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From: Shapard Wolf <shap.wolf@ASU.EDU>

Subject: October 1999 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.

Shap Wolf

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Arizona State University

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AAPORNET volunteer host

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From: Paul Beatty <pbeatty@umich.edu>

X-Sender: pbeatty@joust.rs.itd.umich.edu

To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>

Subject: Call for AV volunteer

Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.4.10.9910011526590.6293-100000@joust.rs.itd.umich.edu>

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\*\*\*\*\* A message from the Conference Operations Committee\*\*\*\*\*

Call for Volunteers -- AAPOR Conference Audio-Visual Coordinator

We are writing to ask if any members of AAPOR would like to volunteer as the audio-visual coordinator for AAPOR conferences. The AV coordinator's specific duties include taking requests from conference presenters for AV equipment, and working the hotel to be sure the needed equipment is in each meeting room. Shap Wolf held the position for the last two years and will work with the new coordinator to learn the details of the job.

The AV coordinator serves as a member of AAPOR's Conference Operations Committee, which is charged with running our conference each year from an operational standpoint, selecting sites, and serving as liaisons with hotel staff. The Committee is comprised of AAPOR members who volunteer to help run different aspects of the Conference.

Without this volunteer effort, AAPOR would face annual costs exceeding \$20,000 to "run" the conference if we had to hire a professional organization to do this for us. AAPOR volunteers on the Conference Operations Committee generally get their hotel room & meals for the Conference nights paid by AAPOR.

The members of the committee include (1) the Committee Chair, (2) the Associate Chair, (3) Book Exhibit Coordinator, (4) Technology Exhibit Coordinator, (5) Social Activities Coordinator and (6) Audio-Visual Coordinator. Currently the Associate Chair serves a four year stint, first as Associate Chair for 2 years, then as Chair for 2 yrs. There are no set terms for the other members of the Committee.

If you would like to be considered for the Audio-Visual Coordinator, please contact me via email at [pbeatty@umich.edu](mailto:pbeatty@umich.edu). If you have questions about what the duties involve, you may contact former coordinator Shap Wolf at

shap.wolf@asu.edu or 480-965-5032.

Thank you.

Paul Beatty

Chair, Conference Operations Committee

>From rshalpern@mindspring.com Sun Oct 3 19:36:48 1999

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X-Sender: rshalpern@mail.mindspring.com

X-Mailer: QUALCOMM Windows Eudora Pro Version 4.2.0.58

Date: Sun, 03 Oct 1999 22:33:07 -0400

To: aapornet@usc.edu

From: dick halpern <rshalpern@mindspring.com>

Subject: Morin goes on an interesting assignment

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Richard Morin leaves for an interesting assignment and I thought that fellow AAPORITES would be interested:

Dick Halpern

Struggling With a New  
Democracy

By Richard Morin  
Washington Post Polling Director  
Monday, September 13, 1999

With this column, I reluctantly surrender this space for four months to go to Harvard University, where I will be a Shorenstein Fellow in the John F. Kennedy School of Government. While I will be on leave from daily journalism, I am not taking a break from thinking about public opinion and polling.

I will spend my time at Harvard writing about a unique project: a survey of 3,000 randomly selected South Africans conducted by the Independent Newspapers and the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

The project,

which took me to South Africa earlier this year,

examined the views of

South Africans five years after the fall of apartheid.

Here's a first look at

some of the key findings.

The twin banner headlines on the front page of the Cape Times on a lazy

South African summer morning last February told a tale of two democracies

battling their own worst impulses. Terrorists had bombed another police

station in downtown Cape Town, killing a passerby. And in equally large

type: "Lewinsky to Testify."

To a newly arrived visitor from the United States, the juxtaposed headlines

were at once odd and revealing. Back home, the world's most powerful and

successful democracy lurched toward a constitutional crisis over what most

Americans regarded as an inconsequential sex scandal.

Meanwhile, South

Africa, one of the world's newest democracies, struggled with issues of life

and death, stability and chaos.

The story of South Africa's political transformation has been told often and told well, notably by reporters for the Independent Newspapers group, the largest newspaper chain in the country. Now another chapter has been added by these journalists. In a multi-part series that ran in April, they reported the results of a national public opinion poll of 3,000 randomly selected South Africans who were asked in December to express their views about race, reconciliation and national unity.

In important ways, the survey quantified the obvious: South Africans were dismayed by their country's soaring crime rate, anemic economy and continuing disparities between white and black South Africans. "It underscored South Africa's essential challenge: how to create a more equitable society without pushing underlying tensions to the breaking point," wrote Mollyann Brodie, Drew Altman and Michael Sinclair of the Kaiser Foundation in a summary of the survey findings.

"But the strongest message that came through in the

survey was an

unequivocally positive one," the Kaiser team wrote.

"Finding after finding

underscored the South African people's commitment to democracy and

national unity; their confidence in South Africa's major institutions; their

realism about the pace of change; and their optimism for the future."

The survey found strong agreement on the fundamental principles of

democracy. Nine in 10 South Africans believed voting should be private.

Eight in 10 supported the right of a free press. Three in four disagreed that

"voting is a waste of time."

There was one discordant note, however. A majority of those interviewed -

58 percent - agreed that "if a community supports one political party, other

parties should not be allowed to campaign in that area," a view that likely

reflects the deep and troubled history of intertribal and interracial conflict

that still plagues some parts of the country.

While not embracing politics, the overwhelming majority



of South Africans

see the need for vigorous, contested elections. Three in four agreed that

"for good government, we must have strong opposition."

About half - 52

percent - acknowledged that they "didn't really like politics, but it's

important to keep in touch with what's happening," while 36 percent said it

was important to them "to be as involved as possible" in politics. Only one in

eight - 12 percent - said "politics is a waste of time."

The survey showed that much has gone right with South Africa in the

Mandela years. Nearly half - 48 percent - said public education has gotten

better, while 23 percent said there's been no change.

Only 29 percent said

education has gotten worse, a view shared by a disproportionately large

number of white South Africans whose local schools had been opened to

black children. Nearly four in 10 - 37 percent - said race relations had

gotten better, while 42 percent reported no change. One in five reported

that relations between the races had eroded. In other important areas, the

results are more troubling. More than eight in 10 - 85 percent - said crime has gotten worse. And nearly two in three - 64 percent - said the economy had declined.

Yet the survey revealed general optimism for the future.

A majority of

South Africans - 54 percent - said they believed that South Africa will

remain a democratic country, while 38 percent were uncertain (perhaps the

most realistic view in a country where great change has come so quickly).

Only 8 percent doubted democracy will survive; even among whites, only

one in eight offered this pessimistic view.

"This survey of South Africans certainly underscores South Africa's

challenges but it also shows that the new South Africa has made a good

beginning and there is cause of guarded optimism about the future," the

Kaiser team wrote. "When viewed in the context of South Africa's history

and what might have been, the survey illuminates South Africa's standing as

perhaps the leading example of democratic transformation

in the world."

Richard Morin is director of polling for The Washington Post. "What Americans Think" appears Mondays in The Washington Post National Weekly Edition.  
Morin can be reached at morinr@clark.net .

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X-Mailer: Novell GroupWise 5.5

Date: Sun, 03 Oct 1999 22:37:46 -0400

From: "Jay Mattlin" <JAM@moviefone.com>

Sender: Postmaster@smtp1.moviefone.com

Reply-To: JAM@moviefone.com

To: <aapornet@usc.edu>

Subject: Re: Morin goes on an interesting assignment

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This e-mail address has expired. Please send to my new e-mail address,  
JayMattlin@aol.com.

Thank you.

Jay

>From daves@startribune.com Mon Oct 4 09:56:50 1999

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[132.148.80.211])

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X-Mailer: Novell GroupWise 5.2

Date: Mon, 04 Oct 1999 11:51:50 -0600

From: "Rob Daves" <daves@startribune.com>

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: Jesse Ventura

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Colleagues ...

Those of you with Minnesota connections or an interest in Jesse Ventura might be interested in our latest Minnesota Poll about the governor. The website is [www.startribune.com](http://www.startribune.com).

Cheers,

Rob Daves

Director of polling and news research

Star Tribune e: [daves@startribune.com](mailto:daves@startribune.com)

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>From [beniger@almaak.usc.edu](mailto:beniger@almaak.usc.edu) Tue Oct 5 11:30:22 1999

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Date: Tue, 5 Oct 1999 11:30:13 -0700 (PDT)

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

To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>

Subject: Miller Bill: Student Privacy Protection Act

Message-ID: <Pine.GSO.4.10.9910051129300.6487-100000@almaak.usc.edu>

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Representative George Miller, Democrat of California, has introduced a bill that would ban the collection of any information in a school, for commercial purposes, from any student under the age of 18 without prior written permission from both parents.

-- Jim

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September 29, 1999

Education Notebook: Marketing in Schools

MICHAEL POLLAK

Commercial advertising in public schools used to be subtle and issue-oriented, like the science posters about the need for pest control sponsored by insecticide makers.

But blunter commercialism has entered many classrooms, in the form of direct advertising of products and access to students for marketing surveys in return for gifts to schools like free computers.

Procter & Gamble, for example, sponsors oral hygiene classes in elementary school in return for distributing samples of Crest toothpaste.

Concern about using students as captive consumers has led Representative George Miller, Democrat of California, to introduce a bill to ban the collection of any information in school from any student under 18 for commercial purposes without first getting written permission from parents.

Miller mentioned the practice of Zap Me, a California company that has offered schools free computers with limited Internet access, but then monitors the students' Web selections to get information on what advertising would appeal to them. He also noted deals with schools in several

states in which marketers held focus groups with students and had them take taste tests and fill out questionnaires.

The bill, the Student Privacy Protection Act and introduced last week, would also order a broad Federal study of the extent and the trends of commercialism in schools, including both advertising and market research.

"Students should go to school to learn," Miller said in a statement, "not to provide companies an edge in the hotly contested youth market."

An aide to Miller said the bill would not interfere with scholarly academic research and noted that Federal regulations already require parental permission for any federally sponsored studies that solicit personal information from students.

The bill would not ban soft-drink companies' practice of trading donations to schools for exclusive contracts to sell only their brands, but it may bar contracts if they require the schools to allow market testing of students as part of the deal.

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Date: Tue, 05 Oct 1999 16:24:01 -0500

From: Gary Siegel <GSO-GSO@worldnet.att.net>

Reply-To: GSO-GSO@worldnet.att.net

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MIME-Version: 1.0

To: AAPORNET@USC.EDU

Subject: PROPER TERMINOLOGY

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In a recent report on a US-Canadian project we wrote about miles driven and mileage for the US segment.

For the Canadian segment we wrote about kilometers driven.

What is the proper Canadian term that would be equivalent to "mileage?"

Gary Siegel

>From rshalpern@mindspring.com Tue Oct 5 18:23:42 1999

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X-Sender: rshalpern@mail.mindspring.com

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Date: Tue, 05 Oct 1999 21:06:29 -0400

To: aapornet@usc.edu

From: dick halpern <rshalpern@mindspring.com>

Subject: Re: Miller Bill: Student Privacy Protection Act

In-Reply-To: <Pine.GSO.4.10.9910051129300.6487-100000@almaak.usc.edu>

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I see no problem with the bill providing the term "commercial" is well

defined. Rep George Miller's point is well taken. Opening school doors to blatant commercialism is inappropriate.

Dick Halpern

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> MICHAEL POLLAK

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>From kneuman@cra.ca Wed Oct 6 04:19:18 1999

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Date: Wed, 06 Oct 1999 08:27:37 -0300

Subject: Re: PROPER TERMINOLOGY

To: GSO-GSO@worldnet.att.net

Cc: aapornet@usc.edu

From: kneuman@cra.ca (Keith Neuman)

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The proper term would be "kilometrage", as defined by the Canadian Oxford

Dictionary. That being the case, having lived in Canada for close to 17 years I'm not sure I have actually heard anyone use this term, nor do I recall seeing it written.

Keith Neuman, Ph.D.

Halifax, Nova Scotia

>From Jim-Wolf@worldnet.att.net Wed Oct 6 07:28:26 1999

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Date: Wed, 06 Oct 1999 09:28:46 -0400

To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>, APPSOC List <APPSOC-L@APPLIEDSOC.ORG>

From: Jim Wolf <Jim-Wolf@worldnet.att.net>

Subject: Big tobacco and the right to data

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An article by Myron Levin in Monday's LA Times presents an interesting problem that is apparently becoming legendary in the world of legal discovery

processes.

[http://www.latimes.com/HOME/BUSINESS/UPDATES/lat\\_smoke991004.htm](http://www.latimes.com/HOME/BUSINESS/UPDATES/lat_smoke991004.htm)

The controversy is over whether researchers of a study on the effects of second hand smoke should be required to turn their data over to tobacco companies as part of a pre-trial discovery process. The USC researchers claim they will not because of their confidentiality promise to their subjects. Tobacco defense lawyers insist they do not want identifier data, only the data used in the analysis that eventually persuaded the EPA in 1993 to consider second-hand smoke a significant hazard. Lawyers on both sides have been to-ing and fro-ing since 1994.

My question: can researchers withhold data in a situation like this on the grounds of "respondent confidentiality" even when the party requesting has specifically requested that all identifiers be removed? If I understand the specifics correctly, I have to side with tobacco lawyers on this issue, in spite of my dislike of Big Tobacco.

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Jim Wolf          Jim-Wolf@worldnet.att.net

>From srg@regen.com Wed Oct 6 08:00:44 1999

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for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Wed, 6 Oct 1999 11:00:17 -0400

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Message-Id: <37FB6261.591C9917@regen.com>

Date: Wed, 06 Oct 1999 10:53:21 -0400

From: Sheldon Gawiser <srg@regen.com>

X-Mailer: Mozilla 4.04 [en] (Win95; I)

Mime-Version: 1.0

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: Re: Job Opening

References: <3.0.1.32.19991006092846.0069da20@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>

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NBC News will hire a poll researcher/analyst for the 2000 election season.

This is a temporary job from December 1999 through November 2000.

Applicants should have an advanced degree, experience in survey research,  
and an interest in journalism and politics.

This position is based in NYC.

Please send resumes to

Sheldon.Gawiser@nbc.com

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To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: Re: Big tobacco and the right to data

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In response to Jim's insightful query. If we promise confidentiality and anonymity I, personally, feel we are in the position of a news reporter and their sources. As long as there is nothing that can identify a respondent, we release it. If there is identification that gives someone "away," e.g., zip code with a special demographic that identifies one individual, that must be suppressed but otherwise, I think it is a professional responsibility to allow other to assess the data.

Brian Vargus

Indiana University Public Opinion Laboratory

P.S. I have faced this issue with research we did for the Hoosier Lottery and the state decided that the raw data could only be released if we could hide any way to identify anyone in the study.

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To: aapornet@usc.edu

From: sgoold@unm.edu (Scott Goold)

Subject: Re: Big tobacco and the right to data

I would like to support the position of Brian Vargas. The science of secondhand smoke is an important issue area in this country. Public health experts have criticized (rightfully) the tobacco industry for their manipulation and deception of the American public regarding the health effects of smoking and secondhand smoke. As researchers, we should demand that the scientific community on both sides of this issue allow full access to the raw data. It is not that difficult to obscure personal identifying information. We are in search of "truth" here.

I would like to include a copy of an email message that came to me today. While the source is reputable, I cannot verify the accuracy or validity of the statement. I believe this is relevant to the current discussion. I have not corrected the typos. This is exactly how it came to me.

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My Name is D. Warrington. For reasons that will become obvious it is important that I do not identify myself by my current name. I work at a PR firm that handles Philip Morris business -- I do NOT work on this business. My aunt died of emphysema and lung cancer several years ago. A colleague of mine who does work on this business told me that Philip Morris is going to launch a website on October 13 in an attempt to present a "friendlier" face to the general public. As part of this "friendlier face" Philip Morris will acknowledge that ETS causes lung cancer and heart disease as well as bronchial disorders and asthma and children. I have seen a copy of the draft Philip Morris statement as well as a confidential Questions/Answers document on this issue that my agency helped to create with Philip Morris' attorneys -- this document explicitly describes how Philip Morris can continue to accept the science and at the same time state that the company acknowledges the positions taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Health. Moreover the question/answer document discusses how Philip Morris employees can justify the so-called accommodation of smokers and non-smokers in restaurants and bars despite acknowledging the health risks that they acknowledge are associated with ETS. When I read the draft of this statement, I decided that I had sat on the sidelines long enough -- I want to make this information known to you and other health advocates in the hope that you can use it to your advantage and get out ahead of Philip Morris on October 13th.

Best of Luck -- A Friend

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This case, as presented to aapornet, does not make sense. There is no issue of loss of confidentiality if all identifying information has been removed. Surely, there is more to the USC story than what we have heard so far. Can someone tell us more of the USC side of the story?

At 09:28 AM 10/6/99 -0400, you wrote:

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Subject: Re: Big tobacco and the right to data

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Serious questions have been raised about the validity and veridicality of the research underlying EPA's claims about the effects of second hand smoke on health. If the tobacco industry's consultants have not requested information about respondent identity, then I cannot see how confidentiality can serve as any sort of basis for withholding survey data that has been used to justify government actions that have such colossal impacts on society. Facts are facts. Let's have a look at em.

PS. My firm does not work for the tobacco industry.

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Any help on this concern is most appreciated.

Thanks,

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Greetings!

A couple of weeks ago, I posted a request for information on organizations

that offer short courses in survey concepts. A couple of you asked me to post the responses I received--here they are:

Several of you recommended the Joint Program in Survey Methodology (JPSM) at the University of Maryland (<http://www.jpsm.umd.edu/home/>).

I was also made aware of the Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques at the University of Michigan (<http://www.isr.umich.edu/src/si/home.html>) and the Institute for Program in Arlington, Virginia (I was unable to locate a Web address).

I had hoped for more responses but am very appreciative of the information I did receive. Thanks very much!

(If anyone knows of other organizations not listed above that provide 3-5 day training sessions/workshops on survey development, analysis, or management please let me know. Thanks!)

John P. Nordbo

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Dear AAPORNET,

Does anyone have recent data on response rates for email vs. fax vs. mail surveys? Also, would U.S. figures be comparable to those from Southern hemisphere countries?

Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks,

Patricia Moy

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AAPORNetters,

A few weeks ago I was lamenting the unsettling need to defend the use of respondent selection techniques. I received several very helpful responses. Having now gone through the various papers, I'm hoping to borrow more specific information from AAPOR's collective wisdom. In addition to the various "random" selection techniques, I have come across a few systematic, non-random techniques such as the "youngest

male/oldest female" method. I have reviewed several empirical "tests" of this method and found none that demonstrate a significant demographic or attitudinal difference between this method and either household inventory or "last birthday" methods. My question is why? I realize that the lack of a significant difference could simply be a result of chance. However, with 3 different studies all indicating little to no significant difference, I am beginning to think chance isn't the whole story.

What is the theoretical underpinning of this method? Where did it come from? Who suggested it first? I gather that it is derived from the Trol Dahl/Carter method. Is there a good reason to suspect that this method would result in a representative sample? My understanding is that both Gallup and Pew have used this method. Which in my mind adds credence to the idea that it must "work."

As before, thanks in advance for any and all light you can shed on this issue. And thanks again to those who replied to the first message.

Best Regards,

John

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I think the recent suggestions about computing (.05) confidence limits for

survey data combined and entered into econometric models may have fallen a little short. The suggested formula,  $1.96 \times \text{square root of } PQ/N$ , is fine for probability samples of responses to dichotomous variables. However, many econometric models do not yield dichotomous, but rather continuous, results. And often econometric models simply compute summary figures, not scores for each respondent. To calculate a confidence limit, the model would first of all have to produce scores for each respondent. For each variable, the mean of the scores would be calculated. To then compute the (.05) confidence limit around these means, you'd have to go back to the generic version of standard error, which is, sigma divided by the sample size. Multiply the dividend by 1.96 and that is the (.05) confidence limit.

