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

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

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The suggestion by Milton Goldsamt based on his knowledge of the SAS institute practice of asking respondents to allocate $500 to different software development projects reminded me that social welfare policy researchers (e.g.,
Fay Cook, in her book "Who should be helped") have used this strategy to obtain magnitude ratings of preferences for different social policies. Also, the economists use a similar technique in their 'willingness to pay' models. Social and organizational psychologists have used the allocation of money as a measurement technique in their laboratory studies for several decades, as well. The bottom line is that the bottom line (i.e., allocating money) seems to be a good measurement technique.

Ken Rasinski
NORC
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>From worc@worc.demon.co.uk Sun Jun 1 15:24:08 1997
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Date: Sun, 1 Jun 1997 23:03:46 -0100
From: Robert M Worcester <worc@worc.demon.co.uk>
To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Re: "Bad polls"
In-Reply-To: <199705261520.LAA27724@uva.pcmail.virginia.edu>
DEar Colleague

Sounds very useful; could a copy be sent to me? I'm preparing a paper for a meeting of the Royal Statistical Society to be presented on 17 June in which I'd like to cite it and give examples; we've got 'em here too, in spades.

Bob Worcester
MORI
London

In message <199705261520.LAA27724@uva.pcmail.virginia.edu>, "Thomas M. Guterbock" <tmg1p@uva.pcmail.virginia.edu> writes

> Your seminar sounds like a great place to distribute copies of AAPOR's new pamphlet on "Best Practices," which includes a section describing polling practices that AAPOR condemns. Contact AAPOR offices in Michigan at aapor@umich.edu, attn: Marlene Bednarz and I'm sure she'll be glad to rush some copies to you.
> Tom Guterbock
>
> Thomas M. Guterbock ............................... Voice: (804) 924-6516 Sociology/Center for Survey Research .......... FAX: (804) 924-7028 University of Virginia, 539 Cabell Hall
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A reminder...

MAPOR 1997 CALL FOR PAPERS, PANELS, AND POSTERS


22nd Anniversary Meeting! Catch 22 New Research Ideas (at least)!
The Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research, a chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, invites proposals for papers or presentations related to public opinion processes or opinion research methods. Proposals on all topics in public opinion are welcome, but must be directly related to public opinion, such as theoretical issues, analysis of public opinion data, or survey methodologies.

Proposals for Papers

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Panels

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

Poster Sessions

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

Moderators and Discussants

Please indicate if you would like to act as a moderator or discussant and the type of session you prefer (e.g., methodological, campaigns, media, etc.). Or, contact the program chair after the preliminary program is released in September.
AAPORIANS - Am interested in interactive voice response techniques. Would be interested in hearing from anyone with information about conducting surveys using this technique. Particularly interested in hardware/software requirements such as cost, vendors, learning curve, etc.

Thanks,
Hello to all. Does anyone out there have any information regarding state polls (media or academic) in Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maine and Utah?

If you can provide contacts, e-mail addresses and/or telephone numbers for polls in these states, I would be grateful. I am interested in obtaining survey data for statewide races where a serious third party candidate was present. Thank you very much.

Christian Collet
I have separately (and privately) responded to Christian via AAPORNET, but I send a general response to AAPORNET to encourage others with state-level data to join in the fray.
The following is posted for Response Analysis, which is having problems with AAPORnet entry. Diane O'Rourke Survey Research Laboratory Urbana, IL

Response Analysis

Social & Policy Research Division Director

Senior Vice President - Social & Policy Research Division

The Director of the Division is expected to provide the leadership necessary
to manage and grow a $5 million profit center that receives funding from federal and state government survey research contracts, foundation-based clients, universities, and other non-profit organizations. The Division now focuses on health and energy policy and children and families.

The Division Director is expected to:

1. Have depth of knowledge and experience in a social and policy survey research area.
2. Demonstrate a high level of methodological and substantive knowledge to a senior professional staff.
3. Play an active role in business development by calling on prospective and current clients, participating in bidding decisions, organizing proposal teams, and contributing to proposal writing.
4. Help target areas for business development activities and attract staff to secure more contracts.
5. Be active in professional associations and be visible in ways that will aid business development efforts.

