Hello,

I was wondering if anyone knew of any good sources or information on research in the area of biotech? I am particularly looking for past studies on how people use information technology to advance work in biotech (either IT as a research aid or as an aid in organising and analysing information).

Many thanks and Happy New Year to All.

Sarah

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Jan,=
Thank you for making this info available. I had missed the profile. I'm delighted to come back to it. As you say it reminds us all of the magnitude of the loss we experienced.

Michel Rochon

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Just learned sad news of Marty Lipset's death, after long siege. =
Funeral
tomorrow. Elihu Katz

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Call for entries for 2006 Iowa Gallup Award

Iowa City, IA - The 2006 Iowa Gallup Award for Excellent Journalism Using Polls will be selected in the spring of 2007 from among nominees provided by those in the fields of journalism and professional polling. The call for entries is open until March 1, 2007. To be eligible for the Award, entries must be an original story published, broadcast, or placed on-line between Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2006.

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Marty was a much warmer, more personable, more interesting individual than the tone of this article suggests. As one of my most memorable mentors at Columbia I will always cherish my memory of him.

Dick

January 4, 2007

Seymour Martin Lipset, Sociologist, Dies at 84

By Douglas Martin

Seymour Martin Lipset, who ignored family pressure to be a dentist and instead became a pre-eminent sociologist, political scientist and incisive theorist on American uniqueness, died on Dec. 31 in Arlington, Va. He was 84.

The cause was a stroke, his wife, Sydnee, said.

Mr. Lipset’s convictions were shaped early, in the cauldron of leftist politics in New York City in the 1930s, a time when his poor immigrant family urged him to study dentistry in order to take over his uncle’s lucrative practice. Instead, as a young Trotskyist at City College, he became fascinated with the question of why the United States never had a major socialist party.

As he metamorphosed from political partisan to social scientist, his quest for an answer to that question logically followed and resulted in dozens of books and hundreds of articles. He became known for his argument that America’s ideology of individualism precluded socialism in the European form.

Francis Fukuyama, the political philosopher, wrote in 1997 in The New York Times Book Review that Mr. Lipset’s insights into ways that America was different from other nations made him
most thoughtful contemporary authority on American exceptionalism.

Martin Walker, a British journalist writing in The Washington Post’s Book World in 1996, suggested that Mr. Lipset addressed really interesting questions that seldom occurred to other Americans. Among them: Why you exhibit almost Iranian levels of religiosity, why Canada is so different, and why you hate turning out to vote but so enjoy joining voluntary organizations.

Ultimately, he became a leading expert in democracy, social stratification, modernization, public opinion, the sociology of intellectual life and many other subjects. He abandoned his socialist ideology in favor of rigorous intellectual methodology, much of which he developed.

He became active in the conservative wing of the Democratic Party and was one of the first intellectuals to be called a neoconservative. His involvement in Jewish affairs increased as he aged: he was president of the Faculty Advisory Committee of the United Jewish Appeal and other Jewish groups.

Mr. Lipset’s career was geographic as well as intellectual. He occupied prestigious academic positions at Columbia, Berkeley, Harvard, Stanford, George Mason, the Hoover Institution and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

He was the only person to be president of both the American Sociological Association and the American Political Science Association.

His Political Man: The Social Bases of Politics (1960) became a basic text in political sociology, sold 400,000 copies, was translated into 20 languages and was a finalist for the National Book Award.

In 1987, Michael Rogin, the political scientist, called Mr. Lipset the most eminent living American political sociologist.

Mr. Lipset’s father, a printer, and his mother, a seamstress, came to New York from czarist Russia. They moved to the Bronx six months after Seymour was born in Harlem on March 18, 1922. After one year at the College of New York, he dropped his interest in

dentistry in favor of history =AD =93fortunately for=20
my prospective clients,=94 he wrote in the Annual Review of Sociology in= 1996.

In that article, he wrote about meeting Gen.=20
L. Powell, then chairman of the=20
the general that they had both been born in=20
Harlem, grown up in the Bronx and graduated from City College.

=93I did not add what was more relevant, that he=20
joined the Reserve Officers Training Corps, while=20
I joined the youth section of Young People=92s=20
Socialist League, Fourth International.,=94 wrote=20
Mr. Lipset, who remained a socialist through graduate school.

Mr. Lipset studied with students who would also=20
become great figures in intellectual circles,=20
including Irving Howe, Daniel Bell, Nathan Glazer and Irving Kristol.

Mr. Lipset=92s first wife, the former Elsie Braun,=20
died in 1987. His survivors include their sons,=20
David, of St. Paul, Minn.; and Daniel, of=20
Cambridge, Mass.; their daughter, Carola Lipset,=20
of Palo Alto, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

When his surviving wife, the former Sydnee Guyer,=20
asked which of his intellectual heroes=92s portraits=20
he wanted for his office, Mr. Lipset mentioned=20
Carl Hubbell, the New York Giants=92 star pitcher,=20
before Alexis de Tocqueville, to whom his work often referred.

For the last years of his life, his wife said,=20
Mr. Lipset was thought to be unable to speak=20
because of the effects of an earlier stroke, at=20
least until a visitor mispronounced the name of=20
Jacques Derrida, the influential French=20
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In interviewing medical and dental residents and faculty, we found a similar pattern—they have time for such research after finals and clinics close.

Knowing your audience is critical in so many ways.

Colleen

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4) Anything you write or say to them should stress from the beginning (and as many times as possible) that a) you know they're really REALLY ALL the time busy but b) they are the only ones who can help you.

5) Give them money.

6) Keep the interview short.