(for dichotomous data, this becomes the familiar  $PQ/N$  formulation). Or something like that -- it's been a while since I've done one of these, and I

may be missing a detail here and there -- but I do know that in many cases,  $PQ/N$  would not be applicable.

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Hi everyone - I'm preparing a new course (for me) on sociological methods for undergrad sociology majors for next semester. I want to make a student-run survey the centerpiece of the course, but the course needs to cover some other methods, too. I'd be grateful for any suggestions people may have in putting this together: good textbooks, course materials, tips on running the course. Please send me any responses off-list, and I'll be happy to summarize the results to the list.

Thanks, Rick Weil

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From: sgoold@unm.edu (Scott Goold)

Subject: Re: Big tobacco and the right to data

Last week, we had a brief discussion on the right to data.

This article summary, comes from the LA Times. Thought you would find it interesting.

**Big Tobacco Pursues Secondhand Smoke Data**

Faced with increasing litigation over secondhand smoke, tobacco companies have engaged in a campaign to discredit studies on the effects of secondhand smoke. In a case pending in the US District Court in Los Angeles, Philip Morris is fighting to gain access to data from an influential study done by

the University of Southern California, known as the Fonham study. The Fonham study helped persuade the Environmental Protection Agency to declare secondhand smoke a health hazard, and is one of the key studies forming the foundation behind the growing number of secondhand smoke lawsuits threatening the industry. One reason these cases pose such a threat is because Big Tobacco's typical defense that victims accept the risks of their behavior does not apply. The industry hopes to analyze the data and then discredit the findings.

So far, researchers at USC have successfully thwarted the industry's pursuit of the data, claiming promises of confidentiality to the subjects in the study. But the case is now before Judge Richard Paez who is expected to rule in the industry's favor. The researchers say the industry's pursuit of the data could have a chilling effect on future research, because of promises of confidentiality made to subjects of the study. The data includes medical records and personal information on the subjects, such as work and marital histories, dietary habits and exposure to other toxic substances.

Source: Myron Levin, "Big Tobacco Pursues Secondhand Smoke Data," LOS ANGELES TIMES, October 4, 1999, p. A1.

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From: "Riley, Sharon" <Sharon.Riley@arbitron.com>

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: Bilingual Pre-alert

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Dear Sharon and AAPORNET:

The number of potential Spanish Surnames is very, very high, something on the order of several hundred thousand. Information about that is in a document on the Census Website.

As I recall you need many, many names to get at all of the Hispanics, and many also are not a very good indicator of being Hispanic.

Also, the names vary by location, obviously, depending upon the Hispanic groups involved.

This is one study that the Census can and has done that is impossible for anyone else. They obviously can use the surnames and the information on language, to which none of us would have access.

Andy Beveridge

"Riley, Sharon" wrote:

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Our company is performing a survey in the greater Buenos Aires area. Can anyone recommend a company in the region that can assist us in fielding the study?

Ideally, this company will not only perform the interviews but can assist us with understanding the culture and interpreting the data.

Any ideas or assistance is appreciated. Please respond directly to my email

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From: Jennifer Parsons <jparsons@SRL.UIC.EDU>

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: IRBs and Refusal Conversions

Please reply directly to Tim Johnson at timj@srl.uic.edu

>>> Tim Johnson 10/18/99 04:12pm >>>

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In a message dated 10/18/99 10:28:36 AM, Sharon.Riley@arbitron.com wrote:

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would like to find a file we can run our name/address list against to  
identify the households with Spanish surnames. Any suggestions?  
>>

Be careful: I hope the file you find is well-screened: years ago the Census  
Bureau did research in the Southwest on households with Spanish surnames and  
found a high miss rate and even a sizable false positive rate. In other  
words, some names are Hispanic/Latino/Spanish and don't seem to be because  
of  
their fairly rare occurrence (such as Otal), and may not be although they

seem

to be. If I remember correctly, the Census Bureau dropped the idea of using

that concept to identify Hispanic households.

However, there are marketing research firms that focus on Hispanic demographics, and perhaps one of these firms might have such a database or software. Perhaps they advertise in American Demographics magazine, try looking through that magazine's recent issues.

Milton R. Goldsamt, Ph.D.

Research Statistician

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From: "Rick Weil" <fweil@pabulum.lapop.lsu.edu>

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I got a very gratifying response to my query about teaching a sociology methods course that features a student survey - 11 very helpful replies.

I'll summarize them here for the list.

Opinions varied widely on actually conducting a survey in class, though everyone said it was challenging. One person had several articles come out of the class over the years. Several people have had good results, but caution that it's a lot of work. (It's easier to do in a course on surveys than one on general methods.) A couple people have given it up or cautioned against doing it.

Here are a few specific suggestions and cautions -

- Allow plenty of time for writing the survey questions and inputting and verifying the data.
- Also allow time to get approval from the university "human subjects" board, if needed.
- 25-50 interviews per student is reasonable.
- Use a campus survey lab with CATI, if available.
- A thorough grounding in sample design and development is the "heart of the problem."

- There's a real danger that if things are rushed, the students will get the impression it's okay to be sloppy.
- A few students may try to fudge the survey interviews.

People suggested that I look at the following resources:

- The course layout for SURV620, "Survey Practicum" on the JPSM website (<http://www.jpsm.umd.edu/home/>)
- The ASA web site, with a very large number of publications on teaching sociology
- The journal, "Teaching Sociology," especially some articles in the July 1996 issue

People recommended several books:

Earl Babbie, *The Practice of Social Research* (Wadsworth) (several recs).  
Earl Babbie, *The Basics of Social Research* (?). Russell Schutt,  
*Investigating the Social World* (Pine Forge) (several recs; and some people had switched from Babbie to Schutt). Emily Stier Adler and Roger Clark, *How It's Done: An Invitation to Social Research* (Wadsworth). Chava Frankfort-Nachmias and Anna Leon-Guerrero, *Social Statistics for a Diverse Society* (Pine Forge). Singleton, et al., *Approaches to Social Research*.  
Dillman on mail surveying. Groves on telephone interviewing (but tough for UGs).

Many thanks again to everyone who replied. Since I'm still at the beginning of the development stage, I of course still welcome any further replies or help!

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To: aapornet@usc.edu

From: "Paul J. Lavrakas, Ph.D." <lavrakas.1@osu.edu>

Subject: IRBs and Refusal Conversions

Tim,

Depending upon what type of information your interviewers record on the refusal report form (RRF) you use, you should be able to argue/support your decision to call back the vast majority of respondents/households who initially refuse. That is, most refusals are "soft refusals" in which respondents do NOT say anything to the effect of "don't call me back." Rather many of these soft refusals are the result of people being call at a "bad time" and calling back at a better time is NOT harassing them. The information we gather on our RRF, (which is the same form I used at Northwestern and was jointly developed by Sandy Bauman, Judee Richardson, Dan Merkle, and myself), allows us to make an individual decision about each initial refusal and whether or not it should be retried for a conversion. The basic form appears in my 1993 Telephone Survey Methods book (Sage).

Also, you can tell the IRB that in many cases it's not the actual respondent who refuses initially, but rather another member of the household.

And, sorry to learn of this "harassment" you are experiencing from your IRB.

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>From: Jennifer Parsons <jparsons@SRL.UIC.EDU>



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>Subject: IRBs and Refusal Conversions

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From: SEYMOUR SUDMAN <seymours@SRL.UIC.EDU>

To: jparsons@SRL.UIC.EDU, aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: IRBs and Refusal Conversions -Reply

I think it is important in spelling out a policy to distinguish between "soft" and "hard" refusals. "Soft" refusals such as I'm too busy right now can legitimately be called back at a more convenient time. "Hard refusals such as "I never respond to surveys" or "don't bother me again" should of course not be followed. Seymour

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To: aapornet@usc.edu  
Subject: IRBs and Refusal Conversions -Forwarded

This is weird. Your mail to aapornet: showed YOUR name first in the TO:  
box, and THEN aapornet (which was off the screen unless you scrolled to it.)  
I see that you ONLY sent the message to AAPORNET and BCd me.  
That's understandable.

I guess I was referring to other times when the TO: was to Tim, me, etc.  
AND AAPORNET.

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Precedence: bulk

From: Jennifer Parsons <jparsons@SRL.UIC.EDU>

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: IRBs and Refusal Conversions

X-Mailer: Novell GroupWise 4.1

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Please reply directly to Tim Johnson at timj@srl.uic.edu

>>> Tim Johnson 10/18/99 04:12pm >>>

Our university has asked me to draft a policy statement regarding refusal conversions as part of social and health-related surveys. Some IRB members here feel that ANY attempt to recontact potential respondents who have initially declined to participate is "harrassment" and should be prohibited. Arguments that refusal conversions are 'standard practice" for survey researchers do not carry much weight. Does anyone have experience dealing with university IRBs regarding this issue?

Timothy Johnson

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>From Sharon.Riley@arbitron.com Tue Oct 19 07:36:17 1999

Received: from vulcan.arbitron.com (vulcan.arbitron.com [208.232.40.3])

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From: "Riley, Sharon" <Sharon.Riley@arbitron.com>

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

Subject: RE: Bilingual Pre-alert

Date: Tue, 19 Oct 1999 10:38:12 -0400

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Thanks Milton

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

> From: MILTGOLD@aol.com [SMTP:MILTGOLD@aol.com]

> Sent: Monday, October 18, 1999 11:59 PM

> To: Sharon.Riley@arbitron.com; owner-aapornet@usc.edu; aapornet@usc.edu

> Subject: Re: Bilingual Pre-alert

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> In a message dated 10/18/99 10:28:36 AM, Sharon.Riley@arbitron.com

> wrote:

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> <<I am planning to test a bilingual pre-alert and

> would like to find a file we can run our name/address list against to

> identify the households with Spanish surnames. Any suggestions?

>>>

>

> Be careful: I hope the file you find is well-screened: years ago the

> Census Bureau did research in the Southwest on households with Spanish

> surnames and

> found a high miss rate and even a sizable false positive rate. In other

> words, some names are Hispanic/Latino/Spanish and don't seem to be because

> of

> their fairly rare occurrence (such as Ota), and may not be although they

> seem

> to be. If I remember correctly, the Census Bureau dropped the idea of

> using

> that concept to identify Hispanic households.

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> However, there are marketing research firms that focus on Hispanic

> demographics, and perhaps one of these firms might have such a database or

>

> software. Perhaps they advertise in American Demographics magazine,

> try

> looking through that magazine's recent issues.

>

> Milton R. Goldsamt, Ph.D.

> Research Statistician

> (and former staff member of Development Associates, a Latino-owned

> firm) U. S. Dept. of Justice miltgold@aol.com

>From slosh@garnet.acns.fsu.edu Tue Oct 19 07:59:25 1999

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To: aapornet@usc.edu

From: Susan Losh <slosh@garnet.acns.fsu.edu>

Subject: Re: IRBs and Refusal Conversions

Hi Tim and AAPOR-net,

Some of you may recall that I had IRB problems two years ago about not telling callers they could "hang up anytime". Following this, I was an IRB member for a year so I now see these issues from both sides.

The refusal conversion issue came up at FSU too.

Part of the problem is that most of what an IRB sees is experimental (often physiological) or surveys handed out in class to students at all levels, including elementary school. Most IRB members have next to no experience

with RDD and tend to confuse it with telemarketing. Partly this is because most (but not all) surveys of adults are exempt from the Federal Guidelines and these designs are probably only seen by the IRB Head and/or an assistant and do not come before full committee review.

I also learned there is more abuse than I ever would have dreamed. I saw protocols where procedures could have severely physically harmed the participants. I saw introductions that told inner-city children they would be kicked out of taxpayer-supported recreational programs unless they cooperated with researchers. Needless to say, these were corrected and they taught me a lot about why IRBs can be sensitive to anything that could be construed as harassment.

AAPOR should also know there is an active IRB List-Serve. Some of its members construe any telephone call as something that could trigger schizophrenia (I am not joking here) and others find surveys annoying so they would make them illegal.

Next to most of what came before the full Human Subjects Committee review, RDD with adults is NOTHING, including refusal conversions.

So here is what I reported to our IRB about initial refusals (some overlaps with earlier answers):

Some initial refusals are interviewer error: the respondent says "I can't do this now" and it is marked as a refusal. In other cases, the interviewer calls when the respondent has flu, is changing a diaper, making dinner and says "No" but the respondent is perfectly willing to answer later. Even well-trained interviewers don't always fill out a disposal sheet correctly



or completely.

Some respondents will only talk to an interviewer of their own sex--or the other sex--but we don't know that the first time.

The person answering the phone is not the respondent--and may not even live at that telephone number. (My favorite was the member of my IRB who said "But I know my wife wouldn't want to do it either.")

Husbands turn down a male interviewer asking for their wife and wives turn down females asking for their husbands (Ah...that old "I'm just doing a survey routine again, huh?")

The respondent confuses the survey with telemarketing. Since telemarketers almost never call back, a second call often informs the person this is a "real survey".

Often it is impossible for the field director to sort all these reasons out because the disposition sheet is vague or not filled out, the call happened several interviews back and the interviewer remembers nothing about it.

In my experience, three-quarters of 'initial refusals' were not refusals at all. The only way to check it out is to call back.

What is tougher than "real refusals" are "stringers" who ask you to call them back time after time, who are totally insincere but think they are "being polite." Every time an interviewer calls back, they are busy, out the door, AND THEY GIVE AN EXACT TIME TO CALL BACK. At the callback the same thing happens. Being a sincere person, of course I direct interviewers to

follow through until it is apparent even to me that these folks are faking it. IRBs do not address the stringer at all and yet here (innocently on our parts) is what can come close to harassment 'cause these folks don't know how to say no for the first five calls.

Good luck. My guess is you have educating to do ahead of you.

Susan

If time were money, I'd be in debtor's prison.

Susan Losh, PhD.

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From: Carolyn White <cswhite@uiuc.edu>

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

Subject: Re: Re: IRBs and Refusal Conversions

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Speaking of refusals and their codes, I have been attempting to use the

AAPOR

disposition codes as presented in documentation for

Sawtooth Software's Wincati system.

I believe a distinction made here is that when the household unit is being queried, it is considered a PRESCREENER and once the respondent in the household

has been selected, you are in the SCREENER mode. The Wincati implementation of

this gives us a SCREENER mode refusal code -- 2110, but not a PRESCREENER refusal code.

Shouldn't there be both for surveys which use a method to select the eligible

respondent within a household? Or is "Eligible" in the AAPOR list of codes

always referring to the household and not the respondent in the household?

That is, I may call a household and they may say I'm too busy right now and hang up. Or I may speak with the person who answers the phone, find out that the household is eligible and then pick the respondent from the members of the household. When I get in touch with the selected R, he/she may say he will not participate. The current system would require me to use the same disposition code in either case. Is this the desired intent?

If you are involved in these AAPOR code creations, please advise what the intent was here.

Thank you.

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Message-Id: <199910192034.PAA06565@nittany.uchicago.edu>

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: nonresponse codes

The codes in the AAPOR Standard Definitions are only final disposition codes. Thus, refusals are final refusals, non-respondents. In addition, to the final codes one needs temporary codes. One might have a single temporary refusal code or several to distinguish between types of refusals. AAPOR does not address this issue.

Tom W. Smith

>From cporter@hp.ufl.edu Tue Oct 19 18:44:09 1999

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To: aapornet@usc.edu

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The thing is, most IRBs make a big deal about the concept of "informed consent." Well, okay. Most refusals are not "informed" because they haven't hung on the line long enough to let us give them the information about the study that would allow them to decide intelligently whether or not to participate. So I have no hesitation to call back and attempt to give them that information.

For my current project, we got addresses for the twice-refused with listed numbers and sent them a letter of explanation. Then we called back a few

days later.

The response was pretty positive. We provided a toll-free number and email address in our letter, so that the few people who were most aggravated could call immediately and get their numbers dropped (saves on interviewer wear and tear!). But even some of those who refused at that point did say they appreciated knowing who we were, at least.

Many of the phone calls and e-mails were to make an appointment or ask questions, and there were a lot of comments along the lines of, "Oh, well, if we had known it was you...we thought someone was trying to sell us health insurance."

So you might look at that letter and extra phone call as harassment. Or you can view it as allowing the folks to make an informed decision.

Colleen K. Porter

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Susan Losh wrote:

[....some thoughtful stuff including...]

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> call them back time after time, who are totally insincere but think  
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> all and yet here (innocently on our  
> parts) is what can come close to harassment 'cause these folks don't know  
> how to say no for the first five calls.

Can someone in a different part of the country confirm whether this happens to them, too? All my survey experience is in Florida, Georgia and Texas, and I've always thought of this as "Southern Women's Syndrome" because I've most often encountered it among women of a certain age who just don't know how to flat-out say NO.

I have had some of these same people accuse me of harassment even though they gave a time for callback. And there was no question of miscommunication or a fudged form, because it was a Census survey for which I was the only field person with whom they dealt.

So is this really a widespread phenomenon?

Colleen K. Porter

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Subject: Refusal of household = refusal of respondent?

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I would think even final disposition codes would want to track these two events separately. And wouldn't some of the calculations of rates differ if

they were treated the same versus different?

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"Plan Ahead: It wasn't raining when Noah started building the Ark" Ron  
Fields

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To: "'Colleen K. Porter'" <cporter@hp.ufl.edu>

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Subject: RE: IRBs and Refusal Conversions

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We certainly have a problem with "stringers". Almost all of our studies involve personal interviews, and we have people who say that they will do



the interview but at some indefinite later time and then repeat this story every time we call them back. We have some success when the end of the study is near and we tell them that the study is ending and their participation is very important to us and ask for a definite appointment. Even worse, some of these "stringers" make appointments and then are not home when the interviewer shows up at the appointed time -- these no-shows are very expensive.

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> From: Colleen K. Porter [SMTP:cporter@hp.ufl.edu]

> Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 1999 6:57 PM

> To: aapornet@usc.edu

> Subject: Re: IRBs and Refusal Conversions

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> Susan Losh wrote:

> [...some thoughtful stuff including...]

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>> What is tougher than "real refusals" are "stringers" who ask you to

>> call them back time after time, who are totally insincere but think

>> they are "being polite." Every time an interviewer calls back, they

>> are busy, out

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>> door, AND THEY GIVE AN EXACT TIME TO CALL BACK. At the callback the

>> same thing happens. Being a sincere person, of course I direct

>> interviewers

> to

>> follow through until it is apparent even to me that these folks are

> faking

>> it. IRBs do not address the stringer at all and yet here (innocently

>> on

> our

>> parts) is what can come close to harassment 'cause these folks don't

> know

>> how to say no for the first five calls.

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> Can someone in a different part of the country confirm whether this

> happens to them, too? All my survey experience is in Florida, Georgia

> and Texas, and I've always thought of this as "Southern Women's

> Syndrome" because I've most often encountered it among women of a

> certain age who just don't know how to flat-out say NO.

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> I have had some of these same people accuse me of harassment even

> though they gave a time for callback. And there was no question of

> miscommunication or a fudged form, because it was a Census survey for

> which I was the only field person with whom they dealt.

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> So is this really a widespread phenomenon?

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William Robb

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Subject: Re: Refusal of household = refusal of respondent? 10-20-1999 11:04

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Subject: RE: refusal at household = refusal of selected respondent?

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It would appear that the AAPOR codes accept that notion -- there is only one code for refusal and it is ELIGIBLE Refusal.

So given the general schema of the AAPOR codes, where would you insert a temporary HU refusal code? -- in the 3.xs?

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To: aapornet@usc.edu  
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We too have a 'southern women' phenomenon, but it's South Bronx women.

We thought the stringer problem was an inner-city problem. We too have many women agree to an in-person interview, schedule a time, and confirm that time within 24 hours, but are not at home when the interviewer comes -- and then repeat this pattern 3,4,5 times (we are interviewing rare populations using list samples so each respondent is important to us). We feared that we were harrasing them, but they do not discourage us from calling back. We tried sending them a letter telling them it is OK to decline the interview, and to return the enclosed postcard if they would prefer not to be called. Not one was returned. I admit it; I'm puzzled!  
Laurie

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I found the questionnaire we used for a project several years ago. I am attaching the questionnaire. As I recall, the results of this study were very reasonable. We have decided this year to use a more reliable method of data collection, a radio diary with instructions to parents to assist older children with it.