Background: PhD or Masters Degree with visibility in a substantive area. The qualified candidate should have 15 to 20 years of experience in a social and policy research area. He or she would be an experienced team leader with proven track record of selling and successfully managing $1 to $2 million in project work per year and have strong writing and organizational skills.

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Date: Mon, 09 Jun 1997 11:52:50 -0400
To: aapornet@usc.edu
From: Murray Edelman <murray1@pipeline.com>
Subject: Request for info on training interviewers by video
Colleagues,

We are planning to develop a video tape for training interviewers in their home.

I' interested in learning of your techniques and experiences using them as well as recommendations of firms that produce these.

Thank You.

Murray Edelman, Ph.D., murray1@pipeline.com
Editorial Director

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Murray, I've never trained interviewers using video but I buy and use many videos for teaching various communication skills. Two points: 1. Watch out for cheesey production -- that is, bad actors *role-playing* the *correct* behavior. My students spend more time laughing at the videos than learning from those. A *real* interaction -- or short snippets from a *real* interaction, with an instructor explaining what was good or bad about the snippet -- is better than obvious play-acting, which lacks credibility with the learner, IMHO.

2. I spend a fair amount of time fast-forwarding past the b.s. telling me how much I'm going to learn at the beginning of many poorly produced videos, sometimes even those with very high production values. A good video need not be a long video -- in fact, the shortest possible is the best. Then a student can rewind and watch it over -- and many do. I do, too, and always learn lots more the second and third times through. Carol

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>From amccutch@unlinfo.unl.edu Thu Jun 12 05:47:04 1997
CONFEREEON ON CURRENT TOPICS IN SURVEY SAMPLING
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,

OCTOBER 24-26, 1997

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of Arts and Sciences, Gallup Research Center of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Gallup Organization, Inc. will sponsor a conference on Current Topics in Survey Sampling on October 24-26, 1997, in Lincoln, Nebraska. The conference will start in the afternoon of October 24, 1997 (friday) and end around noon on October 26, 1997 (sunday).

The Scientific Organizing Committee consists of:
Manas Chattopadhyay, The Gallup Organization, Inc.
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Sharon Lohr, Arizona State University
Allan McCutcheon, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
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Jun Shao, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Lynne Stokes, University of Texas at Austin

There will be approximately 23 invited papers on telephone surveys, non-sampling errors, analysis of complex survey data and small area estimation. The following researchers have agreed to present papers in the invited sessions:


The banquet talk will be given by Professor J.N.K. Rao.

Travel support for a few graduate students and young researchers (5 years from Ph.D.) is available. In order to apply for such a support, please send your vita and a letter of recommendation to P.Lahiri at the following address by August 15, 1997.
We plan to have a poster session of selected papers. If you wish to present a paper (on any topic of interest), please send the title and an abstract (less than 200 words) to P. Lahiri at the following address by August 15, 1997.

If you are interested in attending the conference or presenting a paper in the poster session, please send the following completed form and the required registration fee by August 15, 1997 to P. Lahiri, Dept. of Math./Stat., 922 OldH3 Oldfather Hall, Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0323, USA (email: plahiri@math.unl.edu; FAX: 402 472-8466). The registration fee is $100 ($30 for students) and will cover the banquet, two box lunches and refreshments. Please make your check payable to the Dept. of Math./Stat., UNL. We regret that we cannot accept payments by any other methods.

Latest information about the conference will be available from the following web page:

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From: "Joe Aistrup, Assistant Director" <POJA@FHSUVM.FHSU.EDU>
Subject:   Public Opinion about Transportation Systems
To: <aapornet@usc.edu>

       Docking Institute
       Picken Hall 209 - Phone 4189

Fellow APPORNNetters;

I am preparing to do a transportation survey. I was wondering whether any
of you have done or know of a public opinion survey measuring citizen
satisfaction with transportation systems (mainly highways, but also other
forms) for a state, region, or city.
If you know of a transportation survey or have one, please contact me at:

POJA@fhsuvm.fhsu.edu

Thank you,

Joe Aistrup
Docking Institute of Public Affairs
I don’t normally post our press releases on AAPORNET but I thought that this was of sufficiently widespread interest to that I would do so.

