before proceeding. We have learned that the term "sweepstakes" must be used to indicate that no payment is necessary to be eligible. In a "lottery" or "raffle", a ticket is purchased or other form of payment is made.

There have been instances where institutional IRBs view a chance for a cash payment as "coercive". We have found a number of institutions where no such objections have been made.

I would be interested in other's experiences and views. If you receive responses not posted to aapornet, I would appreciate having those messages forwarded. Good luck with your project.

Mary Losch
Program Director
UI Social Science Institute
mary-losch@uiowa.edu

At 08:51 AM 2/12/97 PST, you wrote:
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Jeff Mann
LOMA
Mann@LOMA.Org
770-984-6445

From ARCLGS@langate.gsu.edu Wed Feb 12 07:33:32 1997
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Message-Id: <s3019c71.084@langate.gsu.edu>
X-Mailer: Novell GroupWise 4.1
Date: Wed, 12 Feb 1997 10:33:03 -0500
From: "Leo G. Simonetta" <ARCLGS@langate.gsu.edu>
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Update - A proposed law affecting telephone surveys
Mime-Version: 1.0
HB 71 has passed the house according to an article in the Atlanta Journal Constitution this weekend and the prospects are good for it passing the Senate.

PREVIOUS POSTING

Proposed Georgia House Bill 71 allows residential phone customers to prevent unsolicited phone calls (including telephone surveys) by indicating their objection to the Georgia Public Service Commission.

There are four categories of unsolicited phone calls covered under this bill and a customer can elect to block all, one or more.

The bill specifies civil penalties of up to $2,000 per violation.

For the exact text of the bill:

http://www.ganet.state.ga.us/cgi-bin/pub/leg/legdoc?
billname=1997/HB71&docpart=full&highlight=HB_71

or

http://www.ganet.state.ga.us

then click on services

search by bill number

and type HB 71
If anyone has experience in dealing with this sort of proposed legislation or would like to work to ensure that legitimate telephone polls are not penalized, please contact me.

Leo G. Simonetta                        Poll Director
ARCLGS@LANGATE.GSU.EDU
Applied Research Center
My opinions, mine, all mine.

>From jamwolf@indiana.edu Thu Feb 13 06:03:58 1997
Return-Path: jamwolf@falstaff.ucs.indiana.edu
Received: from roatan.ucs.indiana.edu (roatan.ucs.indiana.edu [129.79.10.65])
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Date: Thu, 13 Feb 1997 09:03:53 -0500 (EST)
From: Jim Wolf <jamwolf@indiana.edu>
X-Sender: jamwolf@falstaff.ucs.indiana.edu
To: AAPORNET List <aapornet@usc.edu>
Subject: Re: using juveniles in an employment study
Message-ID:
Steve Frank wrote:

> I would appreciate any insights regarding proper procedures
> and ethics of using juveniles in a random household
> telephone survey. Thank you.

I've been involved in several over the years and things have run quite smoothly. Regarding the "ethics" of such a project, I'd suggest you contact your institution's Human Subjects office. You will no doubt be running your protocol through your IRB, so it would be best to know in advance what sort of issues are paramount in their minds.

My initial reaction is that your procedures will be something like this:

1) call the household and screen for target age group. (Vendors can provide lists of numbers that will optimize the likelihood of reaching kids in your desired age range.)

2) once the target respondent is identified, ask to speak to that person's parent/guardian.

3) describe the project and ask for permission.

4) schedule the interview with the respondent.
We have used these procedures in surveys where no names or locator info was collected. Situations requiring personal info about the respondent (like longitudinal studies) may require the additional step of signed consent forms from parents as well as assent forms from the respondent. All this is determined through your IRB and Human Subjects office. If you haven't done so already, I'd contact them first.

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>From arobbin@mailer.fsu.edu Fri Feb 14 05:25:46 1997
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Date: Fri, 14 Feb 1997 08:25:45 -0500 (EST)
From: ALICE R ROBBIN <arobbin@mailer.fsu.edu>
X-Sender: arobbin@mailer
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Update: FCC and tel/Internet charges (fwd)
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.93.970214082242.21390A-100000@mailer>
The information below is excerpted from today's (2/13) edition of the Internet Tourbus list (information on Tourbus at end of message).

FEAR AND LOATHING AT THE FCC
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Over the past couple of weeks, you may have received e-mail letters telling you that

   Many local telephone companies have filed a proposal with the FCC [The United States' Federal Communications Commission] to impose per minute charges for Internet service. They contend that use of Internet has or will hinder the operation of the telephone network.

