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Date: Mon, 1 May 2006 10:35:30 -0400
Reply-To: Leo Simonetta <Simonetta@ARTSCI.COM>
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From: Leo Simonetta <Simonetta@ARTSCI.COM>
Subject: Push-polling allegations in Ohio
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GOP rivals focus on integrity in Ohio governor's campaign
Toledo Blade
<http://toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=3D/20060430/NEWS09/60430=014/-1/NEWS>
Or
<http://tinyurl.com/je3qc>

GREENVILLE, Ohio - As they traverse the state looking for votes in Tuesday's Republican primary for governor, Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell and Attorney General Jim Petro are addressing all of the traditional election-year issues: the economy, taxes, education.

But this year, there's an undercurrent of concern among voters about the integrity of the state's top officials after Gov. Bob Taft's conviction on ethics charges last year amid the investment scandal in the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

SNIP

Mr. Petro yesterday accused the Blackwell campaign or a third-party group of making "millions of push poll" phone calls to registered Republicans over the past year to damage his candidacy. Mr. Petro said he decided several months ago not to use the tactic, even though he said it's meant that he has been and continues to be the race's "underdog."=20

SNIP

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Leo G. Simonetta
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Art & Science Group, LLC
As always opinions expressed are solely those of the author.
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Reply-To: Doug Henwood <dhenwood@PANIX.COM>
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Doug Henwood <dhenwood@PANIX.COM>
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A friend in LA tells me he got a call from a "pollster" doing what he said sounded like a push poll for Arnold Schwarzenegger. The "poll" consisted of questions (I'm quoting him) "about real-estate deals (for Angelides) and stuff related to how Westley made his money." The interviewer couldn't pronounce Angelides name.

Anyone know anything about this?

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Date: Mon, 1 May 2006 11:50:39 -0700
Reply-To: draughon.research@insightbb.com
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: "Katherine Draughon, PhD, MPH" <draughon.research@INSIGHTBB.COM>

Subject: AAPOR Conference Docents -- STILL NEEDED!!

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Experienced AAPORites:

I still need a significant number of AAPOR Conference Docents. If you are interested, please email me at aapor_volunteer@yahoo.com

(To those of you who have already volunteered to be docents - Thank you and your 'matches' will be sent to you soon).

See below for details --

Kat Draughon - AAPOR Volunteer Coordinator

The AAPOR Conference Docent program

We are looking for a few friendly faces to help enhance the AAPOR conference experience for new attendees. Those of us who have been to several conferences know that AAPOR is very unique in its camaraderie, networking, and learning opportunities compared to other conferences, and that it's our members that make it special.

If you want to get more involved in AAPOR (but perhaps can't make a long-term commitment), have attended at least two AAPOR conferences in the recent past, and would like the opportunity to show others how best to enjoy and get the most out of the conference, being an AAPOR Docent is for you.

AAPOR Docents will be assigned up to 3 new/1st time conference attendees and will be expected to:

§ Contact their assigned individuals prior to the conference by phone.

§ Be at the conference by Thursday afternoon and able to attend the Thursday night New Member / All Chapter reception to meet your assigned individuals.

§ Eat together at one of the AAPOR meals.

§ And... The rest is up to you!

There is no specified expectation of continued commitment after the conference, but we certainly encourage long-term friendships. Also, this is not a 'mentor/mentee' program – individuals participating in the Docent program will not be matched on any specific substantive areas. (Such a program, however, is being developed for those interested in long-term mentor commitments, so stayed tuned for more information on that in the coming months!)

Email or call Kat Draughon – aapor_volunteer@yahoo.com or 812-465-1630 - to sign up to be an AAPOR Docent.

Dr. Katherine "Kat" Draughon

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Mike Flanagan <MFlanagan@GOAMP.COM>
Subject: Project Manager (Polling and analysis)
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The following Job Opportunity is posted at the request of Ron Hinckley.

A Middle East based international research and consulting business seeks a project manager with strong data analysis skills to direct and manage a large scale, multi-area monthly tracking study. A working knowledge of Excel and SPSS is required. Other important skills and abilities include research design and familiarity with both qualitative and quantitative research methods, technical writing, an understanding of econometric and statistical modeling, as well as training and mentoring teams of foreign national data collectors.

The anticipated employment period is a seven month minimum with continued employment optional. The job is located in an emerging third world country where living standards meet or exceed Western expectations. In addition to the design and implementation of projects, the qualified candidate will be meeting and consulting with public and private clients at the highest levels.

We are looking for a team player who is a disciplined and organized self starter, capable of working independently for extended periods.

Interested parties should contact jonathon.valot@lincolngroup.com
<<mailto:jonathon.valot@lincolngroup.com>>=20

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Reply-To: "Dr. Molly Longstreth" <mlongstr@UARK.EDU>
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: "Dr. Molly Longstreth" <mlongstr@UARK.EDU>
Subject: Assistant director position open
Comments: To: AAPORNet@asu.edu
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The Survey Research Center at the University of Arkansas has an opening for=
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an assistant director as described below and invites qualified applicants=20
to apply.

Position Title: Program/Project Specialist - Non-classified
Department and BU: The Survey Research Center (SVRC), University of=
Arkansas
Closing Date: May 30, 2006 or until position is filled
Annual Salary: \$35,500 or commensurate with experience

Minimum Qualifications are:

=B7 The formal educational equivalent of a bachelor's degree with a=
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major in a social science, statistics, mathematics or related field;
=B7 Knowledge of survey research and project management;
=B7 At least one year of experience in quantitative research;
=B7 Ability to contribute to designing research and evaluation=20
projects, developing proposals;
=B7 Sell/advocate for services of the Survey Research Center;
=B7 Handle some client relations;
=B7 Ability to hold information confidential;
=B7 Honesty, reliability, and trustworthiness; and
=B7 Ability to keep department manager abreast of unit activities on=
a=20
regular basis using clear communication in standard English.

Needs solid knowledge of

=B7 Basics of research methods for telephone, mail, in-person and web=
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surveys, including methods for reducing nonresponse;
=B7 Questionnaire construction, including dynamics;
=B7 Basic sampling methods for various methods of data collection;
=B7 Data management including coding and editing of raw data;

=B7 Data analysis via a standard statistical analysis program such as=
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SPSS and/or SAS; and
=B7 Summary statistics and methods for conducting bivariate analyses=
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including cross-tabulation.

Preferred Qualifications: Applicants Must Meet Pref. Qualifications:=20
No

=B7 Cooperatively manage multiple complex assignments, often under=
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tight time frames, within budget constraints;

=B7 Hire, train and supervise project managers to implement=
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telephone,=20

mail & all other surveys within budgets;

=B7 Cooperatively plan & design research, including questionnaire=
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construction;

=B7 Supervise the computerized design of all telephone interviewing=
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instruments;

=B7 Project management skills that balance flow of staff and=
workload;

=B7 Supervise project managers in hiring, training and supervising of=
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field interviewers and others; and

=B7 Train all staff in survey research methods.

Knowledge of the following is a plus:

=B7 How to use and oversee the management of the CATI & CAPI systems=
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and programs;

=B7 Writing technical reports;

=B7 Making presentations for professional and public audiences;

=B7 Contribute to designing research and evaluation projects;

=B7 Contribute to proposal development;

=B7 Other methods of selling services of the Survey Research Center;

=B7 Handle some client relations;

=B7 How to manage the Survey Research Center in the absence of the=
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director;

=B7 Ability to adapt to rapid changes in workload, workflow and=
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project assignment specifications;

=B7 Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships=
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with supervisor, co-workers and other staff under stressful=
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conditions; and

=B7 Proficiency with MS Office applications, especially Word and=
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Excel, Access is a plus.

The Survey Research Center is especially interested in applications from=
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qualified candidates who demonstrate the ability to work with diverse=
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populations as well as contribute to the diversity of the campus community.

Application:

Interested persons should send their resume, official college transcripts=
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and three professional references to:

Molly Longstreth, Ph.D.
Survey Research Center
University of Arkansas
123 Hotz Hall
Fayetteville, AR 72703
Phone: 479.575.4222
E-mail: src@uark.edu

Completed applications received by April 20, 2006 will be assured full consideration. Late applications will be reviewed as necessary to fill the position.

The University of Arkansas is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and applications will be accepted without regard to age, race, color, sex or national origin. Applicants must have proof of legal authority to work in the United States.

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: "Myllyluoma, Jaana L" <mylly@BATTELLE.ORG>
Subject: Wireless only and age
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
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I'm looking for recent statistics on wireless only telephone usage by age groups (18-29 vs 30+). Can anyone point me to a convenient source?

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Thanks much!

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Jaana Myllyluoma, Ph.D

Site Director, Baltimore

Battelle CPHRE

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Baltimore, Maryland 21209

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Phone: 410-372-2720

Fax: 410-377-6802

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Reply-To: "Harrison, Chase" <chase.harrison@UCONN.EDU>

Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>

From: "Harrison, Chase" <chase.harrison@UCONN.EDU>

Subject: Job openings at University Of Connecticutr

Comments: To: aapornet@asu.edu

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From: Pettinico, George=20

Sent: Friday, April 28, 2006 3:28 PM

To: AAPORNET@asu.edu

Subject: Job openings at University Of Connecticutr

Hello=20

There are two positions open at the Center for Survey Research and
Analysis at the University of Connecticut (based in Storrs - about 20

minutes east of Hartford). CSRA is a full service academic survey research organization that does work for academics nationwide, state and federal government agencies, non-profits, media and various research groups. For more information about the Center, see our website at www.csra.uconn.edu

Center for Survey Research and Analysis
Research Assistant II (AAUP)
2 Positions

The Center for Survey Research and Analysis at the University of Connecticut, seeks applicants for Research Assistant II (Project Coordinator). The successful candidates will be responsible for coordinating research projects and providing statistical analysis, under the direction of the Center's Director and Associate Director. Expected start date May/June 2006.

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's degree in survey research and two to three years of related post-degree experience or Master's in survey research (preferred) from one year to two years of post degree survey experience; good program manager skills; background in statistical analysis and econometric/psychometric methods; excellent writing and communication skills; effective interpersonal skills. Demonstrated ability using CATI system/software a plus.

These are one year appointments subject to annual renewal. Salary: commensurate with experience. =20

Send letter of application, resume and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references by to:=20

Dr. Samuel Best, Research Assistant Search, University of Connecticut, CSRA, 341 Mansfield Road Unit 1032, Storrs, CT 06269-1032. =20

Electronic submission of applications to sandra.sherman@uconn.edu with the search number in the subject area. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. (Search # 06A347 & # 06A348)=20

The University of Connecticut encourages minorities, women, and people with disabilities to apply for these positions.

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Date: Wed, 3 May 2006 20:22:29 +0000
Reply-To: "Caplan, James R CIV DMDC" <James.Caplan@OSD.PENTAGON.MIL>
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: "Caplan, James R CIV DMDC" <James.Caplan@OSD.PENTAGON.MIL>
Subject: Questions comparing benefits and features
Comments: To: "AAPORNET (aapornet@asu.edu)" <aapornet@asu.edu>

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Dear colleagues:

I am working on a questionnaire for employees to rate and compare various personnel benefits (child care, recreations centers, golf courses, teen counseling, etc.) Has anyone had experience with issues like these? How does one evaluate trade-offs such as with a massive cafeteria plan? I am pursuing various methods of conjoint analysis for the future but wonder if folks have dealt with survey situations where there is a finite budget but many possibilities.

All suggestions appreciated.

Thanks,

Jim Caplan

Arlington, VA

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Reply-To: Mary Ellen Gordon <m.gordon@MARKETTRUTHS.COM>

Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>

From: Mary Ellen Gordon <m.gordon@MARKETTRUTHS.COM>

Subject: Re: Questions comparing benefits and features

Comments: To: James.Caplan@OSD.PENTAGON.MIL

Hi James,

In a similar situation with lots of attributes I used a self-explicated importance rating question prior to conjoint. The specific conjoint scenarios each respondent saw incorporated only the attributes they indicated were important to them (it was part of a Web survey, so this could be done on the fly), but then the conjoint was used to measure the tradeoffs among those attributes. This doesn't create any problem since part-worths are calculated for each individual, and when you aggregate you're getting importance weights for only those who place at least some importance on each attribute and you know what proportion of respondents that is.

Mary Ellen

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Date: Thu, 4 May 2006 08:08:51 -0700
Reply-To: draughon.research@insightbb.com
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: "Katherine Draughon, PhD, MPH" <draughon.research@INSIGHTBB.COM>
Subject: AAPOR conference volunteers & docents still needed
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AAPOR Conference Attendees:

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Kat Draughon – AAPOR Volunteer Coordinator &
Associate Membership Chair

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Reply-To: "Lynn, Diana J" <dlynn@FHCR.C.ORG>

Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>

From: "Lynn, Diana J" <dlynn@FHCRC.ORG>
Subject: Re: AAPOR conference volunteers & docents still needed
Comments: To: draughon.research@INSIGHTBB.COM, AAPORNET@asu.edu
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Dear Not-Yet-Volunteered AAPORites,

I signed up to be a docent in part to have MORE FUN! I figure this is a great excuse to partake in more activities, things I haven't done in years past (the Pub Crawl, Applied Probability, etc.) because it'll be my 'job' as part of encouraging the new folks to get more involved and have a great time.

I'm hoping the Docents can perhaps hook up in some designated area prior to the Thursday night reception - along with our assigned new people. That makes for an automatic social group - and more fun! We can take over a few tables at a meal (or two) and have a better time than everyone else and make them jealous.

If you know you'd make a decent docent, and haven't tossed your hat in the ring yet - please do so. We can have a good time with the role along with making sure first-timers do.

If you're going to be a Docent and are interested in getting together as suggested above, please email me and we can communicate.

Looking forward to seeing you in Montreal!

Diana Lynn
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
Seattle, WA

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

From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of Katherine Draughon, PhD, MPH
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 8:09 AM
To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
Subject: AAPOR conference volunteers & docents still needed

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Reply-To: Elena Caudle <ecaudle@IQ-RESEARCH.COM>

Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>

From: Elena Caudle <ecaudle@IQ-RESEARCH.COM>

Subject: Washington, DC Job Opportunity

Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu

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iQ Research & Consulting, a full-service custom research provider affiliated with Qorvis Communications, has an immediate opening for a full time Associate/Research Analyst.

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The ideal candidate will be able to switch gears and learn new issues quickly, as we are a fast-paced office with a wide variety of interesting clients in areas ranging from public affairs and international relations to investor relations and local business.