Leo G. Simonetta ARCLGS=40LANGATE.GSU.EDU
Applied Research Center My opinions. Mine=21 All mine.
(404) 651-3539

=5BThe new experimental statistical psychology=5D could hardly have arisen in a country whose natives could be bored. =5BThe likes of=5D Weber, Fechner and Wundt obviously cannot. -William James

>>>>>>>>>>>>>PRESS RELEASE 06/14/97<>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

Hold My Calls

An overwhelming majority of Americans (93%) believe that they should have the right to block calls from telemarketers. Lesser but still strong majorities believe that they have the right to block calls from charitable organizations (76%) and political pollsters (72%). The smallest number of Americans believe that they should be able to block scientific research polls sponsored by educational institutions or the government, 65% according to the results of a survey conducted by the Applied Research Center at Georgia State University.

Several states as well as the federal government have pursued the blocking issue in the wake of greater levels of telemarketer activity. In the last legislative session of the Georgia Legislature, Speaker of the House, Tom
Murphy, introduced a bill that would allow Georgians to block telemarketing and other calls for a small fee. These calls, according to Speaker Murphy, often interrupt dinner and other family time in the evening. *People may see these unsolicited phone calls as intrusions into what they consider a private sphere - their homes,* according to Leo G. Simonetta, Poll Director at the Applied Research Center.

When asked whether they would be willing to pay 5 dollars to block telemarketers almost half of Americans, 47%, said that they would be willing to do so. Just 21% were willing to pay to block scientific surveys, while 26% were willing to pay to block calls from charitable organizations and 28% would pay to block political pollsters.

According to Gary T. Henry, Director of the Applied Research Center and Professor of Policy Studies at Georgia State University, *Organizations who use the phone for collecting data or making sales are using a valuable resource -- peoples' time. We must be concerned with how we use this resource. When citizens feel their time is mis-used by those organizations, government actions are the likely result. Those of us who believe in the importance of public opinion data should take the lead in using it on issues such as these where it affects our own activities. The public clearly wants the right to block incoming phone calls, but they clearly make distinctions in the type of calls they wish to block.*

One issue for both political polls and scientific research surveys is that blocking phone calls may bias the information that gets back to the public through the media. *Blocking these calls may reduce the numbers of lower income and younger individuals that will respond to these surveys. The public should be aware of the bias that may occur in the results of surveys,*
if blocking is allowed to occur,* said Professor Henry. Of those that responded that always or frequently participate in surveys 23% indicated that they would block scientific surveys. The group that would be most disproportionately affected by these blocking lists are African Americans, 44% of those who always or frequently participate said would block scientific polls. This is particularly true since African American respondents are already less likely to participate in surveys than are white respondents (36% to 47%, always or frequently participate).

Approximately 54% of those polled thought that they should have a right to block all four types of unsolicited calls. White respondents, those with a college degree or more and those aged 18 to 64 were more likely to believe that they had a right to block calls. Only 14% were willing to pay to block all four types of calls. Those with more education, those with a household income of over $245,000 and those under 65 were more likely to be willing to pay to block more groups.

Only 16% of those surveyed in the Georgia State National Poll stated that they always participate in polls or surveys when called on the phone compared to 29% who said that they frequently participate in them. Thirty eight percent said that they sometimes participate and 16% state they seldom participate in polls or survey.

In the survey those who attended college but did not receive a degree (20%) were more likely to say they always participate in surveys. Those over 65 (23%) and African Americans (18%) and those 18 to 29 were more likely to say that they seldom participate in surveys.

*The creation of a list that prevented surveyors from calling people to ask
who they were inclined to vote for or what they thought about certain issues would negatively affect the accuracy of survey results.* said Leo G. Simonetta.  *Pollsters often speak of the importance of what they do, but the results of this survey indicates that the public does not agree with them. This means that pollsters and other survey professionals need to make a better case for their profession.*

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We have a federal government client who is interested in recruiting some adult subjects (non-students) to participate in some experimental economic decision-making group studies. There will be 3-5 groups, with approximately 25 subjects per group. While this is not a survey, per se, there are a number
of questions, including demographic questions, that subjects will complete during the course of the experimental session. Does anyone know if a data collection project, such as this one, requires OMB approval?

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To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Re: Requirements for OMB approval

It is my understanding that approval is needed -- only data collection efforts with fewer than 10 cases are exempt.

