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The most popular slogans are:

1. The Ns justify the means
2. "To be, or not to be?"
 - [1] - Yes, to be
 - [2] - No, not to be
 - [3] - not sure; it depends
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Polls show differences between Europe and United States on war option against Iraq

Fri Jan 31, 11:12 PM ET

http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/ap/20030201/ap_wo_en_po/eu_gen_britain_iraq_poll_7

By JANE WARDELL, Associated Press Writer

LONDON - A 39-nation public opinion survey published Friday found sentiment in favor of military action against Iraq strongest in the United States and Australia, while six in 10 in France and Russia and half in Germany opposed it under any circumstances.

The polls were taken from Jan. 15 to 25 and so do not capture possible opinion shifts resulting from U.N. inspectors' reports on Iraqi disarmament and President George W. Bush (news - web sites)'s State of the Union speech. Gallup International, an association of independent polling companies, conducted the surveys among 29,822 respondents by telephone and in person.

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Poll results also can be affected by question wording. The Gallup International survey asked, in native languages: "Are you in favor of military action against Iraq?" with response alternatives "Under no circumstances," "Only if sanctioned by the United Nations (news - web sites)," "Unilaterally by America and its allies," or don't know/no opinion.

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Twenty-one percent of Americans said no to war against Iraq under any circumstances. At the other end of the sentiment scale, about 80 percent in Argentina and Uruguay and roughly 75 percent in Macedonia, Bosnia and Spain opposed military action under any circumstances. Six in 10 in India and Pakistan also felt that way.

Gallup International is not affiliated with the Gallup Organization, the U.S.-based company that publishes the Gallup Poll.

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Includes some interesting questions on the probable outcomes and costs.

Support for a War With Iraq Grows After Bush's Speech
Half the Nation Favors Military Action Without U.N. Backing

By Richard Morin and Claudia Deane
Washington Post Staff Writers
Sunday, February 2, 2003; Page A22

President Bush has reversed the downward drift in public support for war with Iraq despite widespread fears that the conflict would continue for many months and produce large numbers of U.S. casualties, according to a Washington Post-ABC News poll.

After the president's State of the Union speech on Tuesday in which he laid out the case for a U.S.-led invasion, the survey found that 66 percent of Americans favor taking military action against Iraq, up from 57 percent two weeks ago and the most support for war since mid-September.

For the complete story see

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A11942-2003Feb1.html>

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Subject: Ann Arbor Summit on Survey Interviewer Falsification of Data,
Apr il 4-6, 2003

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> Please pass this message to those in your organization who have
> responsibilities in this area.
> Thanks,
> Bob Groves
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> Summit Meeting on Survey Interviewer Falsification
> April 4-6, 2003, Ann Arbor, Michigan
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> Background
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> The Office of Research Integrity of the U.S. Department of Health and
> Human Services recently ruled that the falsification of survey data by an
> interviewer was an act of scientific misconduct subject to the oversight
> of that office. The responsibilities and authorities of that office can
> be found at <<http://ori.hhs.gov/html/about/aboutori.asp>>.
>
> This ruling led to several conversations among survey researchers and ORI,
> the planning of sessions at upcoming professional meetings (e.g., AAPOR),
> discussions with the executive bodies of AAPOR and AstatA, and inquiries
> by university officers overseeing scientific integrity issues.
>
> These conversations suggested that a small meeting of leaders of the
> survey research field might be helpful, to review current practices of the
> profession in addressing issues of interviewer falsification and to
> develop a statement of current best methods.
>
> The Ann Arbor Summit
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> On April 4-6, 2003, a small group of survey managers, methodologists, and
> university scientific integrity officers will meet to develop a draft of
> current best methods in detecting, diagnosing, and remediating survey
> interviewer falsification of data.
>
> The product of the meeting will be a draft statement, to be submitted for
> comment from the larger profession through AAPORnet, SRMSnet, the
> executive bodies of the American Statistical Association Survey Research
> Methods Section, the council of the American Associate for Public Opinion
> Research, and the Council of American Survey Research Organizations.
>
> Because the summit will be a two-day working meeting, it will be limited
> to 35 participants.
>
> Two types of participants are needed to make the summit a success:
> 1. survey managers who implement interviewer verification
> protocols (both at the first-line level and at higher levels),
> 2. survey methodologists who invent and evaluate alternative
> methods.
>
> If you are interested in attending this meeting, please first complete the
> attached questionnaire, by typing your answers into the WORD file. Email
> it to CDOHER@ISR.UMICH.EDU <<mailto:CDOHERTY@ISR.UMICH.EDU>>. Responses
> must be received by February 28, 2003, to be considered. Decisions will

> be made by the organizers by Sunday, March 2, 2003 and delivered to
> applicants via email.
>
> Steering Committee
>
> The following persons have agreed to serve as steering committee members:

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> Thomas Guterbock, Survey Research Center, University of Virginia
> Timothy Johnson, University of Illinois, Survey Research Laboratory
> Daniel Kasprzyk, representative for ASA Survey Research Methods
> Section, Mathematica Policy Research
> John Kennedy, Indiana University, Survey Research Center
> Richard Kulka, Research Triangle Institute
> Judith Mopsik, Abt Associates
> Judith Nowack, Associate Vice President for Research, University of
> Michigan
> Beth-Ellen Pennell, University of Michigan Survey Research Center
> Renee Slobasky, Westat, Inc.
> John Thompson, National Opinion Research Center
> Roger Tourangeau, Chair, Standards Committee, AAPOR

> Financial Support for the Summit

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> The conference is supported by the DHHS Office of Research Integrity, the
> Michigan Survey Research Center, and the University of Michigan Office of
> the Vice-President for Research. Participants are encouraged to use their
> institution's funds to support their participation in the summit. There
> is a limited amount of travel and lodging support available. If you are
> in need of this support, please note that explicitly in your email
> correspondence, being explicit about what costs you can cover and what
> costs you cannot. The steering committee will allocate financial support
> in a manner to maximize the diversity of skills and experiences of
> participants.

> Meeting Logistics

> 1. Time and Venue

> The summit on Interviewer Falsification will begin
> at 7:30PM on Friday, April 4, 2003 and end at 3PM, Sunday, April 6.

> The meeting will be held at the Institute for Social
> Research, 426 Thompson Street Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

> 2. Travel, Lodging, and Meal Costs

> Airline travel to Ann Arbor is best accomplished
> through Detroit Metro Airport, 28 miles east of Ann Arbor. Detroit Metro
> is a hub of Northwest Airlines, but is also served by most major carriers.
> Directions from Detroit Metro to the Ann Arbor hotel can be downloaded
> from

> <<http://www.mapquest.com/directions/main.adp?go=1&do=nw&2n=Washtenaw&2np=4&3&1ex=1&1np=14&ct=NA&1g=gADRN94o73k%253d&1y=US&1z=48242&11=acX9ORdISvk%253d&1ex=1&1a=William+Rogell+Drive&1s=MI&1c=Detroit&1pn=Detroit+Metropolitan+>>

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> 48%253d&lr=2&x=71&y=4>

>
> The sponsors of the summit have a limited amount of
> funds to support travel and per diem expenses. These will be used to
> ensure representation at the summit of diverse types of survey
> experiences. (see section above on "Financial Support for the Summit")

>
> All meals except Saturday dinner are free to
> participants.

> 3. Hotel Accommodations

> Campus Inn
> 615 East Huron Street
> Ann Arbor
> 734 769-2200

> Daily rate for single occupancy is \$118.

> Reservations must be paid by March 3. Any reservation requests
> after March 4 are subject to availability.

> Our block of rooms is non-smoking (if you require a smoking room,
> please contact Cathy at below addresses).

> 4. Contact for Questions

> Contact Cathy Doherty at VOICE 734 764-8365 or FAX
> 734-763-9831 or CDOHERTY@ISR.UMICH.EDU

> Agenda

> Friday, April 4 Campus Inn, 615 E. Huron Street

> 7:30PM Dinner
> Introduction to the meeting
> Discussion of key goals of the meeting

> Saturday, April 5 Institute for Social Research, Room 6050, 426
> Thompson Street

> 8:30AM Light Breakfast

> 9:00AM The view from the DHHS Office of Research Integrity
> (Dr. Alan Price) (Dr. Price will answer questions of the participants and
> then leave the summit, to return to be briefed by the participants about
> the draft statement.)

> 9:30AM Individual presentations of participants on
> experiences with falsification, falsification detection, and repair of
> falsified data

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> 12:00PM Working lunch
>
> 1:30PM Group identification of effective and ineffective
> procedures
> a. falsification detection
> b. diagnosis of cause of falsification
> c. personnel action
> d. repair of falsified data
>
> 4:30PM Initial summary of key consensus points
>
> 4:30-7PM Steering committee preparation of draft report
>
> Dinner, on your own
>
> Sunday, April 6 Institute for Social Research, Room 6050, 426
> Thompson Street
>
> 8:30 Light breakfast
>
> 9-12 Review of statement on current best methods of
> falsification detection, diagnosis, and remediation
>
> 12:00 Lunch/ Summary
> Briefing of Dr. Alan Price, ORI, on the results of
> the summit
>
> 2:00 Conclusion and Next Steps
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A colleague has requested the following and I thought the collective
knowledge of the list would exceed what I know (or remember). Please
respond directly to me, and Thank You!

Ron,

Would you happen to be aware of any reports of empirical research demonstrating that females are more likely to respond to surveys, show up for experiments, stick around for longitudinal studies, etc.? I've done a web search and can't find anything. Is it an urban legend that females are more likely to participate? (I'm anticipating a request for a citation to support a claim I'd like to make in a manuscript). Thanks for any advice.
--Nancy

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I hope AAPOR makes a rapid, clear, and concise statement about this
outrage while it is fresh on the wire.