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Responsibilities for this position may depend on experience, but will likely include:

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- * Manage survey fielding process, from coordinating with outside vendors to programming online research projects;=20
- * Assist in designing survey instruments, moderators guides, screening guidelines, and other research documents;=20
- * Process data and generate reports using SPSS, Microtab, Excel, or other software;=20
- * Prepare client deliverables including charts, presentations, and analysis;=20
- * Attend meetings with both internal and external clients, prepare proposals and assist with pitching new clients=20

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If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes, and we look forward to seeing you in Montreal!

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Dear AAPOR Members:

We have planned a toast to the memory of our AAPOR colleagues and friends who have died over the last year during the AAPOR conference, on Friday, May 19, 6:00 to 7:30 pm in La Verriere (at the Hilton). All are welcome.

For the session, I am looking for photos that can be sent to me digitally, of any of these:

Paul Perry
Leo Bogart
Joe Belden (I have plenty of photos of this one!)
Joe Waksberg
Lester Frankel

THANK YOU-Nancy Jane Belden

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Please respond directly to: szwed@kul.lublin.pl =20

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My name is Robert M. Szwed. I am an adjunct faculty member (PhD in Sociology) at the Catholic University of Lublin. I am a sociologist and a researcher of public opinion from Poland realizing study: Representations of Public Opinion In Public Discourse. I begin with case studies of different political actors - how they see public opinion in Poland, and how they use the phrase "public opinion" in their argumentation. I expect this study not only to help uncover representations of public opinion in public discourse, but also to enable to present the problem of emerging public sphere and political culture in Poland. In connection with this project, I have received a two-year grant from the Polish Ministry of Education and Science (\$20,700).

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Simultaneously and continually I'm thinking about doing research in the U.S.A. Observations of the American public sphere "live", researching meaning of the "public opinion", which is presumably not the same as in Poland, is my serious far-reaching project upon completion of my research in Poland (an outline of the project is in attachment). It is possible thanks to the Fulbright Scholar Program which offers grants to Polish scholars for conducting advanced research in U.S. universities to cover monthly maintenance stipend; allowance for books; accident/sickness insurance; round trip international travel and the stay. Applicants are financially independent, and host universities do not bear any expenses concerning their stay there.=20

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You are an association of individuals who share an interest in public opinion and survey research. Therefore I turn to you with a question if my project - comparative in intentions - can work at any university institution in the U.S.A.? It is difficult to say if anyone in the U.S.A. is doing research on such a theme. If you could help me I could go ahead and apply to the Fulbright Program to obtain the grant.=20

The project that I have mentioned is not immediate and applies to 2008-2009 academic year. I would like to take advantage of your knowledge of the problem and to seek advice from you on the viability of this project. The project does not "saddle" the university with any formal burden. Financial independence of the applicant guarantees that there is no danger of financial involvement of your university. What is more, personal responsibility for carrying out the project lies only on me.=20

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I would appreciate if you could share your views on my proposed research and just tell me what do you think about it.

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Sincerely,=20

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Robert M. Szwed, PhD

Sociology Department Adjunct=20

The Catholic University of Lublin

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From: Claire Durand <Claire.Durand@UMONTREAL.CA>

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Chronique tutti quanti

Hi everybody,

If I can write this chronicle, it is because I finished my paper... a bit=20
late but done. You will be soon in Montreal and you have, evidently,=20
uploaded your paper also and sent it to your discussant. (Here is a=20
subliminal message because I did not receive all those that I should=20
receive...).

This chronicle is a mix of different topics, hence the =93tutti quanti=94.

First, a note to tell you that here people say that '93 summer has come early' this year '94. This does not mean that the weather is that good '96 though it is indeed true '96 but that our Canadiens lost the hockey series against the Hurricanes. Summer never comes while Canadiens are still in the playoffs.

Second, since you have completed your paper, you may want to read a detective novel with Montreal as background, just to relax a bit. My suggestions :

- One of the last books by Katie Reichs called 'Monday Mourning' '94, one of her best among those who take place in Montreal.
- John Farrow has two detective novel called 'A city of ice' '94 and 'The ice lake' '94. Quite good also to get the feeling of Montreal.

Third, I thought about telling you what you may bring back home. No '93 deals like in 2001 when our dollar was very weak. That was before... Now our dollar is pretty strong at .90 an American dollar. But you may want to bring back products that you will hardly find back home. THE liqueur that you may like is called ice cider. Inspired by the Ice wine produced in Ontario, people here started to make ice cider from frozen apples. It is very good and not as expensive as ice wine. You would use it as a dessert wine. Other interesting liqueurs are made of special berries like Chicoutai (made of arctic berries that you find only in the north) Amour en cage (made of a special kind of cherries) and l'Orleane (made of blackcurrant). You may find these at the airport but also not far from your hotel at SAQ- Selection (in the underground reso from under your hotel). At SAQ - Selection, you will also find the finest and most expensive - alcohols, liqueur and wines. Alcool is usually more expensive here than in the US but the choice may be different. You can also find a special SAQ (SAQ stands for Societe des Alcools du Quebec, a governmental body) at the public market Atwater. You can get there by metro, a few stations from yours (Metro Lionel Groulx). It is only two blocks away from there.

If you are a cheese amateur, you go to this same Atwater Market at a place called Fromagerie Atwater. They have a good choice of raw milk cheese mostly from France and from Quebec. The problem is you do not have the right to bring back cheese to the US. So you do it only if you want to eat it in Montreal or you have no problem hiding it in your luggage (no risk, I can tell).

One final point for today : Radio and TV. I always find it difficult when=
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I am in another country to find the radio station that I would like to=20
listen to. Here we have public stations with no publicity at all (quite=20
relaxing). In English, you would listen to CBC Radio One (88,5) and Radio=
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Two (Music only, 93,5). You may also want to try the French stations, just=
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to have a feeling... Radio Canada PremiPre Chaine (95,1) and Espace Musique=
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(100,7). For TV, you will get the same TV stations as in the US plus our=20
own and...the French World TV called TV5. The programs come from a group of=
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broadcasters from Europe and Canada. You can listen to news from France,=20
Switzerland, Belgium,... again just for the feeling...

Best,

See you soon.

Claire Durand

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The JRA (Database Manager) position will assist with the research activities of UCIPR, including database management and data analysis. Specific data management responsibilities include database installation and maintenance, database design, programming support for data analysis and file maintenance, and the generation of report-ready data displays and summaries of data. The successful candidate will utilize various

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From: dmoore62@COMCAST.NET

Subject: Change in Email address

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Please note that my new email address is dmoore62@comcast.net. If you have any questions about the 2006 AAPOR conference that you wish to ask me, please use that new address, not my previous Gallup email address.

Thank you.

David

David W. Moore
2006 AAPOR Program Chair

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Edith de Leeuw <edithl@XS4ALL.NL>
Subject: discarding valid questionnaires?
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu, WAPOR@UNL.EDU
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Dear colleagues and friends,

Among other things, I teach methods & statistics to freshman at an international liberal arts college at Utrecht University. Part of the teaching is that student perform their own research project (think of topic, collect data, analyse, report in article form and with a presentation at our research conference. These are intensive small scale projects. The student groups vary from fairly brilliant who discover regression analysis in SPSS and want to use it, to relatively stupid who write that the cross table was significant because the significance was large.

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does not harm them, It was only a short questionnaire, costs only 10 minutes to fill in, what is the harm?

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Warm regards, Edith

Dr. Edith D. de Leeuw
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From: CYNTHIA NELSON <cnelson@NIU.EDU>
Subject: Re: discarding valid questionnaires?
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
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I absolutely agree with you!

We ask respondents to give us their time, to be candid, to believe us when we say we are engaging in a legitimate endeavor, and to trust us to maintain confidentiality. Certainly the effort of different surveys/interviews varies as does the level of sensitivity of the questions, but to say "this one doesn't matter because the respondent burden was low" discounts that we have persuaded a respondent to give us their time on the grounds that their answers will contribute to some knowledge base.

There may be some obligation to the profession as well:
I recall John Kennedy raising the question that last time Field Directors was

in Montreal of whether we may be "poisoning the well" when we keep respondents on the phone 40 minutes for a survey. The idea was that once a respondent has consented s/he is likely to stay on the telephone, *this time*, but may be less likely to consent to future interviews.

Some students probably question you, because, as you noted, some are "relatively stupid." However, all of the students hear your answers, so keep speaking to the ones who may be survey researchers in the future! My initial training was in the medical field, and I noticed that professors were, perhaps, more conscious of the fact that part of the endeavor was socialization--learning the obligations of the professional role. I was, however, told when I was a grad student (by a professor teaching survey research) that it is unethical to ask a question of a respondent if you don't intend to use the answers to the question. I thought that was right and I still do.

Regards, Cynthia Nelson

***** REPLY SEPARATOR *****

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From: Dave Howell <dahowell@ISR.UMICH.EDU>
Subject: ANES Announcement: Call for data collection bids for the 2006
ANES Pilot Study

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Dear AAPOR listserv members,

The American National Election Studies (ANES) project is seeking bids to conduct data collection for the 2006 ANES Pilot Study. The 2006 ANES Pilot Study will be a telephone reinterview of the 1,212 respondents who participated in the 2004 ANES time series survey.

The full announcement can be found here:

<http://www.electionstudies.org/announce/newsltr/20060508.pdf>

We encourage anyone who is interested to submit a bid. The deadline to receive bids is 5pm eastern time on Friday, May 26, 2006.

Sincerely,

Jon Krosnick, Stanford Principal Investigator

Skip Lupia, Michigan Principal Investigator

David Howell, Director of Studies

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www.electionstudies.org

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From: =?iso-8859-1?Q?Alis=FA_Schoua-Glusberg?= <Alisu@EMAIL.COM>

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In that same vein, I've always objected to adding a question at the end =
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surveys to ask Rs for any comments they would like to make, when the
researchers do not intend to use that answer. Some folks like to add =
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question to give Rs the chance "to vent" at the end of the close-ended
interview. Personally I think it's unethical to tell people to open up =
and

tell us stuff that we then discard.

Take care,

Alis=FA

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

> From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of CYNTHIA NELSON

> Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 12:34 PM

> To: AAPORNET@asu.edu

> Subject: Re: discarding valid questionnaires?

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Hi Everyone,

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I agree too, but in my own thinking, I recognize that there are gray areas.

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One can argue that these are different situations. But then perhaps we're all invoking in our own version of 'situation ethics.' Very few things in life (or survey research) are black/white...

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Subject: Re: Thread - discarding valid questionnaires?

Comments: To: Joseph.Bauer@CANCER.ORG, AAPORNET@asu.edu

In-Reply-To: <OFAA5FB668.184E699A-ON85257168.0069ED4C-85257168.006DFF71@cancer.org>

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These concerns are obviously important. I would tentatively suggest they be dealt with as any research originating at the University is dealt with:

The interview/survey instrument should include disclosure (i.e. "I am a student doing this as a class project) and be vetted by a senior professional (the professor in this case), and all methods--instrument, potential respondents, means of recruiting respondents--should go through the University's Institutional Review Board. Also, as brought up in the infamous episode in California a few years back, there should be provision for some reasonable supervision/monitoring of interviews, reasonable requirements in terms of completed interviews, and something about it being problematic if the professor stands to gain financially from the information the students are collecting.

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On 5/8/2006 at 4:01 PM Joseph E. Bauer wrote:

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> On another point - I would mention a word of caution. Given that
>you are teaching students research methods - and that
>this is probably one of their first exposures to that discipline - giving
>them a charge, so to speak, of going out to do research -
>while sounding great from an educational viewpoint, has the potential of
>doing you and your University great damage. Why?

>Because you have a bunch of well meaning novices sent out to 'do research'.
>These students (who are not all traditional
>(18-22 years old) and who work in all walks of life - can proceed to start
>interviewing (patients in nursing homes, students in
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>scenario happened to him - where the University was sued. He warned me to
>be very careful about what you ask students to do
>- and that I must give them explicit instructions (what they can do and
>what they can't do) - so as to avoid unpleasant circumstances.

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> Joe
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I remember that one of the speakers at TSMII said about 20% of the telephone numbers that are called multiple times over several different time periods and days of the week but are never answered by person or machine are residential. I cannot remember which speaker this was or what session it was in. Does anyone know? =20

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Lynda Voigt

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Edith:

Interesting thread. I think even the stupid students would understand a simple analogy that every completed questionnaire is as important as a completed election ballot. Would they think it was OK if it were discovered that more people who voted were registered with one of the parties and the extra votes were thrown out to balance the groups? =20

Additionally, every respondent is unique and just throwing out the "extras" could skew the results due to different characteristics that were not controlled for or mere random error.

Norm Trussell

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I have two questions for the collective wisdom, one very serious (I need the info!) and one less serious, but in case somebody happens to know.....

The first thing is that I need data on what percentage of people in the US who are eligible to vote are registered to vote, and then what percentage of eligible voters actually vote in Presidential elections.

Although I am a health researcher, we asked some questions about civic engagement for an evaluation of a leadership development program, and I wonder how their responses compare to national figures.

I really tried to find this info, and was overwhelmed with statistics on various registration and voting rates, but not quite what I needed. Any insights much appreciated.

The second, very trivial thing: I was at a daughter's band concert the other night, and the band director raved about the wonderful kids and how middle school and high school are the "best time of their lives." I was shocked, and was sitting next to another daughter who is a freshman in high school. I assured her that high school wasn't necessarily the best time of everone's life. (It certainly wasn't for me and my husband, as we were both nerds--his pickup line was, "So, what do you know about Krebs's cycle?")

It got me wondering about what percentage of the US population believes that high school was the best time of their lives. I recall that a few years back columnist Bob Green's book BE TRUE TO YOUR SCHOOL engendered some debate on the issue, and whether the high expectations contribute

to teen suicide, etc. Has anyone seen any statistics on this, or even what keywords I should be looking for?

Colleen (who will be going to high school band concerts the rest of her life, since eldest son is a band director at another school in town)

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A useful expression that is common among Catholics in the US. I heard it myself growing up in Michigan.=20

One of the problems here is the misguided belief that some statistical tests require equal sample sizes. One of the widely held misperceptions is that common t-tests require equal sample sizes. I do not know where this came from but it seems to be taught by many instructors and believed by many more students. I think it is a straw that can be grasped on a sinking ship.

It is unethical to throw away useful data. However, this is not in the same class as other ethical breaches.=20

It is also inefficient, in a strong sense, based on the mathematics.

