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Date: Wed, 28 Aug 2002 11:20:27 -0700
Sender: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
From: Shapard Wolf <shap.wolf@ASU.EDU>
Subject: June 1998 Archive - one BIG message

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

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

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

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Begin archive:

Archive aapornet, file log9806.
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Date: Mon, 1 Jun 1998 09:40:16 -0400 (EDT)
From: Leo G Simonetta <leos@christa.unh.edu>
To: Mailing list <aapornet@usc.edu>
Subject: so-called "margin of error"
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.96L.980601093634.25131A-100000@christa.unh.edu>
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Those of you who read this weekend's Parade magazine no doubt noticed the following in Marilyn Vos Savant's Ask Marilyn column. I considered

responding myself (not a surprise) but then I thought an organizational response might be more appropriate.

Here is what Marilyn had to say in response to the following letter:

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"Good polling is a tricky business, but the guiding principle is simple: The larger the sample, the more accurate it is. After much data collection, pollsters have learned their numerical limits of accuracy and call them collectively the "margin of error." The individual numbers are so consistent that they are considered standard. For this reason, the published margin of error on a particular poll merely tells us the size of the sample. It is based on past polls (her emphasis). For example, if a poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 3% this usually tells us that about 1500 people were polled. That is; the margin-of-error percentage is assigned to the poll, not developed from it.

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Leo G. Simonetta
Director, UNH Survey Center

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>From ande271@ibm.net Mon Jun 1 08:26:06 1998
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Mon, 1 Jun 1998 15:26:03 GMT
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Date: Mon, 01 Jun 1998 11:27:34 -0700
From: Jeanne Anderson <ande271@ibm.net>
Reply-To: ande271@ibm.net
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To: aapornet@usc.edu
Subject: Asking Marion
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I agree wholeheartedly with Simonetta: Someone with official standing at AAPOR should respond, describing sampling error, and then ask that she print the response, or paraphrase it after having checked the paraphrasing with the AAPOR official.

>From beniger@rcf.usc.edu Mon Jun 1 10:27:49 1998
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Date: Mon, 1 Jun 1998 10:27:49 -0700 (PDT)
From: James Beniger <beniger@rcf.usc.edu>
To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>
Subject: Kenneth J. Lenihan, 1928-1998
Message-ID: <Pine.SV4.3.94.980601102456.29252B-100000@almaak.usc.edu>
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Many AAPOR members will remember Ken Lenihan, who died last Monday at his home in Manhattan at age 69.

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June 1, 1998

Kenneth J. Lenihan, Sociologist Who Studied Causes of
Recidivism, Dies at 69

By WOLFGANG SAXON

NEW YORK -- Kenneth Joseph Lenihan, a New York
research sociologist who helped refine the scientific
methods used in criminology, died May 25 at his home
in Manhattan. He was 69.

The cause was a heart attack, his family said.

Lenihan retired in 1995 as an associate professor of
sociology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He
had joined the faculty in 1980, after earlier stints as
a researcher at Columbia University's Bureau of Applied

Social Research, the Vera Institute of Justice in New York and the Bureau of Social Science Research in Washington.

He brought his expertise to the study of recidivism rates among criminal offenders. He conducted a study in Baltimore, called the Life Project, for the U.S. Department of Labor in the early 1970s.

A large research project, it measured whether and how giving jobs or money to recently released offenders would affect the chances of their becoming repeaters. That project and further studies formed the basis of a standard work in the field, which he wrote with P. Rossi and D. Berk, "Money, Work and Crime" (Academic Press, 1980).

Lenihan was born in Queens, and graduated from Columbia's School of General Studies in 1960. He also earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology at Columbia, the latter in 1974.

Lenihan is survived by two sons, Andrew of Miami, and William of Manhattan; a daughter, Jean Lenihan of Seattle; four sisters, Eileen McEwan of Houston, Moira Earhart of North Carolina, Jean Dobson of Bay Shore, N.Y., and Sue Adams of Cape May, N.J.; and three grandchildren.

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Reply-To: jwerner@jwdp.com
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To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: Re: so-called "margin of error"
References: <Pine.OSF.3.96L.980601093634.25131A-100000@christa.unh.edu>
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Lottsa luck!

I very much doubt that Parade or Marilyn vos Savant care much whether what she says is actually correct, let alone what AAPOR thinks about it.

There is an entire "Marilyn is wrong" web site devoted to listing many of her more egregiously wrong explanations from Parade Magazine at <http://www.wiskit.com/marilyn.html>

In any event, the media see no problem with quoting "margins of error" in the range of 2% to 5% on polls with response rates often under 50%. Furthermore, they almost always assume a simple random sample in computing that error when that is almost never the case.

Given that, Ms. vos Savant's explanation may well provide a better description of "margin of error" as used everyday in the media than any textbook definition of sampling error.

Jan Werner

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>From leos@christa.unh.edu Tue Jun 2 11:22:14 1998

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Date: Tue, 2 Jun 1998 14:20:13 -0400 (EDT)

From: Leo G Simonetta <leos@christa.unh.edu>

To: Mailing list <aapornet@usc.edu>

Subject: Political Consultant Decides Not to Send Bulk E-Mail

Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.96L.980602141607.420A-100000@christa.unh.edu>

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>From Today's NYTimes

Political Consultant Decides Not to Send Bulk E-Mail

"In a move hailed as a step toward preserving political discourse on the Internet, a California political consultant has decided not to send unsolicited political e-mail messages to voters."

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/tech/98/06/cyber/articles/02spam.html>

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Leo G. Simonetta

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>From leobogart@worldnet.att.net Wed Jun 3 09:12:14 1998

Received: from mtiwmhc01.worldnet.att.net (mtiwmhc01.worldnet.att.net [204.127.131.36])

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for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Wed, 3 Jun 1998 16:11:32 +0000
From: "Leo Bogart" <leobogart@worldnet.att.net>
To: <aapornet@usc.edu>
Subject: Re: NYAAPOR JUNE 8th AWARDS MEETING
Date: Wed, 3 Jun 1998 12:03:28 -0400
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Robert O. Carlson (Life member) will attend the NY AAPOR meeting.

> From: RoniRosner <RoniRosner@aol.com>
> To: aapornet@usc.edu
> Subject: NYAAPOR JUNE 8th AWARDS MEETING
> Date: Wednesday, May 20, 1998 4:41 PM
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> AAPOR/New York Chapter EVENING MEETING
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> Date: Monday, 8 June 1998
> Drinks/Snacks: 5:30 p.m.
> Presentation: 6:00 -- 8:00 p.m.
> Place: The Media Studies Center
> 580 Madison Ave. (56-57th St.)/Mezz.
> Admission: Free to NYAAPOR members and MSC; all others, \$10
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X-Mailer: QUALCOMM Windows Eudora Pro Version 3.0.2 (32) -- [Cornell Modified]

Date: Wed, 03 Jun 1998 14:53:52 -0400

To: aapornet@usc.edu

From: Yasamin DiCiccio <yd17@cornell.edu>

Subject: testing readability of questionnaire

Mime-Version: 1.0

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

I'm making this inquiry on behalf of a researcher here at Cornell University. They are looking for someone to evaluate their survey instrument and test it for readability. Their hope is the survey is at a grade 5 reading level. They are aware of some tests for reading level, but are looking for a professional to do this for them. If you provide this type of service or know someone who does, please contact me directly (YD17@cornell.edu).