--Mark David Richards

See
http://www.news-journal.com/news/content/news/ap_story.html/Intl/AP.V6963.AP-Iran-Pollsters.html

Iranian Pollsters Jailed After Survey

ALI AKBAR DAREINI
Associated Press Writer

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)--Two Iranian pollsters who outraged hard-liners with a survey that found strong public support for contacts with the United States have been sentenced to prison on charges of selling secrets to groups linked to the CIA, lawyers said Monday.

Hossein Ali Qazian was sentenced to nine years in prison and Abbas Abdi, a senior Iranian reformist, was given an eight-year jail term.

Prosecutors accused the two of holding secret talks and providing information to institutes and individuals affiliated with American, British and Israeli intelligence services--including, prosecutors said, the Gallup Organization.

Qazian and Abdi--and a third pollster charged with them _ denied any wrongdoing. They were arrested in October and November after their poll reported 74 percent of Tehran residents surveyed supported dialogue with the United States. The countries have not had diplomatic relations since the 1979 takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

Prosecutors said the polls were politically motivated. Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, repeatedly has rejected resuming ties with Washington, saying such talk was ``treason and stupidity." Khamenei has the final say in all state matters.

The case is part of an escalating power struggle between hard-liners and reformists, who back President Mohammed Khatami's program of social and political freedoms.

Qazian's lawyer, Ramezan Haji Mashhadi, said the court notified him of the verdicts Monday and that he would appeal.

``The verdict is unjust and illegal," Haji Mashhadi told The Associated Press. ``My client didn't sell any secret information to foreigners."

Saleh Nikbakht, who represents Abdi, said the verdict was a ``political declaration against a prominent reformist punished for his political views."

Abdi is a senior member of the Islamic Iran Participation Front _ Iran's largest reformist party.

A third prominent pollster, Behrouz Geranpayeh, awaits a verdict.

After their poll was published, hard-line newspapers accused the pollsters of espionage. The reformist-dominated parliament insisted the poll, ordered by a parliamentary committee, was accurate. Lawmakers say an opinion poll conducted by the Intelligence Ministry last year found similar attitudes.

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Sent: Monday, February 03, 2003 1:31 PM
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Subject: Iranian pollsters

Wires report that Iranian pollsters Hossein Ghazian and Abbas Abdi have been sentenced to nine- and eight-year prison terms, respectively, for selling "intelligence" to foreigners including Gallup.

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This Guardian story has a couple of quotes from Richard Burkholder, Gallup's director of international polling.

Iranian Pollsters Jailed After Survey
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/worldlatest/story/0,1280,-2373739,00.html>

Monday February 3, 2003 7:30 PM

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Two Iranian pollsters who outraged hard-liners with a survey that found strong public support for contacts with the United States have been sentenced to prison on charges of selling secrets to groups linked to the CIA, lawyers said Monday.

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Richard Burkholder, Gallup's director of international polling, described the sentencing as ``extremely regrettable" and said the Iranian pollsters are victims of Iran's ongoing power struggle between hard-liners and reformists, who back President Mohammed Khatami's

program of social and political freedoms.

"It is a firefight within that larger struggle. There is nothing black, nefarious or not above board about" the Iranian poll, Burkholder told The Associated Press in Cairo, Egypt, in a telephone interview from his Princeton, N.J. office.

Burkholder said Gallup paid for and designed a poll to find out opinions of people in the Islamic world toward America following the Sept. 11 attacks. The Gallup poll did not quiz Iranians on whether they supported dialogue with the United States, he added.

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I am not an expert in the ways of international diplomacy, but I feel I must respectfully disagree with some of my colleagues who feel that a statement by WAPOR or AAPOR about this matter will just make matters worse by providing more "evidence" of these individuals' collaboration with the United States. First, neither WAPOR nor AAPOR for that matter involves just U. S. citizens, so that accusation is false. More importantly, though, it is only through a coordinated effort that forces these governments to understand that others in the world are watching them that they tend to respond. If no organization or individuals says anything internationally, they feel they can act with impunity in these cases. If this were not true, such organizations as Amnesty International would

be worthless. World opinion can have an effect on such matters, especially if the efforts are coordinated with other groups that have a stake in condemning such repressive behavior by governments.

Frank Rusciano

"Langer, Gary E" wrote:

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And what do our neighbors to the North think?

Clear majority of Canadians now oppose war in Iraq
Opposition to both U.S. and Canadian involvement has risen significantly since last August

Ottawa: Canadians are growing increasingly resistant to war in Iraq, and a clear majority now oppose both a U.S. led military strike and Canadian involvement in this type of action, according to a recent Decima Express survey conducted by Decima Research Inc.

Six in ten (61%) Canadians now say they strongly or generally oppose a U.S. led military action to remove Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, up from 45 percent who voiced this opinion last August.

<http://www.decima.ca/research/WhatsNew/whatsnew.asp?ID=76>

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Thanks,
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Subject: Re: Clear majority of Canadians now oppose war in Iraq

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Perhaps Rumsfeld will now go on television and discuss differences in support among the "old" North America and the "new" North America-- the only problem is, which one are we?

"Leo G. Simonetta" wrote:

> And what do our neighbors to the North think?
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> Clear majority of Canadians now oppose war in Iraq
> Opposition to both U.S. and Canadian involvement has risen
> significantly since last August
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> Ottawa: Canadians are growing increasingly resistant to war in Iraq, and
> a clear majority now oppose both a U.S. led military strike and Canadian
> involvement in this type of action, according to a recent Decima Express
> survey conducted by Decima Research Inc.
>
> Six in ten (61%) Canadians now say they strongly or generally oppose a
> U.S. led military action to remove Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, up from
> 45 percent who voiced this opinion last August.
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> <http://www.decima.ca/research/WhatsNew/whatsnew.asp?ID=76>
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Abdi, Ghazian receive one more year for propaganda

Tuesday, February 04, 2003 - C2003 IranMania.com

Tehran, Feb 4 - The court investigating the opinion poll on Iran-US relations has added one more year to the sentences of pollsters Hossein-Ali Ghazian and Abbas Abdi for propagating against the system, IRNA quoted the press on Tuesday.

<http://www.iranmania.com/News/ArticleView/Default.asp?NewsCode=14151&NewsKind=Current%20Affairs>

The Persian-language `Abrar' daily reported that the Branch 1410 of Tehran Public Court on Monday had issued the sentences against Ghazian and Abdi, thus bringing their total terms to nine and eight years.

Ghazian and Abdi had already received eight and seven years each for selling information to the US-based Gallup, the French VM and Zogby polling institutes.

The Abrar stressed that the case is open with the fate of the third clause of the prosecutor's indictment on charges of collecting and keeping confidential documents still pending.

The court has announced that it is still waiting for the concerned state institutions to forward their reports and responses in that connection for any further measures regarding the case.

The institutions include Ministry of Information, the Presidential Office, the State Security Department, the Institute for Strategic Studies, and the Secretariat of the Supreme National Security Council.

Ghazian and Abdi, both working at the Ayandeh Polling and Research Institute, were apprehended last year following an opinion poll they had directed which claimed that two-thirds of citizens in Tehran favored resumption of talks with the US.

Also involved in the case is Behrouz Geranpayeh, the head of the National Institute for Research and Opinion Polls, who has been recently released on bail after several hearings in connection with the polling.

Geranpayeh has been charged with "publishing false and poisonous information" as well as "selling information to foreigners". No ruling has yet been issued against him.

The court has accused the defendants of carrying out the research on the order of the Washington-based Gallup Organization.

Other defendants in the case are a deputy from Tehran Ahmad Bourghni, Alireza Alavitabar and Mehdi Abbasi-Rad, an IRNA editor who has been charged with illegal publication of the survey by the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA).

Abdi, who was a student leader in the 1979 takeover of the US Embassy in Tehran, is a member of the Islamic Iran Participation Front (IIPF).

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Subject: Zogby and push polling
In-Reply-To: <200301221627.h0MGRU3O067997@tap.epn.org>
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Polls: Americans Back Bush on Iraq, Not Economy

<http://reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=politicsNews&storyID=2167786>

Tue February 4, 2003 01:09 PM ET

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Most Americans support President Bush's policy on Iraq and the war on terror, but disagree with his major economic policies, two new polls said on Tuesday.

An ABC News/Washington Post poll showed that 56 percent of Americans believe Bush's 10-year, \$670 billion tax-cut plan favors the rich and only one-fourth feel it treats all Americans equally.

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A national poll by the Los Angeles Times, also released on Tuesday, said 47 percent disapproved of Bush's handling of the economy, to 45 percent who approved. Forty-two percent backed his handling of the federal budget.

But the Los Angeles Times poll showed 58 percent approved of the way he is handling the situation with Iraq and its president, Saddam Hussein, and 74 percent backed his handling of his war on terror.

The ABC News poll found 61 percent approval for the White House's handling of Iraq and 75 percent for the U.S. campaign against terrorism.

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Subject: Re: Zogby and push polling
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Well said, Robert.

If we don't "police ourselves," recent legislation attempts suggest there are plenty of others willing to do it for us.

In a similar genre, one of the new Florida Board of Governors (and an FSU trustee) is calling for "accountability in higher education" similar to that recently instituted at the k-12 level. It sounds like he wants mandated "achievement tests" for college subjects. Other than making many measurement folks pretty wealthy, is such a push going on in any other state?

One complaint is that student evaluation forms (which are surveys, after all) are basically too much like opinion polls about politicians and no one is measuring what students "learn" in public universities (hey, Colleen, is this going on in Gator country too?)

Susan

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Subject: Mitofsky & Lenski will do 2004 Exit Polls
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February 4, 2003
Media Group in Deal to Conduct Exit Polls
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) -- The six news organizations that disbanded Voter News Service last month signed a contract Tuesday with two veteran polling experts to conduct exit surveys of voters during the 2004 presidential election.

ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, Fox News Channel and The Associated Press announced they had reached an agreement with Warren Mitofsky of Mitofsky International and Joseph Lenski of Edison Media Research. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

The new consortium, called the National Elections Pool, has less than a year to build an exit polling system in time for the 2004 presidential primaries.

