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Academics and researchers are now invited to submit proposals for methodological studies to be incorporated on the /Understanding Society/ Innovation Panel wave 5.

Studies could relate to the design of survey instruments (e.g. question wording, scale format, item order, etc) or to survey design features (e.g. procedures intended to reduce non-response or to improve fieldwork efficiency). Data collection for wave 5 will take place in early spring 2012. The deadline for receipt of proposals is June 2nd 2011.

This initiative supports a major purpose of the Innovation Panel, which is to develop and evaluate methodologies for longitudinal survey research. This is achieved primarily by incorporating experiments of various kinds into the design of the Panel.

Further information on submitting proposals can be found at <http://www.understandingsociety.org.uk/design/content/ip.aspx>

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Reply-To: Leo Simonetta <Simonetta@ARTSCI.COM>
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Leo Simonetta <Simonetta@ARTSCI.COM>
Subject: How Women Really Feel About Their Facebook Friends [SURVEY]
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Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
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<http://mashable.com/2011/03/30/women-facebook-survey/>

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" Daily deals site Eversave talked to 400 women about their Facebook relationships. The company originally conducted the survey as market research on the social network's influence on the daily deals ecosystem, but Eversave was surprised to uncover the love/hate relationship between women and their online friends."

SNIP

"Most women - 83% of respondents in this survey - are annoyed at one time or another by the posts from their Facebook connections. For these respondents, the most off-putting post was some kind of whine; a full 63% said complaining from Facebook friends was their number one pet peeve, with political chatter and bragging coming in a distant second and third."

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<No sign of methodology that I could find>

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Leo "Just 83%?" Simonetta

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Marisa Dolan <med1180600@YAHOO.COM>
Subject: Sample survey project timelines
X-To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
In-Reply-To: <1A99104F97AD1248B598355A7D264FC10C073F45@EXCHANGE2010.local.artscience.com>
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I was wondering if anyone had any sample survey project timelines to share (how long for survey development, programming, fielding, analysis, report, etc.)... also timelines for any qualitative research (focus groups, in-depth interviews).

Thanks!

~Marisa

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: "nickp@marketsharescorp.com" <mkshares@COMCAST.NET>
Subject: Cut it or shut it.

X-To: Ryan Tandler <ryan.tandler@YAHOO.COM>
X-cc: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
In-Reply-To: <1950126614.3244884.1301670527518.JavaMail.root@sz0107a.emeryville.ca.mail.com
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ast.net>

Here are some thoughts about the current debate.=20

1. Tea Party movement favorite Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) =E2=80=9CI will vote= to defeat an increase in the debt limit unless it is the last one we ever = authorize=E2=80=A6=E2=80=9D The last one? Ever? Regardless of the percentag= e of GDP standard? Who are these guys?=20

2. The last time there was a government shutdown was the last time there wa= s a Democratic president, 1995. Double standard? Seems odd.=20

3. Short bi-partisan history of debt ceiling increases. Source: Congression= al Research Service.=20

Debt Ceiling/Debt Ceiling Increases/Dem Or GOP House Control=20
(Billions of dollars.)=20

June, 2002. \$6,400/+\$450 GOP=20

May, 2003. \$7,384/ +\$984 GOP=20

November, 2004. \$8,184/+\$800 GOP=20

March, 2006. \$8,965/+\$781 GOP=20

September, 2007. \$9,815/+\$850 Dem=20

June 5, 2008. \$10,615, +\$800 Dem=20

October, 2008. \$11,315/+\$700 Dem=20

[* Bush years total ceiling increases: \$5,365,000,000,000. Not part of the = discussion.]=20

Recession=E2=80=A6=20

February 17, 2009. \$12,104/+\$789 Dem=20

December 24, 2009. \$12,394/+\$290 Dem=20

February 12, 2010. \$14,294/+\$1,900 Dem=20

* Historical note: You can=E2=80=99t cut taxes (in 2001 & 2003), sustain th=

em for years to come and wage two wars without fiscal consequences.=20

4. This just in from the IRS: Tax collections in 2010 were down \$400 billion from 2008. So were 2009 collections. Revenue shortfalls do have something to do with budget deficits. Why isn't this part of the discussion? It's all about "wasteful spending".=20

Nick Panagakis=20

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From: "Ryan Tandler" <ryan.tandler@YAHOO.COM>=20