At first, I thought that this was simply a new version of the old "modem tax" hoax (http://www.eff.org/papers/eegtti/eeg_83.html#SEC84) that has been floating around the Net since *1987*. After all, the current FCC story has all of the markings of a classic urban legend:

1. It uses official-looking language;

2. It mentions a government agency or an organization with
which everyone is familiar;

3. It contains a plea for you to take some sort of immediate action; and

4. It requests that you forward the warning letter to as many people as possible.

Besides, according to an article that appeared in this morning's Edupage,

**ONLINE COMPANIES ASK TELCOS, "WHERE'S THE BEEF?"

Tired of telephone companies' complaints that Internet usage is overwhelming their network capacity, the Internet Access Coalition has released findings contending that Net usage is, in reality, a bonanza for the Bells. The study found that local carriers received a total of $1.4 billion in 1995 in revenues resulting from the installation of second lines in homes, while spending only $245 million to beef up their networks for the additional usage. A Bell Atlantic spokesman says the real problem is that the telcos have no idea when a line will be used for data rather than voice, and thus tied up longer. Both sides agree that the ultimate solution is higher capacity networks.

(Business Week 17 Feb 97)

Well, out of curiosity -- and out of a deep-felt desire to avoid studying for the two major economics tests that I have next week -- your fearless bus driver decided to call the FCC in Washington to see if anyone there was willing to talk about this rather explosive issue. Unfortunately, I soon discovered that the FCC only has one employee, she is a secretary, and her
job is to transfer all incoming telephone calls into voice mail hell. :) 

Actually, I talked to some nice people at the FCC who faxed me a 10 page explanation of what's *really* going on. Unfortunately, the 10 page explanation was written in "FCC-ese," so I am going to have to translate their explanation into English for you (and I can assure you that, since I know *NOTHING* about telephony, my translation will probably contain a few inaccuracies; if it does, please let me know).

First, some local telephone companies have indeed asked the FCC to allow them to assess a per minute access charge on the telephone lines used by Internet Service Providers. Local telephone companies currently charge long-distance carriers (like AT&T and MCI) an interstate access charge for the long-distance traffic that travels over their local lines, and the local telephone companies would like to see this charge extended to include the high-speed lines that your local Internet Service Provider uses to access the Internet.

In December, the FCC rejected the telephone companies' request and tentatively concluded "that the existing pricing structure for information services should remain in place." In other words, the FCC has tentatively concluded that Internet service providers should *NOT* be subject to the interstate access charges that local telephone companies currently assess on long-distance carriers.

The FCC now seeks the public's comments on this conclusion.

Unfortunately, the "warning" letter that is currently circulating around the Internet gives the impression that some sort of sinister operation is afoot
here, that the FCC and the telephone companies are trying to sneak this proposal through without anyone noticing, and that it is up to each and every one of us to stop the evil FCC.

What garbage. In fact, the FCC has, at least tentatively, REJECTED the telephone companies' proposal. The FCC is now simply asking you if you agree or disagree with their decision.

The most disappointing aspect of this whole situation is that because of the misinformation that has been distributed across the Internet over the past couple of weeks, the FCC has received 100,000+ e-mail letters, most of which flame them for making a decision that EVERYONE AGREES WITH! Hands down, the flaming of the FCC is one of the Internet's most shameful acts ever.

I also discovered another thing about the FCC that increased my respect for their organization one-hundred-fold. Part of the 10 page explanation that the FCC sent me states that their "existing rules have been designed for traditional circuit-switched voice networks, and thus may hinder the development of emerging packet-switched data networks." Because of this, the FCC is also seeking the public's comments on the implications of the Internet and its usage through the public switched telephone network.

Folks, *ANY* government agency that stops and says 'hey, we can ALWAYS use some more information so that we are better prepared for whatever happens in the future' has earned my respect and admiration.

By the way, most of the information that I have shared with you today can be found on the FCC's "ISP" homepage at
If you would like to send your comments to the folks at the FCC (the deadline for comments about their decision not to impose interstate access changes on Internet service providers is Friday, February 14th), make sure that you check the FCC's ISP Web page first. At the bottom of this page are some pretty specific instructions on what you need to put in the subject line of your e-mail letter before you submit it to the FCC.

Personally, I'm going to leave the poor folks at the FCC alone for a while. They seem to be doing a great job in the face of unnecessary (and misinformed) opposition.

From: Jo Pearson <jo_pearson@smtpgw.cmfz.com>
Subject: Don't Flame FCC!!! re phone

>From snowshoe@Mailbox.syr.edu Fri Feb 14 06:47:33 1997
Return-Path: snowshoe@Mailbox.syr.edu
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id GAA25812 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Fri, 14 Feb 1997 06:47:31 -0800
Daniel,

I'm delighted that you are considering our doctoral program and that you'll be interviewing with the faculty and doctoral students March 1-3. As I said on the phone, we'll give you the complete interview process, minus the Sunday afternoon tour! You'll have dinners on Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights, breakfast on Monday morning, meetings and class all day Monday, and lunch on Monday with doctoral students. Brenda Wrigley (first-year doctoral student) will be preparing your itinerary, and we'll send it to you via e-mail. Most meal events will be at the University Sheraton.