<<Children1.doc>>

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

> From: Kathy Cirksema [SMTP:KathrynC@socialresearch.com]

> Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 1999 1:44 PM

> To: 'aapornet@usc.edu'

> Subject: Surveying children

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> Hello AAPORites,

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> I'm looking for references on surveying children, especially research

> and suggestions on questionnaire design and question wording that are

> developmentally appropriate for kids between 7 and 12. Thanks in

> advance for your help.  
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Message-ID: <411EA40BC162D211B92B0008C7B1D2B301419B2D@arbmdex.arbitron.com>

From: "Cralley, Marla" <Marla.Cralley@arbitron.com>

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

Subject: Recall: Surveying children

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1999 13:57:43 -0400

MIME-Version: 1.0

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Cralley, Marla would like to recall the message, "Surveying children".

>From beniger@rcf.usc.edu Thu Oct 21 11:44:37 1999

Received: from almaak.usc.edu (beniger@almaak.usc.edu [128.125.19.166])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with ESMTP

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

To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>

Subject: Of Significance (fwd)

Message-ID: <Pine.GSO.4.10.9910211142250.10848-100000@almaak.usc.edu>

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Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1999 13:27:01 -0400

From: patricia\_j\_doyle/dsd/hq/boc\_at\_boc@CCMAIL.CENSUS.GOV

Subject: Of Significance

Of Significance...

## A Call for Papers

A new publication, *Of Significance...*, will focus on confidentiality and disclosure in its second issue. We invite you to contribute to this publication through the preparation of an article directed to consumers of public data in general and users of public use data in particular. Issues of interest for this issue include:

**Policy:** What policies currently govern release of social science research information and where might those policies go in the future?

**Practice:** What techniques are currently available to anonymize data for release to the public and what are their impacts on analysis?

**Prognostication:** What might the future bring in light of the nearly universal access provided by the internet?

The article should be 5 to 10 pages in length single-spaced, two-column format. It should also be written for an audience with a keen interest in the impact of privacy and confidentiality requirements on data availability and use but for whom the technical topics of disclosure protection are somewhat unfamiliar.

We encourage you to contribute to this important publication.

To do so, please submit an abstract (one page or less) by

November 1, 1999, to:

Pat Doyle, Survey Improvement Coordinator

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Washington DC 20233

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Questions or comments may be directed to any one of the guest editors for this edition of *Of Significance*...

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*Of Significance* is sponsored by the Association of Public Data Users (APDU). The first issue focused on statistical literacy is currently in press. Publication of an article in *Of Significance* does not preclude publication elsewhere.



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From: Cliff Zukin <zukin@rci.rutgers.edu>

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To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: Millennium Surveys

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Hi,

I'm looking for some help on a survey we want to do on "the Millennium." I started at the normal place--looking to see what was done the last time.

But the two Graduate Assistants working on the project are adamant that there is nothing good to look at from the last Millennium and we should start from scratch.

We want to ask our sample of New Jerseyans to look ahead over the next 10 years or so and tell us what they expect across a variety of life realms: work, family & friends, society as a whole, science, technology & communication, health & other quality of life concerns. I'd appreciate hearing from anybody who has conducted similar surveys in the recent past.

Please respond directly to me rather than to the listserv. Thanks. Cliff

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

To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>

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#### WHAT'S NEW IN FEDERAL STATISTICS

October 21, 1999

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Requests Comments on the Proposed Changes to Standards for Defining Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Areas

On October 20, OMB released the recommendations from the Metropolitan Area Standards Review Committee (MASRC) for changes to OMB's standards for defining metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas. This is the first major revision of these concepts since 1970, when OMB developed new areas such as Primary Metropolitan Statistical Areas (PMSA's) and Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA's). MASRC has recommended a Core-Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs) classification to replace the current Metropolitan Area (MA) classification. The cores (densely settled concentrations of population) for this classification would be Census Bureau defined urbanized

areas and smaller densely settled "settlement clusters." The settlement clusters are new areas to be identified for the 2000 Census. CBSAs would be defined around these cores. This CBSA classification has three types of areas based on the total population of all cores in the CBSA: 1) Megapolitan Areas defined around cores of at least 1,000,000 population; 2) Macropolitan Areas defined around cores of 50,000 to 999,999 population; and 3) Micropolitan Areas defined around cores of 10,000 to 49,999 population. Those counties containing the cores, should become the central counties of the CBSA's. Territory outside of Megapolitan, Macropolitan and Micropolitan Areas would be termed "Outside CBSAs." The MASRC has recommended the use of counties and equivalent entities as the building blocks for statistical areas throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, including the use of counties as the primary building blocks for statistical areas in New England. MASRC also recommended that Minor Civil Divisions (MCDs) be used as building blocks for an alternative set of statistical areas for the New England States only. A single threshold of 25 percent to establish qualifying linkages between outlying counties and counties containing the CBSA cores has also been recommended.

OMB has allowed sixty (60) days for comments. To ensure consideration during the final decision making process, written comments must be received no later than December 20, 1999. The Comments should be sent to James D. Fitzsimmons, U.S. Bureau of the Census, IPC-Population Division, Washington, DC 20233-8860. The final standards will be announced by April 1, 2000. The actual areas, based upon 2000 Census commuting information will probably be available in 2003.

The full text of the release is available from the COPAFS home page at:  
<http://members.aol.com/copafs/metro99>, and also at the OMB home page at:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/OMB/fedreg/msa-recommend.pdf>

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Date: Thu, 21 Oct 1999 18:51:03 -0400

Subject: Re: SURVEYS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

I am concluding a small project searching for journal articles or other sources about methodology issues in surveying public officials. &Public

officials & are defined loosely as non-elected government employees at upper managerial or policy-making levels. Of course, this is just a special case of organizational/business establishment surveys; that literature covers most of the relevant topics.

There seems to be very little methodological work that deals specifically with +public officials , surveys, or how survey methods for them might differ (if at all) from those for surveying high level members of non-government organizations. I ,ve contacted several of you individually. This note is a final call before I end the study.

If anyone knows of specific articles, sources or researchers who have done survey methods work in this area (in either the U.S. or other countries), I ,d very much appreciate any leads or references. Please respond directly to me, not to the list.

Johnny Blair

Jblair@srcmail.umd.edu

>From rkrughoff@checkbook.org Thu Oct 21 18:46:19 1999

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Job Announcement

Survey Research Director

The Center for the Study of Services (CSS), a nonprofit consumer research organization, seeks an experienced survey research director to assume responsibility for surveys of consumers and professionals to be used in evaluations of the performance of health plans, hospitals, nursing homes, physicians, and other health care providers, and occasional evaluations of other types of service providers.

Typical recent projects have been a survey of 400,000 members of 350 different HMOs for their evaluations of the care and services provided, a survey of 260,000 physicians for their ratings of their peers, a survey of

15,000 health plan disenrollees from 40 plans to assess reasons for disenrollment from each plan, and a survey of 20,000 asthma patients for their evaluation of the care provided by each of 25 physician groups.

Results of surveys are used by states and other clients in preparing report cards and are used in CSS's own publications, such as Consumers' CHECKBOOK magazine, the Guide to Top Doctors, and the Consumers' Guide to Health Plans.

The Survey Research Director will be responsible for projects from conception to completion, including the administration of the surveys and analysis and presentation of results.

CSS's survey operations are conducted with a small, lean in-house staff. Lettershop services, most data entry, all CATI interviewing, and various other operations are contracted out to a select group of vendors.

Candidates must demonstrate technical knowledge spanning the entire survey and analysis process; ability to hire, train, and manage staff and outside vendors; and ability to write clearly and persuasively.

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Center for the Study of Services

Attn: PK2

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Washington, DC 20005



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Subject: Survey Software for Use on the Internet

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X-Mailer: AOL 3.0.1 for Mac sub 79

I pass along this item I just saw on the Infobeat Finance Daily-Internet newsletter I subscribe to via e-mail. I have no affiliation with this product, but it may be of interest to others.

Milton R. Goldsamt, Ph.D.

Research Statistician

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\*\* Va. tech agency offers free survey tool

Virginia's Internet Technology Innovation Center announced it will make available SurveySuite, electronic survey software free via the Internet at <http://intercom.virginia.edu/SurveySuite>. Internet TIC, established by the state's Center of Innovative technology, is a partnership among 11 research groups at four Virginia universities.

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You might try Lance deHaven-Smith at University of Florida. He has a web site that you can find by simply searching on his name via Yahoo.

Helene Klein

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

To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>

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## Soul-Searching in Sociology: Is the Discipline in Crisis?

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Most members of the American Sociological Association are proud of their discipline's intellectual diversity. However, a recent controversy over the editorship of the American Sociological Review, the A.S.A.'s flagship journal, indicates that the majority of the association's leadership lags somewhat behind the membership in progressing toward goals of greater intellectual diversity and democracy in the A.S.A.'s operations.

Viewed narrowly, the A.S.R. debate is over which editors should be at the helm of the nation's leading sociology journal, which is also the association's official journal. The controversy, however, reflects much broader, long-simmering tensions within the discipline that parallel frictions within other social sciences and society at large.

Most sociologists who do qualitative and theoretical research -- particularly those who study issues regarding race, ethnicity, gender, class, and sexuality -- oppose the heavy emphasis that the A.S.A.'s establishment puts on quantitatively analyzed survey research. That

opposition is only in part about the dominance of a certain research method. It is also fueled by a recognition that much mainstream research has drifted away from the urgent moral and practical concerns voiced by critical sociologists since the first decades of this century.

At first sight, the latest A.S.A. flap has to do with questionable procedures by its governing council, the clout of an elected publications committee, the qualifications and visions of proposed editors, and the association leadership's receptivity to criticism and reform. But, fundamentally, the issues that the A.S.A. is facing are the same ones facing the nation as a whole. Will we continue to allow traditional elites in large institutions to control important discourse and decisions? Or will we take our democratic traditions seriously, and significantly open up that dialogue and decision making to the larger population? However the immediate questions regarding a single sociology journal are resolved, both the narrow and the broader debates, I believe, are necessary and constructive.

The strength of sociology has long resided in its intellectual diversity. Sociology was the first discipline in the United States to undertake serious studies of racial and gender inequality, and one of the first to include serious research on a range of other issues, such as class inequality, bias against gays and lesbians, and age discrimination. Sociologists have been among the sharpest analysts and critics of U.S. society, from the early commentaries of W.E.B. Du Bois on racism to the analyses of gender relations by Charlotte Perkins Gilman, and from recent assessments of the American ruling class by G. William Domhoff to Arlie R. Hochschild's explorations of worker alienation and the management of emotions.

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quantitative research methods. However, since World War II, many leading sociologists have stressed the need for sociology to standardize and develop more methodological rigor. They have called for the use of advanced statistical techniques, survey and demographic methods, and positivistic generalization -- the testing of rigidly framed, deductive propositions by quantitative data and methods.

Many sociologists have taken the command for statistical rigor to heart. Indeed, one reason why sociology does not currently have more social impact is its over-emphasis on advanced statistical methods and a neutrality toward society's marked inequalities. Like other social scientists, too many sociologists have lost touch with the moral and practical concerns from which our field emanated.

How did the shift away from broader concerns come about? In tour-de-force articles in the book *A Critique of Contemporary American Sociology* (General Hall, 1993), Gideon Sjoberg, of the University of Texas, and Ted R. Vaughan, now retired from the University of Missouri, demonstrated that, since World War II, sociology has been reshaped into a discipline whose most prestigious members are often linked to government agencies, foundations, or other bureaucracies that supply much of the money for social research. In the past several decades, members of major Ph.D.-granting sociology departments -- such as the University of Wisconsin, Indiana University, and Pennsylvania State University, among numerous others -- have become heavily dependent on research grants provided by those bureaucracies.

Before World War II, the majority of sociologists conducted research projects

-- usually with little outside financing -- that primarily used qualitative techniques or descriptive-statistical measures, such as percentages and medians, that were understandable to the educated layperson. The discipline's primary concern was with addressing specific societal problems and working toward an understanding of their causes and development. After the war, federal agencies and foundations began backing social-science research on a large scale. Partly because survey and other research projects using advanced statistical methods enjoyed the respectable patina of "hard science," and partly because those projects rarely raised fundamental questions about major institutions, they were favored by the large underwriters of social research. Although regularly challenged, the quantitative orientation gained a central position within U.S. sociology.

Many sociologists and other social scientists fashioned themselves into grant-seeking entrepreneurs, with their own narrow professional networks and readily identifiable niches of inquiry. Often their research goals have coincided with the establishment-oriented interests of the bureaucratic benefactors. Concurrently, there has been relatively little large-scale backing of qualitative projects, especially those of researchers who question mainstream institutions.

Large-scale federal and corporate financing brought the major Ph.D.-granting departments into prominence. Today, those powerful research departments attract well-published sociologists and many graduate students, control major publications such as the *A.S.R.*, and act as gatekeepers for much sociological research and debate.

There are, of course, many quantitative researchers who are reflective and critical. The problem is not quantification per se, but the all too

frequently unreflective use of quantitative methods without consideration of the research's social context, societal relevance, or uncritical assumptions.

In other words, the postwar accommodation of money sources that prefer to support only certain research topics and quantitative methods has often bred superficiality in sociology -- as well as in some other social sciences, such as political science. The social survey, a prevailing research technique, typically involves surface-level readings of human behavior. A great deal of of what sociologists and other social scientists know is from these short survey questions, framed by researchers who have no direct contact with their research subjects.

For example, much survey research suggests that white people's attitudes toward African Americans have become much more liberal in recent decades. Yet the brief survey questions typically used in such research are problematic as an indication of the real views of white Americans.

Recent research by the Texas A&M sociologist Eduardo Bonilla-Silva on white students at three major universities found that racial attitudes expressed on short-answer survey items were often different from those expressed by respondents in interviews allowing more-detailed commentary. On a short survey item, eight in 10 of the 400-plus students said they approved of marriages between black people and white people. When a smaller, representative group from the same institutions was interviewed in depth, fewer than one-third still approved of racial intermarriage. Given the time to explain, the majority expressed reservations about marriage across the color line. Respondents might indicate in a survey question that they didn't have a problem with intermarriage, but in a longer interview would back off



from that view and say they wouldn't want it to happen in their families. That kind of in-depth interviewing, a traditional qualitative approach, often reveals the deep realities of social life that quantitative survey research alone cannot measure.

The control of mainstream journals by quantitatively oriented sociologists has driven those who primarily use other methods to publish their innovative work in books or in specialty journals. Today, as a result, there is a mainstream "article sociology" and a "book sociology," with striking differences in style, methods, and subject matter. Such bifurcation is also evident in political science and economics.

The discourses of the two sociologies are, to a remarkable degree, non-overlapping. In mainstream journals like the *A.S.R.*, establishment editors rarely publish qualitative or theoretical research, especially research involving critical approaches. Those approaches are often used by scholars who have been marginalized -- including many female, black, Latino, Asian, gay, Marxist, and working-class sociologists. For decades, those researchers have capably and critically dissected the dominant society -- and the sociological profession as well. Examples include the brilliant black sociologist Oliver C. Cox, whose groundbreaking book on racial conflict, *Caste, Class, & Race: A Study in Social Dynamics* (Doubleday, 1948), has only lately received attention from U.S. sociologists. A more recent example is the work of Dorothy E. Smith, whose critical feminist analyses are presented in her book *The Everyday World As Problematic: A Feminist Sociology* (Northeastern University Press, 1987).

Interestingly, even mainstream introductory sociology textbooks draw heavily on the book-sociology research for much of their content, because book

sociology often provides more-interesting data on, and analyses of, the day-to-day quandaries of contemporary society.

Until the mid-1960s, the American Sociology Review was a more intellectually and methodologically diverse journal than it has been since. As late as summer 1964, one large issue of the journal featured five major conceptual articles on social evolution and historical change, including essays by leading theorists such as Talcott Parsons and Robert Bellah, both of whom were on the faculty of Harvard University. Not one of those essays had any quantitative apparatus, and not one would probably have been published in the A.S.R. in recent decades.

Since the 1970s, numerous sociologists have complained about the dominance of hyper-quantitative research in the major journals, and several esteemed sociologists have organized informal boycotts of A.S.R. subscriptions among their colleagues. The recent conflict over the journal's editorship should be seen against that background, not as a professional clash out of the blue.

In January, Walter Allen -- a distinguished sociologist at the University of California at Los Angeles, recent nominee for president of the American Sociological Association, recent member of the A.S.A. council, and an African American -- was nominated by the A.S.A. publications committee's eight voting members for the editorship of the A.S.R. In a close vote, that nomination was rejected by the council's 19 voting members, who also rejected the committee's second choice, Jerry Jacobs, of the University of Pennsylvania, in favor of two candidates the committee had not recommended. The council majority chose two co-editors from the University of Wisconsin at Madison -- Charles Camic and Franklin D. Wilson -- and thereby returned

the A.S.R. to a leading quantitative department, the only one to control the journal three times since the 1960s. While no one questions Camic's or Wilson's academic credentials, for many sociologists, the journal's return to Wisconsin indicated an elitist and establishment mindset among the association's leaders (The Chronicle, September 3).

In council discussions, a major argument made against Allen was that he had not published articles in the A.S.R. or the American Journal of Sociology, another major journal of the discipline. Yet Allen -- whom I supported for the editorship in the council discussions -- has published six dozen research chapters and articles in important books and distinguished journals, including the Harvard Educational Review and Signs. A researcher whose work often deals with education, family, and racial relations, Allen has spent his entire career in top-10 departments (Michigan, North Carolina, U.C.L.A.). He has served on the editorial boards of many journals and has extensive administrative experience with journals and large research grants.

Even though several council members sought more time to review the new candidates properly, the council majority pushed through a decision on the editorship much too rapidly.

Walter Allen was the best candidate for the editorship, in my opinion, because he offered a well-devised strategy for diversifying the A.S.R.'s content and for democratizing its editorial operations. Envisioning a dynamic and reinvigorated journal, Allen proposed the creation of an intellectually diverse team of six deputy editors with expertise in a range of qualitative, quantitative, and theoretical research. Those editors would have included sociologists who are female, black, Asian, or Latino. The

strong deputy-editor structure would have resembled that of the Administrative Science Quarterly, one of the best-run journals in social science. The proposed editors were to have substantial authority in handling reviews of papers -- including selection of reviewers and correspondence with authors -- all in consultation with the editor. Such a system would very likely have insured that papers submitted by scholars doing research into currently underrepresented topics would be evaluated by respected peers, well-informed in those specialties.

One of the proposed deputy editors was Patricia Hill Collins, of the University of Cincinnati, a leading scholar in critical theory. In her perceptive new book, *Fighting Words: Black Women and the Search for Justice* (University of Minnesota Press, 1998), Collins argues that intellectuals who break with conventional wisdom are more of a threat to the establishment than their numbers might suggest. Allen and his proposed deputy editors apparently were such a threat.

In addition to being hasty and, I think, unwise, the council's rejection of the publications-committee recommendations was unprecedented. It triggered months of controversy, resulting in an intense business meeting at the association's annual conference in August, in Chicago. As many as 400 sociologists turned out at the 7 a.m. meeting to debate the issue. Many A.S.A. members indicated that they were upset that a leading sociologist with impeccable credentials was not considered qualified by the council majority to be the A.S.R.'s editor. The members passed, overwhelmingly, a resolution calling for a reconsideration and reversal of the council's decision. In addition, Judith Auerbach, of the National Institutes of Health -- president of Sociologists for Women in Society -- called for more democracy in A.S.A. operations, recommending a task force to re-examine the

elimination of the association's elected committee on committees and suggesting the reinstatement of regional representation on the committee on nominations. That motion passed nearly unanimously.