Carolyn Shetle
Division of Science Resources Studies
National Science Foundation, Room 965
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Arlington, VA 22230
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In a message dated 6/14/97 1:14:15 AM, BBAUMGAR@habaco.com (Bob Baumgartner) wrote:

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Yes, you would, to the best of my knowledge, since you'd be contacting a total of 75 members of the public (which is greater than nine, the number not needing OMB clearance) and you'd be using identical questionnaire items (all 75 being given the same set of questions). You'd also be doing so on
behalf of a federal government agency, thus OMB has jurisdiction. You'll need to use OMB Form 83 and its specific guidelines for completion. The group studies and discussions during such sessions are usually not considered "identical items" and thus do not need such clearance. However, certain government agencies that are members of the executive branch are exempt from such clearance review, and other agencies have almost "blanket" approval for forms use, such as the Census Bureau. Other agencies may have excellent rapport with OMB's Forms Clearance Officers, or have excellent examples/past developed forms justification packages as models, thus making the justification process a more efficient and time-saving one. Which agency is the client may matter. Good Luck!

Milton Goldsamt
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To: aapornet@usc.edu
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Datum:  23 May 97  8:50
Aan:    aapornet@usc.edu
Ondw.:  Re: "Bad" Polls

Gelezen om 14:14, 15 Jun 97.

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I'd appreciate any suggestions about how people go about using survey items to "define" a person as being, or not being, a "fan" of a specific sports team. Examples of item wording would be appreciated. Thanks.

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* Paul J. Lavrakas, Ph.D. *
* Professor of Communication & Journalism *
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* Director, Survey Research Unit *
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Dutch public opinion researcher and Fulbright exchange student from the University of Amsterdam with apartment in gay-friendly house at canal in center of the city (70m2, groundfloor, kitchen and bathroom, little garden) wants to swap with apartment in Manhattan between August 1997 and May 1998. People looking for an apartment in Holland or knowing somebody who wants to swap from New York City with Amsterdam during the next academic year, please e-mail: molenaar@pscw.uva.nl

Thank you,
Fjodor Molenaar
Amsterdam
Paul:

There actually is quite a literature dealing with this term. I have done a bit of research on motivations for watching sports on TV, and the concept came into play. Unfortunately, it has been a number of years now since I have worked in this area.

I have asked questions about identification with a team and about feelings when a team wins or loses. For example, I've asked: Do you feel depressed when your team loses? Do you feel very happy when your team wins?

I'd be interested in what you come up with here. Will you be including any questions on the media in the set?
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I wonder if a full-scale survey house such as Westat, in Maryland, would
Let me offer a few suggestions--- as someone who is a sports fan (since childhood), married an even more enthusiastic sports fan, and has a son who is an even more enthusiastic (than her) sports fan:

1. What types of programs do you regularly watch on TV (cable or otherwise)?
2. What section of the daily newspaper do you regularly read first (assuming that you regularly read a newspaper)?
3. Do you collect things, and if so, are they primarily sports-oriented?
4. Do you particularly care for certain sports teams in a particular sport and not others?

5. How many sports events (of a given sport) have you attended during the present sports season?

6. Can you name five all-stars in the sport you most like? (Or recall a certain amount of sports statistics)

7. If you were relaxing at home, what type of program would you be most likely to turn to?

8. Do you have seasons’ tickets to a particular team's games?

9. Have you bought a series of tickets to a particular team's games?

10. Do you enjoy reading sports books?

11. Do you enjoy testing your friends and coworkers on sports trivia items?

12. Do you rearrange weekend or weekday evening activity schedules so that you can watch a sports show "live" on TV?

13. Do you go out and attend to your regular weekend or weekday evening activities, but first make sure that you've taped certain sports events on your VCR, to be able to later watch the taped game or event?

14. Do you buy and/or wear clothing with a particular team's logo or athletes on them?

15. How excited do you become at seeing an especially good play? At seeing an especially poor play? Are these levels more than your usual level of interest in other things, such as work or other activities?

Hope this list (never pre-tested, I admit) has a certain amount of both face and content validity. It does reflect a lot of what my son, my wife and I do in our lives. (I also once stood on line 7 hours at Yankee Stadium to
buy NY Football Giants tickets when they went on public sale, but that
behavior doesn't seem to be typical enough as sports behavior to warrant a
survey item tapping it.)