Don't hesitate to e-mail me or Brenda (brwrigle@syr.edu) if you have any questions. My office number is 443-9255; home 682-4243.

Please do send in your statement of purpose as soon as possible, and I will circulate it to the committee.

Looking forward to seeing you again,

pam
From: Manfred Kuechler <mkuechle@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu>

Subject: Re: good news!

At 09:46 AM 2/14/97 -0400, Pamela J. Shoemaker wrote:

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> that you'll be interviewing with the faculty and doctoral students
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Yes, David, let me add my congratulations -- though I have no idea who you
are. You must be a truly outstanding candidate that the John Ben Snow
Professor at Syracuse found it necessary to tell the whole nation about it.
But, when you visit, you may ask a few discrete questions about the computer
competence of your colleagues to be. Good luck! Manfred Kuechler Sociology
Department at Hunter College (CUNY) 695 Park Avenue, NY, NY 10021
Tel: 212-772-5588 Fax: 212-772-5645
Web: http://maxweber.hunter.cuny.edu/socio/

> From becker.6@osu.edu Fri Feb 14 07:37:06 1997
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mail4.uts.ohio-state.edu (8.8.5/8.7.3) with SMTP id KAA03752 for
Pam:

I think you hit the wrong address. I just received this from you.

How are things with you? Even though it wasn't for me, it was nice to hear from you.

Lee

> Daniel,
> I'm delighted that you are considering our doctoral program and that you'll be interviewing with the faculty and doctoral students March 1-3. As I said on the phone, we'll give you the complete interview process, minus the Sunday afternoon tour! You'll have dinners on Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights, breakfast on Monday morning,
meetings and class
>all day Monday, and lunch on Monday with doctoral students. Brenda
>Wrigley (first-year doctoral student) will be preparing your itinerary,
>and we'll send it to you via e-mail. Most meal events will be at the
>University Sheraton.
>  Don't hesitate to e-mail me or Brenda (brwrigle@syr.edu) if you
>have any questions. My office number is 443-9255; home 682-4243.
>  Please do send in your statement of purpose as soon as
>possible, and I will circulate it to the committee.
>  Looking forward to seeing you again,
>  pam
>
Pamela J. Shoemaker
>John Ben Snow Professor
>S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications
>Syracuse University
>215 University Place
>Syracuse NY 13244-2100 USA
>
>Phone: 315-443-9255
>Fax: 315-443-1107
>Web Page: http://web.syr.edu/~snowshoe

Dr. Lee B. Becker,
Professor
School of Journalism
The Ohio State University
242 W. 18th Ave.
Columbus, OH 43210-1107
Only a minor provocation appears to be sufficient for some to throw flames
(certainly not the first for this particular AAPORNET flame-thrower). But I guess if you're part of "the whole nation" -- which apparently is centered at Hunter College -- then periodic flaming of those of us who sometimes make a minor cyberspace mistake (almost as minor as addressing 'David' when one means 'Daniel') is deserved.

Alan Bayer
Virginia Tech

At 10:30 AM 2/14/97, you wrote:
> At 09:46 AM 2/14/97, Pamela J. Shoemaker wrote:
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>
> Yes, David, let me add my congratulations -- though I have no idea who
you are. You must be a truly outstanding candidate that the John Ben
Snow Professor at Syracuse found it necessary to tell the whole nation
about it. But, when you visit, you may ask a few discrete questions
about the computer competence of your colleagues to be. Good luck!
> Manfred Kuechler Sociology Department at Hunter College (CUNY)
> 695 Park Avenue, NY, NY 10021
> Tel: 212-772-5588  Fax: 212-772-5645
> Web: http://maxweber.hunter.cuny.edu/socio/
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Let me know what you think :)

Murray
There is something about Murray's comment which, aside from being very funny and quotable, deserves some thinking about!

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I am forwarding this for Allan McCutcheon.

------------- Forwarded message ----------

Allan,

Will do!

Best,

Bob
Hi Bob,

Would you mind posting the following to aapornet--Jim Beniger has been away from USC with a family medical problem and is unable to get me added to aapornet from my UNL address (I've been receiving it via the Udel address, but can not send messages TO the aapornet from the UNL address).

I hope all is well with you. I'm working double (and tripple) shifts, but having a great time--though I'm looking forward to spring!

Best,
Allan

The UNL-Gallup Research Center in conjunction with the World Association for Public Opinion Research presents a symposium on

SURVEY RESEARCH, DEMOCRACY AND DEMOCRATIZATION

April 24-26, 1997
Post-modernists and media pundits claim that surveys are instruments of the powerful, that "pollsters control public opinion."