At a subsequent council meeting, a majority of council members voted to stick with their original decision on the A.S.R. editorship and supported the membership's motion for a task force on restoring the committee on committees. Concerned about the membership's strong criticism, the council did pass several resolutions acknowledging the need for greater intellectual diversity in the A.S.R., and called on the new co-editors to take that need into consideration. The council also called for a conference to study the journal's future direction.

Today, the debate continues, with some A.S.A. members coming to the support of the council majority's decisions, and others pressing for more changes in the direction of greater diversity and democracy. Last month, for example, the executive committee of the Association of Black Sociologists issued a statement condemning the editorial decisions of the A.S.A. council's majority. The statement concluded that the council's failure to take remedial action in response to the business meeting has caused many sociologists to have little confidence in future actions of the council on issues of diversity and inclusion.

As unnerving as the discord is, the debate over diversity and democracy at the A.S.R. -- and in the association and the profession generally -- is healthy, and would be so in any social science. It indicates growing input from the membership as to how the discipline should be organized and governed. It also reflects the profession's soul-searching attempts to evaluate and, if necessary, to correct its course, a self-reflective

tradition that is one of sociology's recurring virtues.

One of the attractions of being in a discipline that includes the study of such subjects as justice, equality, and freedom is that the societal issues we probe as researchers also are relevant to our professional deliberations. We can practice what we preach -- try to encourage new intellectual voices and to structure our associations democratically. Sometimes we succeed; sometimes we fail. But if we look in the mirror and find that the reflection is sometimes a little ungainly, we should remember that we are, or can be, models for a more diverse and democratic society.

It is in that light -- even as we may flinch at the heat and untidiness of our current disputes -- that we also can pause, just briefly, to congratulate ourselves on having them.

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DEPLORING what they see as an unfair and conflict-ridden manipulation of the young, a group of psychologists and other professionals has called on the American Psychological Association to restrict the use of psychological research by advertisers pitching toys, video games, snack food and other products to children.

The letter, written by Gary Ruskin, who heads Commercial Alert, a Washington-based advocacy group, and Allen D. Kanner, a clinical psychologist at the Wright Institute in Berkeley, Calif., was sent to the association's president late last month. It urges the association to issue a formal denunciation of the use of psychological techniques in marketing and advertising to children, and asks for amendments to the association's code of ethics that would address the issue.

The letter, which was signed by 60 psychologists and other professionals with affiliations ranging from Sonoma State University to Harvard Medical School, also calls for "an ongoing campaign to probe, review and confront the use of psychological research in advertising and marketing to children," which would include promoting strategies to shield children from "commercial manipulation and exploitation" by psychologists.

"Regrettably, a large gap has arisen between A.P.A.'s mission and the drift of the profession into helping corporations influence children for the purpose of selling products to them," the letter stated.

A spokeswoman for the association said the matter had been referred to its internal board on children, youth and family issues, and that the board was scheduled to meet in March.

"Certainly there's no mention of the issue in our code of conduct," said the spokeswoman, Rhea K. Farberman, adding that the points raised in the letter had not been brought before the association before.

Dr. Kanner said he wrote the letter after becoming concerned, through his own conversations with children and teen-age patients, that they were, as a group, blatantly materialistic. "I'll ask kids what they want to do when they grow up, and lots of times they'll tell me, 'Make money,' " he said.

As for psychologists' role in that, he said research conducted at the university level was frequently deployed in developing commercials and other pitches to children. Since the stated mission of the American Psychological Association is "to improve the condition of both the individual and society," he concluded that permitting research to be used in advertising to children presented a conflict.

"They are taking this very sophisticated understanding of children's relationships and what they respond to, and then really tailoring it to the advertisement and refining it," he said. "There's no indication that it's helping kids with their relationships at all, but rather that it's manipulating them."

Timothy J. Kasser, an associate professor of psychology at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., who signed the letter, said he did so because he

saw "a great deal of collusion between some members of psychology and marketing, advertising and entrepreneurial firms that are working together to try to understand how best to sell things to kids."

Dr. Kasser said his research with a colleague, Richard Ryan of the University of Rochester, had concluded that people who value goals like money, fame and beauty are not only more depressed than others, but also report more behavioral problems and physical discomfort, as well as scoring lower on measures of vitality and self-actualization.

For children, the consequences can be similarly damaging, Dr. Kasser said. "When advertisers are using psychological principles to sell products to children, they are not only selling that product, but they are also selling a larger value system that says making money and using your money for the purchase of material things will make you happy," he said. "That's what is really behind almost every commercial message, that this product will make you feel happy, or loved, or safe and secure. My feeling is that it is manipulation to use children's needs to get them to buy these products."

Not every psychologist feels the same way. "The

whole point is, if you're going to market to kids, do it responsibly and there are a whole lot of opportunities to make a positive difference," said Dan S. Acuff, who holds a doctorate in psychology and runs a company called Youth Market Systems Consulting in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Dr. Acuff, who called the goals stated in the letter "anti-free enterprise," published a book titled "What Kids Buy and Why" in 1997 that offers insights into how to create a successful children's product. Included are discussions of neocortical development, in which children start to rely more on intellect, logic and reasoning and less on fantasy for their decision making. That, Dr. Acuff notes, in italics, "has critical implications for product and program development as well as marketing and advertising to kids in the 8-through-12 age range."

But there is a line psychologists should draw, he added this week. "We turn down opportunities that would be damaging to kids," he said, "like toys with serious weapons in them -- guns, bombs, rifles and things like that." Fantasy weapons, like those carried by He-Man and Star Wars figures, were acceptable to him, he added, but those based on "modern technological weapons" were not.

Ms. Farberman, the association's spokeswoman, said psychological techniques were also being used for "socially redeeming issues," like advertising campaigns to urge people not to drink and drive. "It's important not to lose sight of that," she said.

Julie A. Halpin, the chief executive of Geppetto Group, which specializes in children's advertising, said psychologists were important in helping her company understand children and their capabilities. "For example, we learned that 6- and 7-year-olds don't understand double-entendres," she said. "They are simply trying to learn one meaning of a word at that age. So advertising copy that uses double-entendres as a clever device would not be appropriate, or effective. It's things like that that help us do the best job we can do."

Still, Dr. Kasser raised a question: "Maybe we're helping the economy, but is that our mission as a discipline?"

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Either Gore or Bradley Would Tie Bush in State;

Presidential Field Poll shows gains by ex-Jersey senator

Carla Marinucci, Chronicle Political Writer

Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush remain locked in a statistical dead heat in the 2000 presidential race among California voters, but an increasing number of them now believe Democratic challenger Bill Bradley would be a stronger candidate against the GOP front-runner, a new Field Poll shows.

Bush has kept an iron grip on GOP support in the nation's most populous state, where he is the preferred candidate of 45 percent of likely Republican voters -- more than the combined totals of his six other challengers, the poll shows. Gore maintains a strong lead among likely Democratic voters, 45-17 over Bradley, with 5 percent now supporting actor Warren Beatty and a full third still undecided.

#### BRADLEY GAINING

If the presidential election were held tomorrow, Bush and Gore would be locked in a statistical tie, 47 to 46 percent, with 7 percent undecided, the poll showed. But significantly, for the first time, a Bradley-Bush matchup also puts the former U.S. senator from New Jersey in a statistical 46-to-45 tie with the Texas governor, with 9 percent undecided.

"If there's been a constant through the year, it's that Bush and Gore have been battling it out with no change going on. What Bush has to worry about now is that his lead against Bradley is evaporating -- from 19 points to an even trial heat" since March, said Field Poll director Mark DiCamillo.

With five months to go before the 2000 primary, the strength of both Gore and Bradley against Bush are crucial indicators of Democratic fortunes in California, a key battleground in the 2000 presidential race. Gore has

visited the state 59 times since becoming vice president, and Bush and Bradley have tried hard to increase their visibility here in recent months -- apparently with success.

#### MOMENTUM FOR ALTERNATIVE

Bradley's improved general election standings come because among Californians "he's increasingly perceived as a potentially stronger candidate against Bush," said DiCamillo. "Gore seems to be 15 to 20 points behind the leading Republican (in many national polls), and that's sending some shock waves among Democrats, and creates a momentum looking for an alternative. Up to this point, there wasn't one."

Bradley also "has a very positive image among Democrats, Republican voters and nonpartisans," said DiCamillo. "A third of the electorate have no opinion of Bradley -- and even with that, he equals Bush's strength in the general election. That says there's a lot of room for even further growth in the Bradley vote."

#### GOOD NEWS FOR GORE

The latest Field Poll did have some good news for Gore: He retains overwhelming support of the state's Democratic base for the March primary, the contest with the clout to deliver him the Democratic presidential nomination.

"He's 28 points ahead in the California Democratic primary. He maintains a solid lead. He's well-liked by state Democrats," DiCamillo said. "The (Gore) problem is with the broader electorate, not California Democratic

primary voters. From the Gore perspective, it's, Let's take one task at a time.' "

Other findings of the Field Poll:

-- In a Republican primary, Bush leads his competition with 45 percent of the support among likely GOP voters. That compares to Elizabeth Dole (10 percent), John McCain (8 percent), Steve Forbes (6 percent), Gary Bauer (3 percent), Alan Keyes (3 percent) and Orrin Hatch (1 percent). Bush's rivals appear to have stagnant support, and Forbes actually has lost 2 percentage points since the last poll, in August.

-- On the Democratic side, Gore still retains a nearly 3-to-1 lead over Bradley, 45-17. But it has slipped since August, when it was 51 to 18. Actor Warren Beatty has managed to increase his support to 5 percent since he made his Hollywood speech on Democratic values last month. But he's viewed more negatively than positively -- 41 to 33 percent among Democratic voters, and by a 2-to-1 ratio among likely California voters as a whole.

-- The "wild bunch" of Reform Party candidates appear to have one thing in common: They're viewed more negatively than positively among California voters. Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura leads Reform hopefuls in a presidential race with a favorability rating of 34 percent, compared to Ross Perot (24), Pat Buchanan (19) and Donald Trump (18).

-- In three-way races, Buchanan appears to take votes away from Bush, while the others hurt Gore. With close margins, the Texas governor wins Bush-Gore-Ventura (43-40-11); Bush-Gore-Perot (45-44-6) and Bush-Gore-Trump (45-44-6), but comes out a loser in Bush-Gore-Buchanan (43-46-6).

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FIELD POLL

Among likely California voters

-- Open primary preferences where

Democratic and Republican candidates are listed on one ballot

Candidate March\*\* August October

Al Gore 26 % 29 % 26 %

George W. Bush 24 24 24

Bill Bradley 6 11 12

Elizabeth Dole 15 7 8

John McCain 3 5 7

Steve Forbes 3 4 5

Warren Beatty n/a 2 3

Gary Bauer 1 1 2

Orrin Hatch n/a 1 1

Alan Keyes 1 \* 1

Other/undecided 24 16 11

-- Image ratings of Democratic presidential candidates

Favorable Unfavorable No Opinion

Al Gore	49 %	43	8
Bill Bradley	54 %	14	32
Warren Beatty	24 %	52	24

-- Simulated general election presidential preferences

Al Gore	46 %
George W. Bush	47
Undecided	7

Bill Bradley	45 %
George W. Bush	46
Undecided	9

The poll was conducted October 8-17 by the Field Institute.

The results are based on a telephone survey of 1,010 California adults, including 514 registered voters deemed likely to vote in next year's primary election. Ninety five percent of the results from the likely voter sample have a sampling error of + or - 4.5 percentage points, findings for likely Democratic voters have a sampling error of + or - 6.5 points, while findings for likely GOP voters have a sampling error of + or - 7.2 points.

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Thank you!

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Jim:

There's so much that could be (and has been) said about this, but reading what you circulated left me with nothing so much as a strong sense of déjà vu. In March of 1979, I was one of two CBS witnesses who appeared in the course of formal FTC hearings into a great many facets of advertising directed to children. At that time, so much of this same ground was covered

and covered and covered yet again to the point of absolute revulsion on the parts of all sides to the controversy.

It was more than a little incongruous to hear quoted from the lips of lawyers, advertising people, broadcast-types like me (who was also a psychologist by training, which in helped in this particular venue), dentists, candy and cereal manufacturers -- that gang -- the thinking of Jean

Piaget on the cognitive limitations of children's information-processing



capacities. And, yes, the charge of instilling great gobs of materialism into television-viewing kids was on the table as well. Really, there wasn't

any issue that wasn't on the table -- except for the question of how non-broadcast children's media (comic books, Jack and Jill, Highlights for Children, etc.) would handle this windfall that seemed about to drop in their collective laps.

The charge of psychological manipulation was very much present and talked about in terms reminiscent of Vance Packard. The focus then was mainly on production techniques used to make children's products look more appealing than they really were. In the case of toys, for example, those practices

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together with the absence of batteries (about which the viewer was advised but in language said to be so obscure as to be meaningless) once the toy was

actually acquired -- were held to lead inexorably to two unfortunate outcomes. One, the obvious disappointment on the part of the child; the other, flowing directly from that disappointment, carried more dire implications. Namely, the development of cynicism, first about the rewards to be expected from products advertised on television (which may not have been such an awful thing); but second a cynicism ("skepticism" was the term favored by the ads' defenders) that extended to advertising but also to much

else in the child's lifespaces, including parents, teachers, religious leaders, and so forth.

So this has had a pretty thorough airing. Unless we're aware of new

techniques and procedures of mind-manipulation to bend the child to the will

of those with products and services to sell to him or her, then there are  
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or two other child-related problems which the petitioning psychologists and  
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Dick Halpern

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sent to the

association's president late last month. It urges the association to issue a

formal denunciation of the use of psychological techniques in marketing

and advertising to children, and asks for amendments to the association's

code of ethics that would address the issue.

The letter, which was signed by 60 psychologists and other professionals

with affiliations ranging from Sonoma State University to Harvard Medical

School, also calls for "an ongoing campaign to probe, review and confront

the use of psychological research in advertising and marketing to children,"

which would include promoting strategies to shield children from "commercial manipulation and exploitation" by psychologists.

"Regrettably, a large gap has arisen between A.P.A.'s mission and the drift

of the profession into helping corporations influence children for the

purpose of selling products to them," the letter stated.

A spokeswoman for the association said the matter had been referred to

its internal board on children, youth and family issues, and that the board was scheduled to meet in March.

"Certainly there's no mention of the issue in our code of conduct," said the

spokeswoman, Rhea K. Farberman, adding that the points raised in the letter had not been brought before the association before.

Dr. Kanner said he wrote the letter after becoming concerned, through his

own conversations with children and teen-age patients, that they were, as a

group, blatantly materialistic. "I'll ask kids what they want to do when they

grow up, and lots of times they'll tell me, 'Make money,' " he said.

As for psychologists' role in that, he said research conducted at the

university level was frequently deployed in developing commercials and

other pitches to children. Since the stated mission of the American

Psychological Association is "to improve the condition of both the individual and society," he concluded that permitting research to be used in advertising to children presented a conflict.

"They are taking this very sophisticated understanding of children's relationships and what they respond to, and then really tailoring it to the advertisement and refining it," he said. "There's no indication that it's helping kids with their relationships at all, but rather that it's manipulating them."

Timothy J. Kasser, an associate professor of psychology at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., who signed the letter, said he did so because he saw "a great deal of collusion between some members of psychology and marketing, advertising and entrepreneurial firms that are working together to try to understand how best to sell things to kids."

Dr. Kasser said his research with a colleague, Richard Ryan of the University of Rochester, had concluded that people who value goals like money, fame and beauty are not only more depressed than others,

but also

report more behavioral problems and physical discomfort, as well

as

scoring lower on measures of vitality and self-actualization.

For children, the consequences can be similarly damaging, Dr. Kasser said.

"When advertisers are using psychological principles to sell products to

children, they are not only selling that product, but they are also selling a

larger value system that says making money and using your money for the

purchase of material things will make you happy," he said.

"That's what is

really behind almost every commercial message, that this product will

make you feel happy, or loved, or safe and secure. My feeling is that it is

manipulation to use children's needs to get them to buy these products."

Not every psychologist feels the same way. "The whole point is, if you're

going to market to kids, do it responsibly and there are a whole lot of

opportunities to make a positive difference," said Dan S. Acuff, who holds

a doctorate in psychology and runs a company called Youth Market

Systems Consulting in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Dr. Acuff, who called the goals stated in the letter "anti-free enterprise," published a book titled "What Kids Buy and Why" in 1997 that offers insights into how to create a successful children's product. Included are discussions of neocortical development, in which children start to rely more on intellect, logic and reasoning and less on fantasy for their decision making. That, Dr. Acuff notes, in italics, "has critical implications for product and program development as well as marketing and advertising to kids in the 8-through-12 age range."

But there is a line psychologists should draw, he added this week. "We turn down opportunities that would be damaging to kids," he said, "like toys with serious weapons in them -- guns, bombs, rifles and things like that."

Fantasy weapons, like those carried by He-Man and Star Wars figures, were acceptable to him, he added, but those based on "modern technological weapons" were not.



Ms. Farberman, the association's spokeswoman, said psychological techniques were also being used for "socially redeeming issues," like

advertising campaigns to urge people not to drink and drive.

"It's important

not to lose sight of that," she said.

Julie A. Halpin, the chief executive of Geppetto Group, which specializes in

children's advertising, said psychologists were important in helping her

company understand children and their capabilities. "For example, we

learned that 6- and 7-year-olds don't understand double-entendres," she

said. "They are simply trying to learn one meaning of a word at that age.

So advertising copy that uses double-entendres as a clever device would

not be appropriate, or effective. It's things like that that help us do the best

job we can do."

Still, Dr. Kasser raised a question: "Maybe we're helping the economy, but

is that our mission as a discipline?"

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In addition to Erik's reply below, I have also attached a summary of polls by an advocacy group showing that many polls have yielded many/more people favoring life in prison without parole over the death penalty when given that choice in a question.

Thanks Erik

Erik Stewart wrote:

- > We've engaged in this work in Ohio and have found similar patterns.
- > In a telephone survey we conducted in 1997 we found that 75% of
- > Ohioans favor the death penalty for convicted murderers (Q item = Do
- > you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder)
- > while 17% were opposed and 8% expressed ambivalence. When asked "If
- > convicted 1st degree murderers in Ohio could be sentenced to life in
- > prison without parole, and also be required to work in prison
- > industries for money that would go to the families of their victims,

> would you prefer this as an alternative to the death penalty?" 59% of  
> respondents supported the use of this alternative, while 31% did not  
> support it and 9% reported being unsure. We also posed the question  
> "How likely do you believe it is for an innocent person to be wrongly  
> convicted and executed?" rotating this item with the previously  
> mentioned item and as might be expected, found a slight order effect  
> such that when the wrongly executed item appeared prior to the  
> alternative to the death penalty item, there were higher levels of  
> support shown for the alternative option. I'm afraid that we haven't  
> taken our work to the level of obtaining information as to why people  
> specifically support/oppose use of the death penalty.

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> At 09:53 AM 10/22/99 +0000, you wrote:

> >In Gallup and Harris polls this year, 71% were in favor of the death  
> >penalty and about 22% were opposed.

> >(Source:<http://www.pollingreport.com/crime.htm>) Lopsided support has  
> >been evident in polls they conducted over recent years. (Favor/oppose  
> >the death penalty is the most common form for this question.)

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> >But when Gallup asks another question, asking people to choose  
> >between the death penalty and life in prison with no chance of parole  
> >as the penalty for murder, only 56% chose the death penalty and 38%  
> >chose life in prison with no chance of parole. This was the outcome  
> >in 1999.

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> >Lower support for the death penalty has been the trend over recent  
> >years when asked as a preference between two possible sentences by  
> >Gallup. (This alternate question has been asked in a split-sample  
> >design or in separate polls not including the favor/oppose death

>>penalty question.)

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>>Has any Aaporite out there experimented with these alternate  
>>wordings? I suspect that when the question is simply yes/no to the  
>>death penalty, more people are in favor because they believe the  
>>alternative is that the offender will be paroled in a few years.