Surveys do, from time to time, include questions that may not be directly relevant to their stated purpose, for many reasons. The more frivolous the reason, the greater the unnecessary burden on the respondent, however small. Questions that are largely irrelevant but are invasive and could cause significant problems if made public--sex,

drugs, and illegal behavior--are more serious ethical concerns than those that are merely frivolous.

This touches on sample size estimation in research design. One might want a sample size that is just large enough to give a clear, crisp answer to a question, but no larger. Any more is an unnecessary, added burden; any less will not give a definitive answer. Unfortunately, most (all?) research never hits this happy medium exactly. If it falls short, was it ethical to collect any data at all? If it goes over, was each respondent burdened proportionally to the excess? Coming this close to the exact number needed is usually impossible. It does seem that failing to get enough is more of an ethical breach than getting a few too many.

These are questions that should be taken seriously by students and in discussions with them. There is often no right answer, especially when the added burden is small and the risks of a breach of confidentiality are not serious. But the discussion is essential. =20

The students should be asked to explain, sharply and logically, why their decision is correct, with documentation for it. It is probably time for them to learn how to support their reasoning.

Regards,

David Smith

University of Texas School of Public Health

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Isn't there a wonderful teaching opportunity here, as well? For example,

1. Which 30 questionnaires would you discard and how would you decide?
2. Are there alternative ways? Would you do it randomly or simply put in a cut-off and discard the last 30 to arrive? How would this be different with a stratified sample? Run some tests.
3. Does throwing some data away change the outcome? Run some tests.
4. If you discard the ones that arrive at the end, don't you bias the results? There are some studies that found that responders at the end of a fielding period tend to be more negative. Why might that be? (annoyance at reminders, having to get up the nerve to respond?)

I am reminded that what we come to regard as "good" or "bad" survey methodology generally has an empirical basis. Historically something worked or failed to. Sadly, each generation seems to need to rediscover these things for themselves.

Regards,
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Leaving aside questions of ethics or social responsibility, it is obvious that these students do not understand the most basic principles of statistics or, more generally of scientific research. They may not be stupid, but they certainly are ignorant and seemingly too lazy to ask what to do with the "extra" questionnaires before discarding them.

An interesting question is how they selected questionnaires to discard. If this was not strictly random (and based on their record, I would not assume that it was, even if they said so), it might have introduced substantial bias into whatever results they obtained.

Perhaps you could turn this whole matter into a useful lesson.

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>

From: Scott Keeter <skeeter@PEWRESEARCH.ORG>

Subject: Re: Two questions

Comments: To: Colleen Porter <CPORTER@DENTAL.UFL.EDU>, AAPORNET@asu.edu

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Colleen: One of the best sources for voter turnout information is my former GMU colleague, Mike McDonald. His web site is a great resource: <http://elections.gmu.edu/>

This page is especially relevant to your question:

http://elections.gmu.edu/voter_turnout.htm

The subject of voter registration is somewhat more problematic because of differences in administrative record keeping from state to state: <http://www.brookings.edu/views/papers/mcdonald/20041005.htm>

At the Pew Research Center, we routinely ask about voter registration. I combined all of our polls since January 2005 and found that 78% of respondents said they were registered to vote. (This is based on approximately 24,000 interviews.)

Scott

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From: AAPORNET [<mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu>] On Behalf Of Colleen Porter

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2006 9:57 AM

To: AAPORNET@asu.edu

Subject: Two questions

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Lynn Stalone <lynn.stalone@IHR-RESEARCH.COM>
Subject: Room at the Hilton for AAPOR Conference...
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu

To anyone interested in a room...

Unfortunately, I am going to be unable to attend the AAPOR conference next week (yes, I am very disappointed!).

I have a room at the Hilton for Wed-Sat nights (checkout Sunday) which I should be able to get changed into another name.

If anyone is interested, please respond to me directly. I hate to see the room and rate go to waste!

Best regards,
Lynn

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Dear AAPOR members -

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The May issue of Public Opinion Pros is now available on our website at

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www.PublicOpinionPros.com=20

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Having featured several youth-oriented articles last month, this month we focus on issues concerning older Americans, including the potential impact of the new Medicare prescription drug program on the upcoming midterm elections, and sexuality among the baby boomer and pre-boomer generations. Also offered is the final installment of our three-part series on the "Memory of the Holocaust" study, an excerpt from a forthcoming book on citizenship, and more. As usual, an overview of the issue can be accessed by nonsubscribers at=20

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http://www.publicopinionpros.com/from_editor/2006/may/editor.asp

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I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the AAPOR conference, where my associate editor and I will be on the lookout for both writers and readers for Public Opinion Pros. Please don't hesitate to seek us out if you would like to talk about submitting an article.=20

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See you in Montreal!

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Lisa

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Terrie Hottle <teresa.hottle@WRIGHT.EDU>
Subject: career move
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
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Hi all,
It's been about 4 years since I've been a member of AAPOR or posted anything on this listserv but I have read MANY interesting emails and debates over the years.

The reason for my posting is to seek information on possible job leads in survey research in the Dayton, Ohio area. Funding became an issue at my past survey research job at a local university and I had to switch jobs within the university. Interestingly enough, I became an interviewer studying substance abusers in rural counties. However, once again, this job was grant funded for 4 years through the NIH and is ending this December with no possible renewal. I am thinking about getting back into the survey research field again but have been "out of the loop" so any information or leads would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
Terrie Hottle

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Jennifer Franz <jdf Franz@JDFRANZ.COM>
Subject: CAPI
Comments: To: aapornet@asu.edu

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We are looking for recommendations for CAPI devices that are highly =
portable but have functional keypads for entering detailed address =
information. Any suggestions? =20

Also, is anyone aware of software that can be helpful in capturing =
addresses from a wide geographic area? One thing we are looking at is =
the possibility of drop-down menus for city/street name combinations. =
Any other recommendations for CAPI software? Thanks!

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Andrew A Beveridge <andy@TROLL.SOC.QC.EDU>
Subject: New Topic Column on Aisans
Comments: To: CUNY UFS Discussion Forum <SENATE-FORUM@LISTSERV.CUNY.EDU>
Comments: cc: AAPORNET@asu.edu, COMURB_R21@EMAIL.RUTGERS.EDU
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Earlier this week my Gotham Gazette Topic Column on New York's Asians was
posted.

New York's Asians

by Andrew Beveridge
May, 2006

Who are the Asians of New York City? They are foreign-born and native-born
New Yorkers with a background in East Asia (China and Japan, for example),
Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia), and South Asia (India,
Pakistan and Bangladesh), according to the official U.S. government
classification of the Asian race. (Those from Central Asia -- Afghanistan,
Iraq, Turkey, etc. -- are not included.) Members of these diverse
populations now constitute about 11 percent of the city's population.

But can one really consider as one race people coming from several

continents and speaking many different languages?

<http://www.gothamgazette.com/article/demographics/20060509/5/1843>

Andy Beveridge

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From: James Lee <JLee@FABMAC.COM>

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Account Executive:

Alexandria, Virginia based public affairs research firm looking to hire =
Account Executive to handle growing public affairs business. Candidates =
must have at least 5 years of experience in the field of political or =
public affairs opinion research and must be well-versed in all aspects =
of the quantitative and qualitative research process, including original =
client contact, proposal writing, developing discussion guides, =
questionnaires and other research instruments, and presenting finished =
analytical reports to clients. Experience moderating focus groups a =
plus. Must be able to travel frequently to observe focus groups and meet =
with clients. Commissioned sales opportunity possible, although no sales =
are required for position.

The successful candidate for this position will be ultimately =
responsible for project management, strategic counsel and client =
satisfaction. Must be highly organized, adept at managing multiple =
projects simultaneously and meeting project deadlines.

If interested, please contact:
accountexecopening@hotmail.com

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From: Mike Flanagan <MFlanagan@GOAMP.COM>
Subject: Second International Conference on e-Social Science
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
Comments: cc: Gillian Sinclair <Gillian.Sinclair@manchester.ac.uk>
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Second International Conference on e-Social Science

28 - 30 June2006

Manchester, UK

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Registration for the Second International Conference on e-Social Science is now open.

The conference will take place over 3 days with the first day having a choice of 7 full day workshops
<http://www.ncess.ac.uk/events/conference/workshops/>

The other two days will consist of panel sessions, keynotes and paper presentations. For a list of accepted papers please see
<http://www.ncess.ac.uk/events/conference/programme/papers/>

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There are a variety of registration options available including half price registrations for students. A discount for early registration is also available until the 21st of May.

The full conference website can be found at
<http://www.ncess.ac.uk/events/conference/>

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Best wishes

Gillian

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From: Claire Durand <Claire.Durand@UMONTREAL.CA>

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Chronique tutti quanti two

*In this chronicle, all kinds of subjects again, thoughts, social facts, in=

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and out, and blabla...

Weather : Yesterday, it looked like Miami in January, south east wind,=20
warm. Today,it=92s a bit like Amsterdam: It is still tulip time =96 but not=
for=20

long =96 and streets are full of bicycles...and there are clouds in the sky.

Museum : the exposition now at the Museum of Fine Arts is =93Il modo=20
italiano=94 : i.e., Italian design of the 20th Century.

Metro de Paris : Paris gave Montreal a typical Parisian Metro entrance. It=

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is not far from your hotel, at the metro station Square=20
Victoria. http://www.qimtl.qc.ca/EVENTS_svictoria.php
You can go there by going underground also, direction Quartier=20
international de Montreal. At the same place, you will see the sculpture=20
=93La joute=94 by Riopelle and find THE restaurant =93Toqu=E9=94.

A cultural fact : In some regions of United States, people tend to say=20
first =93How are you today?=94 instead of =93Hello=94. I have to tell you=
that=20
this is culturally not appropriate here. In fact, if I receive a phone=20
call and the person starts with =93How are you today=94 in French, the=20
immediate conclusion is a) they want to sell me something and b) it is an=20
American company who did an exact translation of its pitch. Here, if you=20
may bother somebody, the last thing you would do first is ask =93How are you=
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today=94 because people think that they have to give an honest answer to the=
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question to somebody they don=92t know and who does not bother...

Thoughts about licence plates : In Florida, there is =93the sunshine state=
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on licence plates, in Minnesota, =9310,000 lakes=94. Here, for a long time,=
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the licence plate had =93La belle province=94 written on it. =93THE=
beautiful=20
province=94, nothing less. But then came the sovereigntist government who=
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didn=92t like the =93province=94 in it and decided we should only have our=
motto=20
on the licence plate. What is our motto? =93Je me souviens=94 which means=
=93I=20
remember=94. I let you interpret what it means about this society...Just to=
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give you a hint, our flag, that you will see everywhere, has four=20
fleur-de-lis on it. The flag was adopted by the National Assembly in 1948=20
and the symbol comes from the King of France. Before you ask, yes we have=
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been informed that the French killed their king 30 years after the=20
conquest...However, it has to be said that Canada finally adopted its own=20
flag only in 1965. Before it was the Union Jack.

By the way, you were told that the day after the conference is Victoria=20
day. Well this is true for the rest of Canada. Here the government has=20
declared that the same day is The day of the Patriots...

A word about the black community because I didn=92t speak much about the=20
black community in my 2001 chronicles. The black community is not very=20
large. It is most evident if you compare to the Jewish community which is=
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the third largest outside Israel (after New York and Buenos Aires). In=20
fact, the black community has been so small that a well known Black=20
physician told recently that when he arrived in Montreal in 1953, it was so=
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rare to see a black person in the street that when he did, he would go=20

introduce himself. This brought a situation where most of the well known=20 black stars in Montreal are sons and daughters of mixed couples of Black=20 West Indians or Haitians who married French Canadian women. This is linked=20 to two =93social facts=94. Montreal has been and is still a very good place=20 for jazz and well-known Oscar Peterson and Oliver Jones were born here. In=20 jazz bars, when segregation was the rule in the US, here white and black=20 musicians would play together and eventually make their life=20 here. Montreal is very proud to say that its baseball team, the Royals at=20 that time, was the first professional team to hire a black player, Jackie=20 Robinson, and, if I am not wrong, the Expos later was the first baseball=20 team to hire a black coach (Felipe Alou). It of course does not mean that=20 there is no racism here but we like to think that we are not that bad.

More thoughts about numbers : Following on Black men who could only marry=20 white women, I discovered recently that among English speaking young people=20 in Montreal, there are more men than women and it is the reverse for=20 French-speaking people. So that... English-speaking men =93marry=94 more=20 and=20 more French-speaking women. People mix, the metis (Half-breed?) phenomenon=20 is back...

In and out : I told you about restaurants but the City is also fond of=20 cooking. Lots of tv programs and discussions about cooking. In particular,=20 it is =93in=94 for men to speak about cooking and exchange recipes. And it=20 is=20 very =93in=94 for women to say =93My husband (=93chum=94 in our words) does=20 most of=20 the cooking at home=94. Beware, fashion does not always go from west to=20 east, this fashion may go south as fast as Celine Dion. As a matter fact,=20 kayak =96 for those who heard Celine speaking at the time of the Katrina=20 hurricane =96 is also pretty much in. Quebec has one million lakes (and we=20 don=92t say it on our licence plates!), 3% of the fresh water on earth. So=20 lots of places for kayak.

Wine and beer : If you are an amateur of beer, in the recent years, a=20 number of micro-brewery, as we call them, appeared in Montreal, with a=20 really interesting choice of beers, many of them inspired from Belgian=20 beer. You will find some beer bars (I do not have time to make a list but=20 you may find it on www.madeinmtl.com.

If you want the feeling of Montreal in advance : go to=20 <http://www.radio-canada.ca> and listen to radio in French? If you live in=

=20
New York, you may go to a place called =93Chez Jean=94 which runs a show of=
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Quebec artists...

Best,
See you very soon.
And thanks to those who sent me their papers for the session where I am a=20
discussant (one still missing...)

Claire Durand

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From: David Weakliem <weakliem@UCONN.EDU>
Subject: Re: Two questions

The Gallup poll recently asked something that bears directly on Colleen's
question about the high school years:

Gallup Poll [March, 2005]

Would you describe high school as...the best time of your life, a great
time in your life, a so-so time in your life, the worst years of your
life?

7% The best time of your life

- 54 A great time in your life
- 35 A so-so time in your life
- 4 The worst years of your life

The Roper Organization had a few questions in the 1980s on when people thought the best time of life was. The teens ranked second, behind the twenties, but answers were pretty widely spread. In 1984, 29% said the 20s, 21% said the teenage years.