Do surveys and opinion polls really hinder the operation of democracy?

Have surveys hindered democratization efforts in areas such as Central and Eastern Europe, and in South and Central America?

Who are most likely to support and resist market changes?

What groups oppose and endorse the moves to democratize?

Can opinion polling contribute to the failure of mature democracies?

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Leading researchers from the Americas, Europe and Asia will discuss the role of surveys and public opinion polling for emerging and mature democracies.

Speakers include:

Seymour Martin Lipset
The Institute for Public Policy
George Mason University
Norman H. Nie
University of Chicago

Erwin Scheuch
President, International Institute for Sociology

Harold Clarke and Allan Kornberg
Co-directors of the Canadian Election Studies

Marc Swyngedouw
Co-director of the Belgian Election Studies

Miguel Basanez
former Pollster to the President of Mexico

Peter Ph. Mohler
Director, German Center for Survey Research (ZUMA)
Director, International Social Survey Project

Marta Lagos
Director, Latin Barometer Surveys

Bogdan Cichomski
Director, Polish General Social Survey

Petr Mateju
Director, Institute for Sociology
Czech Academy of Science
Mary McIntosh
former Director
European Division, U.S. Information Agency

Elena Bashkirova
noted Russian pollster

C.K. Sharma
Director, Gallup-India

Robert Manchin
Director, Bosnian Peace Project and GIREC

Geoffrey Evans
Nuffield College, Oxford University

Advance registration (before March 23) for the symposium is $45 ($30 for students, photocopy of current student ID must accompany payment) and includes two and one-half days of paper presentations, coffee break refreshments, and conference packet.

For more information regarding registration and Lincoln-area hotels and accommodations, contact:

Allan L. McCutcheon, Director
Gallup Research Center
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Sorry for cross-posting.

Does anyone has information on the influence of the media (newspapers, television, radio) on 'copycat' killings. Does intensive coverage of a killing enhance the possibility of more killings of the same type, or does it not have any influence. If you know of any empirical proof or studies please inform me (edithl@educ.uva.nl).

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policy, the government can only ask for some cooperation) Dutch television news has given only short news flashes, but some other tv programs have extensive programs.

At present there is a huge debate going on among journalists about their policy. Would a 'media-silence' be a sensible thing to do?

Any info will be well-come and deeply appreciated, Edith

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"Excellent", replied the universe,
"I need someone to take care of my cats"

with thanks to Stephen Crane's cat

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>From s.kraus@mail.asic.csuohio.edu Mon Feb 17 14:09:49 1997
Return-Path: s.kraus@mail.asic.csuohio.edu
Received: from mail.asic.csuohio.edu (bones.asic.csuohio.edu
[137.148.16.17])
Edith, I would be interested in the responses. Please post or send them to me. Thanks in advance. Sid

At 01:48 PM 2/17/97 +0100, you wrote:
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Dr. Sidney Kraus
Dept. of Communication
College of Arts & Sciences
Cleveland State University
email: s.kraus@csuohio.edu

>From lavrakas.1@osu.edu Tue Feb 18 04:43:16 1997
Return-Path: lavrakas.1@osu.edu
Received: from mail2.uts.ohio-state.edu (root@mail2.uts.ohio-state.edu [128.146.214.31]) by usc.edu (8.8.4/8.7.2/usc) with ESMTP id EAA08739 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Tue, 18 Feb 1997 04:43:13 -0800 (PST)
Message-Id: <2.2.32.19970218125157.006ed398@pop.service.ohio-state.edu>
X-Sender: lavrakas.1@pop.service.ohio-state.edu
MURRAY: If Roger does this, should he also later "debrief" people on AAPORnet about the deception??? That's what our APA ethics would insist!

Thus, I wouldn't do this...

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>
> Let me know what you think :) 
>
>Murray
>From ghadialy@norcmail.uchicago.edu Tue Feb 18 07:31:51 1997

Return-Path: ghadialy@norcmail.uchicago.edu
Received: from genesis0s.norc.uchicago.edu (root@genesis0s.norc.uchicago.edu [128.135.45.68])
    by usc.edu (8.8.4/8.7.2/usc) with SMTP
    id HAA25350 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Tue, 18 Feb 1997 07:31:48 -0800 (PST)
From: ghadialy@norcmail.uchicago.edu
Received: from norcmail.uchicago.edu (norcmail.uchicago.edu [128.135.45.4])
    by genesis0s.norc.uchicago.edu (8.6.12/8.6.9) with SMTP id KAA06742 for
    <aapornet@usc.edu>; Tue, 18 Feb 1997 10:33:37 -0600
Received: from ccMail by norcmail.uchicago.edu (ccMail Link to SMTP R6.0)
    id AA856279706; Tue, 18 Feb 97 09:28:29 -0600
Message-Id: <9702188562.AA856279706@norcmail.uchicago.edu>
X-Mailer: ccMail Link to SMTP R6.0
Date: Tue, 18 Feb 97 10:14:46 -0600
To: <aapornet@usc.edu>
As of yesterday 6 pm, Roger had not yet read this posting. I know, because I work for him.