Thanks for your help,

Yasamin DiCiccio

>From wolfdn@indy.net Wed Jun 3 12:52:20 1998

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Date: Wed, 03 Jun 1998 14:53:34 -0400

To: aapornet@usc.edu

From: Jim Wolf <wolfdn@indy.net>

Subject: Re: testing readability of questionnaire

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Date: Wed, 3 Jun 1998 18:39:30 -0400 (EDT)
From: Kenneth Sherrill <ksherril@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu>
To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>
Subject: 1998-06-02 Importance of Fair and Accurate Census (fwd)
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FYI

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

June 2, 1998

PRESIDENT CLINTON TRAVELS TO TEXAS,
PARTICIPATES IN ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
ON THE IMPORTANCE OF A FAIR AND ACCURATE CENSUS

June 2, 1998

Today, President Clinton travels to Houston, Texas, where he will lead a round table discussion at the Magnolia Multi-Service Center on the need for a fair and accurate census. The President will be joined by eight members of the Houston community who will give real and tangible examples of how accurate census information is important to their lives and work.

THERE IS A NEED FOR A FULL AND FAIR COUNT

According to the Census Bureau, the 1990 Census Missed 8.4 Million People and Double-Counted 4.4 Million Others. While missing or miscounting so many people is a problem, the fact that certain groups (such as children, the poor, people of color, city dwellers and people who live in rural rental homes) were missed more often than others made the undercount even more inaccurate.

In Texas Alone, the 1990 Census Missed More than 482,700 People,

with Children Representing Nearly Half of Texas' Undercount. The undercount in Houston was approximately 66,750. Like the national results, a disproportionate number of the undercounted Texans were minorities -- 4% of African Americans were missed; 2.6% of Asians in Texas were undercounted; 5.4% of Latinos and persons of Hispanic origin were missed; and 2.8% of Native Americans were undercounted in Texas.

WHY IS AN ACCURATE CENSUS SO IMPORTANT?

The Decennial Census Provides Information That Is the Cornerstone of Knowledge about the American People. It is the basis for virtually all demographic information used by educators, policy makers, journalists, and community leaders. America relies on Census data everyday -- to determine where to build more roads, hospitals, and child care centers. Federal, state and local governments use census data to decide which communities need more federal help for WIC, Head Start, seniors nutrition programs, job training and other services. Businesses rely on census data for marketing, hiring, and expansion plans. Census data is used to reapportion Congressional seats and draw legislative districts.

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To all aapornetters:

This is a reminder to those of you not in the New York area that you can hear

Dan Yankelovich speak to NYAAPOR this Monday, June 8th at 6 p.m. EDT by signing on to the cybercast at www.freedomforum.org.

Dan's talk is tentatively titled "What I Learned and When I Learned It."

Everyone in the New York area is encouraged to attend in person to greet Dan and enjoy the drinks and hors d'oeuvres as well. Please e-mail RoniRosner@aol.com by Thursday, June 4th to get your name on the list.

Mickey Blum
President, NYAAPOR

>From tmg1p@server1.mail.virginia.edu Thu Jun 4 09:05:43 1998
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From: "Thomas M. Guterbock" <tmg1p@server1.mail.virginia.edu>
To: AAPORnet List server <aapornet@usc.edu>
Subject: POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT---FIRST NOTICE
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To: AAPORnet (List Server for American Association for Public Opinion
Research)

WANTED: PROJECT DIRECTOR/FIELD DIRECTOR

The Center for Survey Research at the University of Virginia is seeking a Survey Operations Manager. This is a full-time position with benefits under the State of Virginia's employment system. (Formal position title: "Research Specialist--Senior"). Open to B.A. or M.A. with questionnaire development skills, "people skills," solid experience in project direction, field management, multi-project coordination. CATI experience particularly important. Salary competitive. Quality of life in C'ville is unparalleled. Position opens in July. A more formal and detailed posting will follow shortly.

To learn more about our organization, check us out on the web at www.virginia.edu/surveys.

Contact: Tom Guterbock, CSR Director, 1-804-924-6516 or FAX to 1-804-924-7028. (If you choose to e-mail a resume, please be sure to

follow up with hard copy!) U.Va. is an equal opportunity employer.

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

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To: aapornet@usc.edu
Cc: "Hay, Mary Sue,,DMDCEAST" <HAYMS@osd.pentagon.mil>
Subject: Positions Available: Social Science Analysts
Date: Thu, 4 Jun 1998 13:41:00 -0400
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The Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) is seeking Social Science Analysts for the Survey and Program Evaluation Division. We are looking for people experienced in survey design and execution to conduct large-scale surveys of military and civilian personnel in the Department of Defense (DoD).

DMDC personnel and facilities are located in Arlington, Virginia and Monterey, California. The Arlington location is the headquarters and has four divisions with approximately 80 employees, while the Monterey facility houses eight divisions and about 220 employees. The Survey and Program Evaluation Division is located in Arlington and has 12 employees, plus five graduate Research Fellows.

The DMDC survey program includes a mixture of one-time and recurring surveys, such as: 1996 DoD Domestic Dependent Schools Surveys; 1996 Alternative Work Schedules Survey; 1995 Sexual Harassment Survey (scheduled for readministration in 1999); 1996 Race/Ethnic Discrimination Survey (scheduled for readministration in 2000); Annual Health Care Survey of DoD Beneficiaries; Annual Overseas Housing Allowance Survey; Annual Youth Attitude Tracking Study; Biennial DoD Recruiter Quality of Work Life Survey; Survey of Recruit Socioeconomic Status (administered continuously); and 1999 DoD Surveys of Military Members and Spouses (previously conducted in 1992 and 1985).

DMDC surveys typically involve individually-addressed, multi-stage mailings of optically scannable paper questionnaires. Survey design, analysis, and

reporting may be performed either by our Social Science Analysts or by organizations with whom we contract for services. Survey operations (i.e., mailing, tracking returns, etc.) are always handled by contract. For contracted services, the Social Science Analysts write specifications for the survey, participate in contractor selection, and work with the contractors in the execution of the survey.

The job announcement for these positions is posted on the U.S. Office of Personnel Management web site. There are at least two ways to access the announcement:

Go to <http://www.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV/> and search on series 101 (limit your search to the D.C. Metro Area). Then scroll down to Announcement CH-8-0350.

Or, go directly to the announcement at
<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/wfjic/jobs/CH8350.HTM>

For additional information contact either of the following:

Dr. Mary Sue Hay
Chief, Program Evaluation Branch
(703) 696-5839
hayms@osd.pentagon.mil

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For those of you with Minnesota connections or interests, you might be interested in seeing the results of the most recent Minnesota Poll, published in this morning's Star Tribune. Point your web browser to

<http://www.startribune.com>

and click on the Metro section.