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>>Has anyone followed up a yes/no death penalty question with a  
>>question asking why they are in favor? I would appreciate any  
>>experience anyone may have asking these alternate questions or any  
>>theories on why there is a difference in support between the two  
>>question forms.

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We just finished a death penalty poll in NJ, where we did ask a closed ended list of reasons of WHY people favored cap. punishment (to those who said they favored it). The release can be found at [www.rci.rutgers.edu/~eaglepol](http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~eaglepol). When there, click on the "Star Ledger Eagleton Poll" and then on the death penalty release. Cliff Zukin

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- > 4) Psychologists Are Revolting
- > by James Beniger <beniger@rcf.usc.edu>
- > 5) Re: Millennium Surveys
- > by Dan McDonald <mcdonald.221@osu.edu>
- > 6) Field Poll on Presidential Race
- > by James Beniger <beniger@rcf.usc.edu>
- > 7) Surveys of older Americans
- > by Felicia Mebane <fmebane@hsph.harvard.edu>
- > 8) Re: Millennium Surveys
- > by "Donna Rouner" <DRouner@vines.colostate.edu>
- > 9) DICK MORRIS,INSIDERS GUIDE TO CAMPAIGN 2000,NYAAPOR MTG

> by RoniRosner@aol.com

> 10) Re: Psychologists Are Revolting

> by PAHARDING7@aol.com

> 11) Selling to Children, or Manipulating Them?

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> Date: Fri, 22 Oct 1999 11:38:53 -0400  
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> Date: Fri, 22 Oct 1999 11:41:04 -0400

> From: "Bill Thompson" <bthompson@directionsrsch.com>

> To: aapornet@usc.edu

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> Has anyone ever explored with the public the issue of the cost to  
> taxpayers of incarceration for life versus the death penalty (which  
> itself is costly due to multiple appeals). Did this have an impact on  
> opinions of the death penalty?

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> Erik Stewart <stewart.132@osu.edu> on 10/22/99 11:38:53 AM

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> Please respond to aapornet@usc.edu

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> ADVERTISING

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> Selling to Children, or Manipulating Them?

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> By CONSTANCE L. HAYS

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> DEPLORING what they see as an unfair and

> conflict-ridden manipulation of the young, a

> group of psychologists and other professionals

> has called on the American Psychological

> Association to restrict the use of psychological  
> research by advertisers pitching toys, video  
> games, snack food and other products to children.

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> The letter, written by Gary Ruskin, who heads  
> Commercial Alert, a Washington-based advocacy  
> group, and Allen D. Kanner, a clinical  
> psychologist at the Wright Institute in Berkeley,  
> Calif., was sent to the association's president  
> late last month. It urges the association to  
> issue a formal denunciation of the use of  
> psychological techniques in marketing and  
> advertising to children, and asks for amendments  
> to the association's code of ethics that would  
> address the issue.

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> The letter, which was signed by 60 psychologists  
> and other professionals with affiliations ranging  
> from Sonoma State University to Harvard Medical  
> School, also calls for "an ongoing campaign to  
> probe, review and confront the use of  
> psychological research in advertising and  
> marketing to children," which would include  
> promoting strategies to shield children from  
> "commercial manipulation and exploitation" by  
> psychologists.

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> "Regrettably, a large gap has arisen between  
> A.P.A.'s mission and the drift of the profession

> into helping corporations influence children for  
> the purpose of selling products to them," the  
> letter stated.

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> A spokeswoman for the association said the matter  
> had been referred to its internal board on  
> children, youth and family issues, and that the  
> board was scheduled to meet in March.

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> "Certainly there's no mention of the issue in our  
> code of conduct," said the spokeswoman, Rhea K.  
> Farberman, adding that the points raised in the  
> letter had not been brought before the  
> association before.

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> Dr. Kanner said he wrote the letter after  
> becoming concerned, through his own conversations  
> with children and teen-age patients, that they  
> were, as a group, blatantly materialistic. "I'll  
> ask kids what they want to do when they grow up,  
> and lots of times they'll tell me, 'Make money,'  
> " he said.

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> As for psychologists' role in that, he said  
> research conducted at the university level was  
> frequently deployed in developing commercials and  
> other pitches to children. Since the stated  
> mission of the American Psychological Association  
> is "to improve the condition of both the

> individual and society," he concluded that  
> permitting research to be used in advertising to  
> children presented a conflict.

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> "They are taking this very sophisticated  
> understanding of children's relationships and  
> what they respond to, and then really tailoring  
> it to the advertisement and refining it," he  
> said. "There's no indication that it's helping  
> kids with their relationships at all, but rather  
> that it's manipulating them."

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> Timothy J. Kasser, an associate professor of  
> psychology at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill.,  
> who signed the letter, said he did so because he  
> saw "a great deal of collusion between some  
> members of psychology and marketing, advertising  
> and entrepreneurial firms that are working  
> together to try to understand how best to sell  
> things to kids."

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> Dr. Kasser said his research with a colleague,  
> Richard Ryan of the University of Rochester, had  
> concluded that people who value goals like money,  
> fame and beauty are not only more depressed than  
> others, but also report more behavioral problems  
> and physical discomfort, as well as scoring lower  
> on measures of vitality and self-actualization.

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> For children, the consequences can be similarly  
> damaging, Dr. Kasser said. "When advertisers are  
> using psychological principles to sell products  
> to children, they are not only selling that  
> product, but they are also selling a larger value  
> system that says making money and using your  
> money for the purchase of material things will  
> make you happy," he said. "That's what is really  
> behind almost every commercial message, that this  
> product will make you feel happy, or loved, or  
> safe and secure. My feeling is that it is  
> manipulation to use children's needs to get them  
> to buy these products."

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> Not every psychologist feels the same way. "The  
> whole point is, if you're going to market to  
> kids, do it responsibly and there are a whole lot  
> of opportunities to make a positive difference,"  
> said Dan S. Acuff, who holds a doctorate in  
> psychology and runs a company called Youth Market  
> Systems Consulting in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

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> Dr. Acuff, who called the goals stated in the  
> letter "anti-free enterprise," published a book  
> titled "What Kids Buy and Why" in 1997 that  
> offers insights into how to create a successful  
> children's product. Included are discussions of  
> neocortical development, in which children start  
> to rely more on intellect, logic and reasoning

> and less on fantasy for their decision making.  
> That, Dr. Acuff notes, in italics, "has critical  
> implications for product and program development  
> as well as marketing and advertising to kids in  
> the 8-through-12 age range."

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> But there is a line psychologists should draw, he  
> added this week. "We turn down opportunities that  
> would be damaging to kids," he said, "like toys  
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> Subject: Re: Millennium Surveys

> Date: Fri, 22 Oct 1999 13:25:47 -0400

> From: Dan McDonald <mcdonald.221@osu.edu>

> To: aapornet@usc.edu

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> Date: Fri, 22 Oct 1999 11:09:24 -0700 (PDT)  
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> Either Gore or Bradley Would Tie Bush in State;

> Presidential Field Poll shows gains by ex-Jersey senator

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> Carla Marinucci, Chronicle Political Writer

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> Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush remain locked in

> a statistical dead heat in the 2000 presidential race among California

> voters, but an increasing number of them now believe Democratic

> challenger Bill Bradley would be a stronger candidate against the GOP

> front-runner, a new Field Poll shows.

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> Bush has kept an iron grip on GOP support in the nation's most

> populous state, where he is the preferred candidate of 45 percent of

> likely Republican voters -- more than the combined totals of his six

> other challengers, the poll shows. Gore maintains a strong lead among

> likely Democratic voters, 45-17 over Bradley, with 5 percent now  
> supporting actor Warren Beatty and a full third still undecided.

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> BRADLEY GAINING

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> If the presidential election were held tomorrow, Bush and Gore would  
> be locked in a statistical tie, 47 to 46 percent, with 7 percent  
> undecided, the poll showed. But significantly, for the first time, a  
> Bradley-Bush matchup also puts the former U.S. senator from New Jersey  
> in a statistical 46-to-45 tie with the Texas governor, with 9 percent  
> undecided.

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> "If there's been a constant through the year, it's that Bush and Gore  
> have been battling it out with no change going on. What Bush has to  
> worry about now is that his lead against Bradley is evaporating --  
> from 19 points to an even trial heat" since March, said Field Poll  
> director Mark DiCamillo.

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> With five months to go before the 2000 primary, the strength of both  
> Gore and Bradley against Bush are crucial indicators of Democratic  
> fortunes in California, a key battleground in the 2000 presidential  
> race. Gore has visited the state 59 times since becoming vice  
> president, and Bush and Bradley have tried hard to increase their  
> visibility here in recent months -- apparently with success.

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> MOMENTUM FOR ALTERNATIVE

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> Bradley's improved general election standings come because among  
> Californians "he's increasingly perceived as a potentially stronger

> candidate against Bush," said DiCamillo. "Gore seems to be 15 to 20  
> points behind the leading Republican (in many national polls), and  
> that's sending some shock waves among Democrats, and creates a  
> momentum looking for an alternative. Up to this point, there wasn't  
> one."

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> Bradley also "has a very positive image among Democrats, Republican  
> voters and nonpartisans," said DiCamillo. "A third of the electorate  
> have no opinion of Bradley -- and even with that, he equals Bush's  
> strength in the general election. That says there's a lot of room for  
> even further growth in the Bradley vote."

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> GOOD NEWS FOR GORE

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> The latest Field Poll did have some good news for Gore: He retains  
> overwhelming support of the state's Democratic base for the March  
> primary, the contest with the clout to deliver him the Democratic  
> presidential nomination.

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> "He's 28 points ahead in the California Democratic primary. He  
> maintains a solid lead. He's well-liked by state Democrats," DiCamillo  
> said. "The  
> (Gore) problem is with the broader electorate, not California Democratic  
> primary voters. From the Gore perspective, it's, Let's take one task at a  
> time.' "

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> Other findings of the Field Poll:

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> -- In a Republican primary, Bush leads his competition with 45 percent



> of the support among likely GOP voters. That compares to Elizabeth  
> Dole (10 percent), John McCain (8 percent), Steve Forbes (6 percent),  
> Gary Bauer (3 percent), Alan Keyes (3 percent) and Orrin Hatch (1  
> percent). Bush's rivals appear to have stagnant support, and Forbes  
> actually has lost 2 percentage points since the last poll, in August.

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> -- On the Democratic side, Gore still retains a nearly 3-to-1 lead  
> over Bradley, 45-17. But it has slipped since August, when it was 51  
> to 18. Actor Warren Beatty has managed to increase his support to 5  
> percent since he made his Hollywood speech on Democratic values last  
> month. But he's viewed more negatively than positively -- 41 to 33  
> percent among Democratic voters, and by a 2-to-1 ratio among likely  
> California voters as a whole.

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> -- The "wild bunch" of Reform Party candidates appear to have one  
> thing in common: They're viewed more negatively than positively among  
> California voters. Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura leads Reform hopefuls  
> in a presidential race with a favorability rating of 34 percent,  
> compared to Ross Perot (24), Pat Buchanan (19) and Donald Trump (18).

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> -- In three-way races, Buchanan appears to take votes away from Bush,  
> while the others hurt Gore. With close margins, the Texas governor  
> wins Bush-Gore-Ventura (43-40-11); Bush-Gore-Perot (45-44-6) and  
> Bush-Gore-Trump (45-44-6), but comes out a loser in Bush-Gore-Buchanan  
> (43-46-6).

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> FIELD POLL

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> Among likely California voters

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> -- Open primary preferences where

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> Democratic and Republican candidates are listed on one ballot

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> Candidate    March\*\* August    October

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> Al Gore        26 %    29 %    26 %

> George W. Bush    24      24      24

> Bill Bradley    6      11      12

> Elizabeth Dole    15      7       8

> John McCain     3       5       7

> Steve Forbes    3       4       5

> Warren Beatty   n/a      2       3

> Gary Bauer      1       1       2

> Orrin Hatch     n/a      1       1

> Alan Keyes      1       \*       1

> Other/undecided    24      16      11

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> -- Image ratings of Democratic presidential candidates

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>            Favorable    Unfavorable    No Opinion

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> Al Gore        49 %      43       8

> Bill Bradley    54 %      14       32

> Warren Beatty 24 % 52 24

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> -- Simulated general election presidential preferences

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> Al Gore 46 %

> George W. Bush 47

> Undecided 7

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> Bill Bradley 45 %

> George W. Bush 46

> Undecided 9

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> The poll was conducted October 8-17 by the Field Institute. The  
> results are based on a telephone survey of 1,010 California adults,  
> including 514 registered voters deemed likely to vote in next year's  
> primary election. Ninety five percent of the results from the likely  
> voter sample have a sampling error of + or - 4.5 percentage points,  
> findings for likely Democratic voters have a sampling error of + or -  
> 6.5 points, while findings for likely GOP voters have a sampling error  
> of + or - 7.2 points.

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> \*\* March findings based on all registered voters

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> Subject: Surveys of older Americans

> Date: Fri, 22 Oct 1999 14:08:47 -0400

> From: Felicia Mebane <fmebane@hsph.harvard.edu>

> To: aapornet@usc.edu

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> Please respond to Vicky Ko at VKo@Mail1.VNSNY.org.

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> My colleagues and I at the Visiting Nurse Service of NY are interested

> in finding survey results that show older Americans' (50 years and

> older) views and general attitudes towards aging, retirement, "aging

> in place" and what they view as an "elder friendly" community. I

> would appreciate any references to specific surveys that have been

> done or organizations (other than AARP) that are likely to have asked

> these types of questions of this segment of the population.

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> Thank you!

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> Subject: Re: Millennium Surveys

> Date: Fri, 22 Oct 99 12:26:02 -0600

> From: "Donna Rouner" <DRouner@vines.colostate.edu>

> To: <aapornet@usc.edu>

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> Subject: DICK MORRIS,INSIDERS GUIDE TO CAMPAIGN 2000,NYAAPOR MTG

> Date: Fri, 22 Oct 1999 16:13:37 EDT

> From: RoniRosner@aol.com

> To: aapornet@usc.edu

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> NEW YORK AAPOR & the MEDIA STUDIES CENTER

> present an Evening Meeting

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> Reception ..... 5:30 p.m.

> Presentation ..... 6:00 -- 7:30 p.m.

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> other students, \$5\*; all others, \$15\*

> (\* free if joining at the meeting)

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> INSIDERS GUIDE TO CAMPAIGN 2000

> Dick Morris, political consultant and author of The New

> Prince

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> Few people are better positioned to offer insights into what will be  
> going on behind the scenes as the 2000 political campaign unfolds than  
> political strategist Dick Morris, whom Time magazine recently called  
> the most influential private citizen in America.

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> Based on more than two decades of research into the political  
> attitudes of American voters, Mr. Morris will address such issues as:

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> \* What are voters looking for in their candidates in 2000?

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> \* What will be the major items on the political agenda during Campaign  
> 2000?

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> \* What strategies can we expect the candidates to use?

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> \* How and when do candidates use polls to develop strategy and  
> tactics?

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> \* To what extent are politicians able to manipulate news coverage?

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> \* Is relentless polling driving idealism and vision out of politics?

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> Mr. Morris has worked as a political advisor to politicians of both  
> parties. He was political advisor to Bill Clinton when Clinton was



> governor of Arkansas in 1978 and continued as an advisor to President  
> Clinton through his re-election in 1996. Mr. Morris is the author of  
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> today's politicians and political candidates, written in the spirit of  
> Niccolo Machiavelli's classic, The Prince. He is also a regular  
> commentator on Fox News.

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> ON OUR LIST!! If you are planning to attend, respond by Wed., 27 Oct.

> E-mail RoniRosner@aol.com Or, if you must, call 722-5333

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> Subject: Re: Psychologists Are Revolting

> Date: Fri, 22 Oct 1999 17:18:32 EDT

> From: PAHARDING7@aol.com

> To: aapornet@usc.edu

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> Jim:

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> There's so much that could be (and has been) said about this, but  
> reading what you circulated left me with nothing so much as a strong  
> sense of d j vu. In March of 1979, I was one of two CBS witnesses  
> who appeared in the course of formal FTC hearings into a great many  
> facets of advertising directed to children. At that time, so much of  
> this same ground was covered and covered and covered yet again to the  
> point of absolute revulsion on the parts of all sides to the

> controversy.

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> It was more than a little incongruous to hear quoted from the lips of  
> lawyers, advertising people, broadcast-types like me (who was also a  
> psychologist by training, which in helped in this particular venue),  
> dentists, candy and cereal manufacturers -- that gang -- the thinking  
> of Jean Piaget on the cognitive limitations of children's  
> information-processing capacities. And, yes, the charge of instilling  
> great gobs of materialism into television-viewing kids was on the  
> table as well. Really, there wasn't any issue that wasn't on the  
> table -- except for the question of how non-broadcast children's media  
> (comic books, Jack and Jill, Highlights for Children, etc.) would  
> handle this windfall that seemed about to drop in their collective  
> laps.

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> The charge of psychological manipulation was very much present and  
> talked about in terms reminiscent of Vance Packard. The focus then  
> was mainly on production techniques used to make children's products look  
more appealing

> than they really were. In the case of toys, for example, those practices

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> together with the absence of batteries (about which the viewer was  
> advised but in language said to be so obscure as to be meaningless)  
> once the toy was actually acquired -- were held to lead inexorably to  
> two unfortunate outcomes. One, the obvious disappointment on the part  
> of the child; the other, flowing directly from that disappointment,  
> carried more dire implications. Namely, the development of cynicism,  
> first about the rewards to be expected from products advertised on  
> television (which may not have been such an awful thing); but second a

> cynicism ("skepticism" was the term favored by the ads' defenders)  
> that extended to advertising but also to much else in the child's  
> lifespace, including parents, teachers, religious leaders, and so  
> forth.  
>  
> So this has had a pretty thorough airing. Unless we're aware of new  
> techniques and procedures of mind-manipulation to bend the child to  
> the will of those with products and services to sell to him or her,  
> then there are one or two other child-related problems which the  
> petitioning psychologists and other well-intentioned groups might be  
> better advised to seek remedy.  
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> Best --  
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> Phil Harding  
> paharding7@aol.com  
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> Subject: Selling to Children, or Manipulating Them?  
> Date: Fri, 22 Oct 1999 21:25:24 -0400  
> From: dick halpern <rshalpern@mindspring.com>  
> To: aapornet@usc.edu  
>  
> This article appeared in today's NY Times Advertising section.  
> Although the focus is on marketing to children, it could conceivably  
> have other implications for research among kids in general.

>

> Dick Halpern

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> October 22, 1999

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> By CONSTANCE L. HAYS

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> DEPLORING what they see as an unfair and conflict-ridden

> manipulation of the young, a group of psychologists and

other

> professionals has called on the American Psychological

> Association

> to restrict the use of psychological research by

> advertisers pitching toys,

> video games, snack food and other products to children.

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> The letter, written by Gary Ruskin, who heads Commercial Alert,

a

> Washington-based advocacy group, and Allen D. Kanner, a

clinical

> psychologist at the Wright Institute in Berkeley, Calif.,

> was sent to the

> association's president late last month. It urges the  
> association to issue a  
> formal denunciation of the use of psychological techniques  
> in marketing  
> and advertising to children, and asks for amendments to the  
> association's  
> code of ethics that would address the issue.  
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> The letter, which was signed by 60 psychologists and other  
> professionals  
> with affiliations ranging from Sonoma State University to  
> Harvard Medical  
> School, also calls for "an ongoing campaign to probe,  
> review and confront  
> the use of psychological research in advertising and  
> marketing to children,"  
> which would include promoting strategies to shield children  
from  
> "commercial manipulation and exploitation" by  
> psychologists.  
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> "Regrettably, a large gap has arisen between A.P.A.'s  
> mission and the drift  
> of the profession into helping corporations influence  
> children for the  
> purpose of selling products to them," the letter stated.  
>  
> A spokeswoman for the association said the matter had been  
> referred to

> its internal board on children, youth and family issues,  
> and that the board  
> was scheduled to meet in March.  
>  
> "Certainly there's no mention of the issue in our code of  
> conduct," said the  
> spokeswoman, Rhea K. Farberman, adding that the points raised  
in the  
> letter had not been brought before the association before.  
>  
> Dr. Kanner said he wrote the letter after becoming  
> concerned, through his  
> own conversations with children and teen-age patients, that  
> they were, as a  
> group, blatantly materialistic. "I'll ask kids what they  
> want to do when they  
> grow up, and lots of times they'll tell me, 'Make money,' "  
> he said.  
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> As for psychologists' role in that, he said research  
> conducted at the  
> university level was frequently deployed in developing  
> commercials and  
> other pitches to children. Since the stated mission of the  
American  
> Psychological Association is "to improve the condition of  
> both the individual  
> and society," he concluded that permitting research to be used  
in

> advertising to children presented a conflict.