Rashna Ghadialy
NORC-DC

_______________________________ Reply Separator

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Subject: Re: Should we tell them ?
Author: <aapornet@usc.edu> at internet
Date: 2/18/97 7:51 AM

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* Paul J. Lavrakas, Ph.D. *
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* Director, Survey Research Unit *
* College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, Ohio State University *
* Derby Hall [Room 0126], 154 N. Oval Mall, Columbus OH 43210 *
* Voice: 614-292-3468 Fax: 614-292-6673 *

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ANNOUNCEMENT No. 97-060
February 13, 1997
Origin Office: B/PA/PO;BL

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
United States Information Agency

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER - B/P-97-5

OPENING DATE: 2/12/97        CLOSING DATE: 2/26/97

POSITION - Research Analyst, GS-1001-11/12/13

LOCATION - INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING BUREAU
            Office of Affiliate
            Relations and Media Training

AREA OF CONSIDERATION - ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS

APPLICANTS WHO APPLIED UNDER VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT B/P-96-82 SHOULD REAPPLY IF INTERESTED.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED MATERIAL AND SUPPLEMENTAL QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT WILL RESULT IN YOUR APPLICATION NOT BEING CONSIDERED.

NOTE: Budgetary conditions may delay or otherwise effect filling this vacancy. However, interested candidates should apply now.

DISPLACED APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION UNDER INTERAGENCY CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ICTAP).

DUTIES: Incumbent will prepare and assist in preparation of research reports on IBB audiences; this will include design of research projects based on consultation with IBB managers, preparation of statements of
work, contracts and other documentation required in contracting with outside vendors, and monitoring performance by contractors. Incumbent will prepare quantitative audience data for analysis and will develop and maintain databases on IBB audiences and affiliates; this will including processing of raw computer data provided by research contractors where necessary, analysis of such data, and drafting of narrative summaries for submission to IBB management, BBG staff, and outside parties. Performs other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS;

GRADE                    SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE
GS-11/12/13              One year equivalent to the next lower grade level

SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: Experience which is directly related to the position to be filled, and which has equipped the candidate with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position. To be creditable, specialized experience must have been at least equivalent to the next lower grade level in the Federal service.

Supplemental Qualifications Statement: Please address all factors on a separate sheet of paper to the best of your ability. The responses you provide will be used in determining your qualifications for the position. You should explain how each factor relates to your experience and/or training.

Special Rating Factors: (Relative Numerical Values Equate to a Total of 30 Points)
1. Knowledge of survey research methodology. (6)
2. Knowledge of standard database software, spreadsheet programs, graphics packages and statistical software. (6)
3. Ability to communicate orally and in writing, with research users, including management of organizational sponsoring research projects. (6)
4. Experience in processing and analysis of large data sets. (6)
5. Ability to conceptualize and manage quantitative research projects. (6)

Conditions of Employment:

1. Applicants must meet time-in-grade requirements within 30 days after the closing date of this announcement.
2. Relocation expenses WILL NOT be paid for the individual selected for this position.

Prohibited Political Recommendation:
This position is covered under the provisions of the Hatch Act Reform Amendment of 1993. This law bars applicants from submitting political recommendations from Members of Congress, Congressional employees, elected State or local government officials, and political party officials making recommendations based on party affiliation.

WHO MAY APPLY: Applications will be accepted from all qualified candidates.

HOW TO APPLY: All applicants may submit any of the following: an Application for Federal Employment (Standard Form 171), an Optional
Application for Federal Employment (OF-612), or a resume. Individuals eligible for ICTAP must submit a copy of their specific RIF notice and documentation reflecting the promotion potential of their most recent federal position. Selection priority will be given to Well-Qualified ICTAP applicants. Status applicants with career or career-conditional status or reinstatement eligibility must submit a copy of their most recent Notification of Personnel Action (Standard Form 50) showing tenure group and promotion potential (if any). To ensure full consideration, status applicants should submit a copy of current performance appraisal report. Non-status applicants claiming veteran preference or eligibility for Veterans Readjustment Appointment must submit a copy of their DD-214 and, if disabled, an SF-15 with letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Non-status applicants claiming eligibility for other special appointments, such as handicapped or former Peace Corps/Vista volunteers, must submit proof of eligibility, i.e., letter from Peace Corps or State Rehabilitation agency. Status candidates who wish to be considered under both merit promotion and competitive procedures must submit two (2) complete applications or resumes. When only one (1) is received it will be considered under the merit promotion program only. If a list of eligibles is requested from the Delegated Examining Unit (DEU), all non-status candidates who meet minimum requirements will be referred to DEU for rating, ranking and referral. Non-status candidates eligible for special appointment who wish to be considered under both special appointment and competitive procedures must submit two (2) complete applications or resumes. When only one (1) is received it will be considered under competitive procedures (DEU certification) only. All applications must include the following: a Supplemental Qualifications Statement (on a separate sheet of paper) and a copy of the most recent Notification of Personnel Action or a proof of eligibility for special
appointment. If additional pages are necessary, include your name and Social Security Number on each page (SEE BACK FOR REQUIRED INFORMATION). Failure to submit all required material and Supplemental Qualifications Statement will result in your application not being considered.