Exit poll information is used to help project winners in individual elections and provide information on why people voted the way they did.

Separately, the consortium members will rely on the AP for counting the vote on election nights, said Linda Mason, vice president of public affairs for CBS. VNS had its own vote-counting operation.

The media organizations disbanded VNS following two major

failures in two years. VNS provided flawed information that led television networks to prematurely call the 2000 presidential election for George W. Bush and was unable to provide exit poll data during last November's off-year election.

Mason said the news organizations decided to join together to start the National Elections Pool instead of developing their own systems because of the expense involved. The same financial concerns had led the news organizations to form VNS a decade ago.

Mitofsky and Lenski have spent many years in the business. Mitofsky pioneered a sample precinct polling system while working with CBS and ran a predecessor of VNS. Lenski worked for him before starting his own firm. Mitofsky built a limited exit polling operation for CNN during the 2002 election.

``We're looking forward to working with Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International," said David Tomlin, assistant to the president of AP. ``All of us have our work cut out for us, because the start of the primary season is less than a year away.

``But we're confident that they have the capabilities and experience to help us produce fast, insightful coverage of next year's elections," he said.

While there might have been other options for building a new exit polling system, the former members of VNS ``felt that this was a bird in the hand," Mason said.

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ANNUAL WSS CURTIS JACOBS STATISTICS PROJECT COMPETITION
IN MEMORY OF CURTIS JACOBS

Open to Current Middle School and High School Students

The Washington Statistical Society (WSS) and the American Statistical Association (ASA) are announcing the 13th Curtis Jacobs Memorial Competition this year. Beginning in 1991, this award was established to honor the memory of a former statistician of the U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics for his many important contributions to improving the quality of collecting data needed to form public policy.

The competition is open to all students who attend a high school or middle school in Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area and have a teacher or an advisor who will cover materials on statistics during the 2003-2004 academic year. Entries must collect original data and may work individually or in teams of up to four students. The entries will be judged by a panel of statisticians selected from WSS' membership. A prize of \$200 will be awarded to a middle school winner and a high school winner. Please see attached document for more details.

The deadline is JUNE 1, 2003 for the competition. To be considered for the award, please fill out the attached entry form and send a five to ten page report entry to this year's Chair of the Curtis Jacobs Memorial Prize:

Amy Luo
Curtis Jacobs Entry
Ernst & Young LLP
1225 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20036

Email: amy.luo@ey.com
Phone: 202.327.6667

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sunghee at the address below or Amy.

Sunghee Lee
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Subject: gender identity scales
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I'm posting this on behalf of a colleague. Please reply directly to her.

Does anyone have experience gathering survey data on gender identity among lesbians? We are doing a face-to-face study of self-identified lesbians, and would like to know what scales others have used. If people have experience using gender identity scales in general population surveys, that would be helpful as well. Please reply directly to me at:20

LoriH@srl.uic.edu=20

Thanks, =20
Lori=20

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From: Susan Sprachman <SSprachman@MATHEMATICA-MPR.COM>
Subject: What kind of response might have the most impact regarding
Irania
n Pollsters

My husband is a professor of Persian, and at my request contacted some people he knows who have the pulse (such as it is) of Iranian politics to

ask about what kind of response from AAPOR might have the most impact.

The three people he consulted all said that a response from America and Americans would not have an impact. However, a response from people in other countries might at least be heard. I think we should consider asking the WAAPOR members to lead this effort. If anyone wanted to have their letter translated into Persian, my husband would be happy to do this for us.

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For people interested in booking hotel rooms and discounted airplane tickets and learning about some aspects of activities planned for the AAPOR 2003 conference, new information has been posted on www.aapor.org and will continue to be updated regularly, so check back often.

For those of you who submitted proposals to present research at the conference: decisions will be finalized as soon as possible and you will be notified asap.

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From: Rebecca Quarles <Bquarles@AOL.COM>
Subject: "House" differences and tracking studies

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I have always heard that it is dangerous to switch research companies in the middle of a tracking study because of "house" differences. My own experience has reinforced this. For example, we reanalyzed a benchmark and tracking study carried out by two different government contractors and found differences attributable to different ways of handling "don't know" responses. One contractor had their interviewers probe very hard to get the respondent's impression while the other (I think correctly) had their interviewers accept "don't knows" as a legitimate response. As a result, it was impossible to draw meaningful conclusions from the data for many questions. I have also seen a couple of other situations where there were inexplicable differences. Thus, our company does not change data collection companies in the middle of a tracking study unless there are overwhelming reasons to do so.

However, it has come to my attention that the purchasing and contracting rules at some organizations sometimes mean that each wave of a tracking study is treated as a separate study and is bid separately. This is a special problem for the government and for other organizations that follow strict purchasing rules.

Does anyone know if there are any published studies that document "house" effects?

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Subject: Re: "House" differences and tracking studies
Comments: To: Bquarles@AOL.COM
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House effects are well documented and often involve DK response as

well as other matters. Some relevant, if old, research are:

Smith, "House Effects..." POQ 46 (1982), 54-68.

Smith, "In Search of House Effects..." POQ 42 (1978), 443-463.

Turner and Martin, eds., Surveying Subjective Phenomena NY: Russell Sage, 1985.

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Subject: "House" differences and tracking studies

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Date: 2/6/03 11:03 AM

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From: Lance Hoffman <lhoffman@OPINIONACCESS.COM>

Organization: Opinion Access Corp.

Subject: Re: "House" differences and tracking studies

Comments: To: Bquarles@AOL.COM

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Hello, Rebecca. There are certain issues that can certainly arise in switching houses on a tracking study. We have a large tracking department, which accounts for approximately 40% of our work as a 200+ station CATI house, and we have run into these issues when competing for tracking work, as well as when someone is trying to compete with us on a tracking study.

The theory is that any change in methodology, including the house doing the data collection, may bias the results of the wave/study. This can happen for a variety of reasons, but almost all can be generalized as differences between/among operation policies regarding interviewing on behalf of the different houses.

Your "DK" example is a perfect reflection of this. Now, granted, this can be countered by extremely specific instructions on behalf of the end-user client to the collection house, but that would necessitate the client being able to foresee any and all differences in the implementation of the study when switching. A mean reason clients tend not to switch tracking work isn't so much for the issues that they can foresee, but more for the reasons that they cannot.

It is more common that tracking work be switched between/among houses when you are looking at the same study operating in multiple waves per year for a number of years. However, when tracking something much shorter in timeframe, such as an ad-tracking study which runs well under a two year period, it makes no sense to most clients to risk the methodology and unforeseen problems that may ultimately invalidate the data and make it impossible to draw any type of solid conclusions during the analysis.

I hope this helps to answer your question. Please call me if you would

like to discuss this in more detail.

Good Luck!

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"The Ns justify the means"

submitted by

Joel David Bloom of Oregon Survey Research

T-Shirts can be ordered as always with your conference registration!

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From: James Murphy <jpmurphy@JPMURPHY.COM>
Subject: Re: "House" differences and tracking studies
Comments: To: Lance Hoffman <lhoffman@OPINIONACCESS.COM>
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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Tom Smith <smitht@NORCMAIL.UCHICAGO.EDU>
Subject: Re: "House" differences and tracking studies
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House effects are not limited to interviewer effects. Self-completion results can differ by house unless the SAQs are physically identical which is not always the case. Then there is the possibility of name and affiliation effects. Experiments show a higher response rate for the same mail quex from a university than from a private firm. Likewise, one could imagine different responses to items based on the identity of the data collection agency alone.

Reply Separator

Subject: Re: "House" differences and tracking studies
Author: <jpmurphy@JPMURPHY.COM> at INTERNET
Date: 2/7/03 9:42 AM

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Turner and Krauss's classic "Subjective Indicators of the State of the Nation" and the two volume National Academy of Sciences work on Subjective Indicators (aka Surveys) show very striking house effects.

Andy

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

> From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu]On Behalf Of James Murphy

> Sent: Friday, February 07, 2003 10:18 AM

> To: AAPORNET@asu.edu

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From: Patricia Gallagher <Patricia.Gallagher@UMB.EDU>
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From: "Chun, Young" <YChun@AIR.ORG>
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Patricia,

You can check out the following report for the Bureau of Labor Statistics:

CAPI Design Recommendations. Report Submitted the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Couper, Mick P.; Beatty, Paul; Hansen, Sue Ellen; Lamias, Mark J.; and Marvin, Teresa.
Interface Design Group, Survey Methodology Program. Survey Research Center.
University of Michigan.
Task Order #22. Contract Number J-9-J-0025.
June 2000.

The report outlines recommendations for bars and screen panes, style and format of the basic screen, general text and font, interviewer instructions, long list formatting, formatting for rosters, grids, etc.

If you can't easily find a copy of this report I have one I could email or fax to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Cleo's last name is now Redline. There are several papers by Cleo under either Jenkins or Redline that can be found on the Census website <http://www.census.gov/srd/www/byname.html>

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From: "Peter V. Miller" <p-miller@NORTHWESTERN.EDU>
Subject: National Omnibus Survey Query
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I have a request from a colleague to identify organizations that conduct national RDD omnibus surveys. She needs to develop a cost estimate for a proposal and would like to consult with some organizations on the logistics and costs of adding a module of questions to such a study.

Please reply directly to me, and I will forward the information. If anyone else is interested, I will be happy to share the results of this inquiry. Many thanks for your help.

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There is an article on house effects in the Journal of Official =
Statistics, vol 6, no.3, 1990. "Data Collection Organization Effects in =
the National Medical Expenditure Survey" by Cohen and Potter. Check out =
www.jos.nu

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> I think it's useful to DISTINGUISH between house effects and
> interviewer effects. If a shop has its act together, variance
> associated with interviewers will be normalized and
> minimized. Shop A could justifiably claim that it is sensitive
> to data reliability issues and practices hygiene. Shop B
> across the street could practice the same religion, with the
> same good reliability metrics. If and when the two shops
> differ (percent DK, say) that would be a house effect,
> probably resulting from management's sense of what levels we
> want to see or not see for those kinds of items.