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> "They are taking this very sophisticated understanding of children's

> relationships and what they respond to, and then really

> tailoring it to the

> advertisement and refining it," he said. "There's no

> indication that it's

> helping kids with their relationships at all, but rather

> that it's manipulating

> them."

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> Timothy J. Kasser, an associate professor of psychology at

> Knox College

> in Galesburg, Ill., who signed the letter, said he did so

> because he saw "a

> great deal of collusion between some members of psychology and

> marketing, advertising and entrepreneurial firms that are

> working together

> to try to understand how best to sell things to kids."

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> Dr. Kasser said his research with a colleague, Richard Ryan of

> the

> University of Rochester, had concluded that people who

> value goals like

> money, fame and beauty are not only more depressed than

> others, but also

> report more behavioral problems and physical discomfort, as

> well as

> scoring lower on measures of vitality and  
> self-actualization.  
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> For children, the consequences can be similarly damaging,  
> Dr. Kasser said.  
> "When advertisers are using psychological principles to  
> sell products to  
> children, they are not only selling that product, but they  
> are also selling a  
> larger value system that says making money and using your  
> money for the  
> purchase of material things will make you happy," he said.  
> "That's what is  
> really behind almost every commercial message, that this  
> product will  
> make you feel happy, or loved, or safe and secure. My  
> feeling is that it is  
> manipulation to use children's needs to get them to buy  
> these products."  
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> Not every psychologist feels the same way. "The whole point  
> is, if you're  
> going to market to kids, do it responsibly and there are a  
> whole lot of  
> opportunities to make a positive difference," said Dan S.  
> Acuff, who holds  
> a doctorate in psychology and runs a company called Youth  
Market  
> Systems Consulting in Sherman Oaks, Calif.



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> Dr. Acuff, who called the goals stated in the letter

> "anti-free enterprise,"

> published a book titled "What Kids Buy and Why" in 1997 that offers

> insights into how to create a successful children's

> product. Included are

> discussions of neocortical development, in which children

> start to rely more

> on intellect, logic and reasoning and less on fantasy for

> their decision

> making. That, Dr. Acuff notes, in italics, "has critical

> implications for

> product and program development as well as marketing and

> advertising to

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From: Dave Lambert <Dave.Lambert@intersearch.tnsolfres.com>

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Subject: Re: Position Announcement

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To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: incentives for students

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For those with universities, what are your policies with respect to offering incentives for students to respond to administrative surveys? What are your experiences? Thank you for your thoughts. Molly

Molly Longstreth, Ph.D.                      University of Arkansas

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From: steve frank <t00001@STCLOUDSTATE.EDU>

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We have done over 12 telephone surveys of SCSU students with the goal of at least 500 complete interviews for each. We have done two system surveys of the seven state universities. At first our surveys were telephone paper and pencil instruments from our lab but now we use our cati system.

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administrative computer center draws our samples. However, as good as they are students are very mobile and lists get dated.

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So what this Jefferson dude was saying is: We left this England place because it was bogus. If we don't get us some cool rules pronto, we'll just be bogus too. Jeff Spicoli Fast Times At Ridgemont High

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Subject: Response rates in elderly population

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What would be an acceptable response rate for a mail out survey in a population aged 70 and above? Elizabeth P. Gulick Quality Coordinator St.

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I've done quite a few focus groups with Stanford students, and have never needed to offer incentives. I've done perhaps over 100 focus groups with alumni and have never needed incentives (even for groups conducted exclusively with doctors and lawyers for the Med School and Law School). Alumni respond very well when they feel their alma mater values them for their thoughts, opinions, and ideas...and not just for their money. And alumni (at least Stanford alumni) are not shy about speaking up.

I've also done two surveys with Stanford students, using random samples -- one with incentives and one without. The response rate was just about the same (about two-thirds) on both. Both surveys were done on the web -- invitations to the sample were sent by e-mail, and the link to the survey was right there for them to click on. (All our students have e-mail addresses and all have web access.) The link took them to the authorization page, and once authorized, they were taken to the survey.

There are a few keys, I think, that may be more important than incentives:

1) Have the e-mail invitation come from someone the students know and respect. One of my surveys was done for the Vice Provost for Student Affairs, and the other was for the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education. The students knew and liked both of them, and I think responded to their names more than they would have responded to mine.

2) Clearly articulate in the invitation how the survey is salient to their own interests...and how the results will be used. Make it clear that you're not just wasting their time, that the survey WILL be used to better inform those making policy decisions (if this is true. If not, good luck). Like many people, students want to be heard. As large and complex as your institution may be, it is smaller than the nation as a whole -- so students can be persuaded that their participation in the survey can make a difference. If they are frustrated at all, it's with the focused nature of a survey: Written with specific objectives in mind, the surveys measure only certain things. So there will be some students who express disappointment that other areas were not investigated (and mistakenly feel the survey missed the point).

3) Schedule the survey very carefully. Obviously, make sure exams or other major events don't conflict. But also make sure other surveys are not being conducted at about the same time. (I was amazed at how many surveys our students were being bombarded with -- from housing and dining, residential education, the advising center, etc etc.)

4) Follow up with non-respondents, just as you would on a mail survey -- but

with a much more accelerated timetable. On the web, you will get the bulk of your completed interviews directly after each e-mailing. For instance, one of my surveys was with a sample of 800. The invitation was sent one day at noon, and by 5pm we had 100 completes. By the next morning, another 60 had completed it. By that afternoon, only another 12 had completed it. By the next morning, only another 13 had completed it. When I sent a reminder to the non-respondents one afternoon, we got another 128 completions by morning. Then it trickled off again. Same thing happened when I sent the final reminder -- 93 more completions very quickly, and then it trickled off. I think that with web surveys, people either respond fairly immediately or else they delete the message. I don't think too many save the message in order to respond later. Students seem to check their e-mail most at lunch time and at night.

5) As with any market, response from the most connected and involved students will be greater than response from more disinterested students. In one survey, I got a 70% response rate from the cohort that had participated in an intimate and intense program called Sophomore College; the response rate for the non-Sophomore College sample was 57%.

6) If you do web surveys, have a techie available AT ALL TIMES. Server glitches do crop up -- I know that more students tried to do my surveys than the completion rates indicated. I received phone calls and e-mails from students who had technical problems. Some were able to finally do the surveys, but others gave up after experiencing repeated problems. Even with the pre-testing I did, the old cliché applied: Still a few bugs in the system!

By the way, my only expense on my web surveys was the few bucks charged by



the techies. I'm sure I have plenty of other observations about surveying students, but this is what comes to mind at the moment.

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Subject: Re: incentives for students

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We typically do not offer incentives to students unless it is a particularly long survey, and even then it is something modest such as a coupon for \$1 or \$2 off a meal at one of the on-campus food outlets. On surveys about sensitive topics and behaviors, students are more than willing to respond without incentives as long as we convince them of anonymity.

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X-Mailer: Windows Eudora Pro Version 2.2 (32)

Mime-Version: 1.0

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

Date: Tue, 26 Oct 1999 07:03:45 -0400

To: aapornet@usc.edu

From: "Paul J. Lavrakas, Ph.D." <lavrakas.1@osu.edu>

Subject: Re: Response rates in elderly population

At 01:48 PM 10/25/99 -0400, you wrote:

>What would be an acceptable response rate for a mail out survey in a

>population aged 70 and above? Elizabeth P. Gulick

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However, from a "political" standpoint, your client (probably at least somewhat in ignorance) expects a certain response rate in order to consider the research credible.

Good luck.

>From ande271@attglobal.net Tue Oct 26 08:16:32 1999

Received: from out2.prserv.net (out2.prserv.net [165.87.194.229])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with ESMTP

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(PDT)

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[32.100.113.221])

by out2.prserv.net (/) with SMTP id PAA47674

for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Tue, 26 Oct 1999 15:16:26 GMT

Message-ID: <3815F108.75C6@attglobal.net>

Date: Tue, 26 Oct 1999 11:20:56 -0700

From: Jeanne Anderson <ande271@attglobal.net>

Reply-To: ande271@ibm.net

X-Mailer: Mozilla 3.0 (Win95; U)

MIME-Version: 1.0

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: [Fwd: Re: Response rates in elderly population]

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This is a multi-part message in MIME format.

-----4CB14A374EE2

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

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Professor Lavrakas may not be aware that Ms. Gulick conducts her own research. I am guessing that the mail survey she refers to is probably of discharged patients. The response is probably quite low in this case, due to the nature of the survey as well as to the ages of the prospective respondents. These post-hospital evaluations would be much more useful if several attempts to obtain responses were made. A reminder post card, and possibly a follow-up telephone call to at least a few of the non-responders should be attempted.

Comparing responders with non-responders as to length of stay, diagnosis, and family status among other variables should give a clearer idea of whether responders are different from non-responders. Also, try comparing first responders with "prompted" responders. There are several steps that can be taken in interpreting the results if there is considerable bias (meaning, here, difference between responders and non-responders). Other AAPor members may be able to help at that point or may have additional experience with post-hospital evaluation surveys.

If I am mistaken and this is not what the survey of older people is about, I apologize for guessing.

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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with SMTP  
id EAA00908; Tue, 26 Oct 1999 04:04:15 -0700 (PDT)

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by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with ESMTP  
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for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Tue, 26 Oct 1999 07:04:00 -0400 (EDT)

Message-Id: <2.2.32.19991026110345.008952b8@pop.service.ohio-state.edu>

Date: Tue, 26 Oct 1999 07:03:45 -0400

Reply-To: aapornet@usc.edu

Sender: owner-aapornet@usc.edu

Precedence: bulk

From: "Paul J. Lavrakas, Ph.D." <lavrakas.1@osu.edu>

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: Re: Response rates in elderly population



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

X-Sender: lavrakas.1@pop.service.ohio-state.edu

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>From zukin@rci.rutgers.edu Tue Oct 26 13:04:14 1999

Received: from gehenna0.rutgers.edu (gehenna0.rutgers.edu [165.230.116.155])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with SMTP

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(PDT)

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by gehenna0.rutgers.edu with SMTP; 26 Oct 1999 20:03:51 -0000

Message-ID: <38160A77.A85D1D8A@rci.rutgers.edu>

Date: Tue, 26 Oct 1999 16:09:28 -0400

From: Cliff Zukin <zukin@rci.rutgers.edu>

X-Mailer: Mozilla 4.5 [en] (Win98; I)

X-Accept-Language: en

MIME-Version: 1.0

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: Job Announcement

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

I'm posting this for a sister agency at Rutgers. Apologies for cross-postings.

Survey Research Analyst. The Center for State Health Policy within the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research at Rutgers University seeks a survey research analyst to conduct surveys to gather data for the analysis of state health policy issues. The Survey Research Analyst will design and implement surveys to support Center research and policy analysis projects, analyze survey data, and maintain archive of health survey instruments. Requires master's degree in a social science or a public health field with one year of survey design/analysis experience, or bachelor's degree in social science or public health and four years of survey design/analysis experience. Must have strong working knowledge of statistical analysis software and basic PC applications. Health care survey experience preferred desirable. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applicants should send a resume to University Human Resources, Rutgers the State University of New Jersey, 56 Bevier Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854-8010.

Please reference job posting #RU225. .

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Cliff Zukin Rutgers University e-mail: [zukin@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:zukin@rci.rutgers.edu)

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Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy  
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Lane \* New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8557 732/932-9384 x 247 (Of) \*  
732/932-1551 (Fx)

>From hoeyd@sunynassau.edu Wed Oct 27 07:52:08 1999

Received: from lib.acs.sunynassau.edu (LIB.ACS.SUNYNASSAU.EDU [198.38.8.2])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with SMTP

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(PDT)

Received: from nov1.acs.sunynassau.edu ([198.38.9.253])

by lib.acs.sunynassau.edu with ESMTP for aapornet@usc.edu;

Wed, 27 Oct 1999 10:42:08 -0400

Received: from NCC\_VOL2/SpoolDir by nov1.acs.sunynassau.edu (Mercury 1.40);

27 Oct 99 10:42:16 -500

Received: from SpoolDir by NCC\_VOL2 (Mercury 1.31); 27 Oct 99 10:41:59 -500

Received: from sunynassau.edu by nov1.acs.sunynassau.edu (Mercury 1.31) with

ESMTP;

27 Oct 99 10:41:53 -500

Date: Wed, 27 Oct 1999 10:42:14 -0400

Sender: DION HOEY <hoeyd@sunynassau.edu>

From: DION HOEY <hoeyd@sunynassau.edu>

To: aapornet@usc.edu

X-EXP32-SerialNo: 00002181

Subject: Presidential Primary Schedule

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="ISO-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7BIT

X-Mailer: WebMail (Hydra) SMTP v3.50

Message-ID: <5CA2C2D6BE2@nov1.acs.sunynassau.edu>

Anyone know a website that lists the current state schedule for  
U.S. Presidential primaries?

Please respond: HOEYD@SUNYNASSAU.EDU

Thank you

>From bthompson@directionsrsch.com Wed Oct 27 08:01:00 1999

Received: from proxy.directionsrsch.com (IDENT:root@dri74.directionsrsch.com  
[206.112.196.74])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with ESMTP

id IAA11341 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Wed, 27 Oct 1999 08:00:54 -0700  
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by proxy.directionsrsch.com (8.8.7/8.8.7) with SMTP id KAA20599

for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Wed, 27 Oct 1999 10:09:32 -0400

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X-Lotus-FromDomain: DRI

From: "Bill Thompson" <bthompson@directionsrsch.com>

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Message-ID: <85256817.00521708.00@drione.directionsrsch.com>

Date: Wed, 27 Oct 1999 10:56:37 -0400

Subject: Re: Presidential Primary Schedule

Mime-Version: 1.0

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

Content-Disposition: inline

You might try the Republican National Committee or Democratic National Committee home pages.

>From mkshares@mcs.net Wed Oct 27 08:18:21 1999

Received: from Kitten.mcs.com (Kitten.mcs.com [192.160.127.90])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with ESMTP

id IAA20378 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Wed, 27 Oct 1999 08:18:20 -0700

(PDT)

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Wed, 27 Oct 1999 10:18:18 -0500 (CDT)

Message-ID: <3816D169.66A8BF56@mcs.net>

Date: Wed, 27 Oct 1999 10:18:23 +0000

From: Nick Panagakis <mkshares@mcs.net>

X-Mailer: Mozilla 4.5 (Macintosh; I; PPC)

X-Accept-Language: en

MIME-Version: 1.0

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: Re: Presidential Primary Schedule

References: <5CA2C2D6BE2@nov1.acs.sunynassau.edu>

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x-mac-creator="4D4F5353"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Here are a couple. I don't know how current they are.

<http://www.politicalresources.com/>

Look for "calendar" on this cnn page.

<http://cnn.com/ELECTION/2000/>

DION HOEY wrote:

> Anyone know a website that lists the current state schedule for U.S.

> Presidential primaries?

>

> Please respond: [HOEYD@SUNYNASSAU.EDU](mailto:HOEYD@SUNYNASSAU.EDU)

>

> Thank you

>From [janisrussell@yahoo.com](mailto:janisrussell@yahoo.com) Wed Oct 27 08:35:11 1999

Received: from [web805.mail.yahoo.com](mailto:web805.mail.yahoo.com) ([web805.mail.yahoo.com](mailto:web805.mail.yahoo.com) [128.11.23.65])

by [usc.edu](mailto:usc.edu) (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with SMTP

id IAA02008 for <[aapornet@usc.edu](mailto:aapornet@usc.edu)>; Wed, 27 Oct 1999 08:34:56 -0700

(PDT)

Message-ID: <19991027153438.20362.rocketmail@web805.mail.yahoo.com>

Received: from [208.233.17.171] by [web805.mail.yahoo.com](mailto:web805.mail.yahoo.com); Wed, 27 Oct 1999

08:34:38 PDT

Date: Wed, 27 Oct 1999 08:34:38 -0700 (PDT)

From: Janis Russell <[janisrussell@yahoo.com](mailto:janisrussell@yahoo.com)>

Subject: Re: Presidential Primary Schedule

To: [aapornet@usc.edu](mailto:aapornet@usc.edu)

MIME-Version: 1.0

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

This is a current site updated 9/14/99

<http://www.fec.gov/pages/2kdates.htm>

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> Thank you

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Do You Yahoo!?

Bid and sell for free at <http://auctions.yahoo.com>

>From beniger@rcf.usc.edu Wed Oct 27 11:54:00 1999

Received: from almaak.usc.edu (beniger@almaak.usc.edu [128.125.253.166])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with ESMTP

id LAA11330 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Wed, 27 Oct 1999 11:54:00 -0700

(PDT)



Received: from localhost (beniger@localhost)

by almaak.usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with ESMTP

id LAA00107 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Wed, 27 Oct 1999 11:53:59 -0700

(PDT)

Date: Wed, 27 Oct 1999 11:53:58 -0700 (PDT)

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

To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>

Subject: 2000 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATES

Message-ID: <Pine.GSO.4.10.9910271142020.21481-100000@almaak.usc.edu>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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February 29 North Dakota (Republican, in caucus)

Washington

Virginia (both parties; Democrat may shift)

## MARCH

March 5 Puerto Rico (Republican)

March 7 California

Connecticut

Georgia

Hawaii (Democrat, in caucus)

Maine

Maryland

Massachusetts

Minnesota (in caucus)

Missouri

New York

North Dakota (Democrat, in caucus)

Ohio

Rhode Island

Vermont

March 10 Colorado

Utah

Wyoming (in caucus)

March 11 Arizona (Democrat)

Michigan (Democrat, in caucus)

March 12 Puerto Rico (Democrat)

March 14 Florida

Louisiana (both parties; Republican may shift)

Mississippi

Oklahoma

Tennessee

Texas

March 21 Illinois

APRIL

April 4 Kansas

Wisconsin

April 25 Pennsylvania

MAY

May nd Virginia (Democrat, in caucus; not yet formally set)

May 2 District of Columbia

Indiana

North Carolina

May 9 Nebraska

West Virginia

May 16 Oregon

May 19 Alaska (Republican, caucus in convention)

Hawaii (Republican, in caucus)

May 19-21 Nevada (Democrat, caucus in convention)

May 20 Alaska (Democrat, caucus in convention)

May 23 Arkansas

Idaho

Kentucky

May 25 Nevada (Republican, caucus in convention)

JUNE

June 6      Alabama

Montana

New Jersey

New Mexico

South Dakota

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>From mitofsky@mindspring.com Wed Oct 27 12:19:27 1999

Received: from smtp10.atl.mindspring.net (smtp10.atl.mindspring.net  
[207.69.200.246])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with ESMTP

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for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Wed, 27 Oct 1999 15:18:58 -0400 (EDT)

Message-Id: <4.2.0.58.19991027152120.00c1b600@pop.mindspring.com>

X-Sender: mitofsky@pop.mindspring.com

X-Mailer: QUALCOMM Windows Eudora Pro Version 4.2.0.58

Date: Wed, 27 Oct 1999 15:22:34 -0400

To: aapornet@usc.edu

From: Warren Mitofsky <mitofsky@mindspring.com>

Subject: Re: 2000 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATES

In-Reply-To: <Pine.GSO.4.10.9910271142020.21481-100000@almaak.usc.edu>

Mime-Version: 1.0

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

This is outdated. Subtract one week from each of the first three events.

some of the other dates have changed also.