Cheers.

Rob, and automatically ...

Robert P. Daves

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From: James Beniger <beniger@rcf.usc.edu>

To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>

Subject: Program Deadline for SAS Conference (fwd)

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Date: Tue, 02 Jun 1998 02:47:06 -0700

From: "Stephen F. Steele" <ssteele@clark.net>

Subject: Preliminary Program Deadline for SAS Conference

Applied Sociologists, Sociological Practitioners, Sociologists:

The Preliminary Program Deadline is June 30, 1998

Reduced fees for registration before 6/30/98.

It's time to submit your proposal to -

1998 Annual Conference =20

"CREATING LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY"

16th Annual Meeting
of the
Society for Applied Sociology
Adam's Mark Hotel
Denver, Colorado
October 22-25, 1998

Action sessions, panels, presentation of applied work=85

Click Here <http://www.indiana.edu/~appsoc/98meeting.htm> to Submit Your
Proposal for the 1998 SAS Annual Meeting. =20

Check out your pre-conference workshops at
<http://www.clark.net/pub/ssteele/Workshops.html>
To Check Membership Benefits and Join SAS:
<http://www.indiana.edu/~appsoc/>

THE CONFERENCE THEME: Creating Links to the Community.

Stephen F. Steele, Executive Officer
Ms. Teri Kepner, Administrative Officer
Society for Applied Sociology <http://www.indiana.edu/~appsoc/>
* Email: ss Steele@clark.net, AACC Office Phone: 410-541-2369;
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Date: Fri, 5 Jun 1998 11:56:37 EDT
From: COPAFS@aol.com
Subject: Zoltan Kenessey

Dear Colleague:

With sadness, we have learned that Dr. Zoltan Kenessey passed away this week. Zoltan was former Executive Director of the International Statistical Institute, and a former member of the Federal Reserve Board.

Services will be held at the National Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, June 9, at 10:00 am. The Church is in Washington, DC at 4101 Nebraska Avenue.

Sincerely,

Ed Spar

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Date: Fri, 5 Jun 1998 16:11:47 -0400 (EDT)
From: Kirk White Elifson <sockwe@panther.Gsu.EDU>

The Department of Sociology at Georgia State University in the heart of Atlanta invites applications for a post-doctoral position, starting Fall 1998. The candidate will provide data management and statistical analysis support for an SPSS data base and assist the project co-investigators of a joint Emory University and Georgia State University multi-year HIV

behavioral
intervention project preparing scholarly papers.

Qualified candidates should have a demonstrated ability to conduct basic and advanced statistical analysis (e.g., analysis of covariance, manova, trend analysis, logistic analysis and SEM) and have demonstrated a potential for contributing to scholarly publications. They should have a doctorate in a discipline such as epidemiology, psychology or sociology. The possibility of teaching on a limited basis exists.

Candidates should submit:

- (1) a cover letter outlining their qualifications;
- (2) a curriculum vita;
- (3) three letters of recommendation;
- (4) a sample of their scholarly writing and a description of their research experience.

Send materials to Kirk Elifson (kelifson@gsu.edu), Department of Sociology, Atlanta, GA 30303. Formal review of applications will begin July 20.

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Kirk W. Elifson

Phone: (404) 651-1858

Professor

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AAPORNETters,

The following letter appears in this morning's New York Times.
Bring on the U.S. Supreme Court, which is likely to resolve
the matter, probably on this very set of issues, among others.

-- Jim

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June 8, 1998

Math for the Millennium

To the Editor:

You report that Republicans in Congress object to
statistical sampling in the Federal census because
they say it violates the Constitution, which calls
for an "actual enumeration" (news article, June 3).

The Constitution says that representatives and taxes
shall be apportioned among the states "according to
their respective numbers." Few experts on measurement
or statistics would dispute that sampling is essential
to making the most scientifically valid determination
of the "respective numbers" among the many and varied
groups in today's United States. This conclusion is
based on almost two centuries of theory and
applications in statistical sampling and on ideas

virtually unknown to most of the Constitution's signers.

JAMES R. BENIGER
Manhattan Beach, Calif. June 3, 1998

The writer is a former president of the American Association for Public Opinion Research.

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AAPORNETters,

I first presumed to post a list of five rules of "AAPORNETiquette" to our list on November 28, 1994, our seventh day on the Internet. The fourth and last time I posted it was on May 26, 1995, after which it seemed to me no longer necessary.

In recent months, however, we have had increasing numbers of violations of these rules. As a result, at the May 14 meeting of AAPOR's Executive Council in St. Louis, members requested that I repost this original message to AAPORNET, at regular intervals, and I am happy to do so here:

AAPORNETiquette (Fifth Posting)

Do NOT post to AAPORNET (currently 800+ members) messages intended

for individuals, or better addressed to individuals.

Acceptable postings to AAPORNET include announcements and general questions--indeed these are encouraged. Replies to such postings, however, ought to be sent to the person who posted them (sender's address) and NOT to AAPORNET, unless your response is of obvious general interest, in which case we will all welcome a chance to see it. Whenever posters receive responses of general interest, they are encouraged to summarize these in a message posted to AAPORNET.

Try to keep all postings as brief as possible--fitting your entire message on a single screen is always appreciated. Please confine each message to a single topic, summarized in your subject line, so that those not interested might erase your message without bothering to read it.

If you think someone has violated AAPORNETiquette, send your complaint to the individual offender--posting such messages to AAPORNET only compounds the offense. Please do not apologize to all of AAPORNET for your own mistakes, which also compounds the offense.

Treat everyone on AAPORNET as you would someone you will see regularly for the rest of your life because--since we are all AAPOR members--you probably will.

During the past several months, we have had several violations of AAPORNETiquette, including at least a half dozen messages best sent to individuals that have been posted to everyone on our Net. By far the most frequent complaint about AAPORNET (indeed virtually the only complaint) concerns the time wasted reading such messages.

Before posting a message, please think: Does this really need to be read by everyone in AAPOR, or might I achieve my desired goal by sending it to only one or two people? As the last thing you routinely do before pushing your "send" key, consider the Golden Rule of the Internet: Before posting a message, make certain that the "To:" line contains your desired receiver. Mistakes will usually embarrass you, sometimes also your intended recipient, and will occasionally delight all the rest of us--at your expense.

Complaints about transgressions should be sent directly to the offenders themselves, and you are encouraged to do this. As in any social group, we will ultimately succeed only to the extent that we can enforce our own norms, person to person. But be gentle, please--many of us are new to cyberspace.

In cases where someone has made an obvious and extremely embarrassing mistake, however, I'm confident the best response is simply to pretend--forever--that this never happened. I know that, when such eventually happens to me, this is without question what I will want from each one of you.

-- Jim

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Contact Jeff Moore at 301-457-4719 if you have any questions OR
contact Kathy Clements (301-457-3705) in Human Resources Division.