And a 2004 survey of women sponsored by Parade magazine asked:

Parade/Research!America Woman's Health Survey [September, 2004]

Some people report finding certain stages of life to be happier and more fulfilling than other stages. Thinking about your own life, would you say that where you currently are in life is one of the happiest and most fulfilling stages of life, that you have probably already experienced the happiest and most fulfilling stage of life, or that your happiest and most fulfilling stage of life is yet to come?

42% Currently experiencing

25 Already experienced

28 Yet to come

5 Don't know

That would suggest that at most 25% think that the teens were the best time of their lives. So overall, it seems like most people think their teen years were good, but not the peak.

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Interim Director, Roper Center for Public Opinion Research
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Joyce

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Subject: Re: Amazing what ""AAPOR" Google news searches turn up
Comments: To: Leo Simonetta <Simonetta@ARTSCI.COM>
Comments: cc: AAPORNET@asu.edu
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June 22 works for me.
Bruce

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Reply-To: Joel Bloom <jbloom@UOREGON.EDU>
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Joel Bloom <jbloom@UOREGON.EDU>
Subject: Post-Conference Ride to Saratoga?
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
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Sorry for adding to the inbox clutter!

If anyone is driving South through upstate New York after the conference

and wouldn't mind a rider (I'll pay for gas) I could use a ride to Saratoga or Albany.

Please reply off-list.

Thanks!

-- Joel

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Comments: To: Warren Mitofsky <mitofsky@MINDSPRING.COM>, AAPORNET@asu.edu

In-Reply-To: <7.0.1.0.2.20060512132537.04adcec0@mindspring.com>

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Ken Sherrill

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>

From: "Stephen J. Blumberg" <swb5@CDC.GOV>

Subject: Updated estimates about the wireless-only population

Today, the National Center for Health Statistics released the most up-to-date estimates on the size of the population without landline telephones.

These estimates are based on National Health Interview Survey data collected from July - December 2005. These estimates and more will be discussed next Friday afternoon at the AAPOR meeting.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/pubs/pubd/hestats/wireless/wireless2005.htm>

--Stephen--

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From: John Hall <JHall@MATHEMATICA-MPR.COM>
Subject: Position Announcement: Statistical Analyst
Comments: To: aapornet@asu.edu
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Qualifications: Ph.D. in statistics, biostatistics, or an equivalent
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Dear ALL:

Our general travel budget at Queens College and CUNY is \$300 per year per faculty set by union contract. Many academics pay much out of their own way out of pocket, or treat it (as I do) as a cost of their consulting practice.

"It's hard out here for a Prof!!!"

(With apologies to DJ Paul Beauregarde, Jordan "Juicy J" Houston, and Cedric "Frayser Boy" Coleman, as well as to Terrence Howard and Taraji P. Henson from the movie Hustle and Flow.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/It%27s_Hard_Out_Here_for_a_Pimp

Andy Beveridge

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>

From: Nancy Belden <nancybelden@BRSPOLL.COM>

Subject: Native American sample

Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu

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I would like to hear from anyone who has conducted RDD survey work in Montana (or the environs) that included oversampling Native Americans.

Thank you. Nancy

Nancy Belden

Partner, Belden Russonello & Stewart

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From: Colleen Porter <CPORTER@DENTAL.UFL.EDU>
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This has been an enlightening thread, with some thought-provoking =
comments. =20

I thought Alis=FA raised an important issue, and also reading Diana's =
response I find myself asking, What exactly qualifies as data? What does =
it mean to "use" the responses? =20

We have an open-ended question at the end of our health insurance =
questionnaires, and it serves various functions:

1. Check of agenda setting. Are there issues that people consider =
important about their family's health care or health insurance that the =
survey is not currently asking, and could? =20
2. It provides a lot of great quotes. These are used in fact sheets and =
reports; when I wrote about young adults and health insurance, we cited =
percentages of this and that, and could also say that some young adults =
reported delaying marriage (which would cause them to lose mom and dad's =
coverage) or putting off starting a family until they could get adequate =
health coverage, because those observations had been volunteered by =
several people in that open-ended question. The quotes are also used in =
presentations--last year about this time, we were getting ready for the =
annual "Cover the Uninsured Week," and various team members were preparing =
talks for different groups, and asked me for quotes about this or that =
topic (children, small employers, etc.) in order to provide a more human =
voice to the statistics. =20

We did code all the responses after the first survey, but weren't sure =
what we had when we were done, given that it came after the issues that =
were covered in detail by the survey. The analysis was never published, =
and not repeated. =20

Given that lots of anecdotes don't sum to data, I still think we "used" =
the responses. Although some folks have such a pro-quantitative bias that =
they might consider it useless if there isn't a decimal point involved:)

Colleen

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>>> "Lynn, Diana J" <dlynn@FHCRC.ORG> 05/08/06 4:02 PM >>>
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respondents said we should provide space for them to say what they think =
rather than just forcing them into a box, so to speak. We enter the =
comments as text (limited to a certain number of characters) - though most =
don't get used as data. If we find that some veins of comment are =
particularly frequent, we add code to capture them. I think adding =
comment lines to alleviate frustration is a good thing - and as a bonus =
you sometimes get usable data you weren't anticipating.

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

From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of Alis=FA Schoua-Glusbe=
rg
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 10:46 AM
To: AAPORNET@asu.edu=20
Subject: Re: discarding valid questionnaires?

In that same vein, I've always objected to adding a question at the end of
surveys to ask Rs for any comments they would like to make, when the
researchers do not intend to use that answer. Some folks like to add that
question to give Rs the chance "to vent" at the end of the close-ended
interview. Personally I think it's unethical to tell people to open up =
and
tell us stuff that we then discard.

Take care,

Alis=FA

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From: Matthew Jans <mattjans@UMICH.EDU>
Subject: Student Gathering at AAPOR, Friday 8:30 PM

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Students are an integral part of AAPOR, but often don't have the chance to gather and meet as a group. To facilitate student interaction across programs, schools and disciplines, we're going to gather for drink and/or conversation on Friday evening.

Where: Le Belvedere (the hotel bar in the lobby of the Hilton) When: 8:30 PM (just before the pub crawl) on Friday (5/19)

If you're not a student yourself, but have contact with students who will be attending aapor, please pass this on. Hope to see everyone there.

-Matt

PS - Posters with this info will be at the registration desk and on the info board at the conference.

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I won't argue that the reverse bias suggested in the "alternative" poll questions in the Buzz Flash article below is something acceptable to most of AAPOR, but the point--well made--is that biases and assumptions imputed, resembling push polling, aim to program outcomes in advance, not to measure views. The most egregious case of this kind of distortion and manipulation of the public is not the NSA scandal (which

Buzz Flash highlights), but the problem of torture-outlawed by US and International laws under all circumstances, with "no exceptions whatsoever" (1984 Convention on Torture, article 2(2) ratified by the U.S.). Polls can be written to make it appear that Americans support torture, but only by suggesting the ticking A-Bomb or other catastrophic scenario is operative. However, when Retro Poll asked Americans the neutral question, whether or not they support torture as US policy on several polls there was overwhelming revulsion and repudiation of the idea (72% up to 88%, with an average of 80%). The ticking bomb scenario (used recently by the Government to call for death in the Moussawi case) is, of course, disingenuous for one simple reason: no one ever knows if there is a ticking time bomb when they first advocate and carry out torture on God-knows how many innocent or guilty people. To imagine there were foreknowledge of such an impending catastrophe and that there was, in addition, a way to prevent it, is to suggest that the most unlikely of circumstances shall determine the rules of behavior in general, rather than in that particular circumstance, should it ever arise. This is parallel to the NSA eavesdropping net aimed at tracking all phone calls within the US. They aren't looking for something or someone in particular, they are just trolling, looking for anything they can use (or misuse to make their crimes appear defensible). Because polls done with the ticking time-bomb scenario actually got more press than polls that are more generally applicable on the subject, Daniel Ellsberg (of Pentagon Papers fame) recently said to me that Americans now appear willing to let this government torture people, as the Germans did with the Nazis. As I said to him, this just isn't true, but polls--and media misuse of their findings--can make it look true. There has been past criticism on the AAPOR list about the ethical misuse of exit polls by Schoen et al., but the more general problem is not just lurking on the fringes of this profession. Although I'm more politically in tune with Zogby than with some other pollsters, I note some telling criticisms of his allowing purchasing of questions on his polls without thorough vetting of wording by his group. And of course, this selling of questions on polls has become a fairly common practice elsewhere in polling operations. My question to AAPOR is, can the profession maintain credibility with the public if it does not act to raise the ethical bar? On such vital issues to our national future as the eavesdropping (negation of the 4th Amendment of the Bill of Rights) and torture who is to speak out and challenge widely publicized distortions of public opinion methodology if not this organization and its leaders.

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From: Thebuzzflash@aol.com [mailto:Thebuzzflash@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 8:41 AM

To: Thebuzzflash@aol.com

Subject: The Washington Post "Fixes" a Poll to Support NSA Illegalities

<http://www.buzzflash.com/index.php?story=Story2>

Washington Post "Fixes the Polls" for Bush by "Fixing the Questions"

May 13, 2006

A BUZZFLASH EDITORIAL

As the blog Firedog Lake so ably reports, the Washington Post loaded a poll so that it would appear that Americans support illegal domestic spying. The problem is that when you read the poll closely, they only support it when it might lead to apprehending terrorists. As we know, that is the discredited and highly dubious claim being used by the Busheviks to implement their domestic spying program -- and the dismantling of the Constitution in general. So, it is an extremely incompetent, even propagandistic poll.

Why is this Washington Post poll important?

Because the Democrats retreat at the slightest indication that their principled position might not be supported by the American public (although we are dumbfounded that with a president at 29% approval ratings that wouldn't be sufficient proof that the public wants the Democrats to stand up for the Constitution and competency, as well as the rule of law.)

So, as Firedog <<http://www.firedoglake.com/2006/05/12/bush-league/>> Lake astutely observes, the Post poll quickly became the "conventional wisdom" benchmark of the mainstream media and Democratic conventional leadership, even though it never emphasized the real pertinent questions, such as: "If the Bush Administration was using domestic spying for purposes other than tracking Al Qaeda suspects, would you support it?" or "If it was highly unlikely that the kind of domestic spying being used by NSA, including records of virtually every call being made in the U.S. -- including your own, could effectively be used to stop much terrorism, would you support its use?"

Such questions would probably yield the exact opposite of the Post poll. In fact anecdotal information indicates that a landslide of Americans would oppose the current NSA lawbreaking -- authorized by Bush and implemented by General Hayden -- under such circumstances. And, remember, these ARE the circumstances.

Furthermore, the more that is revealed about the NSA wiretapping, the more it is revealed that Bush, Gonzales and Hayden lied about its extent and the illegal nature of the activities. These men broke the law: period. They engaged in criminal behavior, according to Congressional statute. This is what people are tried and go to jail for.

Congress set up procedures, through the secret FISA court, for obtaining eavesdropping and spying warrants -- and the Bush Administration

intentionally broke the law and bypassed FISA. And they aggressively broke the law, as the USA Today story on May 12 reveals.

But the timid Democratic leadership in Congress gets brushed back by such faulty polls and stops counter-messaging the Bush lies. Now, Hayden is going around Congress as if business were usual, continuing to lie, and the illegal Domestic spying continues. Senator Dick Durbin, normally a shining star among the Democrats, even appeared to accept that Hayden "might consider" asking Congress to make legal what the Bush Administration is now illegally doing to violate the Constitutional right of privacy.

That's not a concession, that's an invitation to codify the Politburo tactics of domestic police powers control implemented by the Busheviks.

We have long criticized the Washington Post, despite its occasional exposes, for being a tool of the White House. Their infamous recent editorial, "A Good Lie" not only justified Bush leaking classified information to retaliate against Joe Wilson, but also ignored and misstated facts printed in the news section of the paper on the same day.

Editorial pages should -- the tradition goes -- be independent of the news section, but they shouldn't be blind to facts reported by their journalists. Anyone who still continues to think that the Washington Post is a liberal political party paper as far as partisan politics is dearly misled.

Despite supporting Kerry, it is, on a day to day basis, an enabler of Bush, from the Karl Bernstein hagiographies of Bush and his covering up for their crimes -- to the editorial pages -- to the burying of significant stories on Bush illegalities and failures to the back pages of the front section. The editorial pages may indeed take shots, now and then, at Bush on individual issues -- and it is liberal on gay rights and abortion, but it is politically aligned with keeping Bush in power, because the Republicans are necessary for giving the Washington Post parent company the media consolidation regulations, tax breaks, and regulatory relief that it needs.

Furthermore, the editors and publishers of the Washington Post are of the clubby insider D.C. social/political crowd. They don't want to get their Bushevik dinner mates at socialite events riled up. It's like a country club set.

But, back to the NSA illegal spying -- which is said to be much more extensive than we currently know about. When newspapers across the nation had headlines on Friday such as, "Bush: No Laws Were Broken" (an actual six column headline, above the fold in the Chicago Tribune), then the Bush lie is getting out to millions upon millions of Americans with no strong counterattack of the truth by the Democrats.

That's a damn shame and a betrayal of America.

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From: Robert Godfrey <holbein@CHARTER.NET>
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Comments: To: Marc Sapir <marcsapir@COMCAST.NET>, AAPORNET@asu.edu
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As eRiposte has noted
<http://www.theleftcoaster.com/archives/006769.php>, in a CBS/NYT poll
earlier this year this was one of the questions posed:

In order to reduce the threat of terrorism, would you be willing
or not willing to allow government agencies to monitor the telephone
calls and e-mails of ordinary Americans on a regular basis?

At that time 70% responded "no." A rather strong indication that a
lot has to do with how these particular questions are worded.

This is from WAPO's survey:
http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/politics/polls/postpoll_nsa_051206.htm
taken in one night, on the day the story broke, before most Americans
had a chance to really digest the whole matter. The chattering
classes could feed voraciously on it however, and maybe that's part
of the usefulness of such an endeavor.

But at the same time, we are told in no uncertain terms that "[W]e do
not ask about impeachment because it is not a serious option or a
topic of considered discussion" because no one in the Congress has
called for it. <http://tinyurl.com/g3yv7>

Hmm!

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Jan Werner <jwerner@JWDP.COM>
Organization: Jan Werner Data Processing
Subject: Junk poll reporting
Comments: To: AAPORNET <aapornet@asu.edu>
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On Friday, the Washington Post published a lead article by Rich Morin under the title "Most Americans Support NSA's Efforts" in which it was stated that "63 percent of Americans said they found the NSA program to be an acceptable way to investigate terrorism, including 44 percent who strongly endorsed the effort."