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> I agree with your other point, which is why I ended my
> comment with "provided they adhere to standardized item
> conventions."
>
> (Even if one has forgotten how to calculate an f ratio, I
> guess there was a reason for learning ANOVA!)
> J.P. MURPHY & COMPANY
>
> jpmurphy@jpmurphy.com
>
> (610) 408-8800
>

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From: Jim Bason <jbason@ARCHES.UGA.EDU>
Subject: Minitab for MAC
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Does anyone know whether the Minitab stat package is available for a MAC =
computer? Please respond directly to me rather than on the listserve if =
there is information.

Jim Bason

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From: "Steele, Catherine" <csteele@MCGINNGROUP.COM>
Subject: Research Analyst position open--Washington, DC area
MIME-version: 1.0
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My company is seeking a Research Analyst. Please pass on this posting =
to those who may be interested. Thank you.

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Research Analyst. A detail-oriented self-starter is needed for a crisis =
communications firm based in Arlington, VA. Specific duties include: =
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with media content analyses, focus groups, message testing, etc. =
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describing findings. Prepares research presentations for clients. =
Schedules project milestones and activities. Prepares scripts for =
highlight video.

=20

The successful recruit should have a four-year degree in communications =
or the social sciences. S/he should have the following: specific =
academic training in survey research methods and statistical analysis =
preferred; a minimum of 2 years of experience in an applied research =
setting or equivalent educational experience; strong computer skills, =
including experience in SPSS; Excel, Word, and PowerPoint skills; =
experience in compiling and interpreting quantitative data; excellent =
written and oral communication skills, with demonstrated performance in =
both areas; and, strong analytic and problem-solving skills.=20

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Competitive salary and excellent benefits. =20

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Please send resumes to Suite 901, 2300 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 901, Arlington, VA, 22201. Or please email your resume to hr@mcginn.com. No telephone calls please.

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From: "Leo G. Simonetta" <simonetta@ARTSCI.COM>
Subject: Republican pollster says Bush can win New York in 2004
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Republican pollster says Bush can win New York in 2004
<http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/ny-bc-ny--bush-newyork0210feb10,03815031.story?coll=ny-ap-regional-wire>

By MARC HUMBERT
AP Political Writer

February 10, 2003, 3:31 PM EST

ALBANY, N.Y. -- President Bush and Republicans could carry New York state in 2004 "if they run the right campaign," a top GOP pollster said Monday during an appearance before leaders of the state's Conservative Party.

John McLaughlin said Bush is in good position to be the first Republican presidential candidate to carry the state since Ronald Reagan won it in 1980 and 1984.

"If we take New York, they're going to lose and they'll probably lose badly," McLaughlin said of Democratic hopes to take back the White House.

Conservative Party Chairman Michael Long said after McLaughlin's appearance that Bush's decision to hold the 2004 Republican National Convention in New York City is evidence the GOP believes it can put New York into play.

"That's why they're coming here to New York," Long said. "I think they're going to play on the East Coast this time."

While independent New York pollster Lee Miringoff said Bush carrying New York would be a longshot, the head of Marist College's Institute for Public Opinion also said the president could be helped by simply "putting the Democrats on the defensive."

"They might have to designate resources for New York that they might have spent elsewhere," Miringoff said. "That's probably more realistic."

In the 2000 election, Democrat Al Gore took 59 percent of the New York vote to 34.5 percent for Bush. Republicans had put few resources into the race in the state, based on pre-election polls showing Gore headed to an easy victory.

While Democrats enjoy a 5-3 enrollment edge over Republicans in New York, the state has a Republican governor in George Pataki and a Republican mayor of New York City in Michael Bloomberg.

McLaughlin said New York's Conservative Party should have two goals _ to carry the state for Bush in 2004 and to defeat Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton in her expected bid for re-election in 2006.

"Save America, defeat Senator Clinton," the GOP pollster told the Conservatives.

"She's running for president. We just don't know the year. It's probably 2008," McLaughlin said. "What we have to do is stop that."

A national poll from Quinnipiac College last week showed Clinton the leading choice among Democrats _ at 42 percent _ to run for president in 2004. Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman was at 15 percent and Sens. John Kerry of Massachusetts and Richard Gephardt of Missouri at 11 percent each.

Clinton has said repeatedly that she plans to serve out her Senate term and has no plans to run for president in 2004.

McLaughlin said that should Clinton become the Democratic nominee for president in 2004, "That would just make Karl Rove's day." Rove is President Bush's chief political adviser.

While McLaughlin, who does work for the Republican National Committee, among other clients, thinks Bush could defeat Clinton, the pollster said a 2008 candidacy by her should be of more concern to Republicans and conservatives.

He said Clinton should be considered the front-runner for the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination and it will be a tough battle to unseat her in 2006. To beat Clinton in the Senate race, the GOP pollster said, the opposition must get out early with its attacks and with potential candidates.

McLaughlin said the two toughest potential Clinton challengers for the

Senate seat would be Pataki or former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

But the pollster said, "I don't think either will make an early decision. They are the only ones who can start late."

McLaughlin said Bush has a chance to capture New York in 2004, largely because of the positive regard New Yorkers hold him in in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

"He does have a special relationship with New York because of what happened here," Miringoff said.

But Democratic strategist Hank Sheinkopf downplayed the possibility of Bush carrying New York.

Sheinkopf said that for Bush to have a real chance to carry New York, the possible war with Iraq and its aftermath would have to go well; the economy would have to be in good shape; and the Democrats would have to nominate someone "far out of the political center."

"All of those conditions are not likely," the New York-based Democratic consultant said.

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Nancy Belden <nancybelden@BRSPOLL.COM>
Subject: Affordable housing surveys
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Friends: Does anyone have survey data on attitudes regarding low and moderate income or affordable housing that they can share? I am getting ready to report a large survey and focus groups on this subject and would like to take advantage of any other context. (We have conducted the usual

search of data bases, already of course.) Thank you, and I will be happy to post information to anyone else who wants it. --Nancy B.

Nancy Belden

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: "Trussell, Norman" <Norman.Trussell@NIELSENMEDIA.COM>
Subject: AAPOR Conference Golf Outing
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: quoted-printable

What: Annual AAPOR Golf Outing!

When: May 15, 2003. First tee time: 7:00am

Where: Hermitage Golf Course, 3939 Old Hickory Blvd., Old Hickory, TN = 37138

Phone: (615) 847-4001.

Cost: \$56 plus tax including GPS equipped cart or \$40 plus tax for = walkers.

Fellow Golfers...

Believe it or not, it's that time again. This notice is about our = annual

round of golf at the upcoming AAPOR conference. It'll be on the = Thursday

morning of the conference (May 15th) at the Hermitage Golf Course - President's Reserve, a track that rates 69.8 / 127 for men (Blue tees, = 6443

yards) and 69.0 / 115 for women (Red Tees, 5138 yards). It's about 15 minutes from the conference hotel. You can check it out at: www.hermitagegolf.com.

The course was built in 2000 and the club is home = to

the LPGA Sara Lee Classic. Designed by architect Denis Griffiths = (designed

Atlanta's Chateau =C9lan Resort Courses), the course trails through 300 = acres

of natural Tennessee wetlands and along the banks of the beautiful Cumberland River. It has been described as one of the finest public = access

courses in Tennessee.=20

The greens fee include unlimited range balls before the round. And =

yes, the
course has rental clubs and shoes (call course to confirm) available =
for
rent. The first tee time is 7:00 a.m., so anyone that needs to be back =
at
the conference in the afternoon can complete their round. We have =
tee-time
reservations every ten minutes until 8:10. That means we can have up =
to 28
golfers -- but we can probably get more tee times if there is a lot of
interest. Also, most folks stick around and have lunch at the =
clubhouse.
All in all, a pretty good way to spend the morning...

What now? Decide if you can play, and let me know as soon as you can. =
We
will need more details later, but would like to get a count of the =
number of
golfers, to determine if we need additional (or fewer) tee times. =
Later,
you'll need to let me know your handicap (if you have one), if there is
anyone in particular you want play with, if you need to tee off early
because of some other commitment later in the day, whether you will be
walking or riding, any equipment needs , and if you'll have a car and =
be
able to drive others to and from the course. Norm will put groups =
together
and assign tee times. We'll probably meet in the hotel lobby at about =
6:00
to 6:30am and carpool to the course. Those with later tee times could =
leave
the hotel a little later, but, we will work out those details later. =20

Please excuse the intrusion if not interested. =20

If interested Contact Norm Trussell directly
email: norman.trussell@nielsenmedia.com =20
phone: 727-773-4318=20
Please do not reply to this message or post to AAPORnet.

Thanks, and best wishes ... =20
Norm Trussell=20
Methodological Research Dept.=20
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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Stephanie Berg <stberg@GTCINTERNET.COM>
Subject: Fw: Panel bias
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

My department is considering an online customer panel. I'd like to get =
some recommendations for papers/articles documenting the effects of =
panel bias, and/or self selection bias. Due to the nature of my company, =
all of our customers have internet access, so I don't believe online =
bias is an issue. Thanks,

StephanieBerg
NetworkSolutions
Research Manager
703.668.4959=

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Reply-To: HOneill536@AOL.COM
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Harry O'Neill <HOneill536@AOL.COM>
Subject: Memorial service for Bud Roper
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Following are the time and place for a memorial service for Bud Roper who
died on January 20. All are welcome.

Tuesday, February 25
11:00am
New York Academy of Medicine (Hosack Hall, first floor)
1216 Fifth Aveune at 103rd Street (entrance on 103rd Street)
New York City

Harry O'Neill
honeill536@aol.com

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Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2003 18:51:29 -0800

Reply-To: Jennifer Franz <jdfranz@earthlink.net>
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Jennifer Franz <jdfranz@JDFRANZ.COM>
Organization: JD Franz Inc.
Subject: Record Times
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

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mail survey responses take to come back. I'm sure ours isn't a world =
record, but we've had them come back as much as a year and a half later.