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Also received and noted. Ms. Corrado will be in touch.

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Good stuff

I have some examples of bad British polls, starting in 1938, Gallup, 'Are you in favour of direct retaliatory action against Franco's piracy?

In 11 words (as I tell me students) they broke five rules (at least) of good questionnaire construction!

Want some more from Blighty?

(Professor) Robert M. Worcester

P.S. Can you send me your paper when finished please?
what the heck! Thanks for your help!

Michael

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I can't help but throw in a couple of my favorites.

I think the first question was once posted on por or aapornet, but here it is for those who missed it.

* Have you ever breast fed your child?

  a) Yes       b) No       c) Don't Know
And from the H. Ross Perot/United We Stand 1992 survey in TV Guide....

* Should we eliminate foreign lobbyists completely -- no loopholes -- and make it a criminal offense?

Yes  No

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53rd Annual Conference
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St. Louis Marriott Pavilion Downtown
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The American Association for Public Opinion Research will hold its
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public opinion.

Papers, panels, and round table ideas on any topic in public opinion and
survey research are welcomed for consideration for next May's
conference. We encourage participants to form sessions with common
themes and to submit their papers together. These papers will, of
course, be considered individually if for some reason the session is not
used.

We especially encourage the submission of panel proposals or other less
formal presentations that will appeal to those working in the commercial
sector.
Please submit three copies of your proposal or abstract (of no more than 300 words), INCLUDING TWO OR THREE KEY WORDS DESCRIBING THE TOPIC, by December 1, 1997, to this year’s Conference Committee Chair:

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Please fit your proposal on ONE SHEET of paper and include the name, mailing address, telephone number(s) and email address of the principal author. Use an additional sheet if necessary for the same information on the other authors. You will receive confirmation that your proposal has been received. Final decisions about the program will be made by the end of January and you will be notified about the status of your proposal shortly thereafter.

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Posters will be expected to describe substantive or methodological findings from current or recently completed research. This information will be presented on a poster board, usually including four to six pages of text, tables, charts, and diagrams. At least one author of the paper will remain near the poster throughout the poster session to explain or discuss the findings, as the audience circulates among the displays. A poster is a particularly appropriate means for presenting preliminary
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AAPOR will consider papers in any field related to the study of public opinion, broadly defined, or to the theory and methods of survey and market research, including statistical techniques used in such research. Past winners have come from many fields, including political science, communication, psychology, sociology, and survey methods.

Paper topics might include methodological issues in survey, public opinion, or market research, theoretical issues in the formation and change of public opinion, or substantive findings about public opinion. Entries should be roughly 15 to 25 pages in length and may have multiple authors. (All of the authors on an entry must meet the eligibility requirements for the prize, however.)

A prize of $500 will be awarded to the winning paper; in addition, one or more papers may receive an Honorable Mention and be listed in the 1998 Conference Program. The entries will be judged by a panel of survey researchers selected from AAPOR's membership, including researchers drawn from the academic, government, and commercial sectors. The winning paper and any Honorable Mentions will be invited to present their papers at AAPOR's 53rd Annual Conference, to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 14 - 17, 1998.
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1997 Southern Association for
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October 2 - 3, 1997

Raleigh, NC

The Southern Association for Public Opinion Research invites proposals for papers or presentations at its annual conference October 2 - 3 in Raleigh, North Carolina.
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Any student research, undergraduate or graduate, including works derived from theses or dissertations, is eligible. Papers co-authored with faculty or other non-students are not eligible. Papers generally should be of article length, that is 20 - 25 pages.

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Lineage--

According to Babbie (1990, 43). Karl Marx asked the following of French Coal Miners: "Does your employer or his representative resort to trickery in order to defraud you of a part of your earnings?" I am not aware that Marx reported his response rate.

More from Blighty.

Asked for a Royal Commission (Moser and Kalton, 1972, 321):

"Has it happened to you that over a long period of time, when you neither practiced abstinence, nor used birth control, you did not conceive?" Do you think they filtered out the males? They didn't use obvious filters within the question.

If you want double (at least)-barreled questions, there's always The Authoritarian Personality.

Joe Spaeth