This is deeply misleading. To begin with, it is based on a sample of only 502 people reached during a single day, so it can hardly be called representative, and that particular question was asked at the end of a lengthy interview (question # 45), following two other questions about the whether the government was doing enough to fight terrorism.

Furthermore, the question itself is generic in nature, with no screening to determine whether or not a respondent was even aware of the latest information about NSA activities or had any opinion about them.

As it happens, Newsweek reports today on another poll, conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates over two days, with a sample of 1007, in which 53% say that the NSA's program "goes too far in invading people's privacy" and only 41% see it as a necessary tool for fighting terrorism. Unfortunately, since Newsweek does not provide the full poll results, one cannot judge question wording or placement effects, but it would certainly seem to a more relevant measure of opinion about the public's reaction to the current NSA revelations.

I don't agree with those who seem to think that this is a nefarious plot by the Washington Post to provide support for the administration, but Rich Morin should certainly know better than to affix his name to this kind of shoddy reporting. I guess the main lesson here is that little has changed in the news media since Ben Hecht wrote "The Front Page" over 75 years ago.

Jan Werner

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Jan Werner, among his other criticisms of Rich Morin's column this past Friday, said the following about the question asked by ABC and the WP.

>Furthermore, the question itself is generic in nature, with no
>screening to determine whether or not a respondent was even aware of
>the latest information about NSA activities or had any opinion about them.

Here is what is being called a "generic question."

Emacs!

It appears that ABC/WP asked two questions. The first was the one cited. The second backs up the conclusion from the first. While the numbers may change for a poll done over a longer period, or even a one-day poll done at a later time, the conclusion seems pretty inescapable: By about 2-to-1 the public is not bothered by what the NSA is described as doing in this question. And if it is not exactly 2-to-1 it is a sizeable majority.

warren mitofsky

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From: Leo Simonetta <Simonetta@ARTSCI.COM>
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Poll: 51% oppose NSA database=20
http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2006-05-14-nsa-reax-poll_x.htm
or
<http://tinyurl.com/oe4rl>

By Susan Page, USA TODAY

WASHINGTON - A majority of Americans disapprove of a massive Pentagon database containing the records of billions of phone calls made by ordinary citizens, according to a USA TODAY/Gallup Poll. About two-thirds are concerned that the program may signal other, not-yet-disclosed efforts to gather information on the general public.
POLL RESULTS: NSA database reaction

The survey of 809 adults Friday and Saturday shows a nation wrestling with the balance between fighting terrorism and protecting civil liberties.

By 51%-43%, those polled disapprove of the program, disclosed Thursday in USA TODAY. The National Security Agency has been collecting phone records from three of the nation's largest telecommunication companies since soon after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Most of those who approve of the program say it violates some civil liberties but is acceptable because "investigating terrorism is the more important goal."=20

SNIP

The findings differ from an ABC News/Washington Post poll taken Thursday night of 502 adults. In that survey, 63% called the program an acceptable way to investigate terrorism. The findings may differ because questions in the two polls were worded differently.

Also, the USA TODAY/Gallup Poll includes more respondents - the margin of error is +/-4 percentage points, compared with +/-5 points in the ABC poll - and was taken after Americans had a day or two to hear and think about the program.

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And the Gallup report is available (at least for today) at
<http://poll.gallup.com/content/?ci=3D22789>

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From: "Stephen J. Blumberg" <swb5@CDC.GOV>
Subject: Re: Updated estimates about the wireless-only population

Several list members have e-mailed me indicating that they were having trouble with the long link in my previous e-mail about the new estimates on the size of the population without landline telephones. For those whose browsers cut off part of it, here is the tinyURL:

<http://tinyurl.com/z86zk>

--Stephen--

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The Pew Research Center has just released a report that may be of interest to AAPORites. In conjunction with the Associated Press and AOL, the center conducted a dual frame telephone survey of 1,503 adults, with 752 interviewed in a conventional landline sample and 751 interviewed on their cell phones. In the cell phone sample, 200 respondents had no landline and were thus "cell only."=20

The report shows that overall estimates on social and political questions are largely unaffected when cell-only respondents are blended into the landline sample, and the resulting data are weighted to national demographic parameters.=20

<http://people-press.org/reports/display.php3?ReportID=3D276>

or <http://tinyurl.com/zhu6v>

The PDF version of the report is at:

<http://people-press.org/reports/pdf/276.pdf>

or <http://tinyurl.com/hud64>

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Could anyone recommend a good quantitative vendor in Qatar? We're looking to complete 500 interviews with opinion leaders there.

Thanks,
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From: Ellis Godard <ellis.godard@CSUN.EDU>
Subject: Laura Loony?
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I'm partly surprised that this hasn't been discussed here - and partly cogniscent that perhaps it simply wasn't taken seriously.

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

WASHINGTON (May 14) - First lady Laura Bush said on Sunday she does not believe opinion polls showing her husband's approval ratings at record = low levels.

Interviewed on Fox News Sunday, Laura Bush said she did not think people were losing confidence in President George W. Bush, despite a series of polls showing support for him at its lowest point in his five-year presidency and among the lowest for any president in the past 50 years.

"I don't really believe those polls. I travel around the country. I see people, I see their responses to my husband. I see their response to = me," she said.

"As I travel around the United States, I see a lot of appreciation for = him.

A lot of people come up to me and say, 'Stay the course'."

Many recent polls have put Bush's job approval rating below 35 percent. =
One,
the Harris poll, published last Friday, measured his approval at 29 =
percent,
the first time any survey has put his support below the 30 percent mark. =
Two
other polls published last week put his job approval at 31 percent.

In a separate interview on ABC's "This Week," Laura Bush said her =
husband's
popularity was suffering because the country had been through a =
difficult
year.

We've had a very, very difficult year, starting with the hurricane last
September, but already because of the terrorist attack in 2001 and then =
the
war on terror since then," she said. "He's the one that has to make the =
hard
decisions. And, of course, they don't please everyone."

Mrs. Bush complained that when her husband's popularity was high, =
newspapers
did not put that on the front page. Now it was low, they took great =
delight
in highlighting the fact.

Asked if she thought the media had been unfair, Mrs. Bush said: "No, I =
don't
think it's necessarily unfair. I think it's just, you know, I think they =
may
be enjoying this a little bit."

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In trying to learn more about Montreal I stumbled across this and thought I'd share it with the group. We don't have any activities scheduled there, but it looks like a beautiful place if you have some free time. If nothing else, the website itself is beautiful.

http://www.lemontroyal.qc.ca/en_index2.html

Looking forward to seeing you all in Montreal.
Kenneth Steve
AAPOR CO-SAC

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From: Patrick Ehlen <ehlen@STANFORD.EDU>
Subject: Re: Laura Loony?
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
In-Reply-To: <009401c67854\$357601f0\$6a682@Mobel>
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I'm afraid this article reflects a crick in the neck of survey research tha=
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can never be righted by improved methodology.

"Denial ain't just a river in Egypt."
-- Mark Twain

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Smith-Tom <smitht@NORC.UCHICAGO.EDU>
Subject: General Social Survey
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
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There's a new web page that directs people to the major web sites where data and documentation about the General Social Survey can be found:

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<http://gss.norc.org>

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Jim Whaley <jwhaley@GAZELLEGLOBAL.COM>
Subject: Re: Laura Loony?
Comments: To: Michel Rochon <mrochon@SURVEYSAMPLER.COM>, AAPORNET@asu.edu
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Blame it on the Media Consultants..... =20

She knows the truth... =20

JRW

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Public appearances by presidents have slowly morphed into carefully orchestrated "photo opps" before pre-screened audiences. It's a wonder the President and his wife EVER hear a discontented voice. =20

Maybe the goal has just been to give them plausible deniability!?=20

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Michel Rochon <mrochon@SURVEYSAMPLER.COM>
Subject: Re: Mount Royal Park
Comments: To: "Steve, Kenneth" <Kenneth.Steve@NIELSENMEDIA.COM>, AAPORNET@asu.edu
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Mount Royal park is indeed beautiful. Their web site tempts one to visit. The park was designed by FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED who drew the design plans in an age where he was considered the most famous landscape architect in North America.=20
This of course is the same FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED who designed Central Park in New York.

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To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
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In trying to learn more about Montreal I stumbled across this and thought I'd share it with the group. We don't have any activities scheduled there, but it looks like a beautiful place if you have some free time. If nothing else, the website itself is beautiful.

http://www.lemontroyal.qc.ca/en_index2.html

Looking forward to seeing you all in Montreal.
Kenneth Steve
AAPOR CO-SAC

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Reply-To: jwerner@jwdp.com
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Jan Werner <jwerner@JWDP.COM>
Organization: Jan Werner Data Processing
Subject: Re: Junk poll reporting
Comments: To: Warren Mitofsky <mitofsky@MINDSPRING.COM>
Comments: cc: AAPORNET@asu.edu
In-Reply-To: <7.0.1.0.2.20060514080549.04968930@mindspring.com>
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Looking at this, I realize that AAPORNET stripped out the attachment, so others may not have seen the questions you mentioned, so here they are:

45. It's been reported that the National Security Agency has been collecting the phone call records of tens of millions of Americans. It then analyzes calling patterns in an effort to identify possible terrorism suspects, without listening to or recording the conversations. Would you consider this an acceptable or unacceptable way for the federal government to investigate terrorism? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Acceptable -----		----- Unacceptable -----		No	
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly opin.
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46. If you found out that the NSA had a record of phone numbers that you yourself have called, would that bother you, or not? IF YES: Would it bother you a lot, or just somewhat?

	-----Yes-----					
	NET	A lot	Somewhat	No	No opin.	
5/11/06	34	24	10	66	*	

As I stated in my original message, I consider the first of these (Q45) to be generic. It does not ask whether a respondent is aware of the NSA fracas, which had only been revealed that very day, or even knows what the "National Security Agency" is, so there is no way to know what the response relates to, or even if the respondent saw this as a real or a hypothetical situation.

But more important, you left out the two preceding questions:

43. As it conducts the war on terrorism, do you think the United States government is or is not doing enough to protect the rights of American citizens?

	Is	Is not	Doing too much (vol.)*	No opin.
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44. What do you think is more important right now - (for the federal government to investigate possible terrorist threats, even if that intrudes on personal privacy); or (for the federal government not to intrude on personal privacy, even if that limits its ability to investigate possible terrorist threats)?

	Investigate threats	Respect privacy	No opin.
5/11/06	65	31	4

Even if one believes that questions 20+, let alone 40+ in an RDD telephone interview have much validity at all (and I have serious doubts), this provides a classic example of context priming.

I don't believe that anyone was deliberately trying to get a desired result here, or at least I hope not, but they couldn't have done a worse job if they had tried. And even if the questionnaire had been properly designed, this kind of quick and dirty RDD poll conducted within hours of a news event qualifies as a "junk poll" in my book.

Since then, polls from both USA Today and Newsweek (owned by the Washington Post) show majorities of 51% and 53% respectively disapproving of the NSA surveillance program, further negating the results of the Washington Post poll.

Jan Werner

Warren Mitofsky wrote:

- > Jan Werner, among his other criticisms of Rich Morin's column this past
- > Friday, said the following about the question asked by ABC and the WP.
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- >> Furthermore, the question itself is generic in nature, with no
- >> screening to determine whether or not a respondent was even aware of
- >> the latest information about NSA activities or had any opinion about
- >> them.
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- > Here is what is being called a "generic question."
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- > Emacs!

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> It appears that ABC/WP asked two questions. The first was the one cited.
> The second backs up the conclusion from the first. While the numbers may
> change for a poll done over a longer period, or even a one-day poll done
> at a later time, the conclusion seems pretty inescapable: By about
> 2-to-1 the public is not bothered by what the NSA is described as doing
> in this question. And if it is not exactly 2-to-1 it is a sizeable
> majority.
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From: Richard Rands <rrands@CFMC.COM>
Subject: ATM's in Montreal
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
In-Reply-To: <0BA5A3ACC0EAB94E9BA0B59E5DB4B6CA32B358@exchangeasde.ASDE.1ocal>
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Hi folks,
This is an alert to those of you going to Montreal from the U.S. We arrived this afternoon and discovered that the typical ATM machine will not accept U.S. cards. The one at the airport accepts cards upside down, but when you get to the final step, it tells you your bank is unavailable. There were several of us trying to get the machine to work, but it wouldn't accept any of our cards.

On to the hotel. The ATM in the lobby refused every card we tried

and we had the same results with the ATM just outside the entry level. The receptionist explained that the machines usually only accept local cards. We were directed to go down into the shopping mall in the bowels of the hotel complex where there is a bank of ATMs associated with a bank. There we were able to get cash.

Directions: As you enter the hotel at the main entrance and go up the stairs, before you enter the alcove where the elevator to the reception level is located, make a right turn through the glass doors. There is an ATM just inside to the right, but it wouldn't give us any cash. Go left instead and then left again at the end of the corridor. Continue into the large reception area and just before the exit to the street, turn left again and go down the escalator and through the doors into the shopping area (Starbucks, etc.) Jog to the right and left and you will eventually encounter a bank of ATMs on the left. Those worked for us!

Good luck.

Richard

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The following is what that junk polling covers over.

Secret Gov't Source Tells ABC News: "Get New Cellphones"
By Frank James
The Chicago Tribune

Monday 15 May 2006

ABC News has a very disturbing report today, at least for reporters and anyone else who believe that whistleblowers serve an important role in safeguarding American democracy.

On its blog, The Blotter, ABC News reports that a senior government source has told its reporters that the reporters' phone calls with sources are being tracked by the U.S. government "to root out confidential sources."

I hasten to say I don't have independent confirmation of the ABC News report. But I thought it was something readers of The Swamp would find interesting. The item follows.