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Reply-To: Jeanette Janota <JJanota@ASHA.ORG>
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Jeanette Janota <JJanota@ASHA.ORG>
Subject: Re: Record Times
Comments: To: jdfranz@earthlink.net, jdfranz@JDFRANZ.COM
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: multipart/mixed; boundary="Boundary_(ID_tm5GIN4Enpkhds61jKMv2Q)"

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Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
Content-disposition: inline

As have we. And they've not been lost in the mail: the postmark date
was actually a year----or two----late.

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>>> jdfranz@JDFRANZ.COM 02/12/03 09:51PM >>>

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VERSION:2.1
X-GWTYPE:USER
FN:Jeanette Janota
TEL;WORK:4175
ORG:;Sci&Res.
EMAIL;WORK;PREF;NGW:JJanota@asha.org
N:Janota;Jeanette
TITLE:Coordinator Survey Research Activities
ADR;DOM;WORK;PARCEL;POSTAL:;Second Floor North
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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Mark Lamias <Mark.Lamias@GRIZZARD.COM>

Subject: Re: Record Times
Comments: To: Jeanette Janota <JJanota@ASHA.ORG>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1

I've seen remit slips for non-profit contributions come back six years after the solicitation was mailed.

Sincerely yours,

Mark J. Lamias
Statistical Consultant

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

From: Jeanette Janota [mailto:JJanota@ASHA.ORG]
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2003 9:28 AM
To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
Subject: Re: Record Times

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: steve johnson <stevej@NSDSSURVEY.ORG>
Subject: Re: Record Times
Comments: To: Jennifer Franz <jdfranz@earthlink.net>
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Steve Johnson, Ph.D.
President, Northwest Survey & Data Services
----- Original Message -----
From: "Jennifer Franz" <jdfranz@JDFRANZ.COM>
To: <AAPORNET@asu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2003 6:51 PM
Subject: Record Times

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: "Uyeda, Mary" <Muye107@HCA.WA.GOV>
Subject: Re: Record Times
Comments: To: steve johnson <stevej@nsdssurvey.org>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1

That is simply astronomical

sorry.....
weekend coming up

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Health Policy, Research & Development
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Poll Shows Parents Support Abstinence-Based Sex Education

U.S.Newswire, 2/13/2003 12:55

To: National Desk

Contact: Julie Neils of Focus on the Family, 719-548-4634

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Feb. 13 /U.S. Newswire/ -- The Coalition for Adolescent Sexual Health, an ad hoc partnership of pro-family groups that includes Focus on the Family, released the results of a ground-breaking survey assessing parental attitudes on sex education today. The poll, conducted by Zogby International, revealed that parents overwhelmingly support abstinence-centered sex education and adamantly oppose condom-based programs.

The survey marks the first time that parents have been polled using exact quotes from "comprehensive" sex education guidelines developed and endorsed by groups such as the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS) and Planned Parenthood. The results indicate that when parents hear the real truth about what such programs promote --untainted by media spin -- they soundly reject it.

The survey found that 75 percent of parents disapproved of condom-based sex education curriculum promoted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. More than 61 percent also disapproved of "comprehensive" sex education presented in the classroom as well. Seventy percent strongly disapprove of their teens getting contraceptives without their approval and 46 percent disapprove of schools giving teens contraceptives with the approval from "a parent."

"The message is clear," said Dr. Bill Maier, vice president and psychologist in residence for Focus on the Family. "In terms of sex education, parents want their children provided with information consistent with their values and expectations."

But disproportionate federal funding for abstinence-centered education is also clear. President Bush proposed \$135 million for character-based abstinence education in fiscal year 2003, but a General Accounting Office study estimated that condom-based programs received at least \$219 million in federal funding in 1998. Congress is again considering abstinence funding as it looks at welfare reform legislation this year, even though it is not expected to completely close the current funding gap.

"We have spent billions of tax dollars promoting the 'safe sex' myth. In return, we continue to see numerous epidemics that plague our nation as well as an alarming erosion of values," said Dr. James Dobson, president and founder of Focus on the Family. "Congress should consider the will of parents over the agendas of organizations that profit from teen sex and commit to funding programs that promote abstinence until marriage."

Zogby International surveyed 1,245 parents of children in grades K- 12, chosen at random nationwide in January 2003. The margin of error is plus or minus 2.8 percent. Full results of the survey can be seen at <http://www.whatparentsthink.com>. <http://www.usnewswire.com>

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The New York Times has a story on the survey I just posted on.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/02/13/education/13SEX.html>

Explicit Sex Education Is Opposed by Most Parents in Survey
By DIANA JEAN SCHEMO

ASHINGTON, Feb. 12 - Most parents want schools to teach their children the ABC's of sex education but disapprove of the more explicit guidance commonly used in sex-education classes, according to a survey released here today by a coalition of conservative groups.

The survey found that while most parents approved of their children being taught about using condoms and contraceptives to avoid pregnancy and disease, they did not want them being taught about masturbation, sexual fantasies and homosexuality and did not want middle schools' teaching children how to unroll condoms, all subjects in the sex education guidelines.

Parents were evenly divided on teaching youngsters about the biology of reproduction, and a majority approved of schools teaching adolescents "how to use condoms and other contraceptives and how to negotiate their use."

Sponsors of the poll described the findings as a repudiation of earlier polls indicating that a heavy majority of parents supported comprehensive sex education.

"When you ask parents in a vague euphemistic way about comprehensive sex education, they will respond one way," said Peter Brandt, director of issue response at Focus on the Family, one of the groups that sponsored the poll. "As we get more specific in terms of what children are actually taught, though, parents are more opposed."

Advocates of comprehensive sex education attacked the survey, saying it quoted the guidelines as if they were a curriculum, rather than suggestions that school districts typically adapt to local conditions.

The guidelines were developed in 1991 by the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States, the American Medical Association and other organizations, and were updated in 1995.

"If you were going to approach it this way, you would want to ask about the things that are predominantly taught like puberty and human growth and development," said Tamara Kreinen, president of the sexuality council. "Obviously, they polled for what they thought was most shocking."

The survey comes as advocates of comprehensive sex education and advocates of abstinence only square off in anticipation of Congressional debates on how much money to give the abstinence programs. The programs, which are supported by President Bush, promote abstinence as the only sure way to prevent pregnancy and disease. They mention condoms and contraception only in the context of their potential for failure.

Comprehensive sex education teaches that while abstinence is preferable, young people need information about sex and contraception.

The guidelines also describe homosexuality, cohabitation and conflicts between religion and sexuality in neutral terms.

Today's survey was released by a consortium of conservative Christian groups, including the Christian Coalition of American, Focus on the Family, Concerned Women of America and the National Abstinence Clearinghouse.

The survey, by Zogby International, polled 1,245 adults, most of them with school-age children. The coalition said an unidentified private donor financed the poll.

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You would think it would be simple enough to find an incidence rate for households with a parent between 25 and 49 who have children ages 5 to 14. But no. If any of you have survey data where you could actually run the cross-tab and help me, that would be great.

I need two numbers: the proportion of all households that fit these two criteria and

the proportion of parents who are age 25 and 49 who have children age 5 to 14.

I'm looking just at suburbs of large cities, so if you have something less than national geography, it won't be a waste.

Alternatively, if you know of a cite that could help, that would be great.
Thanks! JAS

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Released: February 09, 2003

John Zogby's Response to The American Prospect

I am writing this in reference to the article John Zogby's Creative Polls: And a Closer Look at His Methods (American Prospect, February 2003).

The article suggests that I have allowed my company and its employees to be used by clients to frame questions favorable to their ends and that I have not always disclosed who my clients are.

The article mentions a question we asked a few years ago about whether or not some welfare mothers should be sterilized. Someone actually paid for that question, but I personally chose to release the response because I thought it revealed a certain meanness in the American public. I chose of my free will to release the result as a Zogby Poll. I took

credit for the formulation of the questions (which I did) and for the results (which were ugly, but accurate).

In another example, the article chastises me for not revealing that Associated Television News, owned and run by conservative consultant Brad O'Leary, paid for the series of polls we conducted in 1999 and 2000. Under my agreement with O'Leary, I released the results as a Zogby Poll, then he released them the next day with full credit given to his organization. The fact is that O'Leary and I had spent hours arguing over wording of questions and in every instance, I not only sought balance in the wording, but won the arguments.

Then the article switches gears away from the charge that I am a shill for conservatives and suggests that I "brazenly" polled for the Democratic challenger to conservative House Majority Leader Tom DeLay. I did indeed. This past election cycle, I polled for several Democrats, several prominent Republicans, and an Independent gubernatorial candidate in New York. In 18 years of polling, I have always worked vigorously to maintain a balance in my clientele. I am an independent pollster. The fact that I am praised and condemned by all sides suggests that I have been successful in not being controlled by any faction or party.

The article betrays a real ignorance of what polling is all about. We are not merely polling fleeting positions on various issues. Instead, we are trying to probe core values among voters. These are always complex and unpredictable. Thus, the same person (and collective) can believe that a partial birth abortion is manslaughter and, at the same time, defend a woman's right to choose an abortion. When we poll for clients, we obviously cannot ask all of the detailed ramifications of all issues in a finite number of questions. All we can do is show that under certain circumstances, and in response to specific wording, a certain response will be obtained. Thus, if the group we poll for wants to use that argument to persuade people over to its side, that is very legitimate. With the obvious understanding that the group's opponents might also be able to use a different wording and a competing value to win support of the same electorate.