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

RECRUITING BULLETIN

Opening Date:	June 2, 1998	Bulletin Number: ASF-98-108
Closing Date:	June 16, 1998	
Position: SURVEY STATISTICIAN		Department of Commerce
GS-1530-13, \$55,969-\$72,758 per year		Bureau of the Census
		Statistical Research Division
		Suitland, Maryland

DUTIES: The incumbent of this position conducts cognitive research

and other methodological studies to investigate non- sampling errors and improve questionnaires in surveys conducted by the Census Bureau. Develops, implements, and reports a program of research to identify and correct causes of non-sampling error in Census Bureau surveys and supplements. The measurement issues to be researched are complex, and there are not well-defined procedures for addressing them. As assigned, acts as a team leader for cognitive and questionnaire design studies. Designs and executes all stages of the research. Develops original research and innovative procedures to reduce non-sampling error in surveys, and is responsible for formulating research plans and carrying them through preliminary findings, and research plans. Conducts survey research and writes reports of the results.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: Applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university or a combination of education and experience equivalent to the completion of a bachelor's degree. Studies must have included at least 15 semester hours of mathematics and statistics, 6 of which must be in statistics and 9 additional semester hours in an appropriate subject matter field. In addition, the applicants must have one year of specialized experience equivalent to the next lower grade level in the Federal service. This is experience that has equipped the applicant with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to successfully perform the duties of the position, and that is typically in or related to the position to be filled. If qualifying based on education you MUST submit a copy of your college transcripts or a listing of college courses showing course number, title, grade, type (semester/quarter), and number or credit hours. Applicants selected for position will be required to supply original transcripts.

BASIS OF RATING: Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of the quality and extent of their total experience, education and accomplishments. Ranking of candidates will measure the degree of which a candidate's background matches the Quality Ranking Factors for this position. **TO BE CONSIDERED, APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE, INDIVIDUAL STATEMENT ADDRESSING EACH OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:**

QUALITY RANKING FACTORS:

1. Demonstrated knowledge of literature and practice in survey methods.
2. Demonstrated knowledge of social science and survey methodology.
3. Demonstrated ability to design, conduct and interpret experiments and evaluations.
4. Demonstrated experience designing questionnaires.
5. Demonstrated experience using SAS or statistical analysis packages.

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: NONE

COMPETITIVE SERVICE
CAREER CONDITIONAL/CAREER APPOINTMENT

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: ALL SOURCES (To receive priority consideration, surplus and displaced Commerce employees and displaced Federal employees must provide a copy of their RIF notice or written notice of their expected separation, and a current performance rating and be rated well qualified for this position. To be considered well qualified, applicants must meet the basic qualification standards and eligibility requirements satisfying all medical, physical, suitability, education, experience, selective factors and quality ranking factors for vacant position).

Status candidates will be considered under Merit assignment procedures.

Complete application package must be received by the close of business (5:00 p.m. EST) on the closing date of this announcement.

PAYMENT OF RELOCATION EXPENSES MAY BE AUTHORIZED.

HOW TO APPLY: You must send a resume, Optional Application for Federal Employment (OF-612), or SF-171 for each grade level of the vacancy for which you wish consideration. The following information is needed to evaluate your qualifications and determine if you meet legal requirements for Federal employment. Failure to provide this information may result in loss of consideration.

- Announcement number, title, and lowest grade acceptable. If you do not indicate a grade level on your application, you will be considered for the lowest grade advertised.

- Full name, mailing address (including zip code) and day and evening phone numbers (with area code)

- Social security number

- Country of citizenship (this Federal job requires U.S. citizenship)

- Veterans' Preference. Applicants claiming 10-point veteran's preference MUST submit the SF-15, Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference, with the required proof (i.e., statement from the Department of Veterans Affairs) and the latest copy of the DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. Applicants claiming 10-point preference who do not submit the required documentation will receive 5-point veteran's preference. Applicants claiming 5-point veteran's preference and applying with either a resume or the OF-612 MUST attach the DD-214 to receive preference. Applicants who submit the SF- 171 and properly complete blocks 17-22

may be awarded tentative preference without the DD-214, but MUST provide verification if selected.

- Highest Federal civilian grade held (if applicable)
- Highest education level achieved. Specify: name, city, state, zip code (if known); date or expected date (month/year) of completion of degree requirements type of degree received; and graduate of foreign universities must include proof of foreign education equivalency to an accredited U.S. college/university
- Copy of college transcripts or list of college courses
- Paid and non paid work experience related to the position. For each work experience include: Job title; Series/grade (if Federal employment); Duties and accomplishments; Employer's name and address; Supervisor's name and address; Starting and ending dates; Hours per week; Salary; and Indicate if we may contact your current supervisor/employer
- Job-related: training courses (title and year); skills (e.g., other languages, typing speed, computer software/hardware, tools, etc.); certificates/licenses (current); and honors, awards, and special accomplishments (e.g., publications, memberships in professional societies, etc.)
- Status applicants (current and former Federal employees) must submit two applications if applying for both Merit Promotion and Competitive Procedures and a copy of their most recent SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action. If only one application is received it will be considered through Merit Promotion Program and must meet all eligibility and time-in-grade requirements by the closing date.
- Complete application package must be received by the close of business (5:00 pm EST) on the closing date of the announcement and submitted to: Bureau of the Census, Human Resources Division, Merit Assignment Office, Room 1412, FB 3, Washington, D.C. 20233. For Overnight Delivery send to: Bureau of the Census, Human Resources Division, 4700 Silver Hill Road, Merit Assignment Office, Room 1412, FB 3, Suitland, Maryland 20746. CAUTION - If you mail your application to the Overnight Delivery address, it may not be delivered. For more information call the vacancy information line at 301-457-4499.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- You will be required to complete a Declaration for Federal Employment (OF-306) to determine your suitability for Federal employment and to authorize a background investigation. You will also be required to sign and certify the accuracy of all the information in

your application. If you make a false statement in any part of your application, you may not be hired; or you may be fired after you begin work; or you may be fined or jailed.

- If you are a male over age 18 who was born after December 31, 1959, you must have registered with the Selective Service System (or have an exemption) to be eligible for a Federal job.

- Use of any Government agency envelopes to file job applications is a violation of Federal laws and regulations. Applications submitted in Government envelopes or via Government FAX machines will not be accepted.

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I am posting this job announcement to AAPORNET and SRMSNET for a colleague. Please forgive the cross posting and length.

MacroSys Research and Technology, a contracting firm working for the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, U.S. Department of Transportation, has openings for statisticians/survey methodologists. The positions are located at the Department of Transportation headquarters in Washington D.C. at L'Enfant Plaza. Salary ranges from \$35,000-\$45,000 depending on qualifications and experience.

The incumbents of these positions will assist the Office of the Associate Director for Statistical Programs and Services with developing and operating the Bureau's program to collect, process, and disseminate data that describe the characteristics, performance, use and impact of the Nation's transportation systems.