WHERE TO APPLY: Submit a completed SF-171, OF-612, or resume, Supplemental Qualifications Statement, and additional documentation as instructed above under HOW TO APPLY to INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING BUREAU, PERSONNEL OFFICE, MERIT PROMOTION, B/PA/PO, ROOM 1543, 330 INDEPENDENCE AVE., SW, WASHINGTON, DC 20547. APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING BUREAU'S OFFICE OF PERSONNEL, ROOM 1543, BY THE CLOSING DATE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OR POSTMARKED BY THE CLOSING DATE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE CONSIDERED.

SF-171 and OF-612 forms may be obtained from any Federal Personnel Office or by contacting International Broadcasting Bureau Personnel Office at (202) 619-3117.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE JOB, PLEASE CONTACT:
Janice Albritton, (202) 619-3117

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>From BWARD@habaco.com Wed Feb 19 07:43:14 1997
Return-Path: BWARD@habaco.com
Received: from ha
baco.com ([199.97.248.230])
   by usc.edu (8.8.4/8.7.2/usc) with SMTP
   id HAA22456 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Wed, 19 Feb 1997 07:43:10 -0800
I am interested in experiences people have had interviewing kids (ages 10-18).

What are the issues using phone surveys vs mail surveys vs classroom administered surveys?

What is the best way to handle permissions? Is verbal permission over the phone from someone claiming to be a parent/guardian good enough?

I will summarize responses to the group.

Thanks,

Bryan K. Ward
Hagler Bailly Services, Inc.
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Nancy Belden, Belden & Russonello, tel 202-789-2400, fax 202-789-0022. or at BeldenRuss@aol.com
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> I just received a brochure from The Marketing Institute, a division of the
Institute for International Research, announcing a one day workshop being
conducted on "Conducting Marketing Research Online." The program looks
interesting, and I myself may go -- but it is TRES CHER! $895 for a one day
program. (At least that seems steep to me.)

The brochure says the workshop is being given in San Francisco on March 27
and in NYC on April 24. The phone numbers are 800-999-3123 and 212-661-8740.

By the way, if anyone has first hand experience with this outfit (The Marketing Institute) and the quality of its workshops, I would be grateful for your comments. Thanks.

Jerold Pearson
Director of Market Research
Stanford University
jpearson@stanford.edu

Jerold

>From Scheuren@aol.com Fri Feb 21 02:29:34 1997
Return-Path: Scheuren@aol.com
Received: from emout13.mail.aol.com (emout13.mx.aol.com [198.81.11.39])
    by usc.edu (8.8.4/8.7.2/usc) with ESMTP
    id CAA08779 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Fri, 21 Feb 1997 02:29:32 -0800 (PST)
From: Scheuren@aol.com
Received: (from root@localhost)
    by emout13.mail.aol.com (8.7.6/8.7.3/AOL-2.0.0)
    id FAA12653;
    Fri, 21 Feb 1997 05:27:59 -0500 (EST)
Date: Fri, 21 Feb 1997 05:27:59 -0500 (EST)
Message-ID: <970221052759_306531619@emout13.mail.aol.com>
To: aapornet@usc.edu
cc: fritz.scheuren@ey.com
Subject: Inquiry on Omnibus surveys
Dear Fellow Net Fans:

I am interested in learning about costs and opportunities for renting five to ten minutes or so of interview time on a national omnibus survey. A survey going out this fall would be ideal.

Please call me directly at 202-327-5908 or "talk" to me at <fritz.scheuren@ey.com>.

Many thanks, Fritz
AAPORNeters, on a similar topic to Nancy Belden's (re email surveys), we are interested in your history with internet surveys (particularly for a membership). One specific question that's come up is confidentiality. If members were to use the internet (our listserver) to conduct their OWN surveys, how does one insure that THEY are following human subjects' protocols? Whose responsibility is it to notify respondents of their rights... the listserv "owner" AND/OR the individual who is conducting the survey? (In addition to your own experience, are you aware of anything in the literature on this topic?)