This is the case in an example cited in the article: work that we have done for the CATO Institute on privatization of Social Security. We have been polling this for years - before, during, and after our CATO work - and there is not a doubt in my mind that at least a plurality (at times a majority) of voters prefers some form of partial privatization. This is especially true among younger voters. It is equally true during times when the stock market is in the tank as when it is high. Voters prefer choice, it is a value, it is as American as apple pie. The plan raised by George W. Bush in 2000 was particularly appealing because it kept the present system intact for older Americans and offered a limited choice for younger voters. It is equally true that when Al Gore challenged the 2% withdrawal from the current withholding and charged that the Bush plan would bankrupt the present system, that Bush was unable to answer the charge adequately. But that does not take away from the fact that voters support the concept of choice and some form of private security accounts.

Liberal groups can present their case and can win it. Indeed, they have. But I stand by our polling as accurate, balanced, and fair. Let those who poll for the other side raise their argument.

We are engaged in a complicated field, the study of public opinion. We at Zogby International do it professionally, carefully, rigorously, and (above all) ethically. Please don't think for a moment that I am engaged in an ideological struggle to prove any point at all. Just good polling, just the facts. I get bashed from all sides and that suits me fine (because they all refer to me as "the respected pollster" when the results agree with them).

I have always insisted on the highest standards, thus the reason for my company's substantial growth in income, employees, and reputation over the last decade. I have always insisted on the best practices as defined by the World Association for Public Opinion Research (of which I am a member) and the National Council on Public Polls (of which I am not a member). Thus, we always release a statement on our methodology, timing, and poll sponsorship. Zogby International's many affiliations with some of this country's best institutions of higher learning attest to our practices.

It is certainly easier to go after a pollster when mistakes are made. This past election cycle was not my finest hour. We polled 20 states and got 15 right. I made no excuses and immediately conducted a thorough internal audit of what went wrong in the five states. I reported our findings to the author of the article but I guess that didn't make the final cut.

On the other hand, I was the only pollster to call the 1996 election to the percent (which won me enemies from the left) and in the 2000 election to see Gore go into the lead at the very end (which won me enemies on the right). Add to these many, many more near perfect election calls in many states and in countries like Canada, Mexico, Israel, and Iran - which no one else got.

I must be doing something right. Or should I say "correct"? Or, hmmm, is it "politically correct?"

Meanwhile, business continues to grow.

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"responsible press" is an oxymoron, alas.

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"A push poll is a form of negative campaigning disguised as a political poll that is designed to change opinions, not measure them."

Our new statement also has clear guidelines on how to determine whether or not a poll is a push poll. I encourage you to visit our web site to review our "AAPOR 2003 Statement on Push Polls."

http://www.aapor.org/default.asp?ID=3D26&page=3Dnews_and_issues/press_releases_and_official_statements

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Why say negative? The question might be, "Did you know that X was =
awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor (was a Rhodes Scholar). . .?" =
This would be strengthening positive opinions, primarily.

Why leave out reference to voting intentions, since that's what most =
political campaigns are about?

Just some thoughts.

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Organization: Market Shares Corporation
Subject: Re: Even Academics misuse the phrase Push-Polling
Comments: To: Mark Schulman <M.SCHULMAN@SRBI.COM>
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I think there are more distinctions which should be made to clarify the difference.

How about...

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Nick

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More....

The term "push poll" was coined, unfortunately, by a nationally respected political columnist in the mid 90s. It is widely used now, but of course, that doesn't make it polling.

It might be best to frame the response as a form of *telemarketing* - so that push polling is not confused as a form of polling.

This might even call for another "...under the guise of polls" term - and suitable acronym. Any ideas?

My earlier suggestion:

> What is a push poll?

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> "A push poll is a form of negative

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> Try this:

> "A push poll is a form of political campaigning, disguised as a poll, that
> attempts to change opinions and/or voting intentions, not measure them."
(emphasis placed on revisions)

> Why say negative? The question might be, "Did you know that X was awarded
> the Congressional Medal of Honor (was a Rhodes Scholar). . .?" This would be
> strengthening positive opinions, primarily.

> Why leave out reference to voting intentions, since that's what most
> political campaigns are about?

> Just some thoughts.

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

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From: Andrew Stavisky <astavisky@MAIL.COM>
Subject: Frugging
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I recently received a viewer/member survey from a local public television/radio station. The survey was comprehensive, asking for opinions on both programming and policy issues. At the end of the survey, however, was a solicitation for a donation to become a member of the network or to "give you a fresh opportunity to write your membership check now" (as explained in the letter of introduction to the survey).

This is obviously blatant Frugging. I would like to write a letter to the SVP of the network who wrote the introduction letter to the survey letting her know of the ethical breach and that the practice is condemned by AAPOR. My question to the group is if anyone has any suggestions as to how this should be handled. I understand that in the non-profit, fundraising culture, every member or potential member contact is seen primarily as an opportunity to ask for money. However, the frugging is an obvious no-no and undermines the credibility of the research as well as being unethical. How have any of you addressed this situation if and when you've come across it??

Thanks.

Andrew Stavisky, PhD

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From: Mike Margolis <michael.margolis@UC.EDU>
Subject: Re: Frugging
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(Let's see if this gets by the porn censors.)

With reference to sugging and frugging, a new twist is offered by =
<http://www.shortsurveys.com/index.php>, an operation claiming that "your =
opinions matter," and assuring:

"We never ask for or share your personal information (address, phone, =
etc) with our clients, though we do share the combined results of our =
surveys. This way, your answers are private and your opinion is =
measured. Please be assured that we will not attempt to sell you =
anything as a result of your participation, though we may forward =
information you are likely to be interested in based upon your response. =
"

After co-opting the survey process itself, this outfit overlays =
assurances that your responses are private -- the very language survey =
researchers use to assure respondents of confidentiality -- in what =
looks like a deceptive scheme to sell self-qualified e-mail prospects =
for credit cards, vitamins, and the like.

A Who Is? shows that shortsurveys.com is operated by rhcdirect, with =
both entities at a single location -- except one is called Murray, Utah, =
and the other, SLC, Utah. Not a very clever disguise.

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Leo Simonetta takes us to task for misunderstanding the term =93push
polling=94. We do understand this term; we were simply drawing an analogy
between two undesirable survey practices in a way that the media might
comprehend.

It may be interesting to AAPOR members to know something about the
background to this issue.

Three University of Otago professors conducted what they described as a

survey of New Zealand General Practitioners to gain evidence to support their case for a ban on Direct to Consumer Advertising of Prescription Medicines (DTCA), (such as Xenical and Viagra). The questionnaire comprised 13 attitude statements and an invitation to document experiences of DTCA.

The covering letter contained the following:

Snip.

=93A number of concerned academic General Practitioners are urging the government to reconsider a ban on such advertising [DTCA]. Only two countries allow advertising of prescription medicines to the public =96 America and New Zealand. It is allowed here by default rather than by design simply because there has never been any legislation prohibiting it. As recently ago as last month, the European Parliament threw out (by a massive 12 to 1 majority) legislation aimed at allowing DTCA in Europe. Australia, South Africa and a number of other countries have reviewed and reaffirmed their bans.

The recent explosion in the quantity and type of advertising (most obviously on prime time TV) in NZ has concerned both prescribers and independent consumer groups. A Ministry of Health review in 2000 showed 5 out of 6 TV advertisements examined broke the voluntary advertising code. The recent increase in the use of drug company web-sites to advertise and to gain direct access to patients is a further example of the major push to gain direct marketing access to patients. If you are interested in reading more, there is an excellent review of symposium on DTCA held in Europe earlier this year which can be downloaded from <http://www.haiweb.org/campaign/DTCA/index.html>. Speakers at this meeting gave papers canvassing the safety issues around advertising and early uptake of new drugs with unknown safety profiles, of the difference between marketing and education, of the insidious effects on doctor patient relations, the medicalisation of health and normal ageing and on additional costs to taxpayers and to health care systems.

In order to support the case for a ban it is important to gather evidence of the effects this advertising has had in New Zealand.=94

Snip

The Executive Director of the Advertising Standards Authority complained about this letter to the University of Otago, alleging, among other things, that the letter would bias responses in favour of a ban. A Professor of Bioethics investigated and rejected the complaint, largely on the basis that what the three Professors were doing was not research. He wrote:

=93I therefore concluded, finally, that the exercise was never intended to b=
e
a research exercise and, further, that there was therefore no failure to present the research protocol to an Ethics Committee for review=94 (p. 18, Evans report).

As academics and survey researchers, we found it strange that this survey

was not regarded as research, and that concerns about the lack of balance in the cover letter, and the effect this would have on respondents=92 decision to participate, and the answers they would provide, could be dismissed on this basis. We would be interested to learn whether other AAPOR members share our concerns.

The Otago survey was not push polling, but, in our view, it had a similar intent. Both practices use something purporting to be a survey to achieve a political end. This is why we argued that it had =93many of the hallmarks=
=94 of push polling.

Phil Gendall

Janet Hoek

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AAPORNET:

We are looking for a local research partner in the Czech Republic to conduct a research project there on media usage. Does anyone have any experience with market research companies in the Czech Republic? Any suggestions for contacts would be greatly appreciated.

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From: Colleen Porter <cporter@HP.UFL.EDU>
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Folks:

Let me start by saying that I believed in human subjects protection before it became popular and required. Each December, I put an ornament on my tree that was a gift from one of my respondents from my Census days (20 years ago) and it is an important ritual, reminding me that there is a human being behind every data point.

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Is there anyone else who works with both kinds of boards and finds this pattern?

Also, how long does your IRB take to process a review?

And is it really standard nowadays to be required to notify respondents in writing if you might be calling them later?

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I'm kinda confused about why we have to warn them about the phone call, but not the second round of questionnaires.

Does anyone else have to routinely include such language?

Why am I so keen to call these people? Because it is a survey of employed dental hygienists, and this profession has a high rate of people who keep their license, but are not employed. For example, a lot of dentists' wives stay current so that they can fill in when the regular person is on vacation. I would like to be able to call them at some point in the process so that I can ascertain their eligibility status. (Yes, we ask them to return it to us and all, but a lot just trash them instead--they don't understand why it is important to return it even if they were not eligible. I think a phone call is more definitive and least burdensome for the respondent.)