Federal Source to ABC News: We Know Who You're Calling

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From: Claire Durand <Claire.Durand@UMONTREAL.CA>
Subject: Chronique You are almost here
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
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>Hi everybody,

>You are almost here and some have indeed arrived. First question : the=20
>weather. After 4 full days of rain, weather reports predict rain or at=20
>least clouds for the rest of the week. The problem: These days, their=20
>predictions are as good as electoral polls. So, just in case, some indoor=
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>activities.
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>- Besides the museums =96 do not forget the museum of modern art (Musee=20
>d=92art contemporain) which is the largest in Canada =96, you may just take=
>=20
>the metro and go to station PieIX (Pie is the French for Pius, i.e., the=20
>pope) and you are at the Olympic Park. There you can visit the biodome.=20
>You can also have a walk in the greenhouses of the Botanical Garden and=20
>you can go up in the Tower observatory.
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>Best,
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>See you
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>P.S. I am very very surprised of the ATM problem. I had friends coming=20
>from many places, including Europe, and they never had any problem with=20
>ATM. Almost for sure, it was a temporary problem. If not, the ATMs that=
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>are bank-related should do the job.
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Claire Durand

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Question 44. "What do you think is more important right now - (for the federal government to investigate possible terrorist threats, even if that intrudes on personal privacy); or (for the federal government not to intrude on personal privacy, even if that limits its ability to investigate possible terrorist threats)?"

Some 65% said investigate possible terrorist threats was more important while 31% said privacy was more important. Note that the operative term for 65% was "to investigate terrorist threats". And, many of those may have become committed.

Then ABC asked Question 45 "It's been reported that the National Security Agency has been collecting the phone call records of tens of millions of Americans. It then analyzes calling patterns in an effort to identify possible terrorism suspects, without listening to or recording the conversations. Would you consider this an acceptable or unacceptable way for the federal government to investigate terrorism?". About as many

- 63% - said this was acceptable as said important before - 65%.

The ABC questions above seem more specific about "possible terrorist threats" and to "identify terrorism suspects".

The Newsweek and Gallup polls below focused more on descriptions of the NSA surveillance process - not "terrorist threats" and "suspects".

Newsweek Poll. May 11-12, 2006.

"As you may know, there are reports that the NSA, a government intelligence agency, has been collecting the phone call records of Americans. The agency doesn't actually listen to the calls but logs in nearly every phone number to create a database of calls made within the United States. Which of the following comes CLOSER to your own view of this domestic surveillance program? It is a necessary tool to combat terrorism. It goes too far in invading people's privacy." Necessary tool 41%. Goes too far 53%

Gallup Poll May 12-13

2. "As you may know, as part of its efforts to investigate terrorism, a federal government agency obtained records from three of the largest U.S. telephone companies in order to create a database of billions of telephone numbers dialed by Americans. How closely have you been following the news about this?"

Very closely Somewhat closely Not too closely Not at all
No opinion

2006 May 12-13 28 39 20 12 *

3. "Based on what you have heard or read about this program to collect phone records, would you say you approve or disapprove of this government program?"

Approve Disapprove No opinion
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From: "Butterworth, Michael" <MXB@CBSNEWS.COM>

Subject: Re: Weather? Re: ATM's in Montreal

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From: Doug Henwood <dhenwood@PANIX.COM>
Subject: Re: Weather? Re: ATM's in Montreal
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
In-Reply-To: <s469a017.020@mail.dental.ufl.edu>
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Alas, I won't be in Montreal, but when I was there last summer, I had no problems with ATMs anywhere - or in Quebec City either. This report really surprises me.

And for a weather forecast, try
<<http://weather.yahoo.com/forecast/CAXX0301.html>>.

Doug

Colleen Porter wrote:

>Thanks for the tip. I was hoping that someone up there (Richard,
>Claire, whoever?) can give us the latest on the weather? I understand
>the prediction of rain through Saturday, since that symbol is universal,
>but wasn't so sure what a high of 15 meant. I am guessing a raincoat
>might be helpful.

>
>Also, what is the current thinking on the status of the Fun Run--is
>this an all-weather event, or might it be cancelled in the case of rain
>(deciding which shoes to bring)?

>
>Thanks,
>Colleen

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>>>> Richard Rands <rrands@CFMC.COM> 05/15/06 11:17 PM >>>

>Hi folks,
>This is an alert to those of you going to Montreal from the U.S. We
>arrived this afternoon and discovered that the typical ATM machine
>will not accept U.S. cards. The one at the airport accepts cards
>upside down, but when you get to the final step, it tells you your
>bank is unavailable. There were several of us trying to get the
>machine to work, but it wouldn't accept any of our cards.

>
>On to the hotel. The ATM in the lobby refused every card we tried
>and we had the same results with the ATM just outside the entry
>level. The receptionist explained that the machines usually only
>accept local cards. We were directed to go down into the shopping

>mall in the bowels of the hotel complex where there is a bank of ATMs
>associated with a bank. There we were able to get cash.
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>Directions: As you enter the hotel at the main entrance and go up
>the stairs, before you enter the alcove where the elevator to the
>reception level is located, make a right turn through the glass
>doors. There is an ATM just inside to the right, but it wouldn't
>give us any cash. Go left instead and then left again at the end of
>the corridor. Continue into the large reception area and just before
>the exit to the street, turn left again and go down the escalator and
>through the doors into the shopping area (Starbucks, etc.) Jog to
>the right and left and you will eventually encounter a bank of ATMs
>on the left. Those worked for us!
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>Good luck.

>Richard

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Laura Bush's comments remind me of my own personal experiences with many Republicans, especially those to the far right, of which we have many here in Atlanta. They simply refuse to believe polling results which are less than positive about Bush, his administration, or the

Republican agenda. These same people also discounted Bill Clinton's positive ratings while president. Some even expressed wonderment as to how we could possibly measure public feelings about political issues based on samples of only about a 1000 or so....and these are not stupid people. They're just extremely uncomfortable and become very defensive when their basic beliefs/ideology are challenged or questioned.

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I'm out of the office at the AAPOR conference and will return on Monday May 22nd. If you need immediate assistance, e-mail Director of Operations Chad Harris at chad@cerc.net or call the office at 619-702-2372.

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Kelly Foster <kfoster@CUIOG.UGA.EDU>
Subject: Question about getting from Montreal Airport to the hotel...
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Hi everyone. Please forgive me if this question has been asked already or if the information is provided somewhere and I am just blind and cannot find it.

I was wondering what sort of transportation is set up for travel from the Montreal airport (Trudeau) to the hotel? I know last year in Miami that there were some taxi/vans that AAPOR had something set up with and I was wondering if there was something similar. I am flying up tomorrow morning and wanted to have an idea of what to expect.

Thanks for your time.

~Kelly

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Thanks for info in advance.

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The cab drivers take US currency and credit cards. Just be sure to ask them whether they are quoting the fare in US or Canadian.

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The column below discusses one night quick polls. Some comments are pretty good. There is one more reason for doing these polls that did not get mentioned. These polls inhibit the tendency by reporters to "make-up" the public's reaction to an event. When reporters do not have a poll they create what they think is public opinion based on their reporting. A careful reading of almost any paper will show reporting of public opinion in the absence of a poll. This neither represents public opinion, nor is it very useful. These one night polls are nothing more than the instant reaction to an event. That reaction is soon modified after news reporting and personal discussion among peers about the event. But it is very useful to have these polls to temper the reporting.
warren mitofsky

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Parsing the Polls: The Impact of Insta-Polling?

"I love this mania which has swept through American media today which substitutes polls for coverage of substance. There's, I'm sure, going to be a special Betty Ford addiction for those that are addicted to regular poll numbers, but you'll work your way through it." -- White

House Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove
(<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/05/15/AR2006051501217.html>) May 15)

Don't be so sure. Polling -- by newspapers, television stations, party committees, blogs -- has become a mainstay of the political debate. Everyone from reporters to politicians to casual observers has come to depend on hard numbers to back up their hunches.

So central to politics has polling become (a development The Fix, for one, cheers) that as soon as an event ends, we want numbers to gauge how people reacted. Take <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/05/15/AR2006051500618.html> President Bush's <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/05/15/AR2006051500618.html> speech last night on illegal immigration. Though the address concluded around 8:30 ET, the <http://i.a.cnn.net/cnn/2006/images/05/15/top13-may15-2006.pdf> Opinion Research Center (on behalf of CNN) put out a slew of phone calls to measure the immediate response to the address.

The survey tested 461 adults who, when interviewed for a CNN poll last week, said they planned to watch the speech and agreed to be interviewed again after it. The sample's composition (according to the voters' own identification) was 41 percent Republican, 23 percent Democratic and 36 percent independent.

The results painted an extremely optimistic picture for the president, with 79 percent saying they had a "very positive" or "somewhat positive" reaction. Just 18 percent had a negative reaction.

While 42 percent of the sample said they had a generally positive view of the "policies George W. Bush has proposed on immigration" before the speech, 67 percent felt positively after his remarks. Negative views dropped from 38 percent before the speech to 27 percent after.

The jump in support reflects similar gains in CNN polling conducted right after other major speeches by this president. For example, 75 percent of watchers had a very or somewhat positive reaction following the 2006 State of the Union speech; 86 percent reacted positively following the 2005 version of that address; while 92 percent viewed the now-infamous "<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/05/20030501-15.html> Mission Accomplished" speech positively immediately after it was delivered.

Seeking to find answers about how much (or little) credence we should put in such polls, The Fix sought out several of the nation's leading survey research scholars to get their opinions.

By and large, the experts said these insta-polls (for lack of a better word) are interesting but ultimately not predictive of any long-term trends. "They are of limited value because there's a fair

body of public opinion and communications research that shows that on many topics ... the measurement of quick public opinion often differs from what we might call measured public opinions," said Michael Traugott, a research professor at the University of Michigan.

Andy Kohut, president of the Pew Research Center, cited a survey he conducted for Newsweek immediately following the U.S. invasion of Grenada in 1983. "People hadn't thought about and hadn't been affected by the way the story was unfolding," Kohut recalled. As a result, the poll "completely underestimated" the boost the invasion had for President Ronald Reagan, he added.

There are several reasons why these insta-polls should not be used to draw sweeping conclusions, which, in fairness, neither they -- nor the pollsters behind them -- claim they do.

First, according to Post assistant polling director Claudia Deane, the group of people who watch a speech and then participate in a survey about it are not necessarily representative of the voting public at large. As noted above, the immigration-speech sample had significantly more Republicans than Democrats, who are significantly less likely to watch an address from the president -- no matter the subject -- and therefore would not be eligible.

"[When] assessing reaction immediately after a televised presidential speech, you have to take into account who was watching and whether there are differences between watchers and non-watchers," said Traugott.

The second major caveat offered by survey research experts is that public opinion often doesn't crystallize until people have had a chance to absorb the media's coverage of the event, discuss it with friends and attempt to square it with any previous knowledge they might have on the topic. If, for example, an influential party leader comes out against a proposal made by the president two days after the speech, it could have a considerable impact on how voters eventually perceive it.

A final warning concerns the difficulties of attaining a national sample in the hours following a presidential address. Since Bush began speaking at 5 p.m. on the West Coast, there is a distinct possibility that many in the Pacific time zone did not have a chance to watch him live, as they were either still at work or commuting home.

Does that mean these polls have no use? No. They provide instant reaction to major policy addresses on issues of the day. Like most elements of politics, the key to understanding and interpreting them is to put them in the proper context.

Drawing conclusions about whether immediate positive response to Bush's immigration address means he is on the political comeback is a fool's errand. But, the positive response does show that for those who chose to watch Bush's remarks, he effectively conveyed his message.

Agree? Disagree? Use the comments section to offer your own thoughts.

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AAPOR's New York Chapter will be holding a couple of events in Montreal this week, and we wanted to extend an invitation to all interested AAPOR members to join us.

First we'll be raffling off three free items at the New Members/All Chapter reception at the Hilton tomorrow evening: a lunch with our outgoing chapter president, Warren Mitofsky; an ABC News studio tour; and a copy of "The Rational Public" signed by its co-author and our incoming vice president and president-elect, Bob Shapiro. Better yet, paid new members who join the chapter at this event will get a free drink voucher redeemable at our reception later Thursday at the Hilton bar.=20

We'll then convene at the bar after the plenary and dessert to welcome our new Council members and share the NYAAPOR spirit.=20

Again, all are welcome, and we hope to see you there.

Best regards,

Gary Langer, incoming president, NYAAPOR
Anthony Salvanto, incoming membership chair

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It's even worse than anecdotal sampling -- she is referring to a different population than the one being polled. The fact that audiences that the President (and First Lady) address are heavily screened so that they only include people who have a favorable opinion of them has been widely reported (even by Fox News -- see <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,153720,00.html>). Therefore, it's not surprising that the people Laura Bush encounters have a favorable opinion

of her husband since they have been selected on that basis and are therefore guaranteed not to be representative of the broader US population.

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Dear Colleagues,

The attached Federation Newsletter contains an alert that is of interest to all of us. The Senate Commerce Committee is going to vote TODAY, May 18, on an amendment to a funding bill that would direct NSF not fund any programs in the social, behavioral, and economic sciences. If your senator is on the committee (see the list in the Newsletter), please call him or her with a request to vote No on the Hutchison amendment. Note that two possible presidential candidates, Kerry and McCain, are on the committee. They should be interested in calls from all voters.

Thanks,

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ALERT TO VOTE "NO" ON HUTCHISON AMENDMENT: PLEASE HELP ASAP!

PLEASE FORWARD THIS MESSAGE AS YOU SEE FIT?

As most of you know, and as covered in last week's Federation newsletter, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) has been strongly suggesting, in various places, that the National Science Foundation should limit its funding to certain sciences, and has expressed some strongly negative opinions of the behavioral and social sciences. While a number of advocacy groups in DC are working on this issue (those in the biological, behavioral and social science arenas primarily), something has arisen suddenly that we could use your support on ASAP!

If your Senator is listed below, please contact that person TODAY regarding a proposed amendment by Hutchinson that would instruct the NSF to fund only the "physical sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics." This amendment will be taken up tomorrow, Thursday, May 18 when the Senate Commerce Committee marks up S. 2802. In opposition, Senator Lautenberg (D-NJ) will offer an amendment that would eliminate any language prescribing research priorities to the NSF. Of course we know that "cherry picking" which sciences should be funded at NSF is NEVER a good idea, and we expect that all in the science community will stand with those of us who are currently in the "endangered" sciences' list. When you call your senator's office:

ASK YOUR SENATOR TO VOTE "NO" ON THE HUTCHISON AMENDMENT AND VOTE "YES" ON THE LAUTENBERG AMENDMENT.

Senators on the Senate Commerce Committee are listed below. (IMPORTANT: If you do not live in one of those states, but you have colleagues who live there, please forward this message to them with haste):

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While an email or fax would be good, it would be great if you would call and talk to the staff and/or leave a message. It would be terrific if you would let me know if you made the call and how it transpired, just for our purposes here in DC.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP! MORE INFO AND AN UPDATE WILL APPEAR IN THE FEDERATION NEWSLETTER ON FRIDAY, MAY 19.