>From rusciano@enigma.rider.edu Fri Feb 21 07:36:43 1997
Return-Path: RUSCIANO@enigma.rider.edu
Received: from enigma (enigma.rider.edu [192.107.45.2])
    by usc.edu (8.8.4/8.7.2/usc) with ESMTP
    id HAA05698 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Fri, 21 Feb 1997 07:36:40 -0800 (PST)
Date: Fri, 21 Feb 1997 10:35:04 -0400 (EDT)
From: rusciano@enigma.rider.edu
Subject: Re:Conducting surveys using e-mail
In-reply-to: <970220194636_1879486188@emout11.mail.aol.com>
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Cc: aapornet@usc.edu
Message-id: <Pine.PMDF.3.91.970221103341.543197701A-100000@enigma.rider.edu>
There is an article on doing a survey over the Internet in the Fall 1996 issue of the SOUTHEASTERN POLITICAL REVIEW. It was written by Dave Resnick and a few other scholars from the University of Cincinnati. You might wish to take a look at it.

Frank Rusciano

On Thu, 20 Feb 1997 BeldenRuss@aol.com wrote:

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> >
> >From Wendy_Constantine@jud.ca.gov Mon Feb 24 13:47:26 1997
> Return-Path: Wendy_Constantine@jud.ca.gov
> Received: from mail2.pilot.net (mail2.pilot.net [198.232.147.11])
> by usc.edu (8.8.4/8.7.2/usc) with ESMTP
> id NAA15580 for <AAPORNET@usc.edu>; Mon, 24 Feb 1997 13:47:23 -0800
> (PST)
> From: Wendy_Constantine@jud.ca.gov
> Received: from ima.jud.ca.gov (unknown-8-248.jud.state.ca.us [206.81.8.248])
A colleague who is not a member of AAPOR asked me to post the following questions. Please reply as usual and I will deliver the responses to my colleague. Thanks.

I am planning a longitudinal survey, the first wave of which will be administered by teachers in the classroom. The questions will be quite sensitive, so confidentiality is extremely important. Considering the need for confidentiality...

(1) what is the best way to set up an I.D. numbering system for high school students that will serve to link each student's data across waves of data collection?

(2) what steps must I take at the first wave of data collection to facilitate locating students who move between survey administrations?
You might talk with people at the SRC at the University of Maryland. They are conducting an Email customer survey as part of the Joint Program in Survey Methodology's Practicum course. Sorry, I don't know a specific contact.
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I just got a message from a colleague who needs to re-subscribe to AAPORNET with his new E-mail address. I seem to recall some message about Jim Beniger being out for a while. Is someone else available to subscribe AAPOR members? Or, is Jim back? Please put your response in AAPORNET in case someone else needs the information, too.

Thanks,
(fran)
Fran Featherston
U.S. General Accounting Office
Washington, DC 20548
E-mail: FEATHERSTON.F.RCED@GAO.GOV
Phone: 202.512.4946
Subject: [Fwd: FW: job description]

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Content-Type: message/rfc822
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Cliff,

Would you please forward this for Dennis Meadows at the University of New Hampshire to aapornet@usc.edu? Thanks.

Position Available: Director of the UNH Survey Center

We are looking for a survey professional who will work with us to create and then manage a survey center for the 21st century.

The UNH Survey Center began operations on our campus almost 15 years ago. As a division of the UNH Institute for Policy and Social Science Research, it has grown to become an important and respected source of
objective data about public opinion within New Hampshire and the Northeast. Our clients include corporate, government, and non-profit organizations. Our 20 CATI stations running CASES fulfilled almost $350,000 of contracts during 1996. The staff has been comprised of a Director, Assistant Director, 4 shift supervisors, part-time financial and administrative assistant, and several dozen telephone interviewers.

Now we have the funds and the space to add major new capabilities to the Center. Over the next 18 months the center will move into a beautiful new facility, it will totally replace its current CATI system with hardware and software that marry telephone interviewing with technologies for gathering and disseminating information over the world wide web. The Director can hire a new assistant director and develop a new range of environmental scanning services for the UNH system.