To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU=20

Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 1:52:41 PM=20

Subject: Re: Party Parity?=20

Welcome news for Democrats, but this is a misleading poll and a misleading story. The authors continually compare the Tea Party to the "the two major parties" when they are not at all comparable: in not a single state in the country can a person go to their DMV and register as a member of the Tea Party. It is a movement, not a party. Since Tea Partiers have decided to take over an existing party rather than start a third, the distinction matters tremendously. The false comparison irritates many involved in politics, and none more so than Republicans.=20

--- On Wed, 3/30/11, Leo Simonetta <Simonetta@ARTSCI.COM> wrote:=20

From: Leo Simonetta <Simonetta@ARTSCI.COM>=20

Subject: Party Parity?=20

To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU=20

Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 2:24 PM=20

CNN Poll: Unfavorable view of tea party on the rise CNN Political Ticker - CNN.com Blogs=20

<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2011/03/30/cnn-poll-unfavorable-view-of-tea-party-on-the-rise/>=20

or=20

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Forty-seven percent of people questioned say they have an unfavorable view of the tea party, up four points from December and an increase of 21 points from January 2010. That 47 percent is virtually identical to the 48 percent unfavorable ratings for both the Democratic party and the Republican part=

y in the same poll.=20

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<I for one would like to see the party breaks on that>=20

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From: Colleen Porter <colleen_porter@COX.NET>
Subject: Conference thoughts (philosophical)

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Greetings, fellow AAPORnetters,
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I just wanted to provide some information about conference registrations

with 6 weeks before the conference so that we have a better picture of =
how
attendance is stacking up. =20
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AAPOR has been monitoring conference registrations and the week-by-week
numbers of online registrations are encouraging -- 2011 conference
registrations essentially match or exceed the registration counts of last
year in Chicago (which was our most attended conference ever). Although =
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cannot predict what our final numbers will be, I can assure you that =
those
of us who attend will have plenty of fellow attendees with whom to =
network
and catch up. I remain very excited about how the program has shaped up =
and
wish that all of our members could reap the benefits of attending. =20
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I do feel for our colleagues in the public, private and academic sectors
who are unable to attend due to funding issues. To them I can report =
that

we do have fellow AAPOR members who have experience with strategies to
reduce attendance expenses, So if you find yourself with insufficient
funding to attend and are in need of some cost-cutting strategies, =
please
contact me and I'll triage to someone who can advise...

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Finally, I would be remiss if I did not point out one BIG cost cutting
strategy: registering EARLY in order to capitalize on a sizeable
registration discount. So please register by April 5 at www.aapor.org
(The early bird discount deadline is just 5 days away.)

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Looking forward to seeing everyone,

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Rob Santos
2011 AAPOR Annual Conference Chair
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We're ready for ya. April 1 temperature= 99 degrees.

Mike O'Neil
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On Fri, Apr 1, 2011 at 8:13 AM, Colleen Porter <colleen_porter@cox.net> wrote:

> A dark shadow looming over the upcoming conference is the possibility of
> diminished participation of our friends who work in the government sector.
> Census, NASS, BLS, GAO, NSF, and other feds have played a key role in past
> conferences, not to mention those who work for state and local government,
> including state universities in locales where those are considered state
> employees and tied closely to the fate of state government.
>
> The combination of budget cuts in the current fiscal year, travel bans in
> some places, and the looming threat of a government shutdown and employee
> furloughs have all combined to create great unease and disappointment. The
> registration deadline which is usually so routine now seems like a huge
> question mark to many, and others have already cancelled plans.
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> I've heard from some folks who have already committed to take vacation
> leave and get there, whatever it takes. Of course not everyone can afford
> that. Although if there are children of an age to enjoy the onsite water
> park, it would be a great family vacation destination.
>
> Getting support for conference travel can be such a challenge. I am
> getting some funding this year because I requested it as a requirement of
> taking on a project. Basically, I am getting a reputation as someone who
> carries a "will work for travel" sign around campus. For my trips to AAPOR
> conferences in Montreal and Los Angeles, I took leave from my regular job
> and had the trips paid for by someone else on campus for whom I was doing
> some questionnaire design and report writing.
>
> Not everyone who so desires will be able to attend this year, but certainly
> those who can make it will not be disappointed. The plenary session this
> year looks amazing, and the issues being covered in sessions reflect an
> ever-evolving research agenda that pushes our field forward.
>
> But on top of everything, I love Arizona. I draw energy from the
> mountains, enjoy the very different foilage, and appreciate the chance to
> climb mountains (here in Florida, we have some impressive sinkholes but
> climbing up out of them is not the same). Before Christmas, I started
> wearing my hiking boots around the house, just so they would be comfortable