The incumbents will provide assistance in designing and implementing sample surveys to support transportation data needs, establishing and maintaining statistical standards for BTS and DOT publications, and evaluating data quality for data used in performance measures required by the Government Performance and Results Act.

Major Duties:

- * Assists in designing and implementing sample surveys to meet needs for transportation data.

- * Assists with methodological research to improve the quality of data from Transportation Surveys including the upcoming joint American Travel Survey/Nationwide Personal Transportation Survey and the Annual Vehicle Use Survey.

- * Assists in preparing source and reliability documentation of data collected or disseminated by BTS and by other administrations of the DOT. Such documentation includes, but is not limited to a description of the data collection program, sampling error estimates (if applicable), and information about nonsampling errors and their effects on data quality.

- * Assists with statistical review of transportation data, analyses, products, and information for technical validity and quality.

- * Assists in developing criteria and procedures for maintaining the highest mathematical statistical standards for the agency.

- * Researches statistical review requirements by assessing statistical policies within the BTS, the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, the Office of Intermodalism, other operating administrations of the DOT, and other Federal agencies.

- * Is a member of and participates in statistical professional organizations, attends professional meetings, and reviews the current research literature to keep abreast of state-of-the-art mathematical statistical techniques.

Skills Required:

- * Mastery of the techniques and practical application of mathematical and statistical methodology as applied to surveys.
- * Mastery of research methods as they may be applied to problems involved in evaluating survey data.
- * Experience that has given knowledge of numerical and mathematical methods for determining the data quality for a broad range of data sources.
- * Expertise in integrating organizational policies and goals into mathematical activities to produce data quality that are of the highest quality.
- * Experience in maintaining successful working relationships with individuals and groups within and outside the immediate work unit.
- * Excellent knowledge of mathematical techniques necessary for evaluating statistical data.
- * Detailed knowledge of and experience with SAS and standard office software in a personal computer environment.
- * Knowledge and experience with estimating sampling errors for complex sample designs.

Interested parties should send their resume to:

Dr. Charlie Han
 Room 10403, Nassif Bldg.
 400 Seventh Street, SW
 Washington, DC 20590 or FAX to (202) 366-3640

Questions may directed to Dr. Han via E-mail at Charlie.Han@BTS.GOV

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Contact Betsy Martin at 301-457-4905 for more information or contact
Kathy Clements in Human Resources Division at 301-457-3705.

Bureau of the Census RECRUITING BULLETIN-Social Science Analyst

Opening Date: June 2, 1998
Closing Date: June 16, 1998

Bulletin Number: ASF-98-106

Position: SOCIAL SCIENCE ANALYST
GS-0101-09, (\$32,457 - \$42,198)
GS-0101-11 (\$39,270 - \$51,049)

Department of Commerce
Bureau of the Census
Statistical Research Division
Suitland, Maryland

DUTIES: The incumbent participates in research activities that contribute to an understanding of demographic and economic social science phenomena. Participates in measurement procedures, data capture, survey and questionnaire design activities and consults with higher level analysts on the study and analysis of demographic and economic trends. Develops certain phases of specifications for collection and processing of economic and demographic data. Evaluates proposed questionnaires in terms of validity and completeness. Consults with subject matter divisions on survey design issues. Prepares narrative reports of findings, recommendations, and conclusions based on review of economic or demographic data produced by sample survey or censuses. Working in collaboration with sponsors, assists in the development, implementation, and analysis of research to understand survey measurement problems and to improve the survey measurement process, or to conduct research on other applications. Conducts basic research addressing theoretical and methodological issues relevant to survey research and prepares research reports for presentation at professional meetings or for publication in referred journals.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with specialization in one or more of the behavioral or social sciences appropriate to the position OR four years of appropriate experience which demonstrates that applicants have acquired knowledge of one or more of the behavioral or social sciences equivalent to a major in the field OR a combination of

experience and education which provides applicants with the knowledge of one or more of the behavioral or social sciences equivalent to a major in the field. For GS-09: Applicants must have two years of progressively higher level graduate education leading to a master's degree or master's or equivalent graduate degree OR one year of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-07. GS-11: Applicants must have three years of progressively higher level graduate education leading to a Ph.D. degree or Ph.D. or equivalent doctoral degree OR one year of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-09. Specialized experience is experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform successfully the duties of the position, and that is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled. If qualifying based on education you MUST submit a copy of your college transcripts or a listing of college courses showing course number, title, grade, type (semester/quarter), and number or credit hours. Applicants selected for position will be required to supply original transcripts.

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BASIS OF RATING: Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of the quality and extent of their total experience, education and accomplishments. Ranking of candidates will measure the degree of which a candidate's background matches the Quality Ranking Factors for this position. TO BE CONSIDERED, APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE, INDIVIDUAL STATEMENT ADDRESSING EACH OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

QUALITY RANKING FACTORS:

1. Demonstrated knowledge in literature and practice in survey methods.
2. Demonstrated knowledge of social science theory and research.
3. Demonstrated ability to design, conduct and interpret experiments and evaluations.
4. Demonstrated experience designing questionnaires.
5. Demonstrated experience using SAS or statistical analysis packages.

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: GS-12
COMPETITIVE SERVICE
CAREER CONDITIONAL/CAREER APPOINTMENT

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Status candidates will be considered under Merit assignment

procedures.

Complete application package must be received by the close of business (5:00 p.m. EST) on the closing date of this announcement.

PAYMENT OF RELOCATION EXPENSES MAY BE AUTHORIZED.

HOW TO APPLY: You must send a resume, Optional Application for Federal Employment (OF-612), or SF-171 for each grade level of the vacancy for which you wish consideration. The following information is needed to evaluate your qualifications and determine if you meet legal requirements for Federal employment. Failure to provide this information may result in loss of consideration.

- Announcement number, title, and lowest grade acceptable. If you do not indicate a grade level on your application, you will be considered for the lowest grade advertised.

- Full name, mailing address (including zip code) and day and evening phone numbers (with area code)

- Social security number

- Country of citizenship (this Federal job requires U.S. citizenship)

- Veterans' Preference. Applicants claiming 10-point veteran's preference MUST submit the SF-15, Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference, with the required proof (i.e., statement from the Department of Veterans Affairs) and the latest copy of the DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. Applicants claiming 10-point preference who do not submit the required documentation will receive 5-point veteran's preference. Applicants claiming 5-point veteran's preference and applying with either a resume or the OF-612 MUST attach the DD-214 to receive preference. Applicants who submit the SF-171 and properly complete blocks 17-22 may be awarded tentative preference without the DD-214, but MUST provide verification if selected.

- Highest Federal civilian grade held (if applicable)

- Highest education level achieved. Specify: name, city, state, zip code (if known); date or expected date (month/year) of completion of degree requirements type of degree received; and graduate of foreign universities must include proof of foreign education equivalency to an accredited U.S. college/university

- Copy of college transcripts or list of college courses

- Paid and non paid work experience related to the position. For each work experience include: Job title; Series/grade (if Federal employment); Duties and accomplishments; Employer's name and address; Supervisor's name and address; Starting and ending dates; Hours per week; Salary; and Indicate if we may contact your current supervisor/employer

- Job-related: training courses (title and year); skills (e.g., other languages, typing speed, computer software/hardware, tools, etc.); certificates/licenses (current); and honors, awards, and special accomplishments (e.g., publications, memberships in professional societies, etc.)