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: John Stevenson <stevens@SSC.WISC.EDU>
Subject: New Positions at The University of Wisconsin in Madison
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Hello,

I am contacting you to tell you about several positions that have opened at the UW Survey Center. These positions are for newer professionals, but have excellent growth opportunities. We are looking for people to manage projects, do survey layout and design, provide programming and data delivery, and to supervise some complex interviewer interaction and occupation coding projects.

We are looking to hire researchers who are organized, motivated and enthusiastic about conducting social science research.

The University of Wisconsin Survey Center has enjoyed steady growth for the past several years. It is well established. In its 20th year of operation, it is currently under the Direction of Professor Nora Cate Schaeffer. The University of Wisconsin has an extremely high quality division of social sciences, and a large and growing population health program. We are looking to add staff to help with our growing workload.

Would you please post and share this with people that you think might be interested.

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Andrew A Beveridge <andy@TROLL.SOC.QC.EDU>
Subject: FW: [Fwd: FW: Compromise 307 U.S. Senate re NSF]
Comments: To: Soc List Serv <qcsoclis@qc.edu>,
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Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2006 1:05 PM
To: Andrew Beveridge
Subject: [Fwd: FW: Compromise 307 U.S. Senate re NSF]

fyi Herb

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Subject: FW: Compromise 307 U.S. Senate re NSF
Date: Thu, 18 May 2006 18:33:20 +0200
From: David Stark <mailto:dcs36@columbia.edu> <dcs36@columbia.edu>
Reply-To: David Stark <mailto:dcs36@columbia.edu>
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To: SOC-GR-FAC@CUVMC.AIS.COLUMBIA.EDU

Senators Hutchison and Lautenberg agreed to a compromise that restores a place for social science funding at NSF. See below from ASA.

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Cc: Sally T. Hillsman; Carla Howery; Johanna Olexy; Roberta Spalter-Roth;
Jean Shin
Subject: FW: Compromise 307
Importance: High

Dear All,

As of this morning, the "dogs" are being called off regarding calls to the Senate Commerce Committee, regarding S. 2802, because Sen. Hutchison and Sen. Lautenberg agreed to compromise language in the bill that restores a rightful place for behavioral and social sciences within NSF's portfolio (see attached). (See background at <http://www.asanet.org/page.wv?section=Advocacy&name=Social+Sciences+Under+Attack>)
<http://www.asanet.org/page.wv?section=Advocacy&name=Social+Sciences+Under+Attack>). The community is urged now to send brief letters expressing appreciation to both senators for this achievement. ASA thanks the sociological community for its help.

Lee

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Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2006 11:46 AM
To: 'Kelly, Heather'; Geoff Mumford; Lee Herring; BWanchisen@fbpcs.org;

'John Wertman'; Will Morgan; Arnita Jones; Bill Smith; 'Carl Monk (E-mail)';
Doug Richardson; Elizabeth Martin; Felice Levine; 'John Hagen (E-mail)';
John Siegfried; 'Ken Pigg (E-mail)'; Margaret Reynolds; Mary Ann McCabe;
Michael Brintnall; Myron Gutmann; Richard Bennett; Roger Smitter; 'Ron
Pipkin (E-mail)'; Sally T. Hillsman; Steve Breckler
Subject: FW: Compromise 307

Thanks for all your help. Letters of appreciation to Sens. Lautenberg and
even to Sen. Hutchison.

Howard

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

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-j

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: John Nienstedt <john@CERC.NET>
Subject: Re: Question about getting from Montreal Airport to the hotel...
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I'm out of the office at the AAPOR conference and will return on Monday May
22nd. If you need immediate assistance, e-mail Director of Operations Chad
Harris at chad@cerc.net or call the office at 619-702-2372.

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Emilia Petrova <emilia_petrova@YAHOO.COM>
Subject: Coming back from Montreal
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
In-Reply-To: <19742.67.70.246.226.1147970600.squirrel@webmail.ssc.wisc.edu>
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Just a quick note as this was rather unexpected for me
- you will go through US Customs and passport check in
Quebec, not the US, so plan accordingly.

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Colleen Porter <CPORTER@DENTAL.UFL.EDU>
Subject: Icebergs and Toothpicks
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
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For me, one of the enduring images of this year's AAPOR conference came out of the Friday morning session on Designing Questions II, which I was privileged to chair. Karen Bogen of UMass-Boston was the discussant, and she made some insightful comments, closing with a picture of large icebergs (representing the challenges we sometimes face in survey

research), and finally a photo of some wooden toothpicks, including some that seemed worn or splintered.

She suggested that toothpicks represent the tools we use to chip away at the icebergs, or at least that is how it feels sometimes. When I stepped back up to the podium, I reached out to turn off the powerpoint...and then decided to leave that image of the toothpicks up there during the questions/discussion time.

In the days that followed, I heard other folks using that analogy in their conversations, "Well, it's the toothpicks again...all that effort for a 2 percent increase in response!"

So I thought I might explain the term, in case anyone wonders what people were talking about:)

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Operations Director

Princeton Data Source LLC=20

Full-Time Position =20

Relevant Work Experience: 5 years=20

Career Level: Experienced

Minimum Education: Bachelor's

Category: Telephone Interviewing

Location: US-Fredericksburg, VA

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Job Description:=20

Princeton Data Source (PDS) is seeking an experienced, highly motivated individual to run our single location 90-seat telephone interviewing operation, working closely with a personnel director and a technical director. The work is both challenging and interesting. PDS provides data collection for Princeton Survey Research Associates International, one of the most respected public opinion polling firms in the country. Research projects include high profile surveys about politics, the media, health care, technology, social trends, and related issues. =20

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Core Responsibilities:

- * Understanding each research project=92s objectives and developing approaches and strategies to meet their needs=20
- * Communicating work assignments to interviewers, supervisors, and programm=ers
- * Managing sample to balance the competing goals of data quality and interviewer productivity=20
- * Coordinating multiple projects simultaneously to ensure they are completed on schedule and within budget
- * Problem solving when projects do not run according to plan
- * Training and developing staff =20
- * Monitoring and ensuring the quality of interviewing=20

Position Requirements:

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- * Substantial knowledge of survey research methods is essential
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Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
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This is a posting for a colleague who requests contact information from researchers with experience in carrying out tourism surveys, especially internationally. Reply to scheuren@aol.com.

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From: "Ehrlich, Nathaniel" <Nathaniel.Ehrlich@SSC.MSU.EDU>

Subject: Re: Poll: 98% Of Attendees Felt it Rained Too Much

Comments: To: Leo Simonetta <Simonetta@ARTSCI.COM>

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Ehrlich, Nathaniel wrote:

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>they differed from the official vote count, and either the polls were wrong,
>or the vote count was wrong.

Am I remembering wrong, or doesn't the US, when it's acting in the role of missionary of democracy, view any discrepancy between vote counts and exit polls as evidence of fraud in the count? Why would that rule apply abroad but not at home?

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I realize NOW that Leo Simonetta was quoting a journalist, not making a statement on his own. I apologize for the confusion.

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Leo always finds the good stuff. But I take exception to Rosenbaum's assertion that the claim of fraud in Ohio distills down to an argument over the exit polls. Ohio is perhaps the one state where there was the strongest evidence of vote manipulation (fraud, intimidation, and unethical conduct both legal and illegal) totally unrelated to polls. It's not part of the AAPOR paradigm or the Montreal conference, but by reducing the issue to interpretations of the exit poll results in an NPR report, Rosenbaum is stunningly disingenuous and misleading.

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May 22, 2006 * Marc Rosenbaum, a senior editor at NPR and one of the guys who pays lots of attention to polls, just got back into town from a conference on polling and sent this in:

I am just back from a very rainy long weekend in Montreal, site of the 61st annual conference of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, or AAPOR (pronounced A-por). AAPOR membership comprises social science academics, opinion pollsters, like Pew and Gallup, and assorted journalists, like yours truly. The conferences are generally fun as well as interesting, because the characters who attend are smart and tuned in, and the shop talk is often provocative. The unrelenting rain kept us all pretty much indoors, which, of course, was good for attendance at the conference's various panels (for better or for worse).

There were a lot of technical panels, most of which I did not attend. I did go to a lot of others, though (did I mention it was raining the whole time?), and here are some highlights of those:

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One last thing: There also was a session called, "Who Really Won the Election 2004?" This was an opportunity for the cyber-active bloggers who think the Ohio vote was somehow fraudulent to present their best

case. They didn't. Their presentations were confusing, if not incoherent to this listener, and they all seemed to boil down to one complaint: namely, that the vote totals didn't match the exit polls. The problem with that argument is that if you can give good reasons why the exit polls were wrong in Ohio (and there are many), their entire complaint disappears.

I have to say, though, that I did see the respondent in that panel, who gave a thoughtful and coherent critique of the vote-fraud proponents, chatting for hours one evening with one of the presenters. It's the good thing about a conference like this, even when it rains.

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Nathaniel, et al.,

As Warren and others have explained over and over again, the raw data *have=
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Center, the ICPSR or both. What is *not* publicly available is the precinct

information, and for a very good reason that any ethical survey researcher will readily understand (here I hasten to add that I am not suggesting that anyone is unethical, but only saying that Edison/Mitofsky *are* ethical). Many of the smaller precincts had rather small numbers of individual respondents to the exit poll. The poll measured variables such as age and sex, which, when matched with the publicly available voter registration lists would *very* easily match individual voters to their responses on the exit poll. No ethical survey researcher would dream of making that information publicly available. This is not rocket science, folks! It has been explained endlessly here and elsewhere.

Having said that it would be helpful to us all if Edison/Mitofsky could set up some sort of controlled environment in which the skeptics could go for a limited amount of time, with appropriate protections for respondent anonymity. Don't get me wrong -- I think that the authors of the first paper are actually quite delusional and would not be convinceable no matter what data analysis they could run or have access to. Steve Freeman, however, is more "reality-based" and might actually change his tune. The point is that it's really not a fair "fight" as long as only one side of the debate has access to the precinct information. And lack of access to the precinct-level information has fueled conspiracy theories of its own.

I enjoyed the panel and thank David Moore and AAPOR for setting it up and helping with the costs for two of the panelists (one on each side) who otherwise would not have been able to attend. The presenters on the conspiracy-theory side would benefit from some workshops or short courses on how to present data -- you can't run through 50+ power point slides in 15 minutes; especially if many contain complicated charts and tables and others contain several paragraphs of text in 14-point font.

In any case, Warren's and the others' presentations last year convinced me as much as I needed to be convinced. If there's any way that a file with precinct-level data could be made available on a limited, controlled, basis, with all appropriate protections of the respondents, I think that might (finally!) put this to rest once and for all. But perhaps that makes me delusional. ;)

Thanks again to everyone involved!

-- Joel

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Jennifer-

The Gallup Panel might be able to help. The demographics don't specifically include motherhood, but it does include gender, children under 3 in household, and employment status. That should help with screening. =20

Since it is an RDD recruited panel the samples are all probability-based. Let me know if you're interested.

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I have been asked to post the following question:

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Sorry to be back again to the LIST so soon, but I got another question that a colleague wanted help on. My apologies, in advance, for cross listing. Respond to me please directly and I will pass on the answers.

Thanks, Fritz

PS The earlier help on the tourism survey inquiry was great and is now being processed by the sponsor who may be getting back to some of you.

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If you are interested in possibly being a reviewer, please reply with your areas of interest and contact information. (I'll also take suggestions for books that we might review.) If I have a book that might interest you

I will contact you, let you know more details about how the review process works and you can decide if you want to do a review.

Please also forward this request to anyone else you know who would be interested. Thanks and looking forward to hearing from you!!

Also thanks to all for a stimulating and interesting conference again this year -- I enjoyed it, as always!

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For those of you who did not get enough at the national AAPOR =
Conference, the New York Chapter of AAPOR has three upcoming events that =
we would like to announce.

6/1 - Evening Session "Two New Surveys on Cell Phone Usage."=20
6/14 - Outstanding Achievement Award presentation to The Roper Center =
for Public Opinion Research=20
6/15 - "Meet the Masters" afternoon workshop.=20
Please visit our website, <www.nyaapor.org>, for information on all =
upcoming events. I have also included details on each of the events =
below.

I encourage all AAPOR members who will be in the New York area to attend =
these informative and hopefully entertaining events.

Event #1

"Two New Surveys on Cell Phone Usage"=20
THURSDAY, June 1=20
6:00 - 8:00 PM=20
(Refreshments from 5:30 - 6:00 PM)=20
Fordham University=20
60th Street and Columbus/9th Avenue=20
McMahon 109 (Follow Signs After Front Desk)=20
(Alternative entrance at 155 West 60th Street)=20

Please join us for an informative and newsmaking session presenting two =
new surveys on cell phone usage!=20

The Associated Press, AOL, and the Pew Research Center will share =
results from their March 2006 survey of 1,503 U.S. adults - 752 from a =
conventional landline sample and 751 from a national cell telephone =
number database. The study gauges the effect of including cell-only =
persons on estimates of Congressional vote preference and support for =
policies such as legalizing gay and lesbian marriages.

Edison Media Research will share results from studies conducted in the =
U.S. and the U.K. with a focus on the pros and cons of making a cell =
phone a primary media measurement device. The study has findings on =
current carrying and usage behaviors, as well as other issues relating =
to the suitability of cell phones as media measurement devices. Data =
from a parallel study by London-based Continental Research will be =
presented for comparison to the UK market.

Panelists=20

Courtney Kennedy is a project director at the Pew Research Center in =
Washington, D.C., and a graduate student at the Joint Program in Survey =
Methodology. She has co-authored articles and book chapters on election =
polling, RDD telephone survey methodology, and U.S. political behavior.=20

Trevor Tompson, Manager of News Surveys at The Associated Press, manages =
public opinion research projects, national and international, for AP, =
the world's oldest and largest news organization. Prior to joining AP, =
he held positions with Ipsos and NORC and was director of surveys at =
Voter News Service.

Larry Rosin is President and co-founder of Edison Media Research. Over =
the last 12 years, Edison has become one of the world's most respected =
media research companies. Edison, in partnership with Mitofsky =
International conducts U.S. exit polling and election projections for =
the National Election Pool.

ATTENDANCE IS BY ADVANCE RESERVATION ONLY.=20

This meeting is FREE to current, student, HLM (Honorary Lifetime), and =
first-time NYAAPOR members who sign up for a new membership at the =
event.