> when I put them on again. Since going back down the hill is the hardest
for
> me, I always make it a point to go down the steps at work, even if I took
> the elevator up. Next week I will start doing the steps at the stadium.
> (Okay, about now Patty Gwartney and all the other hill-dwellers are
> laughing hysterically, but Florida is FLAT and I have to do what I can to
> get ready.) I am flying in on Tuesday morning, driving out toward the
> Superstition Mountains. Wednesday morning it is the Echo Canyon trail up
> Camelback. Thursday morning will be Piastawa Peak, but which trail depends
> on how I feel after Camelback.
>
> And then there is the food. There is Southwestern food (Sam's Cafe!),
> AZ-Mex food (chocolate chimichangas!), and interior Mexican cuisine. Okay,
> I shouldn't do this before lunch.
>
> Anyway, just to say that I look forward to seeing many of you, and
> understand why others will be missing this year.
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> Colleen Porter
> Gainesville FL
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While degrees and the specifics career path may vary, a viable candidate would have

- Demonstrated Sales Skills,
 - Financial Stability,
 - Management Competencies,
 - A =93whatever it takes=94 attitude, and a
 - Willingness to make a commitment in exchange for earned ownership.
 - Priority to persons who can begin within 60 days (this is not a =93dow=
- n
the road=94 opportunity).

The sales side is an essential component. Current owner has done this for 30 years and wants out of that part of the business. We want someone who ca= n
assume primary responsibility for new business, leveraging our existing clientele and relationships. Other components (analytical, management) are more negotiable.

For example, given our reputation as a high-end analytical firm, we expect to maintain the high level of research analytical skills for which we have become known. This requires that we maintain staff of highly trained analysts with no less than 10+ years private sector research industry experience and who are recognized experts in both quantitative and qualitative design and analysis. Given our current strength in this area, however, these are *not* absolute requirements for the partner(s) we seek. Should potential partners have these skills *in addition* to those listed above, however, it would certainly be a plus.

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- You might be an established researcher who has considered venturing out on their own and starting their own firm.

- You might be in a middle management position in a research firm but looking for something more entrepreneurial with a higher reward potential.

Obviously, there are all sorts of complexities in a commitment such as this that can only be addressed in the course of an exploratory conversation.

If you think you have the attributes and the interests and are willing to relocate, we invite such a discussion. We can, of course, offer all the usual perks. But the primary perk we offer is the autonomy and long-term potential accompanied by the track record to make those prospects realistic=

If this is not the primary appeal to you, you are probably not the person for this opportunity.

And take a look at www.oneilresearch.com for further information.

If what you see interests you, send an email to oneil@oneilresearch.com (not this email), tell me a something about yourself, and let=92s talk.

Note: We are a just a couple of miles from the AAPOR Conference site. We could certainly talk then. But, if you are serious, you should initiate a conversation well in advance of the AAPOR Conference. We could then use the AAPOR meeting time for productive face-to-face follow-up conversations.

I did post a similar notice last year. Had some interesting conversations as a result. But I want to get this right. Success requires a skillset match and a very good fit between our expectations and yours. We are ready to act immediately. But we=92ve got 30+ years invested and will take as long as it takes to get this right.

Mike O=92Neil

Michael J. O'Neil, PhD

ONeil Associates, Inc.

Tempe (Phoenix) AZ (home of endless sunshine and *interesting* politics)

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Since I ruined everyone's day by showing you how the Arizona Grand discounts itself in nonconference weekends, I thought I might provide a little information.

The pictures on their website (<http://www.arizonagrandresort.com/>) are worth a look.

The resort was built as one of three Pointe resorts in three different locations in Phoenix. I live and work about 3 miles from this one. AAPOR has held conferences at the other two in the past. All very nice. And, though similar, this one is probably the nicest of the three. The waterpark (which I have seen but not used) looks particularly inviting.

(FYI: SB1070 has been virtually halted by a court order, zero arrests, zero deportations. Come to our session for more details. A package of even more noxious immigration bills were all voted down after the head of every major corporation in the state publicly objected. And this is a group that has been out of politics for 20 years. Maybe awakening a sleeping giant. And the chief purveyor of SB1070 Russell Pierce -- and a whole bunch of others -- is getting major flak for having accepted goodies from the Fiesta Bowl. Bread and circuses around here.)

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Hi David,

Others may have already replied, but the *sampling* package in the R

software provides users with a free tool for drawing stratified samples (along with many other types of samples).