- Status applicants (current and former Federal employees) must submit two applications if applying for both Merit Promotion and Competitive Procedures and a copy of their most recent SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action. If only one application is received it will be considered through Merit Promotion Program and must meet all eligibility and time-in-grade requirements by the closing date.

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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- You will be required to complete a Declaration for Federal Employment (OF-306) to determine your suitability for Federal employment and to authorize a background investigation. You will also be required to sign and certify the accuracy of all the information in your application. If you make a false statement in any part of your application, you may not be hired; or you may be fired after you begin work; or you may be fined or jailed.

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AAPORNETters,

The following letter appears on this morning's New York Times Editorials/Letters page. Although the writer is a former student of mine from Princeton, as some of you know, I had nothing to do with the letter--although I do appreciate it, as I think many of you will as well.

-- Jim

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June 10, 1998

To the Editor:

President Clinton, in support of the Census Bureau's desire to sample the population rather than conduct a complete census in the year 2000, has drawn an analogy between the proposed sampling procedure and polling (news article, June 3). This may end up harming his cause.

Because a pollster cannot accurately predict who will turn out on Election Day, polls are often in error.

Moreover, potential voters may waffle or intentionally misrepresent their choice. Such issues are not relevant to the function of the census: to count the population.

Sampling will help improve the thoroughness with which the "hard to count" population is tallied. Republicans claim that Democrats are resorting to "statistical snake oil" to inflate their numbers in Congress. Partisan politics will hurt the poor, who are disproportionately undercounted. If the hard-to-count were thought to be predominantly Republican, the party would doubtless be clamoring for the sampling approach.

NEIL G. BENNETT
New York, June 3, 1998

The writer is director of demographic research,
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The Institute for Social Science Research at the University of Alabama seeks a survey research Project Director for the Capstone Poll. Responsibilities include managing day-to-day activities of ongoing research studies and assisting in development of new projects. Duties involve working with clients and researchers to develop survey methods

and questionnaires, overseeing data collection operations in a computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) facility, recruiting and training telephone interviewers and field supervisors, working with field supervisor to monitor study progress, and assisting in preparation of research reports. Master's degree in social science or related discipline or equivalent experience in a survey research environment is required. Demonstrated knowledge of survey research techniques including questionnaire design, sampling methods, standardized interviewing procedures, use of computers, excellent written and oral communication skills, and ability to work collaboratively are essential. Experience conducting telephone surveys, training and supervising interviewers, working with word processing and statistical computer software, and conducting statistical analysis of data are highly desirable. One year appointment with possibility of renewal. To apply send letter of intent; social security number; resume; names, addresses, and phone numbers of at least three references to Dr. Debra M. McCallum, Director, Institute for Social Science Research, The University of Alabama, P.O. Box 870216, Tuscaloosa, AL, 35487-0216. Application deadline is July 6, 1998. The University of Alabama is an EEO/AA employer.

D. McCallum

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From: "Diana C. Mutz" <mutz@polisci.wisc.edu>

Subject: subscribing to list

I used to be on AAPORNET but stopped it at one point when leaving on vacation and have never been sure how to reconnect. Perhaps you could advise me on how to get hooked up again? Many thanks, Diana Mutz

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CENSUS BUREAU RECRUITING BULLETIN

Opening Date:	June 2, 1998	Bulletin Number: ASF-98-107
Closing Date:	June 16, 1998	Department of Commerce
Position:	RESEARCH PSYCHOLOGIST	Bureau of the Census
GS-0180-13,\$55,969 - \$72,758 per year		Statistical Research Division Suitland, Maryland

DUTIES: The incumbent of this position conducts psychological research and other methodological studies to generate new knowledge about user-oriented design principles and improve data collection and dissemination activities conducted by the Census Bureau. Applies knowledge of the human factors, cognitive and social psychological literature to develop, implement, and report a program of research to identify and correct causes of usability problems in Census Bureau household surveys or comparable problems encountered in the collection and dissemination of information involving surveys and censuses. Develops original research independently and responsible for carrying out such plans to completion, with little or no supervision. Applies and contributes to the development of relatively new cognitive and other methods of identifying usability problems in human-computer interfaces. Contributes to the scientific literature in psychology and/or survey methods.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: The applicants must have a bachelor's degree

in psychology from an accredited college or university or a combination of education an experience equivalent to the completion of a bachelor's degree in psychology. In addition, the applicants must have one year of specialized experience equivalent to the next lower grade level in the Federal service. This is experience that had equipped the applicant with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to successfully perform the duties of the position, and that is typically in or related to the position to be filled. If qualifying based on education you MUST submit a copy of your college transcripts or a listing of college courses showing course number, title, grade, type (semester/quarter), and number of credit hours. Applicant selected for the position will be required to supply original transcripts.

QUALITY RANKING FACTORS:

1. Demonstrated research experience in areas of psychology relevant to the human-computer interface (cognitive, human factors, social, etc.)
2. Demonstrated knowledge and experience in survey methods research.
3. Demonstrated ability to design, conduct and interpret experiments.
4. Demonstrated experience in usability design and evaluation.
5. Demonstrated skills useful in a behavior science research context such as SAS or SPSS, behavioral coding, cognitive interviewing, prototyping languages (JAVA, Visual Basic), multimedia editing, etc.

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: NONE

COMPETITIVE SERVICE

CAREER CONDITIONAL/CAREER APPOINTMENT

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: ALL SOURCES (To receive priority consideration, surplus and displaced Commerce employees and displaced Federal employees must provide a copy of their RIF notice or written notice of their expected separation, and a current performance rating and be rated well qualified for this position. To be considered well qualified, applicants must meet the basic qualification standards and eligibility requirements satisfying all medical, physical, suitability, education, experience, selective factors and quality ranking factors for vacant position).

Status candidates will be considered under Merit assignment procedures.

Complete application package must be received by the close of business (5:00 p.m. EST) on the closing date of this announcement.

BASIS OF RATING: Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of the

quality and extent of their total experience, education and accomplishments. Ranking of candidates will measure the degree of which a candidate's background matches the Quality Ranking Factors for this position. TO BE CONSIDERED, APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE, INDIVIDUAL STATEMENT ADDRESSING EACH OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

PAYMENT OF RELOCATION EXPENSES MAY BE AUTHORIZED.

HOW TO APPLY: You must send a resume, Optional Application for Federal Employment (OF-612), or SF-171 for each grade level of the vacancy for which you wish consideration. The following information is needed to evaluate your qualifications and determine if you meet legal requirements for Federal employment. Failure to provide this information may result in loss of consideration.