The overall trend here is that our procedures are being dictated by the IRB, rather than best practices for surveys. It seems to be setting a really scary precedent.

For example, in my survey of dentists, I had in the back of my mind that if the mail survey had failed to achieve an acceptable response rate in the first wave, I would move to some telephone followup. But now I find out that I am not allowed to do that.

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And this is the attitude I keep getting from the IRB, that if I can get a goodly number of enough surveys returned, why do I care about the others?

Any insights appreciated.

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This could be a lurking timebomb in the whole IRB saga for two reasons. As I look at the documentation of the federal regs, it is BOTH the pregnant woman AND her (foetus/unborn child) which are included, which has implications potentially for research which would tend to make an abortion more likely. While this is not likely directly to impact survey research as such, there is also the question of whether the protected class is INCLUDED in the sample, or specifically targeted. In an RDD national sample, we do not target pregnant women, but we do not exclude them, so they will be included, along with other "non-protected" groups. An expansive interpretation of research using protected groups could call all or most survey research under the microscope for closer scrutiny.

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Bill, the procedures IRBs push to protect subjects in cases where disturbing emotional feelings may be brought about by the interview do not apply to the majority of respondents, who will actually only get stirred up during the actual interview or for a short while thereafter. But I've known of many interviews in which respondents report experiences such as domestic abuse, rape & other sexual abuse, or suicide plans, and in which respondents tell the interviewer they have never told anyone about those experiences, they become very upset during the interview, and indeed they later call the hotline provided for referrals to mental health providers. As much as I often find IRBs to be a pain in the neck, I think these types of situations warrant the preventive/protective measures.

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WAPOR (the World Association for Public Opinion Research) will not meet jointly with AAPOR until Arizona in May, 2004. But there are three opportunities to participate in WAPOR seminars and conferences in 2003.

Seminars

May 7-10, 2003: Regional Seminar in Capetown, South Africa. "Public Opinion Research, Freedom, Development and Democracy." Organizer: Mari Harris, Markinor, South Africa. Email: marih@markinor.co.za.

June 26-28, 2003: Thematic Seminar in Zurich, Switzerland. "Public Opinion: Polls and Policies." Organizer: Sibylle Hardmeier, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich. Email: shardmei@pwi.unizh.ch

Conference

The annual WAPOR conference will be held in Prague, Czech Republic, September 17-19, 2003. Organizers: Hynek Jerabek, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, and Eva Veisova, Network Media Service, Prague. Emails: jerabek@mbox.fsv.cuni.cz; eva.veisova@nms.cz.

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I had posted a message on this list some time ago asking for help for a=20 questionnaire on perceptions of suicide. I want to thank those who=20 provided help. Here are the questions that we finally asked and the=20 results. The questions were part of an omnibus survey carried out from=20 November 14 to 25. Population : Quebec population aged 18 and over, able=20 to carry out a conversation in French or English. Response rate: 39.4% Quebec has one of the highest suicide rate in the World. If you use=20 similar questions, we would be happy to share with you and compare results.=20=20
Please communicate with Brian Mishara (mishara.brian@uqam.ca)

Results

18. Now I'll read you some opinions on suicide. In each case, please tell=20 me whether you completely agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or=20 completely disagree:

a) When someone has decided to commit suicide, nothing can be done to=20 stop it.

Completely agree 6.2%

Somewhat Agree 8.4%

Somewhat Disagree 32.4%

Completely disagree 50.7%

* DNK/Refusal 2.3%

b) Despite everything done to prevent suicides in Quebec, there will always=20 be a large number of suicides.

Completely agree 29.0%

Somewhat Agree 42.6%

Somewhat Disagree 18.7%

Completely disagree 7.7%

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19. Which of the following two opinions is closest to yours?

Suicide prevention is the responsibility of health and social services 22.0%

Suicide prevention is each persons responsibility 72.6%

DNK/Refusal 5.4%

20. Which of the two following statements corresponds best to your view of suicide?

Suicide is an acceptable solution in certain circumstances 21.7%

Suicide is never an acceptable solution whatever the circumstances 75.2%

DNK/Refusal 3.1%

21. When someone wants to commit suicide, which of the two following options is closest to yours?

The person's choice must be respected, whatever the consequences 17.1%

Everything must be done to stop the person, even against his or her will 77.9%

DNK/Refusal 5.0%

22. If you were experiencing a very difficult situation, do you think that it is entirely possible, quite possible, quite impossible, or entirely impossible that you would seriously think of suicide as a solution?

Entirely possible	5.1%
Quite possible	13.0%
Quite impossible	22.3%
Entirely impossible	57.0%
DNK/Refusal	2.6%

23. In your immediate circle of family and friends, do you know anyone who=
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has committed suicide?

Yes	47.5%
No	52.4%
DNK/Refusal	0%

24. In your immediate circle of family and friends, do you know anyone who=
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has attempted suicide?

Yes	42.1%
No	57.7%
DNK/Refusal	0%

25. Have you ever seriously thought of committing suicide?

Yes	12.1%	
No	87.4%	Go to question 27
DNK/Refusal	0%	

26. And have you ever attempted suicide?

Yes 28.6% (3.6% of total)

No 69.8% (8.8% of total)

DNK/Refusal 0% (1.6% total)

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I've been following this thread, and still feel that the IRB in question has been applying a general rule without determining that it is applicable to ANY respondent in this instance.

I sat as a "lay member" on the IRB of a medical center for several

years. There are many experimental drugs and procedures that may threaten a fetus, the child, or the pregnant subject. In many studies that do not target pregnant women, pregnant women, lactating women, and those who will not promise to use two forms of contraception are excluded as subjects, and usually a woman's word as to whether she is pregnant is not considered reliable. In these cases, the consent form must state the special risk to that category of potential subject, and prospective recruits are told in advance that a pregnancy test will be performed, sometimes more than once during the course of the study. Usually, then, a subject found to be pregnant will be removed from the study. Or, she will be asked to sign another consent form to accept the higher risk and/or enroll in an auxiliary study in order to have her pregnancy followed. The records of the pregnancy may be followed even if she is withdrawn (with her permission, given in the main consent form).

I cannot see how the consent process for a questionnaire or interview survey can specify a risk to a pregnant woman. The question of whether there is a risk should be presented to the chair of the IRB. He or she should review the logic in the requirement that a pregnancy test be performed.

Tact is required on the part of the PI when contacting the primary reviewer(s) or the chair. Explaining "I'm somewhat confused here," or "My staff were wondering at what point in the consent process [describing it briefly] we are supposed to mention {pregnancy risk} {pregnancy test}" followed by SILENCE to allow the question to sink in are two ways of exercising tact in a really difficult situation for the chair. After a reply is received, a simple "thank you for clarifying - now I understand" or "I see. I'll relay that to my staff who now will know how to proceed" might do it.

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I'm doing a survey that will go to professional and business women in several Asian countries and several South American countries. We want to assess "current profession." We do NOT want to have something long, complex and all encompassing. Nor are we terribly concerned that there might be some overlap across categories. Yet we do want to be sensitive to respondents in Asian and South American countries. Does someone have a list of which they are proud, or can someone suggest a few categories that we should include that will be more appropriate to professional/business women in Asian and South American countries? Thank you.

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Ipsos-France 2-Le Figaro telephone survey of 939 adults, Feb. 15, 2003-02-20

Following is my rough translation of the questions:

Q. Considering the actual situation, are you completely favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat opposed, or completely opposed to a military intervention in Iraq?

Favorable-11%

Opposed-87% (up from 77% on Jan. 4, 2003)

Completely favorable-3%

Somewhat favorable-8%

Somewhat opposed-30%

Completely opposed-57% (up from 42% on Jan. 4, 2003)

OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE, 87%: For which of the following reasons are you most opposed to military intervention in Iraq?

--The approach the United States is taking in this crisis, 76%

--French interests are not in play in this crisis, 13%

--Saddam Hussein does not represent a menace to international security, 9%

Q. In your opinion, if the U.S. decides to pass to a vote of the Security Council of the UN to intervene in Iraq, what should be the position of France?

--Participate in military operations at the side of the U.S., 4%

--Do not participate directly in military operations, but support the U.S. logistically and in other ways, 33%

--Abstain from all participation in military operations, 60%

Q. And if the UN Security Council vote to intervene militarily in Iraq, what position should France take?

- Participate in military operations at the side of the U.S., 17%
- Do not participate directly in military operations, but support the U.S. logistically and in other ways, 47%
- Abstain from all participation in military operations, 33%

Q. If the evidence of the UN inspectors is judged to be an insufficient basis for military intervention in Iraq, would you be for or against France using its right of veto?

- Support the right of veto, 71%
- Oppose veto, 21%
- Not sure, 8%

Q. IN the event of a military intervention in Iraq, do you think this war will bring on...

- A world economic crisis, 46% absolutely and 37% probably
- AN increase in Islamic terrorism worldwide, 52% absolutely and 35% probably

Q. In your opinion, will the divergences of opinion on the Iraqi crisis between France and Germany and certain other European states--such as the United Kingdom, Italy, and Spain--strengthen or weaken France and Germany in Europe?

- Strengthen, 48%
- Weaken, 36%
- No effect, 3%
- Not sure, 13%

Q. In a general way, do you approve of the decisions of President Jacques Chirac on the Iraqi crisis?

Approve, 85%
Disapprove, 12%

Completely approve, 45%
Somewhat approve, 40%
Somewhat disapprove, 8%
Completely disapprove, 4%
Not sure, 3%

Q. Without thinking uniquely of the Iraq crisis, when you think of the actions of the United States in the world, would you say the U.S. is preoccupied most of all with...

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New survey on Chancellorsville project angers opponents of proposed
town.

By BETTY HAYDEN SNIDER

Chancellorsville phone poll stirs angry response

Opponents of the proposed Town of Chancellorsville development are upset about a new telephone survey they say is biased.