For more information, visit www.r-project.org, select a CRAN mirror, select Packages, and click the link for the *sampling* package.

Best Regards,

-Brady West

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"Data R as data .do."

On Fri, 1 Apr 2011, David Han wrote:

> Hi, I'm looking for recommendations on 'low priced'/'high value' software
> for generating stratified random samples.
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> David J. Han
> Manager, Workforce Analytics
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Dear all,

may I draw your attention to the following announcement?

Best regards,

Thomas

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Dear all,

since the link doesn't work, here is the URL:

<http://wapor.unl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/edr009.pdf>

I am looking forward to your proposals!

Best regards,

Thomas

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2011 - The Changing Telephone Landscape: Accessing and
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The Changing Telephone Landscape:=20

Accessing and Integrating Wireless Populations

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Monday, April 11, 2011

1:30pm - 4:30pm

at

The New York Times - 15th Floor=20

620 Eighth Avenue (40th and 41st Streets)

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The new National Health Interview Survey reveals that nearly 27% of US households are cell phone only-- and about half of adults between 25 and 29 live in wireless homes. In addition, one in six American homes receives all or almost all calls on a mobile phone, even though they have a landline. And this is not just a US phenomenon. SSI research shows this same trend is happening all over the world. In fact, the International Telecommunications Union reports that, on a planet with

6.8 billion people, there are 5 billion cell phone subscriptions.=20

By not including the wireless population in your market research, you miss certain critical segments of the population--and risk skewed findings that can lead to wrong business decisions. This is particularly true among the more mobile demographics, including young, lower income and Hispanic households. But what trade-offs should you consider when deciding whether to include or exclude the wireless audience in your sample and research plan? How can you access and incorporate cell-phone households into your research?

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Find out at NYAAPOR Workshop...The Changing Telephone Landscape: Accessing and Integrating Wireless Populations. Presented by Linda Piekarski, SSI's Vice President, Database and Research, the program will help you make sense of all the information out there about cell phone only households--and provide a clear guide to how you can most effectively bring them into your research. =20

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You will learn:=20

- * How to decide whether your telephone sampling plans should include wireless populations
- * What other companies are doing to address the growing cell phone only audience
- * How to integrate wireless and landline sample--and what the cost implications are=20
- * What tips and techniques can optimize your access and integration of wireless households=20

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About the Instructor

LINDA PIEKARSKI has been with Survey Sampling, International since 1980. She currently manages the Telephone Database Department and is a member of SSI's new Knowledge group where she is involved in a variety of projects related to both telephone and internet sampling methodology and data quality. Linda plays a key role in providing sample design support internally and to SSI's clients and has authored numerous papers on telephony and sampling topics presented at industry conferences or

published in industry journals

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She has been deeply involved with AAPOR (American Association for Public Opinion Research) for many years where she has been a frequent presenter, session chair and discussant. She was a member and committee chair of the two AAPOR Cell Phone Task Forces and a member of the AAPOR Online Panel Task Force. Linda has served on several other AAPOR committees and is currently on the AAPOR Council as Councilor at Large.=20

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2011 - Politics and Pollsters - Gary Langer, Don Levy,
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Consumer Confidence and the Economy

Thursday, April 7, 2011

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Gary Langer, President of Langer Research Associates, will look at the validity of the Bloomberg Consumer Comfort Index (CCI), considering whether or not the 25-year-old index is a leading indicator of several key economic measures: the Dow Jones Industrial Average, GDP, the unemployment rate and revolving credit. Gary pays special attention to

the challenges of assessing the relationships with data that contain a time-trend component.=20

Janet L. Streicher, Senior Vice-President of Market and Strategic Research at Citibank, will present findings from the latest Citibank Economic Pulse, a quarterly measure of Americans' attitudes toward the economy. The Pulse uses poll questions to create a single measure of overall economic status and future outlook. The first quarter data from this year focuses on Americans' comfort with savings and debt, behavioral changes since the economic downturn, priorities for 2011, and savings goals.

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Donald P. Levy, Director of the Siena Research Institute at Siena College, will look at differences between consumer attitudes in New York State and the nation. The SRI Consumer Confidence Index for New York State is comparable to the national index from the University of Michigan. The SRI monthly survey also measures the effect of food and gas prices, and the real estate market. Don will examine the relationship among these measures, the recent recession, and what would be expected in a robust economy.=20

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Colleagues,

I have a request for potential expertise or resources:

We have a list of self reported occupations (web data collection) and would like to code these into standard BLS occupational categories. Does anyone have any suggestions for resources? (Anything from pre-existing software routines to a contractor with trained and supervised humans with expertise in this would be useful at this point). As these things go, the data look reasonably clean, and the project will not be gigantic,

Thank you all,

Chase

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We've all seen the polls to this effect.