- Announcement number, title, and lowest grade acceptable. If you do not indicate a grade level on your application, you will be considered for the lowest grade advertised.
- Full name, mailing address (including zip code) and day and evening phone numbers (with area code)
- Social security number
- Country of citizenship (this Federal job requires U.S. citizenship)
- Veterans' Preference. Applicants claiming 10-point veteran's preference MUST submit the SF-15, Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference, with the required proof (i.e., statement from the Department of Veterans Affairs) and the latest copy of the DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. Applicants claiming 10-point preference who do not submit the required documentation will receive 5-point veteran's preference. Applicants claiming 5-point veteran's preference and applying with either a resume or the OF-612 MUST attach the DD-214 to receive preference. Applicants who submit the SF-171 and properly complete blocks 17-22 may be awarded tentative preference without the DD-214, but MUST provide verification if selected.
- Highest Federal civilian grade held (if applicable)
- Highest education level achieved. Specify: name, city, state, zip code (if known); date or expected date (month/year) of completion of degree requirements type of degree received; and graduate of foreign universities must include proof of foreign education equivalency to an accredited U.S. college/university

- Copy of college transcripts or list of college courses
- Paid and non paid work experience related to the position. For each work experience include: Job title; Series/grade (if Federal employment); Duties and accomplishments; Employer's name and address; Supervisor's name and address; Starting and ending dates; Hours per week; Salary; and Indicate if we may contact your current supervisor/employer
- Job-related: training courses (title and year); skills (e.g., other languages, typing speed, computer software/hardware, tools, etc.); certificates/licenses (current); and honors, awards, and special accomplishments (e.g., publications, memberships in professional societies, etc.)
- Status applicants (current and former Federal employees) must submit two applications if applying for both Merit Promotion and Competitive Procedures and a copy of their most recent SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action. If only one application is received it will be considered through Merit Promotion Program and must meet all eligibility and time-in-grade requirements by the closing date.
- Complete application package must be received by the close of business (5:00 pm EST) on the closing date of the announcement and submitted to: Bureau of the Census, Human Resources Division, Merit Assignment Office, Room 1412, FB 3, Washington, D.C. 20233. For Overnight Delivery send to: Bureau of the Census, Human Resources Division, 4700 Silver Hill Road, Merit Assignment Office, Room 1412, FB 3, Suitland, Maryland 20746. CAUTION - If you mail your application to the Overnight Delivery address, it may not be delivered. For more information call the vacancy information line at 301-457-4499.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- You will be required to complete a Declaration for Federal Employment (OF-306) to determine your suitability for Federal employment and to authorize a background investigation. You will also be required to sign and certify the accuracy of all the information in your application. If you make a false statement in any part of your application, you may not be hired; or you may be fired after you begin work; or you may be fined or jailed.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SURPLUS OR DISPLACED EMPLOYEES
REQUESTING SPECIAL SELECTION PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

If you are currently a Department of Commerce employee who has received a Reduction in Force (RIF) separation notice or a Certificate of Expected Separation you may be entitled to special priority selection under Department of Commerce's Agency Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP). To receive this priority consideration you must:

1. Be a current Department of Commerce career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) competitive service employee who has received a RIF separation notice or a Certificate of expected Separation (CES) and, the date of the RIF separation has not passed and you are still on the rolls of Department of Commerce. You must submit a copy of the RIF separation notice or CES along with your application.
2. Be applying for a position at or below the grade level of the position from which you have been separated. The position must not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you were separated.
3. Have a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. This must be submitted with your application package.
4. File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date and meet all the application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation, etc.).
5. Be rated well-qualified for the position. To be considered well qualified, applicants must meet the basic qualification standards and eligibility requirements satisfying all medical, physical, suitability, education, experience, selective factors and quality ranking factors for the vacant position.

DISPLACED EMPLOYEES REQUESTING SPECIAL SELECTION PRIORITY

CONSIDERATION

UNDER THE INTERAGENCY CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ICTAP)

If you are a displaced Federal employee you may be entitled to receive special priority selection under the ICTAP. To receive this priority consideration you must:

1. Be a displaced Federal employee. You MUST submit a copy of the appropriate documentation such as a RIF separation notice, a letter from OPM or your agency documenting your priority consideration status with your application package. The following categories of candidates are considered displaced employees.

- A. Current or former career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) competitive service employees who:

1. Received a specific RIF separation notice; or
2. Separated because of a compensable injury, whose compensation has been terminated, and whose former agency certifies that it is unable to place; or
3. Retired with a disability and whose disability annuity has been or is being terminated; or
4. Upon receipt of a RIF separation notice retired on the effective date of the RIF and submits a Standard Form 50 that indicates "Retirement in lieu of RIF"; or
5. Retired under the discontinued service retirement option; or
6. Was separated because he/she declined a transfer of function or directed reassignment to another commuting area.

OR

- B. Former Military Reserve or National Guard Technicians who are receiving a special Office of Personnel Management (OPM) disability retirement annuity under section 8337 (h) or 8456 of title 5 United States Code.

2. Be applying for a position at or below the grade level of the position from which you have been separated. The position must not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you were separated.
3. Have a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. This must be submitted with your application package. (This requirement does not apply to candidates who are eligible due to compensable injury or disability retirement.)
4. Occupy or be displaced from a position in the same local commuting area of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
5. File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date and meet all the application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation, etc.).

6. Be rated well-qualified for the position. To be considered well qualified, applicants must meet the basic qualification standards and eligibility requirements satisfying all medical, physical, suitability, education, experience, selective factors and quality ranking factors for the vacant position.

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U.S. Bureau of the Census

Position Currently Available for a Research Psychologist

Possible future openings for social scientist, statistician or
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Announcement: Position available for Research Psychologist to develop
and implement usability research in survey applications.

Location: Suitland, MD (outside Washington, D.C.)

Salary (Research Psychologist): GS-13 (\$55,969 to \$72,758 per year)

Apply by: July 12, 1998

About the Census Bureau:

The Census Bureau is one of the major statistical organizations within
the Federal Government. In addition to counting people in the

decennial census, we routinely collect economic data from businesses and household demographic data. More and more, these data are collected and disseminated by interacting with a computer. This trend makes research on the usability of the computer interface a necessity here.

Duties:

- * Work with a small group of like-minded colleagues on long-term and short-term usability research and testing projects.
- * Apply knowledge of human factors, cognitive and social psychological literature to identify causes of usability problems in Census Bureau products.
- * Contribute to the scientific literature in psychology and survey methods.

Further information:

Applicants will be ranked based on their knowledge and research experience in psychology (e.g., cognitive, human factors, social, or related), survey methods, usability design and evaluation, and related skills (e.g., prototyping languages, statistical analysis packages). This is a permanent, full-time position leading to civil service tenure.

Payment of relocation expenses may be authorized.

To see the official vacancy announcement point your browser to:
<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/wfjic/jobs/BC6528.HTM>
or call the vacancy information line at 301-457-4499, refer to Bulletin # ASF 98-107.

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The New Hampshire attorney general is looking into an accusation of push polling in the congressional race between Bass and Rauh.