Melissa Baker, who lives in Spotsylvania's Fawn Lake subdivision, received a call around dinnertime Wednesday night. The man on the line wanted to ask her some questions about the new-town proposal, which would include 1,995 homes and up to 2.2 million square feet of commercial space on 800 acres along State Route 3.

"He made statements that were obviously slanted statements," Baker said. "I wish I could have taped it."

The company conducting the poll, Conquest Communications Group of Richmond, is under contract with McGuireWoods Consulting in Richmond.

John Pudner, vice president of the consulting firm's national grass-roots operations, would not release a list of the poll questions or the name of its client.

The Town of Chancellorsville's developer, Dogwood Development Group of Reston, hired McGuireWoods Consulting to help with public and media relations until after the public hearings on the rezoning case.

Dogwood President Ray Smith could not be reached for comment on the survey.

Pudner said his client does not plan to release the poll results.

"We're trying to figure out what people already know about the project," he said. "We were really encouraged with the initial results."

When told about the criticism of the survey's questions, Pudner responded, "You're going to have opponents who say that."

Baker said she complained about the questions to the caller. "I was so frustrated because I felt I was not able to get my point across," she said.

Baker said she worries that uninformed residents might be swayed or misled by the survey's statements.

The poll questions started with purported statements of fact, Baker said, such as: Because the Town of Chancellorsville will create no additional burden on the water supply of the county, are you more or less likely to support it?

And this: Because the Town of Chancellorsville is going to bring in millions of dollar in revenue, are you more or less likely to support it?

Residents in at least two Spotsylvania voting districts, Livingston and Berkeley, have been called. Residents were asked to rate the performance

of their supervisors--T.C. Waddy in Livingston and Emmitt Marshall in Berkeley--as poor, fair or good.

Neither supervisor has said publicly how he will vote on the Chancellorsville project, which could come before the Board of Supervisors for a hearing in late March.

Marshall said he had not heard about the survey or the question about him.

"I don't like that whoever is doing the survey is using my name," he said. "It sounds like politics to me."

The Coalition to Save Chancellorsville Battlefield, a group of 12 national and local preservation and conservation groups with more than 600,000 members, criticized the telephone survey.

The coalition opposes the project because part of it would be built on the site of fighting during the Civil War's Battle of Chancellorsville. Members also have expressed concern the project would further strain fast-growing Spotsylvania's resources.

While the person or organization that ordered the survey has not been identified, the coalition directed its criticism at Dogwood's president. It said Smith realizes "the tide is turning" against his proposal.

"Smith is now resorting to 11th-hour desperation tactics to save his development plan--a plan jeopardized by his own misleading statements, accounting gimmicks and clumsy political maneuvers," the coalition asserted in a statement.

In August, the coalition hired Mason-Dixon Polling & Research of Washington to conduct its own poll. The results showed that 66 percent of county voters opposed the project, and 80 percent thought the project would strain county finances.

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The AAPOR Council, in consultation with WAPOR and others, has issued an official statement on the recent conviction of two Iranian opinion researchers. Our statement decries government sanctions against any researchers conducting legitimate public opinion research. The statement seeks the support of organizations and individuals throughout the world "to secure the release of these researchers."

Our official statement was in response to the tragic arrest and conviction of two Iranian pollsters who outraged Iranian hard-liners with a survey that found strong public support for contacts with the United States. Prosecutors accused the two of holding secret talks and providing information to institutes and individuals affiliated with American, British and Israeli intelligence services -- including, prosecutors said, the Gallup Organization. Hossein Ali Qazian was sentenced to nine years in prison and Abbas Abdi, a senior Iranian reformist, was given an eight-year jail term.

The full AAPOR statement is posted on our web site:

http://www.aapor.org/default.asp?ID=3D37&page=3Dnews_and_issues/press_releases_and_official_statements

The statement reads, in part:

"AAPOR joins with other research and human rights organizations throughout the world in seeking the support of groups and individuals to secure the release of these researchers."

"The right of public opinion researchers to conduct sound and ethical public opinion polls is upheld by Article 19 of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

'Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.'

We are sending our full statement to key government, United Nations and European Union officials. We strongly encourage our members to assist in this effort.

The full story on the conviction in Iran may be found here:
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/worldlatest/story/0,1280,-2373739,00.html>

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>> The Political Mind Behind Tort Reform

>> Karl Rove, President Bush's senior adviser, claims credit on the

matter

>> of tort reform.

>> <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A61747-2003Feb24.html>

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>> By Dana Milbank

>> Tuesday, February 25, 2003; Page A21

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>> For those who argue that President Bush's support for limiting jury

>> awards has nothing to do with politics, a complication has emerged:

His

>> top political adviser, Karl Rove, has taken credit for the issue.

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>> In an interview for a book published this week, Rove claimed

>> responsibility for talking Bush into the subject of "tort reform"

when

>> he was packaging Bush for the 1994 Texas gubernatorial race.

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>> "The two issues, education and juvenile justice, were on his agenda

>> list," Rove told Wayne Slater and Jim Moore in an interview for

their

>> book, "Bush's Brain." Rove, noting Bush's interests in

"compassionate

>> conservatism" and "faith-based institutions," said: "Later, we added

>> tort reform. I sort of talked him into that one."

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>> Though Bush has said a civil liability revamp, specifically his plan

to

>> limit medical malpractice awards, "is not a Republican issue, it's

not a

>> Democrat issue," Rove's claim of paternity suggests otherwise. As

Slater

>> and Moore write, Rove was then a consultant to Philip Morris, an

>> advocate for tort reform.

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>> As part of his work for the tobacco company, Rove in 1996 provided

>> advice on a "push poll" to see how best to damage then-Texas

Attorney

>> General Dan Morales, who was threatening to sue the tobacco

industry.

>> Rove presented a copy of the findings to Bush's office.

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>> Rove's claim of responsibility for the tort reform issue is somewhat at

>> odds with a deposition he gave during the tobacco lawsuit. Asked whether

>> he discussed overhauling civil liability law with then-Gov. Bush, he

>> replied: "I can't say that I did. But I can't say that I didn't. I

do

>> not recall. I know that tort reform was a significant part of his

>> legislative agenda but it was not my area."

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>> Slater and Moore write that while tort reform is standard Republican

>> fare, "Rove wanted that issue elevated because he knew that its most

>> ardent advocates in Texas could provide millions of dollars in

campaign

>> contributions needed to unseat [former Texas governor Ann]

Richards."

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>> At the national level, Bush's support for overhauling civil

liability

>> law has won him friends among insurers and doctors. According to the

>> Center for Responsive Politics, health care professionals and

insurers

>> have given two-thirds of their \$71 million in contributions to

>> Republicans in the past two years.

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From the PPIC website:

State Officials' Approval Ratings

Governor Gray Davis' job approval ratings have slipped significantly since last October. Today, only one in three Californians (33%) approve of the governor's overall job performance, a nearly 20-point drop from October 2002, when 52 percent of Californians approved of the way he was handling his job as governor. Among likely voters, only one in four (24%) approve of the way Davis is handling his job, while 72 percent disapprove.

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Since others are likely to be interested in this as well, you might want to post responses to the entire list.

Cordially,
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Hi Sid,

We conducted a statewide RDD study of the health insurance status of the = residents of Arkansas in 2001. The study was sponsored by the Arkansas = Center for Health Improvement, in collaboration with the Arkansas = Department of Health and the University of Arkansas for Medical = Sciences. =20

You may be interested in the response rates for both the screening = interviews and the results from attempts to complete interviews with = successfully screened households. It is worth noting that the rates of = being uninsured are computed from the screening portion of the = interview. A total of 2572 screening interviews were completed with an = overall response rate of 61.7%. Response rates are calculated, using = the Response Rate 2 formula recommended by AAPOR.

Very few people refused to complete the in-depth modules once the = screening interview was completed. Over 98% of all screened insured = households, 96% of elderly households, and 93% of all uninsured = households completed the interview. =20

The screening interviews took an average of 5.5 minutes to complete and = the household interviews averaged 14.9 minutes.

Hope this is helpful.

Trish

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Subject: NLSY97 User Workshop -- July, 2003

The National Longitudinal Survey of YOUTH, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97) will sponsor a user workshop in July, 2003, for graduate students and recent doctorates. The workshop should be a great opportunity for researchers in a wide variety of social science disciplines who seek a solid introduction to working with this very rich data set. Participants will not incur any costs for attending the workshop, traveling to Columbus, or lodging in Columbus during the workshop.

The website

www.bls.gov/nls/userconference/summer2003.htm

provides information about the 4-day workshop in Columbus, Ohio, including application details, a workshop schedule, and details about the survey itself.

Questions may be addressed to Alison Aughinbaugh by e-mail at A_Aughinbaugh@bls.gov or by telephone at 202-691-7520.

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As Mark Schulman indicated a few weeks ago, AAPOR Council recently published a new statement on push polls. The entire statement can be found at AAPOR's website under News & Issues/Press Releases and AAPOR Official Statements/AAPOR's 2003 Statement on Push Polls.

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I apologize for any confusion!

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I read the article posted below and am wondering about the claim that
"Instead of listening for sounds that identify that status of a phone line,
DirectQuest learns the line's condition by reading signals from phone
company computers, said Walter Elicker, Castel's marketing director."

Does anyone know how this is done???

thanks,

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If anyone has any recent experience surveying attorneys, I'd appreciate = hearing from you. We've been approached about administering a mail survey = to state bar association members and I'm wondering what we can expect in = terms of response rates, and whether incentives are as crucial to this = population as they are for MDs.

Thanks.

Jennifer Parsons

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Subject: Listed vs RDD

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I met yesterday with John Zogby, who is a personable gentleman, and we = had a good (if general) discussion of his sampling methodology, among = other issues. We agreed to share additional information. To that end I'm = curious if anyone has conducted or knows of any good, rigorous =

evaluation of a national listed (white pages) sample versus RDD.

Thanks, GL

Gary Langer
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ABC News

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