At 11:53 AM 10/27/99 -0700, you wrote:

> 2000 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATES (as of Sept. 14, 1999)

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- > South Carolina (Democrat)
- > Virgin Islands (Republican, in caucus)

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- > Washington
- > Virginia (both parties; Democrat may shift)

- >
- > MARCH

- >
- > March 5 Puerto Rico (Republican)

- >
- > March 7 California
- > Connecticut
- > Georgia
- > Hawaii (Democrat, in caucus)
- > Maine
- > Maryland
- > Massachusetts
- > Minnesota (in caucus)
- > Missouri
- > New York
- > North Dakota (Democrat, in caucus)
- > Ohio
- > Rhode Island
- > Vermont

- >

> March 10 Colorado

> Utah

> Wyoming (in caucus)

>

> March 11 Arizona (Democrat))

> Michigan (Democrat, in caucus)

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> March 14 Florida

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> Oklahoma

> Tennessee

> Texas

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> March 21 Illinois

>

> APRIL

>

> April 4 Kansas

> Wisconsin

>

> April 25 Pennsylvania

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> MAY

>

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set)



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- > Indiana
- > North Carolina
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- > West Virginia
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- > Idaho
- > Kentucky
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- >
- > JUNE
- >
- > June 6 Alabama
- > Montana
- > New Jersey
- > New Mexico

> South Dakota

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mitofsky@mindspring.com

>From David\_Moore@gallup.com Wed Oct 27 12:32:09 1999

Received: from fw ([63.71.157.115])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with ESMTP

id MAA13992 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Wed, 27 Oct 1999 12:32:08 -0700

(PDT)

From: David\_Moore@gallup.com

Received: from exchng1.gallup.com (gallup.com [198.175.140.73])

by fw (8.8.8+Sun/8.8.8) with ESMTP id OAA17198

for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Wed, 27 Oct 1999 14:31:35 -0500 (CDT)

Received: by gallup.com with Internet Mail Service (5.5.2448.0)

id <VCWY6BRR>; Wed, 27 Oct 1999 14:31:36 -0500

Message-ID: <D18E70780D62D1119580006008162F90992355@EXCHNG3>

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: RE: 2000 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATES

Date: Wed, 27 Oct 1999 14:31:33 -0500

MIME-Version: 1.0

X-Mailer: Internet Mail Service (5.5.2448.0)

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"

The New Hampshire Primary is formally set for February 1 and the Iowa  
Caucuses will definitely be (or has been) set for 8 days earlier. Because  
Delaware was having the audacity to set its primary just 4 days after NH,  
rather than the 7 days required by NH law, NH was forced to move its primary  
date up a week...to retain its "First-in-the Nation" primary status.

David W. Moore

The Gallup Organization

47 Hulfish Street

Princeton, NJ 08542

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

From: James Beniger [mailto:beniger@rcf.usc.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 1999 1:54 PM

To: AAPORNET

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Idaho

Kentucky

May 25 Nevada (Republican, caucus in convention)

## JUNE

June 6 Alabama

Montana

New Jersey

New Mexico

South Dakota

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>From mitofsky@mindspring.com Wed Oct 27 21:49:40 1999

Received: from smtp5.mindspring.com (smtp5.mindspring.com [207.69.200.82])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with ESMTP

id VAA13054 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Wed, 27 Oct 1999 21:49:35 -0700

(PDT)

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Rob,

The coding of the open end responses was fine. I reordered the categories so they were the same from one group to the next in order to facilitate comparisons. Thanks for doing it so quickly.

I will be back in New York Nov. 11. Off to a conference and the Mexican presidential election on Nov 7th.

warren

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Warren,

I juts finished reading the paper on the plane yesterday. I will look for  
you here today to chat briefly about our thoughts. I did not find the paper  
very easy to read.

At 12:49 AM 10/28/99 -0400, you wrote:

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The final Keystone Philadelphia mayoral poll for this election cycle can =  
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This mayoral election is one of the year's most important elections. = Not  
only will it be more expensive than any other big city election in the  
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expensive than the gubernatorial elections being held this year.

The survey finds that either candidate could emerge as the winner next = week, which raises the possibility of a Republican becoming mayor of another = major city, despite a 4 to 1 voter registration deficit.

If you are interested in receiving survey release information by e-mail, please notify me.

Terry Madonna, Director tmadonna@marauder.millersv.edu  
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This calendar from CNN appears to be more current on the early dates..

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#### <H4>Alabama</H4>

GOP primary: June 6, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: June 6, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Alaska</H4>

GOP caucuses/straw poll: January 24, 2000<BR>

Democratic caucuses: March 25, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Arizona</H4>

GOP primary: February 22, 2000<BR>

Democratic caucuses: March 11, 2000 **\*\*tentative**<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Arkansas</H4>

GOP primary: May 23, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: May 23, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>California</H4>

GOP primary: March 7, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 7, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Colorado</H4>

GOP primary: March 10, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 10, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Connecticut</H4>

GOP primary: March 7, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 7, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Delaware</H4>



GOP caucuses: February 15, 2000 \*\*party run<BR>

Democratic primary: February 12, 2000 \*\*tentative<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Florida</H4>

GOP primary: March 14, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 14, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Georgia</H4>

GOP primary: March 7, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 7, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Hawaii</H4>

GOP caucuses: February 1-7, 2000 \*\*tentative<BR>

Democratic caucuses: March 7, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Idaho</H4>

GOP primary: May 23, 2000<BR>

Democratic caucuses: March 7, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Illinois</H4>

GOP primary: March 21, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 21, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Indiana</H4>

GOP primary: May 2, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: May 2, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Iowa</H4>

GOP caucuses: January 24, 2000<BR>

Democratic caucuses: January 24, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Kansas</H4>

GOP primary: April 4, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: April 4, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Kentucky</H4>

GOP primary: May 23, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: May 23, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Louisiana</H4>

GOP caucuses: January 15, 2000 --

21 out of 28 delegates chosen<BR>

GOP primary: March 14, 2000 --

7 out of 28 delegates chosen<BR>

Democratic primary: March 14, 2000

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#### <H4>Maine</H4>

GOP primary: March 7, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 7, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Maryland</H4>

GOP primary: March 7, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 7, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Massachusetts</H4>

GOP primary: March 7, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 7, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Michigan</H4>

GOP primary: February 22, 2000<BR>

Democratic caucuses: March 11, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Minnesota</H4>

GOP caucuses/straw poll: March 7, 2000<BR>

Democratic caucuses: March 7, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Mississippi</H4>

GOP primary: March 14, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 14, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Missouri</H4>

GOP primary: March 7, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 7, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Montana</H4>

GOP primary: June 6, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: June 6, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Nebraska</H4>

GOP primary: May 9, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: May 9, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Nevada</H4>

GOP caucuses: May 25, 2000<BR>

Democratic caucuses: March 12, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>New Hampshire</H4>

GOP primary: February 1, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: February 1, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>New Jersey</H4>

GOP primary: June 6, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: June 6, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>New Mexico</H4>

GOP primary: June 6, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: June 6, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>New York</H4>

GOP primary: March 7, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 7, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>North Carolina</H4>

GOP primary: May 2, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: May 2, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>North Dakota</H4>

GOP caucuses: February 29, 2000<BR>

Democratic caucuses: March 7, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Ohio</H4>

GOP primary: March 7, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 7, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Oklahoma</H4>

GOP primary: March 14, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 14, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Oregon</H4>

GOP primary: May 16, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: May 16, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Pennsylvania</H4>

GOP primary: April 25, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: April 25, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Rhode Island</H4>

GOP primary: March 7, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 7, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>South Carolina</H4>

GOP primary: February 19, 2000<BR>

Democratic caucuses: March 7, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>South Dakota</H4>

GOP primary: June 6, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: June 6, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Tennessee</H4>

GOP primary: March 14, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 14, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Texas</H4>

GOP primary: March 14, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 14, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Utah</H4>

GOP primary: March 10, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 10, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Vermont</H4>

GOP primary: March 7, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: March 7, 2000<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Virginia</H4>

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Virginia's GOP selects only a portion of its delegates on February 29,

2000. </P>

<P>

Republicans hold congressional district conventions to choose another portion of their delegates between May 12-June 13, 2000 </P>

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The 135 cities and counties in Virginia hold Democratic caucuses on either April 15 or April 17 to choose a portion of their delegates.

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Democrats hold congressional district conventions to choose another portion of their delegates May 13-27, 2000 </P>

#### <H4>Washington </H4>

GOP primary: February 29, 2000 --

12 of 37 delegates to be chosen<BR>

Democratic primary: February 29, 2000 --

40 percent of delegates to be chosen <BR>

GOP caucuses: March 7, 2000 --

remaining 25 delegates chosen<BR>

Democrats: March 7, 2000 --

remaining delegates chosen <BR>

\*\*DNC does not approve of this plan may penalize the state<BR><BR>

#### <H4>Washington DC</H4>

GOP primary: May 2, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: May 2, 2000<BR><BR>

<H4>West Virginia</H4>

GOP primary: May 9, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: May 9, 2000<BR><BR>

<H4>Wisconsin</H4>

GOP primary: April 4, 2000<BR>

Democratic primary: April 4, 2000<BR><BR>

<H4>Wyoming</H4>

GOP primary: March 10, 2000<BR>

Democratic caucuses: March 10, 2000<BR><BR>

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One of the calendars I referred to yesterday, the one from CNN, appears to be more current on the early dates. They may be more current on later dates as well.

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2000 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATES

(as of October 28, 1999; revisions by Warren Mitofsky,  
David Moore, and Nick Panagakis)

Please send changes to: [beniger@rcf.usc.edu](mailto:beniger@rcf.usc.edu)  
(include source of information)

#### JANUARY

January 15 Louisiana (Republican, 21 of 28 delegates)

January 24 Alaska (Republican, caucus/straw poll in convention)  
Iowa (both parties, in caucus)

#### FEBRUARY

February 1 New Hampshire

February 1-7 Hawaii (Republican, in caucus; not yet formally set)

February 12 Delaware (Democrat; not yet formally set)

February 15 Delaware (Republican; party run)

February 19 South Carolina (Republican)

February 22 Arizona (Republican)

Michigan (Republican)

February 26 American Samoa (Republican, in caucus)

Guam (Republican, in caucus)

Virgin Islands (Republican, in caucus)

February 29 North Dakota (Republican, in caucus)

Virginia (Republican, portion of delegates only)

Washington State (Democrat, 40% of delegates;

Republican, 12 of 37 delegates)

## MARCH

March 5 Puerto Rico (Republican)

March 7 California

Connecticut

Georgia

Hawaii (Democrat, in caucus)

Idaho (Democrat, in caucus)

Maine

Maryland

Massachusetts

Minnesota (Democrat, in caucus; Republican in  
caucus/straw poll)

Missouri

New York

North Dakota (Democrat, in caucus)

Ohio

Rhode Island

South Carolina (Democrat, in caucus)

Vermont

Washington State (Democrat, remaining 60% of delegates; Republican, remaining 25 of 37 delegates)

March 10 Colorado

Utah

Wyoming (in caucus)

March 11 Arizona (Democrat, in caucus; not yet formally set)

Michigan (Democrat, in caucus)

March 12 Nevada (Democrat, caucus in convention)

Puerto Rico (Democrat)

March 14 Florida

Louisiana (Democrat; Republican, 7 of 28 delegates)

Mississippi

Oklahoma

Tennessee

Texas

March 21 Illinois

March 25 Alaska (Democrat, caucus in convention)

APRIL

April 4 Kansas

Wisconsin

April 15 Virginia (Democrat, some of 135 cities, counties  
caucus to choose portion of delegates)

April 17 Virginia (Democrat, rest of 135 cities, counties  
caucus to choose another portion of delegates)

April 25 Pennsylvania

MAY

May 2 District of Columbia

Indiana

North Carolina

May 9 Nebraska

West Virginia

May 12-June 13 Virginia (Republican, congressional district  
conventions, for remaining portion of delegates)

May 13-27 Virginia (Democrat, congressional district  
conventions, for remaining portion of delegates)

May 16 Oregon

May 23 Arkansas

Idaho (Republican)

Kentucky

May 25 Nevada (Republican, caucus in convention)

May 27 Virginia (Democrat, congressional district  
conventions, for remaining delegates, end)

JUNE

June 6 Alabama

Montana

New Jersey

New Mexico

South Dakota

June 13 Virginia (Republican, congressional district  
conventions, for remaining delegates, end)

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I find the following suggestive of possible applications to systematic research via the Web. As it stands, it lacks a sampling frame, not to mention that the instrument used can easily influence the behavior of interest before that has been measured. Nevertheless, if someone should tell these people about, say, capture-recapture--who can say?

As of 3:08 pm PST today, October 28, the site, [www.wheresgeorge.com](http://www.wheresgeorge.com), reported:

59,584 registered users

889,805 registered bills

\$ 5,169,185 in U.S. currency

So what do you think--any ideas for more serious applications?

-- Jim

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October 28, 1999

Making It Easy to Find Where the Money Goes

By JULIE FLAHERTY

George was first spotted in Bremerton, Wash. He attended an arts festival in Seattle, made his way to a coffee shop in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and was last seen in Salt Lake City.

This particular George is a 1995-series one-dollar bill, and his biography is made possible by the Where's George? Web site, which has thousands of people tracking their money as it circulates through the economy.

Users type in their ZIP codes and the serial numbers of any United States denomination up to \$100. Then they write "www.wheresgeorge.com" on the bills and go out and spend them, banking on

the possibility that future owners will be curious enough to visit the site and update the bills' travel history.

So far, 55,000 people have entered nearly 900,000 bills, or more than \$5 million worth of currency.

No, the site does not have a ticker clicking off the Federal deficit or political statements about the evils of consumerism. Hank Eskin, the 34-year-old database programming consultant who founded the site two years ago, said he had simply come up with the idea while pondering his pocket change and its destiny.

"It's a fun diversion," Mr. Eskin said. "Some people would call it a useless diversion."

It is also the kind of diversion that could be possible only through the Web. Once a bill is registered, the site reports the time between sightings, the distance traveled and any comments from the finders. "I got this at a strip club in Brooklyn," someone wrote about one wild single. A man in Bakersfield, Calif., who found a registered dollar bill the day after a major tremor wrote that it "survived the earthquake with the courage of a C note."

On the site's forum, chatters compare "hit rates"-- the percentage of bills they send out that are reported found. Four percent is considered a good return. Serious players buy Where's George? rubber stamps (\$15 through the Web site) to make marking bills easier.

"I never thought it would get to this, but people are obsessed by it," Mr. Eskin said. "They'll come home and stamp and enter bills before going out to dinner to spend them. They'll get all their spouse's bills and mark them and put them back." A man in New Jersey has stamped more than 60,000 singles.

Joshua McGee, a software engineer in Thousand Oaks, Calif., said the site had changed his spending patterns. "I used to use my debit card whenever I could," he said. "Now I intentionally pay for things with cash."

He said he had once purchased a VCR with a stack of ones. "I asked the cashier, 'Could you use any singles?' which is a wonderful entrapment phrase," Mr. McGee said. He tracks his bills with a map, marking hits with pushpins. He had to expand to a world map when a Swedish exchange student took one of his bills overseas.

There is competition to get the most hits from the most interesting places. As in any game, some players try to cheat. Mr. Eskin continually updates his validation process for the 10,000 bills that are entered into his system daily, weeding out serial numbers that are obviously false or bills entered repeatedly by a person trying to claim a better hit ratio. Purposely bringing bills to other states and recording them there is considered out of bounds, as is passing them back and forth between family members in different parts of the country.

"We do like to be sure that the bills actually enter circulation," Mr. Eskin said.

Some spenders adopt creative strategies: taping a bill to a balloon and letting it fly, leaving a 20-dollar bill in a book in a bookstore or putting a bill in a bottle and throwing it into a lake.

"It's self-advertising, which is really intriguing," Mr. Eskin said. "I don't know of many businesses that do that. A friend of mine at work said why don't I just stamp 'Saab' on all my dollar bills and advertise Saab? Well, you can, but what's the point?"

While Mr. Eskin, who has an M.B.A. from the Wharton School, would love to run his own business, for now the site is just a break-even hobby. Advertisements on the site cover some of the cost of the server, but not the 20 to 30 hours a week he spends maintaining the site and answering questions, including the inevitable one.

"Every other day," he said, "I'll get an E-mail from somebody who asks, 'Don't you know that defacing currency is illegal?' "

It can be, he said, if it renders the bill unfit to be reissued -- by cutting off numbers to change the denomination, for instance, or altering serial numbers. But stamping "Where's George" on a bill doesn't destroy the bill, Mr. Eskin said.

"It's still a dollar bill," he said. "You can still spend it."

Claudia Dickens, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, agreed. "According to the laws as they stand now, the practice is not illegal," she said.

Even at \$4.8 million, the marked money amounts to

less than one-thousandth of 1 percent of the currency in circulation. And the Secret Service, which enforces the defacement law, has not bothered Mr. Eskin. "They've got better things to do," he said. "They want to catch counterfeiters counterfeiting billions of dollars."

It might be that very defiance of authority, that feeling of control over something produced by the Government that fuels peoples' fascination with the site. It also fuels suspicion of Big Brother.

"Every now and then someone will write in, 'Did anyone ever think this is just a big conspiracy by the Government to track where our money goes?'" Mr. Eskin said. "And a lot of time some of the regulars will answer: 'No, the Government's not running it. They couldn't build anything like this if they wanted to.'"

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[207.69.200.246])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with ESMTP

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[216.192.26.134])

by smtp10.atl.mindspring.net (8.8.5/8.8.5) with ESMTP id BAA25035

for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Fri, 29 Oct 1999 01:12:30 -0400 (EDT)

Message-Id: <4.2.0.58.19991029011140.0097cf00@pop.mindspring.com>

X-Sender: mitofsky@pop.mindspring.com

X-Mailer: QUALCOMM Windows Eudora Pro Version 4.2.0.58

Date: Fri, 29 Oct 1999 01:14:11 -0400

To: aapornet@usc.edu

From: Warren Mitofsky <mitofsky@mindspring.com>

Subject: More Internet Polling

Mime-Version: 1.0

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

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> From The Guardian, Manchester and London, October 28:

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>"If you'd like to air your views online and get paid for it, note that

>MORI (Market and Opinion Research International) is offering beenz to

>people who join its e-public research panel. You can fill in the

>registration form at [www.e-public.co.uk](http://www.e-public.co.uk). Beenz is a rewards system like

>supermarket points or Air Miles, and e-MORI plans to give away 15

>million of them to people who register and complete surveys."

>From beniger@rcf.usc.edu Fri Oct 29 08:09:44 1999

Received: from almaak.usc.edu (beniger@almaak.usc.edu [128.125.253.166])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with ESMTP

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Date: Fri, 29 Oct 1999 08:09:43 -0700 (PDT)

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



To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>

Subject: Assistant Professor Position, Cornell (fwd)

Message-ID: <Pine.GSO.4.10.9910290802080.23013-100000@almaak.usc.edu>

MIME-Version: 1.0

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Date: Fri, 29 Oct 1999 10:28:22 -0400 (EDT)

Subject: Assistant Professor Position, Cornell (fwd)

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(PDT)

Date: Fri, 29 Oct 1999 09:33:45 -0700 (PDT)

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

To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>

Subject: Re: More Internet Polling

Message-ID: <Pine.GSO.4.10.9910290932460.23013-100000@almaak.usc.edu>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Fellow AAPOR Members,

Last night about 8:00 PST, my two youngest research assistants, under my close supervision, first discovered a report of egregious research involving human subjects, apparently conducted via the World Wide Web.