And found them hard to believe. In the sense of 50% believing this literally.

Perhaps the "yes" response means:

1. I hate Obama
2. saying I think he wasn't born in the US is one way of expressing this
3. then I MIGHT say he wasn't born here as a means of expressing my hatred.

This is speculation. Has anyone tested anything like this? The data would seem to scream for such a test. (Hear this Pew people???? This is your kind of question)

The only alternatives explanations are

1. over 50% of a major political party is completely misinformed
2. people lie to pollsters (yes, that old saw)
3. Obama was really born in Kenya (and we are all dupes)

Mike O'Neil
www.mikeoneil.org

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http://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/06/us/06census.html?_r=1&emc=tnt&tntemail1=y

or

<http://goo.gl/yLoEC>

WASHINGTON - America's population of white children, a majority now, will be in the minority during this decade, sooner than previously expected, according to a new report.

The Census Bureau had originally forecast that 2023 would be the tipping point for the minority population under the age of 18. But rapid growth among Latinos, Asians and people of more than one race has pushed it earlier, to 2019, according to William Frey, the senior demographer at the Brookings Institution who wrote the report about the shift, which has far-reaching political and policy implications.

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http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/census-bureau-expands-use-of-this-thing-called-the-internet/2011/04/05/AFbTgx1C_story.html

OR

<http://goo.gl/eVM90>

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The Census Bureau is now testing Web-based questionnaires for the American Community Survey, which replaced the old long form and is conducted monthly now. And the 2020 Census should be accessible by laptop, smartphone or any other new devices that have yet to be introduced to the marketplace.

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Hi folks,

This might be of interest to someone here.

Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act National Longitudinal Study

Solicitation Number: N01DA-11-5568

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Office: National Institutes of Health

Location: National Institute on Drug Abuse

<https://www.fbo.gov/index?tabmode=form&subtab=step1&tabid=f2ec309930750fc9569ec925e816e9eb>

best,
Leora

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Here's a question that probably reflects my ignorance, but I was reading through a questionnaire from the High School Longitudinal Study of 2009 and came across a pattern I have never noticed before.

Question stems present statements or questions using the pronoun "you." For example:

Q: "Have you taken or are you planning to take the PSAT?"

But then the responses also include "you" rather than "I"
For example, one answer to the above question is,

- "You haven't decided yet" (rather than "I haven't decided yet")

This is a pencil-paper questionnaire, so there is no chance that the respondent thinks the "you" refers to the interviewer. But it strikes me as quite awkward. I am guessing that there is some philosophy or research that might support such a departure from the normal "call-response" flow of a questionnaire - especially since this is done consistently in this survey. Maybe this avoids social desirability issues because the respondent avoids "I"?

I would welcome being enlightened if anyone can fill me in.

- Eric

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Eric Plutzer, Professor of Political Science  
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Mime-Version: 1.0  
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Hi Eric,

Thanks for your query. I headed up the team of spec developers for the HSLs:09 instruments so I can answer your question. The student instrument was designed so that it could be self-administered via the Web during the in-school session and via CATI for those who were not able to participate in school. The use of "you" allowed for a single instrument to work in both modes of administration. Hope that helps.

Laura Burns

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presented by Don Dillman will close on Monday, April 11. If you would like to attend this webinar and have not already registered, please do so soon.  
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<http://www.gallup.com/poll/146984/Adults-Government-Health-Insurance.aspx>

In U.S., 1 in 4 Adults Have Government Health Insurance



At least 1 in 10 American adults across all age groups have government healthcare

by Elizabeth Mendes

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- As House Republicans put forth a budget proposal that seeks to reshape the government-run healthcare programs Medicare and Medicaid, Gallup finds that 1 in 4 U.S. adults, including at least 1 in 10 American adults across all age groups, benefit from one of these programs or military/veterans' benefits. Seniors and young adults are the most likely to report having government-based health insurance.

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I am interested in understanding the range of uses made of the term "convenience data" (or "convenience sample, etc.") in statistical discussions.

Could people please email me:

- 1) explaining how you understand the term "convenience data"
- 2) directing me to literature you may be aware of in which people try to formally define the terms like "convenience data" or "convenience sample"?