We are looking for the person with administrative experience, technical competence, and imagination to help design this new initiative and then manage it. The successful candidate does not need to know all the answers; just have the capacity to recognize the important problems and the intelligence and initiative to go out and find innovative solutions. The first few months of work in this post would offer the time and money for the new director to travel to several centers of excellence around the US in order to understand current best practice.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Take full responsibility for supervising the personnel and the operations of the Center. Evaluate hardware and software and invest at least $50,000 to advance the technical capabilities of the Center to acquire, analyze, display, and disseminate survey data. With the Director of the Policy Institute
> develop new strategic directions for the Center. Identify potential
> clients, develop proposals, and manage the resulting flow of work.
> Implement new technologies for work flow management and for financial
> accounting and control related to the survey projects. Create training
> programs for the interviewers. Assume responsibility for the integrity
> of efforts to design questionnaires, conduct surveys, and analyze the
> data. Handle media relations for the Center. Maintain relations with a
> UNH faculty advisory committee comprised of those active in survey
> research. Teach an advanced course on survey research methods to UNH
> students.
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> MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Masters degree in a related field and two years
> related experience. A strong formal education in survey research,
> statistical analysis, and the use of computers is preferred. The
> candidate should also have demonstrated experience negotiating
> contracts with clients and carrying out their work through the
> presentation of the final report.
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> COMPENSATIONS: The starting salary will depend on qualifications,
> probably it will be in the range of $40,000 - $50,000. Other
> compensations include a generous benefit package and the opportunity to
> live on New Hampshire’s beautiful seacoast within a short drive of the
> state’s many mountains, lakes and forests. Also important are the
> benefits of autonomy to design and manage your own center.
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> APPLICATIONS: Send your resume, and a cover letter to: Dennis Meadows,
> IPSSR, Thompson Hall #301, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
> 03824. Fax 603-862-4140. E-mail: meadows@unh.edu. We will start
> reviewing applicants March 15 and continue until we find an appropriate
>candidate. UNH is an AA/EEO Employer.
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Telephone Survey Field Manager

Responsible for managing a 24-station CATI facility, recruiting and training supervisors and interviewers. Must have experience with interviewer training for social science surveys. Interest in survey methodology and data collection quality control a plus. Need strong writing skills, experience working in a Windows network environment and ability to oversee multiple projects.

Minimum Bachelor's degree and 2 years experience in survey research. Full University of Maryland benefits package, including some tuition support. Send resume and *salary history* to Survey Research Center, 1103 Art-Sociology Center, University of Maryland, College Park MD 20742, fax 301 314 9070, email SRC@cati.umd.edu
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To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: good news!

Congratulations to Daniel/David, but was it really necessary to
broadcast his good news to all of aapornet? Methinks if I were a
candidate I would prefer a bit more discretion.

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As many AAPOR members have probably heard, Dick Warnecke has stepped down as Director of the Survey Research Laboratory at the University of Illinois after 16 years of service. That’s the bad news. The good news is that he will remain with SRL as a Research Professor.

We plan to honor Dick at a reception to be held for him on April 3 (Anyone who will be in the Chicago area then is invited. Contact me for details). During the reception, SRL staff are planning to present him with a bound set of congratulation letters from friends and colleagues.

Because of Dick’s long affiliation with AAPOR, we would like to extend an invitation to all members to send him their best wishes. If you are interested in doing so, please address the letter to Dick, but mail it to my attention (see address below) by mid-March, and it will be included in the volume we plan to give him.
Finally, because we are planning this as a surprise, please do not mention it to him. If you are interested in sending a letter but have questions, please feel free to call me at 312-996-5310. Thanks for your consideration.

Timothy Johnson
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AAPORNET MEMBERS:

A couple of weeks ago someone posted a reference to an article on surveys via internet. I did not get the complete information. Could someone post the complete bibliographic info and if they know of other articles on this topic to post the information.. Thanks.

Jim Frey
UNLV

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To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Still need to know: How does one re-subscribe?

Three days ago, I entered the following message with no results.
In the mean time, I heard from another AAPORNETian who needs to
know as well. Would someone, PLEASEEEE, enter an item responding
to this concern? Or, you may inundate me with messages at my own
address: Featherstonf.rced@gao.gov
(I can block delete messages if I get too many.)
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I just got a message from a colleague who needs to re-subscribe to
AAPORNET with his new E-mail address. I seem to recall some
message about Jim Beniger being out for a while. Is someone else available to subscribe AAPOR members? Or, is Jim back? Please put your response in AAPORNET in case someone else needs the information, too.

Thanks,

(fran)

Fran Featherston
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I am posting the following job opening on behalf of NCQA.

Sherm Edwards
Westat

Health Care Analyst -- Survey Expert

The National Committee for Quality Assurance is seeking a Health Care Analyst who will have primary responsibility for activities related to using survey instruments to assess the quality of health care. This individual will be responsible for technical assistance to health plans and health care purchasers related to the use of specific survey instruments. Activities may include developing RFPs for survey implementation and evaluating proposals; responding to numerous technical assistance requests and working with other NCQA staff to analyze survey results and conduct survey research. Qualifications include a Master's Degree; three years relevant experience, including survey research work; and strong interpersonal and team skills.

Interested individuals should contact Deneen Thomas at 202-955-3548.