All other non-members: \$20.=20

RSVP: Rosemarie Sharpe by Wednesday, May 31 (MGMTOFFICE@aol.com, =
212-684-0542)=20

Event #2

"End-of-the-Season Celebration"

Wednesday, June 14=20

6:00 - 8:00 PM=20

(Refreshments from 5:30 - 6:00 PM)=20

Fordham University

60th Street and Columbus/9th Avenue

McMahon 109 (Follow Signs After Front Desk)

(Alternative entrance at 155 West 60th Street)=20

Join us for the last evening session of the season as we introduce the =
newly elected NYAAPOR Council for 2006-2007 and present the NYAAPOR 2006 =
Outstanding Achievement Award to The Roper Center for Public Opinion =
Research!

We are proud to honor The Roper Center with the prestigious NYAAPOR =
Outstanding Achievement Award on June 14th. As The Roper Center enters =
its 60th year, it continues to maintain the largest archive of survey =
research and public opinion data.

Please join us for a relaxed evening of fun and tribute to one of the most valuable institutions in the field of public opinion research. The award will be accepted by Roper Center Officers, Lois Timms-Ferrara and Marc Maynard.

Warren Mitofsky, President of Mitofsky International and President of NYAAPOR will present the introductory remarks. Founded in 1947 by Elmo Roper, the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research is the leading educational facility in the field of public opinion. The Center exists to promote the intelligent, responsible and imaginative use of public opinion in addressing the problems faced by Americans and citizens of other nations. In an increasingly complex and interdependent global environment, the Roper Center hopes to foster increased international understanding and to promote cross-national research. Through the maintenance of the world's largest archive of survey data, and through its programs of publication, presentation and advanced research, the Roper Center strives to improve the practice of survey research and the use of survey data in the United States and abroad. The roster of organizations now contributing data is a virtual "who's who" of contemporary opinion research. Several thousand polls taken in some 70 foreign countries are also housed in the Center's library. By constantly adding to the domestic and international collections of survey data, the Roper Center maintains what is by far the most complete collection of public opinion information in existence.

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Event #3

"Meet The Masters"

Learning Survey Research From Top Practitioners

THURSDAY, June 15

10:00 - 4:00 PM

(Lunch Break from 12:30 - 1:30 PM)

Columbia University

707 International Affairs Building

420 West 118th Street

(corner of Amsterdam & West 118th Street)

NYAAPOR is pleased again to offer one of our most popular workshops, designed for beginning and experienced researchers alike. This all-day seminar allows participants to learn about survey research straight from some of its most eminent pioneers and practitioners.

Topics will include:

- * "Defining the Issues" - Harry O'Neill, former Vice Chairman, Roper Public Affairs & Media, NOP World
- * "Sampling 101" - Warren Mitofsky, President, Mitofsky International
- * "Choosing a Method" - Barry Feinberg, Executive Director, GfK Custom Research
- * "Asking Questions" - Maureen Michaels, President, Michaels Opinion Research
- * "Fielding the Study" - Maureen Bonner, Northeast Regional Manager,

National Opinion Research Center=20

* "Analyzing and Reporting the Findings" - Gary Langer, Director of =
Polling, ABC News=20

This seminar offers an inspiring look at the survey research process for =
students and beginning researchers. In addition, more experienced =
researchers will have the opportunity to learn unique insights into the =
process from our distinguished presenters. Comments and questions will =
be welcomed during each session. A brownbag lunch will be served.

PREPAID FEES: Members (NYAAPOR individual) \$110; Non-members \$140; =
Student members \$60; and Honorary Lifetime Members \$75.

Fees at the door are \$15 extra!

Sorry, no refunds - but you can send someone in your place!

Please forward a check (payable to NYAAPOR) by June 13th to:

Rosemarie Sharpe, NYAAPOR Secretariat=20

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You may also register at (212) 684-0542, mgmtoffice@aol.com =

<mailto:mgmtoffice@aol.com>, or <http://www.nyaapor.org>.

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Hi everyone,

I posted this a few months ago and it is still open. The job is in
Washington, DC.

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Position Summary

Manages the Workforce Program which includes the conduct of major surveys, preparing data, working on special studies decided by CEPA, producing articles and reports, and interacting with other ACS divisions, departments, governance as well as outside agencies. Serves as liaison to the ACS Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs Subcommittee on Surveys. Provides data and trend analysis based on available data to other interested ACS staff, governance groups, or outside organizations. This position reports directly to Assistant Director, Department of Member Research and Technology.

Department of Member Research and Technology

The mission of the Office of Member Information is to research and maintain statistics on ACS members relative to workforce and employment trends; design and implement studies to determine member satisfaction with programs, products and services; and develop and maintain a member-centric website for the Membership Division.

Dimensions: The 2005 budget for the Membership Division is over \$50 million.

Work Design: Works under general managerial direction on goals and objectives that have a significant impact on the organization. Works with unit objectives and expert knowledge as guidance. Develops systematic solutions for highly complex problems. Uses analytical, interpretive, evaluative and/or constructive thinking to reach solutions.

Position Accountabilities

1. Serves as the workforce/employment data expert for the Membership Division.
2. Manages the conduct of annual surveys.
3. Works on special studies for CEPA.
4. Produces articles, reports, and presentations on workforce issues.
5. Produces special reports, makes presentations, and writes and edits articles for other groups within and outside ACS.
6. Serves as liaison to the CEPA Subcommittee on Surveys.
7. Prepares and maintains Workforce budget.
8. Serves as Commissioner to the Commission on Professionals in Science and Technology.

Education/Experience/Technical Requirements

Master's degree in social sciences or related fields; 7+ years of related experience. Survey research experience required. Must have knowledge of basic statistics and quantitative research methods as well as experience

with SPSS or SAS. Ability to plan, organize, and carry survey and analysis projects and associated administrative tasks. Knowledge of and interest in salary and employment workforce issues and research is desirable. Proficiency analyzing data from federal sources is required. Must possess excellent oral and written communication skills, statistical analysis/methodological skills, ability to read and write statistical syntax, computational software skills.

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Subject: KIIS summer omnibus survey
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The price of one closed question is \$260.

More detailed information and discounts you will find on our site:
<http://www.kiis.com.ua/index.php?id=13&sp=3&lng=eng>

We would be glad to cooperate with you.

Sincerely yours,

General Director, professor
Volodymyr Paniotto

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I am wondering whether the e-mail recently sent on behalf of Kiev International Institute of Sociology (see e-mail below) represents an appropriate use of the AAPOR listserv.

I see the AAPOR listserv existing for the purpose of advancing a sense of community among AAPOR members. Therefore, using the listserv to disseminate interesting news or to share opinions pertinent to the research profession certainly constitutes appropriate use. Likewise, reaching out to the listserv membership with a request for help, such as asking for referrals to providers of focus group, data collection, or

other research/public opinion related services, are certainly consistent with this mission. Similarly, members of the listserv who respond to postings asking for recommendations, even if they do so on behalf of their organization, seem to be operating within the spirit of the listserv. But I am not sure "unsolicited broadcast" advertising that blatantly fishes for business, as this e-mail message does, is the type of purpose for which we want the listserv to be used.

I would be interested in what other members of the AAPOR listserv think about this issue.

Regards,

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Outside Voices: Mark Blumenthal Tries To Demystify The Meaning Of Media Polls

<http://www.cbsnews.com/blogs/2006/05/26/publiceye/entry1658217.shtml>

<Specifically the polls on the NSA phone records>
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Colleagues,

I am writing a grant proposal to work with an established PAPI student survey that historically has been implemented as a anonymous census of students in selected grades. For the next round of the survey I am proposing to do a telephone follow-up interview with a sample of students' parents in four of the districts that participate in the survey. I would like to be able to link the parent and student data together.

Does anyone have experience with this type of data linking or with using an ID system to do this? Alternatively, does anyone know of good sources for parent contact information besides schools themselves? Our experience has

been that schools are very reluctant to provide any information on parents/guardians.

Thanks!
--Matt

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Mark Blumenthal's relearning of the effects of different formulations of questions is useful, but might go even further to recognize that the timing of a poll (and a few other features) can also produce quite different results. Given polls on any issue, but especially a new one, we should all keep in mind the old verse about the Elephant, a copy of which can be found at:

http://en.wikisource.org/wiki/The_Blindmen_and_the_Elephant

Just substitute "attitude" for "theologic" in the last stanza. hs

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I would appreciate learning of substantive studies that have compared the results from standard attitude surveys with results using some other systematic method such as content analysis, systematic social observation, laboratory experimentation, etc.--regardless of whether or not the comparison shows conclusions from the two approaches to be consistent or inconsistent or somewhere in between. Comparisons of surveys with purely qualitative investigations are also of interest, though more difficult to assess. -Howard Schuman

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<Possibly my favorite AAPORnet posting subject - Though my first thought was that AAPOR Conferences had changed significantly since I last attended>

Sex, Booze & Surveys: Journos Gone Wild
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/05/28/AR2006052801122.html>
By Howard Kurtz
Washington Post Staff Writer
Monday, May 29, 2006; C01

Call it binge journalism, as out of control as a crazed keg party.

"Girls Behaving Badly," said the Louisville Courier-Journal.

SNIP

The breathless coverage was fueled by a survey of college women and graduates under 35, released in March by the American Medical Association. Some 74 percent said women use drinking as an excuse for outrageous behavior. Fifty-seven percent of women agreed that being promiscuous is a way to fit in, while 83 percent said they had friends who drank most nights while on spring break.

At the risk of spoiling the fun, it must be noted that this poll had zero scientific validity.

For starters, it was an Internet survey of women who volunteered to participate, not a poll relying on randomly selected respondents -- even though the AMA mentioned a "margin of error" common to such polls.

SNIP

As first reported by the Mystery Pollster blog, which covers debates about the field, Cliff Zukin, president of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, has dismissed the survey as scientifically useless.

"I think it's irresponsible to put that in the public domain," says Zukin, a Rutgers University professor. "There is no scientific basis. I don't trust those numbers. . . . It's silly and it shouldn't have seen the light of day."

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Regards,
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I found this article in Research Magazine, a UK publication. I thought I'd pass it on for your perusal.

Research tool predicts victory for Gore in 2008 US election

<http://www.research-live.com/index.aspx?pageid=30&e=t&newsid=1965>

Regards,
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From: "Voigt, Lynda" <lvoigt@FHCRC.ORG>
Subject: proportion of cell numbers embedded in thousand block with
COC=EOC & SSC=N

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Does anyone have an estimate of how many cell phone numbers are embedded in thousand blocks with COC=3DEOC and SSC=3DN? I just need a ballpark estimate.

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thanks!

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Approximately what proportion of telephone numbers in "PMC" thousand blocks are assigned? Approximately what proportion of these numbers are used for primarily for business and not personal use?

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Hey Mickey,

I ran into this issue when I was polling at VCU and doing a lot of contract work. There are legitimate demands for a census -- apparently, there is a requirement that Virginia municipalities do a school census every few years, where every household is contacted to see if they have kids etc.

But others wanted this kind of thing too. My solution was to do two surveys -- a rigorous sample survey plus a census of the rest of the population.

Draw a sample the way you would for a good scientific study. Plan to do follow up contacts with non-respondents, etc. Get a good response rate, or whatever good means anymore. But send a form to everyone else. No obligation to do postage paid return envelopes, though you could if the budget permits, and no follow-ups -- but this gives everyone a chance to weigh in. Put more open-ended questions on this form so you can get good qualitative info. Tell everyone that their opinion and experiences count, and that you will read every response and incorporate a summary of it all into your report.=20

This allows you to concentrate your resources on the scientific part of the study for estimating things like willingness to pay for improvements, opinions of town services, etc. But it also gives the whole population the feeling that their views were valued. The response rate from the rest will be low so there won't be so many to read, but you can weave a lot of them into the report and provide the rest to the town leaders for their perusal.

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Dear All:

We recently conducted a national opinion poll that received considerable media attention, as did the AMA "survey." I was heartened that = producers and reporters at ABC News and AP asked good, substantive questions about = the methodology. In fact, ABC News wanted considerable written detail about = the methodology before reporting the poll on its Website or during = newscasts.

That said, several news outlets seemed to misreport, or maybe even = twist, the results to fit their own agendas. Some asked no questions about methodology whatsoever, nor did they report anything about it. Heck, a = few did not even give us the credit for the survey which leads me to a = question.

Are journalists required to give credit to the polling organization for = a poll they conducted, much like they must do to photographers for a = picture that appears in the paper? For example, Time Magazine, used a stat from = our poll in their "Numbers" column, but cited AP rather than our company. = What are your experiences with these things? =20

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<Possibly my favorite AAPORnet posting subject - Though my first thought was that AAPOR Conferences had changed significantly since I last attended>

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<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/05/28/AR2006052801122.html>
By Howard Kurtz
Washington Post Staff Writer
Monday, May 29, 2006; C01

Call it binge journalism, as out of control as a crazed keg party.

"Girls Behaving Badly," said the Louisville Courier-Journal.

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The breathless coverage was fueled by a survey of college women and graduates under 35, released in March by the American Medical Association. Some 74 percent said women use drinking as an excuse for outrageous behavior. Fifty-seven percent of women agreed that being promiscuous is a way to fit in, while 83 percent said they had friends who drank most nights while on spring break.

At the risk of spoiling the fun, it must be noted that this poll had zero scientific validity.

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Like one of your other correspondents, we encountered a similar situation in El Cerrito, California. For political reasons, the City wanted to include everyone; we wanted to use a scientific random sample. The "compromise" was to do both, with an RDD telephone survey and a mailing in the City newsletter to all households - about 12,000.

Those who responded to the mail survey were noticeably older, more affluent, and more educated; they were also more likely to be registered to vote. There were statistically significant differences in certain responses between the mail and RDD survey. Eventually, the City accepted the telephone survey results as being more likely to be accurate.

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The AP stylebook has an excellent section on "polls and surveys."
Number one on the list is, "Who did the poll?" But of course that
answer could be

- the person/group paying for it
- the people designing/managing it
- the fieldhouse doing the actual implementation

The other thing is the use of primary and secondary sources. A straight
news story should acknowledge who is doing it, at least one of those
listed above. Traditionally, something like "Numbers" or an editorial
or local broadcast news is more likely to use a secondary source, and
just cite the news source where it first appeared (the implication being
that if it was good enough for the AP or whoever, it is good enough to
cite again, which may or may not be well founded).

As a newspaper editorial writer, my target was 450 words for a weekday
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- the person/group paying for it
- the people designing/managing it
- the fieldhouse doing the actual implementation

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