The study seems in flagrant violation of virtually every known standard of ethical and scientifically competent research, involving as it does--or so it would appear--unauthorized intrusion into private homes, observation of human subjects without their consent, and mass publication of personal data on individuals. I report this here on AAPORNET for possible action by the AAPOR Council.

Here is perhaps the single most incriminating section of the report:

Everywhere, creatures  
Are falling asleep.  
The Collapsible Frink  
Just collapsed in a heap.  
And, by adding the Frink  
To the others before,  
I am able to give you  
The Who's-Asleep-Score:  
Right now, forty thousand  
Four hundred and four  
Creatures are happily,  
Deeply in slumber.  
I think you'll agree  
That's a whopping fine number.

Counting up sleepers..?  
Just how do we do it..?  
Really quite simple. There's nothing much to it.  
We find out how many, we learn the amount

By an Audio-Telly-o-Tally-o Count.  
On a mountain, halfway between Reno and Rome,  
We have a machine in a plexiglass dome  
Which listens and looks into everyone's home.  
And whenever it sees a new sleeper go flop,  
It jiggles and lets a new Biggel-Ball drop.  
Our chap counts these balls as they plup in a cup.  
And that's how we know who is down and who's up.

Do you talk in your sleep..?  
It's a wonderful sport  
And I have some news of this sport to report.  
The World-Champion Sleep-Talkers, Jo and Mo Redd-Zoff,  
Have just gone to sleep and they're talking their heads off...

There's much more, as you might imagine, but this is the worst of it I think, by AAPOR standards. The chief investigator is one Theodore Seuss Geisel, working out of Southern California and at least claiming a doctorate (he often appears in print with "Dr." in front of his middle name, used alone). The report cited above is formally titled "Sleep Book," and occasionally "Dr. Seuss's Sleep Book". Suspiciously enough, for a formal research report, the publication has no subtitle.

Please note that there's no need to thank me nor my two research assistants, Katherine and Ann, for uncovering this study and reporting it to AAPOR Council. We know that any one of you AAPOR members would have done the same thing, under similar circumstances.

But if there should be any one of you who might read our message here and not be as deeply troubled by Geisel's sleep research as are the three of us investigators, we wish to say this to you: If we ourselves do not put an end to such abuses as these, of the Internet, World Wide Web and similarly powerful, diffused and global communication technologies of the future, who will ever stop such abuses--and when--and where are we all headed if abuses such as these are not stopped?

With tricks, treats, and a Happy Halloween, we are yours,

-- Katherine, Ann and Jim Beniger

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>From pmeyer@email.unc.edu Fri Oct 29 12:58:44 1999

Received: from imsety.oit.unc.edu (imsety.oit.unc.edu [152.2.21.99])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with ESMTP

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[152.2.25.134])

by imsety.oit.unc.edu (8.9.1/8.9.1) with ESMTP id PAA25642

for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Fri, 29 Oct 1999 15:58:49 -0400 (EDT)

Received: (from pmeyer@localhost)

by login4.isis.unc.edu (8.9.3/8.9.3) id PAA48340;

Fri, 29 Oct 1999 15:58:42 -0400

Date: Fri, 29 Oct 1999 15:58:41 -0400 (EDT)

From: Philip Meyer <pmeyer@email.unc.edu>

X-Sender: pmeyer@login4.isis.unc.edu

To: AAPORNET <aapornet@usc.edu>

Subject: Re: More Internet Polling

In-Reply-To: <Pine.GSO.4.10.9910290932460.23013-100000@almaak.usc.edu>

Message-ID: <Pine.A41.3.95L.991029155448.149378I-100000@login4.isis.unc.edu>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Thanks, Jim. I've forwarded the case to our local IRB chair and nominated you for the Orson Wells Award! Cheers, P.

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Philip Meyer, Knight Chair in Journalism Voice: 919 962-4085

CB 3365 Carroll Hall Fax: 919 962-1549

University of North Carolina Cell: 919 906-3425

Chapel Hill NC 27599-3365 <http://www.unc.edu/~pmeyer>

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>From lavrakas.1@osu.edu Sat Oct 30 10:56:57 1999

Received: from mail1.uts.ohio-state.edu (mail1.uts.ohio-state.edu

[128.146.214.30])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with ESMTP

id KAA16164 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Sat, 30 Oct 1999 10:56:56 -0700

(PDT)

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by mail1.uts.ohio-state.edu (8.9.3/8.9.3) with SMTP id NAA21783

for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Sat, 30 Oct 1999 13:56:53 -0400 (EDT)

Date: Sat, 30 Oct 1999 13:56:53 -0400 (EDT)



Message-Id: <199910301756.NAA21783@mail1.uts.ohio-state.edu>

X-Sender: lavrakas.1@postbox.acs.ohio-state.edu

X-Mailer: Windows Eudora Pro Version 2.1.2

Mime-Version: 1.0

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

To: aapornet@usc.edu

From: "Paul J. Lavrakas, Ph.D." <lavrakas.1@osu.edu>

Subject: Possible surcharge on emails

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>> Subject: FW: Post office-Government wants to charge for E-mail use

>>PLEASE

>> READ- THIS IS NOT A CHAIN LETTER U.S. House of Representatives 1207

>>Lo ngworthHouse Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515-4611 Phone:

>>(202) 2

>> 25-2931Fax: (202) 225-2944

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>> Please read carefully if you intend to stay online and continue using

>> email: The last few months have revealed an alarming trend in the

>> Government of the United States attempting to quietly push through

>> legislation that will affect your use of the Internet.

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>> Under proposed legislation the U.S. Postal Service will be

>> attempting to bilk email users out of "alternate postage fees". Bill

>> 602P will permit the Federal Govt to charge a 5 cent surcharge on

>> every email delivered, by billing Internet Service Providers at

>> source. The consumer would then be billed in turn by the ISP.

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>> Washington D.C. lawyer Richard Stepp is working without pay to

>> prevent this legislation from becoming law.

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>> The U.S. Postal Service is claiming that lost revenue due to the

>> proliferation of email is costing nearly \$230,000,000 in revenue per

>> year. You may have noticed their recent ad campaign "There is

>> nothing like a letter". Since the average citizen received about 10

>> pieces of email per day in 1998, the cost to the typical individual

>> would be an additional 50 cents per day, or over \$180 dollars per

>> year, above and beyond their regular Internet costs. Note that this

>> would be money paid directly to the U.S. Postal Service for a service

>> they do not even provide. The whole point of the Internet is

>> democracy and non-interference.

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>> If the federal government is permitted to tamper without liberties

>> by adding a surcharge to email, who knows where it will end. You are

>> already paying an exorbitant price for snail mail because of

>> bureaucratic efficiency. It currently takes up to 6 days for a letter

>> to be delivered from New York to Buffalo. If the U.S. Postal Service

>> is allowed to tinker with email, it will mark the

>> end of the "free" Internet in the United States. One

>> congressman, Tony Schnell AE has even suggested a twenty to forty  
>>dollar per month surcharge on all Internet service" above and beyond  
>>the government's proposed email charges. Note that most of the major  
>>newspapers have ignored the story, the only exception being the  
>>Washingtonian which called the idea of email surcharge "a useful  
>>concept who's time has come" (March 6th 1999 Editorial.

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>> Don't sit by and watch your freedoms erode away!

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>> Send this e-mail to EVERYONE on your list, and tell all your a  
>> friends and relatives to write to their congressman and say "No" to  
>> Bill 602P. It will only take a few moments of your time, and could  
>> very well be instrumental in killing a bill we don't want.

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>From mkuechle@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu Sat Oct 30 11:56:27 1999

Received: from shiva.hunter.cuny.edu (shiva.hunter.cuny.edu [146.95.128.96])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with ESMTP

id LAA02154 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Sat, 30 Oct 1999 11:56:26 -0700

(PDT)

Received: from kathman.bellatlantic.com

(client-151-202-23-5.bellatlantic.net [151.202.23.5])

by shiva.hunter.cuny.edu (8.9.3/8.9.3) with ESMTP id PAA26402

for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Sat, 30 Oct 1999 15:00:33 -0400 (EDT)

Message-Id: <4.2.1.19991030144913.00a3bbe0@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu>

X-Sender: mkuechle@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu (Unverified)

X-Mailer: QUALCOMM Windows Eudora Pro Version 4.2.1

Date: Sat, 30 Oct 1999 14:59:04 -0400

To: aapornet@usc.edu

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

Subject: Re: Possible surcharge on emails

In-Reply-To: <199910301756.NAA21783@mail1.uts.ohio-state.edu>

Mime-Version: 1.0

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>From mark@bisconti.com Sat Oct 30 12:10:39 1999

Received: from pivot.healthnotes.com ([209.3.111.158])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with ESMTTP

id MAA06182 for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Sat, 30 Oct 1999 12:10:38 -0700

(PDT)

Received: from markbri (ip250.washington13.dc.pub-ip.psi.net [38.30.214.250]) by pivot.healthnotes.com with SMTP (Microsoft Exchange Internet Mail Service Version 5.5.2232.9)

id VZVWPH5Q; Sat, 30 Oct 1999 15:10:48 -0400

From: "Mark Richards" <mark@bisconti.com>

To: <aapornet@usc.edu>

Subject: RE: Possible surcharge on emails

Date: Sat, 30 Oct 1999 14:54:14 -0400

Message-ID: <NCBBKJCJKFIDCKOFNAEEOEPOCKAA.mark@bisconti.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

X-Priority: 3 (Normal)

X-MSMail-Priority: Normal

X-Mailer: Microsoft Outlook IMO, Build 9.0.2416 (9.0.2910.0)

X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V5.00.2314.1300

In-Reply-To: <4.2.1.19991030144913.00a3bbe0@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu>

Thanks Manfred, I also got this E-mail and was told it was not accurate by a friend on the Hill, but it keeps coming from various sources and each time I wonder about it. The "Washington Afro-American" this week wrote an article suggesting the same surcharge... so it is alarming people. I wonder how many E-mails or calls this notice triggers to elected officials. Maybe it will have a "preventative" effect... or, maybe when a bill actually emerges nobody will believe it and it will pass quickly! Mark Richards

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From: owner-aapornet@usc.edu [mailto:owner-aapornet@usc.edu] On Behalf Of

Manfred Kuechler

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>From andy@troll.soc.qc.edu Sat Oct 30 12:19:38 1999

Received: from rothko.bestweb.net (rothko.bestweb.net [209.94.100.160])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with ESMTTP

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Sat, 30 Oct 1999 15:19:31 -0400 (EDT)

Message-ID: <381B448D.A20D9071@troll.soc.qc.edu>

Date: Sat, 30 Oct 1999 15:18:37 -0400

From: "Andrew A. Beveridge" <andy@troll.soc.qc.edu>

X-Mailer: Mozilla 4.7 [en] (Win95; U)

X-Accept-Language: en

MIME-Version: 1.0

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: Hoaxes, Spam and E-Mail Abuse

References: <NCBBKJCKFIDCKOFNAEEOEPOCKAA.mark@bisconti.com>

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

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Dear All:

I was glad to see Manfred's Posting. I think people in the public opinion and communication business should be a little more careful about circulating what might turn out to be groundless unsourced rumours.

It seems the e-mail has a lower standard than real communications.

In the past few weeks, I got this message twice, two variants of the Good Times Virus, and some silly things about Y2K. Then there is the free Walt Disney vacation, which has arrived at our computer at least 6 times. Though in four cases sent to other members of my family.

Much stuff on the internet is really unverified and unverifiable.

I don't think people should send on such messages unless they would be willing to act on them themselves. The trick comes with the free offers from Microsoft and/or Disney or the supposed virus warnings.

Then

sending them on has little or no consequences.

Some people now think that warnings about Y2K will cause more disruption than Y2K itself.

Maybe we should study rumours instead of repeating them :).

Andy Beveridge

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> might  
> >let us know if this is a real threat. ....  
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> This is an e-mail hoax which has been circulating for a while. The  
> language itself has written hoax all over it and a quick check at web  
> sites like "Thomas" ( <http://thomas.loc.gov/> ) shows that there is no  
> such bill "602P". If a real lawyer would be working on this, he/she  
> would cite legislation appropriately. There is a Senate bill 602 ( S.  
> 602) but this deals with a provision to bar hidden taxes (rather than  
> adding one). MK.

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>From mtrau@umich.edu Sat Oct 30 14:29:20 1999

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(smtp@donkeykong.gpcc.itd.umich.edu [141.211.2.163])

by usc.edu (8.9.3.1/8.9.3/usc) with ESMTP

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(PDT)

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[141.211.2.153])

by donkeykong.gpcc.itd.umich.edu (8.8.8/4.3-mailhub) with ESMTP id  
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for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Sat, 30 Oct 1999 17:29:18 -0400 (EDT)

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by seawolf.gpcc.itd.umich.edu (8.8.8/5.1-client) with ESMTP id  
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for <aapornet@usc.edu>; Sat, 30 Oct 1999 17:29:16 -0400 (EDT)

Precedence: first-class

Date: Sat, 30 Oct 1999 17:29:16 -0400 (EDT)

From: Michael W Traugott <mtrau@umich.edu>

X-Sender: mtrau@seawolf.gpcc.itd.umich.edu

To: aapornet@usc.edu

Subject: An Important AAPOR Matter

Message-ID:

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Dear AAPORNET Subscriber:

Greetings from Portland and the International Conference on Survey Nonresponse. This is an exciting and stimulating gathering of almost 500 survey researchers interested in such issues as unit and item nonresponse, techniques for increasing response rates, and imputation methods for nonresponse adjustment.

There are many AAPOR members here, including several Council members. And there has actually been a meeting of two AAPOR committees that are dealing with issues of the standards for disclosure and possible revisions to the AAPOR Standard Definitions. The committee members who convened were Janice Ballou, Paul Lavrakas, Betsy Martin, Tom Smith, and Warren Mitofsky; Rob Daves has been serving as well but is not in Portland. These committees are working toward a conversation at our January Council meeting that will be based upon the attached memo from Tom Smith to the Council. The Council will give this proposal very serious consideration, and then it may ask the membership to vote on it as well.

However, as a prelude to our conversation, the Council is interested in receiving comments and reactions to the proposal, as well as in obtaining information about the feasibility of requiring conformity to the proposed standard definitions. For that reason, I have been asked to post the Smith proposal on AAPORNET for comment and to solicit information on the feasibility of applying the standard definitions.

We are interested 1) in whether or not anyone has tried to apply the

standard definitions to compute response rates for their own surveys or 2) whether anyone would be interested in trying to apply the standard definitions to their own work. If so, would you be willing to communicate the results of such an effort to Warren Mitofsky (mitofsky@mindspring.com). Warren is the current Standards Chair and the Council member who will lead the discussion at the January Council meeting. He will also assume responsibility for communicating any comments or reactions he receives to the other members of the committee.

I also hope there will be vigorous discussion of the proposal on AAPORNET. If the Council and the membership adopt this recommendation, this will be one of the most important decisions we have taken in recent years. We want to know what you think.

Mike Traugott

A Note on the AAPOR Code

Tom W. Smith

NORC, University of Chicago

May, 1999

Revised June, 1999

The AAPOR Standards of Minimal Disclosure require the distribution of...

"5. Size of sample and ,if applicable, completion rates and information on eligibility criteria and screening procedures."

1. "Completion rates" is not mentioned in the Standard Definition publication, nor is it used in a dozen major works on survey methods and sampling that I consulted. But from two sources that do use it, we can determine what AAPOR's code is calling for.

a. The CASRO Response Rates report (p. 8) says that "Completion Rate is to be considered as a collective term that is used to designate how well a task has been accomplished. In general, completion rates are used to measure how well the various components involved in a sample survey are accomplished." The CASRO report adds, "In determining a response rate, completion rates are used to evaluate the component steps. These component steps are then combined to form the response rate."

b. Lessler and Kalsbeek (1992, p. 368-369), in Nonsampling Error in Surveys note 11 definitions of completion rates, including 8 cited in the CASRO report. These cover a range of meanings and include both cooperation and response rates as defined in Standard Definitions as well as others things such as eligibility rate.

I believe that the "completion rates" in the AAPOR code should be understood to cover all outcome rates as defined in Standard Definitions. That is, "completion rates" is the same as "outcome rates" in that document and refers to the family of distinct rates (response, nonresponse, cooperation, refusal, etc.) that may be calculated based on the final disposition of sample cases.

I propose that a) Council adopt this understanding of the term "completion rates" and b) in the next edition of Standard Definition a line be added saying that completion rates are the range of figures herein referred to as outcome rates.

2. "if applicable" is a potentially dangerous loophole. It is my understanding that it was added to cover convenience samples and other non-probability designs for which completion rates could not be calculated. What AAPOR means is illustrated by a similar passage in Best Practices...

"12. Disclose all methods of the survey to permit evaluation and replication...A comprehensive list of the elements proposed for disclosure...includes...

documentation and a full description, if applicable, of any response or completion rates cited (for quota designs, the number of refusals)..."

Thus, completion rates should be reported for all surveys using designs that are open to the calculation of such rates and even for designs that don't permit the calculation of all such rates (e.g. quota samples), appropriate rates should be presented.

The danger is that "if applicable" could be interpreted in other ways

such as, "if they exist" or "if available."

I propose that AAPOR Council adopt an interpretation of "if applicable" that (as a first cut) says something like...

Completion rates should be disclosed in all cases in which a survey design is open to the calculation of such rates. This would typically include all random or full-probability samples (e.g. RDD telephone surveys). For sample designs that do not employ such a design (e.g. block quota samples), appropriate outcome figures such as the number of attempted cases, the number of completed cases, and the number of refusals should be routinely reported.

>From hkassarj@ucla.edu Sun Oct 31 17:07:33 1999

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X-Mailer: QUALCOMM Windows Eudora Pro Version 4.0.1

Date: Sun, 31 Oct 1999 17:08:46 -0800

To: aapornet@usc.edu

From: "H.H. Kassanjian" <hkassarj@ucla.edu>

Subject: Re: Possible surcharge on emails

In-Reply-To: <199910301756.NAA21783@mail1.uts.ohio-state.edu>

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>I do not know anything about the validity of the arguments the author  
>of the message makes and will appreciate hearing from anyone on  
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>>> Subject: FW: Post office-Government wants to charge for E-mail use



>>>PLEASE

>>> READ- THIS IS NOT A CHAIN LETTER U.S. House of Representatives 1207

>>>Lo ngworthHouse Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515-4611 Phone:

>>>(202) 2

>>> 25-2931Fax: (202) 225-2944

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>>> Please read carefully if you intend to stay online and continue

>>> using email: The last few months have revealed an alarming trend in

>>> the Government of the United States attempting to quietly push

>>> through legislation that will affect your use of the Internet.

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>>> Under proposed legislation the U.S. Postal Service will be

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>>> Don't sit by and watch your freedoms erode away!

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>>> Send this e-mail to EVERYONE on your list, and tell all your a  
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(PST)  
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Date: Sun, 31 Oct 1999 21:23:12 -0600  
To: aapornet@usc.edu  
From: Robert Godfrey <rgodfrey@students.wisc.edu>  
Subject: Re: Possible surcharge on emails

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Yes, my favorite is urbanlegends.com  
<http://urbanlegends.about.com/culture/beliefs/urbanlegends>

this is what they have posted on the subject:

Posted: 05/22/99

Here's an item straight out of the hoax recycling bin. A "new" email forward claims that the U.S. Postal Service is attempting to levy a 5-cent surcharge on every email delivered within the United States.

Funny thing is, a virtually identical message circulating one month ago claimed that the same thing was about to happen in Canada.

False, in both cases (see comments below).

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Other sites include this one from the Department of Energy

<http://ciac.llnl.gov/ciac/CIACHoaxes.html>

Others:

The AFU & Urban Legends Archive

<http://www.urbanlegends.com/>

Tales of the Wooden Spoon

<http://snopes.simplenet.com/spoons/>

The Hoaxkill service: Let's get rid of hoaxes now!

<http://hoaxkill.com/index2.shtml>

Computer Virus Myths home page

<http://kumite.com/myths/>

Robert Godfrey

UW-Madison