I'm at [m.spagat@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:m.spagat@rhul.ac.uk) and would appreciate it if people could maintain the subject heading of "convenience data" for easy sorting.

Also, feel free to circulate your responses to the whole listserve if you think there will be general interest but I do plan to circulate a summary to the whole list if I get interesting responses.

Thank you very much.

Mike Spagat

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respondents to jump from section to section within a form (non-sequential=  
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navigation), run a final edits check at the end of the form so a responde=  
nt=20  
can validate their responses, and functionality that allows a respondent =  
to=20  
print off their answers before submitting their data, please let me know.=  
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I have a similar requirement for COTS for surveys of individuals. The software must run on our servers with no contact with a commercial service provider such as SurveyMonkey.

On Apr 8, 2011, at 9:00 AM, Ken Pick <kenneth.pick@YAHOO.COM> wrote:

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Mike,

I think the concept is well recognized without any reference to the literature. A probability-based sample is one where every unit in the target population has a known and non-zero chance of selection. Any sample violating these sacred principles, be it for convenience or otherwise, will be void of inferential capacity. That is, it will not be possible to put a confidence interval around any point estimates generated from convenient samples. Virtually all introductory textbooks as well as the old and new sampling testaments (Kish and Cochran) have plenty to say about this topic.

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Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 6:38 AM  
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Subject: Convenience Data

I am interested in understanding the range of uses made of the term "convenience data" (or "convenience sample, etc.) in statistical discussions.

Could people please email me:

1) explaining how you understand the term "convenience data"

2) directing me to literature you may be aware of in which people try to formally define the terms like "convenience data" or "convenience sample"=  
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I'm at m.spagat@rhul.ac.uk and would appreciate it if people could maintain

the subject heading of "convenience data" for easy sorting.

Also, feel free to circulate your responses to the whole listserve if you

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Thank you very much.

Mike Spagat

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That's also what we use for paper surveys. Works pretty well.

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Two examples of general packages with good features for this are: Teleform (<http://www.cardiff.com/products/teleform/> ) and the Remark suite of packages. <http://www.gravic.com/remark/> The researchers should also insure that they have a good scanner that is suitable for their expectations. (In other words,

sometimes it isn't the software, it's the hardware).

If the issue is that the researchers aren't happy with the pre-packaged survey templates of the packages they have looked at, but the questionnaires are still in a place where the researchers are able to make some changes to their questionnaires (i.e. print guidelines or barcodes on the page for orientation, produce check-box's or bubble's using fonts that are recognizable to the scanner) packages such as Remark or Teleform would give them more flexibility than some of the more standardized packages.

If the issue is that the data has already been collected, or the forms have already been printed (i.e. that NO changes are possible), then the chances of getting something to work consistently, easily, and cheaply are much smaller. (In which case, a good vendor would probably be the best solution).

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He received his Ph.D. and M.Phil <<http://m.phil/>> . in sociology from Yale University and his B.A with honors in economics from Yale College. He has received grant and fellowship support from the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and other agencies. He also has been involved with numerous consulting engagements many related to Civil Rights litigation.=20

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Hi Mike,

A. Statistics Canada has a nice discussion of different non-probability  
sampling methods.  
<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/edu/power-pouvoir/ch13/nonprob/5214898-eng.htm#a1>

[Convenience, haphazard, and accidental samples are lumped together. They  
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I think the concept is well recognized without any reference to the literature. A probability-based sample is one where every unit in the target population has a known and non-zero chance of selection. Any sample violating these sacred principles, be it for convenience or otherwise, will be void of inferential capacity. That is, it will not be possible to put a confidence interval around any point estimates generated from convenient samples. Virtually all introductory textbooks as well as the old and new sampling testaments (Kish and Cochran) have plenty to say about this topic.

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I am interested in understanding the range of uses made of the term "convenience data" (or "convenience sample, etc.) in statistical discussions.

Could people please email me:

1) explaining how you understand the term "convenience data"

2) directing me to literature you may be aware of in which people try to formally define the terms like "convenience data" or "convenience sample" ?

I'm at [m.spagat@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:m.spagat@rhul.ac.uk) and would appreciate it if people could maintain the subject heading of "convenience data" for easy sorting.

Also, feel free to circulate your responses to the whole listserve if you think there will be general interest but I do plan to circulate a summary to the whole list if I get interesting responses.

Thank you very much.

Mike Spagat

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Thanks. One less thing to worry about.

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