For more information see

<http://www.concordmonitor.com/stories/news/local/push%5Fpoll.shtml>

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Subject: MAPOR Call for Papers and Student paper Competition.

MAPOR 23 -- PRIME TIME!

Share your prime work with colleagues at MAPOR 23.

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research
November 20-21, 1998

The Radisson Hotel & Suites, Chicago, Illinois

The Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research (MAPOR), a chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, invites proposals and abstracts for papers or presentations related to public opinion processes or opinion research methodology. Proposals on all topics related to public opinion are welcome, including theoretical work, analyses of public opinion data and survey methods.

RESEARCH 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. Student submissions should be identified as such on the separate page. You will receive notification of the action on your proposal by August 15, 1998.

Send submissions to:

Dr. Steve Everett, MAPOR Conference Chair
National Association of Broadcasters
1771 N Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036-2891
E-mail: severett@nab.org
Voice: 202-429-5381 Fax: 202-775-2980

The preferred submission mode is by e-mail, to facilitate placing program information on MAPOR's website. Submissions must be postmarked by June 30, 1998. Faxes or e-mail must be received by 5 p.m. EDT on June 30.

PANELS

Please submit proposals for panels by June 30, 1998. You may submit a written proposal (up to two typed double-spaced pages) or contact the program chair, Steve Everett. Proposals should identify the topic, briefly explain its importance, and indicate the number of panelists and their areas of interest/expertise.

POSTER SESSION

We've planned a poster session again for this year's conference. Please indicate on your proposal cover sheet if you would prefer to present your paper in the poster session.

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.

Methodological Issues in Public Opinion Research.
Questionnaire design, refusals, sampling issues, response rates.

Ethical Issues in Survey Research. Confidentiality for the respondent, the client, the data, or 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.

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.

MAPOR 1998

Student Paper Competition

The Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research, a chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, announces its first annual Student Paper Competition.

The first place winner will receive an award of \$200, a free conference registration, and a free ticket to the Friday MAPOR luncheon. Any other "top quality" papers judged Honorable Mention will earn their authors free conference registration and a free luncheon ticket.

A committee comprised of MAPOR Fellows will make the awards. Winners will be announced at MAPOR's 23rd annual conference to be held in Chicago, November 20-21, 1998.

Eligibility:

1. For the purposes of this competition, a "student" is someone currently

enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate program. A paper authored by more than one person is a student paper if all parties are students according to the above definition. Students need not be members of MAPOR.

2 The topic of the paper must conform to the general areas of scholarship that MAPOR addresses, which are (1) public opinion and (2) survey methods. The papers need not be quantitative nor must they report data in order to qualify for consideration in this competition

3. Students first need to submit an abstract of their paper to the 1998 MAPOR conference program chair, Dr. Steve Everett, conforming to the 1998 MAPOR Call for Papers. They should specify on their abstract that they are a student.

4. Once a student has been informed that s/he has had their paper accepted for the 1998 conference, then the student will need to submit a full paper by October 1, 1998, to be eligible for consideration for the 1998 competition.

The full paper should be submitted to Lee Becker and must be received no later than October 1, 1998. The papers can be submitted by mail or via email in either WORD or WORD PERFECT format. If submitted by email, they should be sent to lbbecker@arches.uga.edu. If submitted by regular mail, they should be sent to Professor Lee B. Becker, Director; James M. Cox Jr. Center for International Mass Communication Training and Research; H.W. Grady College of Journalism & Mass Communication; University of Georgia; Athens, GA 30602-3018.

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-- Jim

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June 12, 1998

Dispute Over Census Taking Methods Goes to Court

By STEVEN A. HOLMES

WASHINGTON -- The dispute over whether the Census Bureau will statistically sample neighborhoods and estimate the population in 2000 moved on Thursday from the House of Representatives to the federal courts, where arguments in this dispute over numbers centered on the definition of words.

Appearing before a special panel here of two federal district judges and one federal appeals judge, lawyers for the Clinton administration, a group of states and cities, civil rights groups and House Democrats sparred with a lawyer for Speaker Newt Gingrich over whether the Census Bureau's plans to estimate the country's population would violate the Constitution and whether the method was prohibited by an act of Congress.

The sampling method entails sending census takers to a portion of those households that do not return the census forms. The Census Bureau would use data from that sample to help determine the size and characteristics of the households that do not fill out the form, and then estimate the national population.

Every decade, the Census Bureau has sent census takers

again and again to every home that did not return the forms. That is enormously expensive and, the Census Bureau says, resulted in 1990 in a large number of errors as census takers resorted to questioning neighbors and merchants and even guessing when they could not find anybody at home.

There were hints Thursday that the judges might base their ruling on what the drafters of the Constitution meant by the word "enumeration."

"Does it mean counting people or does it mean determining the population?" asked Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg, who is on the panel.

To Gingrich's lawyer, the definition is very clear. "It means counting, one-by-one," the lawyer, Maureen Mahoney, told the court.

But the Clinton administration noted that the same article of the Constitution that calls for enumeration says it should be conducted "in such a manner" as Congress shall direct. Why, the administration argued, would the framers allow Congress to determine the method of taking the census if it was mandating that only one means be used?

The lawsuit is the latest skirmish in the partisan wrangling over the 2000 census. The Census Bureau says sampling is needed to make sure there is no repeat of the 1990 census, which studies said missed more people than the head count that preceded it.

About 80 percent of those missed were members of minority groups, mainly living in legislative districts that are overwhelmingly Democratic. Republican strategists say privately that counting those who were missed would help Democrats when legislative districts are drawn.

Many cities have joined in the suit because census data are used to distribute federal and state money. An undercount of minority group members deprives the cities of money.

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Kudoes to AAPORnetter Rich Morin for his superb article covering
AAPOR's reaction to the "Ask Marilyn" column that attempted to define
"margin of error." Nice quotes from Leo Simonetta, Tom Smith, Jim
Beniger, and Marilyn Vos Savant herself. Nice implied plugs for AAPOR
itself undergird the story. And an excellent boxed insert with a
definition of margin of error that I think will be satisfactory to
most here.

I'm sure you can get this on-line and I'll leave it to Jim or
Richard himself to tell us how to do that. . .

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Compliments go to the New York Times (see Adam Nagourney's article in yesterday's Week in Review section) for devising and reporting on a sophisticated sequence of survey items to help better determine the public's opinions towards a possible presidential contender in 2000 (Texas Gov. George W. Bush).

I regard this as a especially good example of how news media can use their polling to help uncover and illustrate "where" public opinion is on an issue through the use of survey questions that go beyond simple and traditional candidate "approval" items. Yankelovich, in his 1991 book (Coming to Public Judgment), makes a strong argument about the news media's responsibility to use polling to further democratic processes by uncovering the volatility/instability in many "opinions" expressed by the public in surveys. The survey work reported in yesterday's NY Times is clear manifestation of how this can be done.

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Paul

I have no access to the NYT, unless I pay a lot of money for a Web subscription.

Is there something about the Bush thing that you could email me without it involving any work for you?

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