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Mike Flanagan <MFlanagan@GOAMP.COM>
Subject: Job Opportunity No. 2
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Reply-To: Kathleen Tobin-Flusser <Kathleen.Tobin-Flusser@MARIST.EDU>
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Kathleen Tobin-Flusser <Kathleen.Tobin-Flusser@MARIST.EDU>
Subject: CALL FOR NOMINEES: AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON PUBLIC POLLS
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=UTF-8
Description

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Responsible for managing the operations of the facility including: scheduling, supervising the staff, recruiting, training and performance management.

Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in Statistics, Marketing, Sociology, Psychology, Economics, Communication, Political Science or comparable field preferred with 3-5 years of experience in research and data analysis.

* High proficiency using statistical software (SPSS, SAS, Stata), MS Word, MS Excel, MS Access, and MS PowerPoint required.
* Must have demonstrated experience managing multiple projects from initialization to completion, meeting tight deadlines while managing all elements of research projects (logistics, timelines, working with clients, etc.).
* Two-three years supervisory experience with the ability to communicate with tact and diplomacy required.
* Must have the ability to lead well while creating a high quality and respectful work environment.
* Must be available to work irregular hours (nights/weekends) as needed.

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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: A plea for subject lines that evade spam blockers
Every spam blocking program I know of allows you to create a "whitelist" of senders that should not be considered spam, and many will even create such a list automatically from your email address book. Just adding "AAPORNET@asu.edu" to your whitelist will accomplish what you want.

Jan Werner

Woody (Ellwood) Carter wrote:
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My apologies for the poor subject line. I found it ironic that, given the nature of my post, I would be struggling with how exactly to address the subject. My first attempt was, "To whom it may concern ..." I suppose that would have been equally poor with regards to your SPAM software.

Assuming you are using outlook to read your email, you can go to Tools, Rules and Alerts, and create a rule such that anything from AAPORnet gets sent to a different folder. My folder is called AAPOR. I prefer this to digest form as I find it easier to track what I want and delete what I don't.

That having been said, I would like to take this opportunity to redirect folks to the original post. If you dismissed it due to the subject line, please take a look. If you've deleted the post and would like to read it, let me know and I'll forward it to you in an email.

Thanks again.

Best Regards.
Ken =20

-----Original Message-----
From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of Woody (Ellwood) Carter
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2007 5:39 PM
To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
Subject: A plea for subject lines that evade spam blockers

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Leo Simonetta <Simonetta@ARTSCI.COM>
Subject: Common Sense on the Census - A NY Times editorial
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
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Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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Common Sense on the Census

OR
http://tinyurl.com/y6v9w5

Published: January 9, 2007

Last November, the director of the Census Bureau, C. Louis Kincannon, and the deputy director, Hermann Habermann, abruptly decided to quit, acknowledging tensions with their bosses in the Bush administration but giving no other details. Both men are statisticians who had served in their positions since 2002 and, before that, had decades of experience as civil servants.
The leadership problems - on top of severe budget cuts - threaten to throw the preparations for the 2010 census into disarray. At stake is the accuracy of the next count and, with it, the legitimacy of important decisions that are rooted in the census, including the drawing of electoral districts and the allocation of government resources.

SNIP

Carlos Gutierrez, the secretary of commerce, should be pounding the tables in Congress to get this money; failure to do so would suggest that the administration is trying to undermine the census. For his part, Mr. Bush must swiftly nominate a new director - a nonpartisan, professional statistician with solid management experience.

Mr. Kincannon has graciously agreed to remain until his replacement is confirmed, but moving forward requires a new director. For the deputy director position, administration officials must resist any temptation to make a political appointment and should choose instead a top-notch statistician from the bureau's career ranks.

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Sender:       AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From:         Annette Jackle <aejack@ESSEX.AC.UK>  
Subject:      Call for papers: Survey Evaluation Methods Using Behaviour Coding and Sequence Analysis

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Session at the Second Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), Prague, 25 - 29 June 2007
http://easr.sqp.nl/esra/conferences/2007/  
Organised by SC Noah Uhrig and Emanuela Sala, University of Essex, UK
Please send queries and abstracts to scnuhrig@essex.ac.uk by 23rd February 2007.

Sequence Analysis (SA) is a method of studying any ordered run of items, the chemical strings that comprise DNA, for example, as well as human interaction. That is, the verbal utterances between people that form a conversation can be treated like an ordered set of events. Data for SA of verbal interaction are derived from categorising the utterances through a procedure called Behaviour Coding (BC) a data reduction technique unlike coding verbatim responses to open-ended survey items. Survey researchers currently use rudimentary frequency analysis of behaviour coded interviews to identify questions that are problematic to administer and/or answer. This approach might be limited. First, analytically it ignores the interactive nature of the interview. Second, behaviour coding itself is marked by strong debate over what behaviour to code and the categorisation schemes to use. Our proposed session focuses on Sequence Analysis and Behaviour Coding of interviews with a view toward improving data quality.

Sequence analysis to examine interviewer-respondent interactions is innovative.

We welcome papers which may include, but are not limited, to the following themes:
(i) Current methodological issues in Behaviour Coding and the analysis of resulting data.
(ii) How Behaviour Coding and Sequence Analysis might illuminate the nature of interviewer-respondent interaction.
(iii) How Behaviour Coding and Sequence Analysis might inform policies that improve data quality.

We would be grateful if you might also bring this call for papers to the attention of your colleagues.

Regards,
SC Noah Uhrig and Emanuela Sala

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I have a manager whom I'd like to send for training in conducting depth interviews. Does anyone know of a good source for this? I was surprised to see that Burke did not offer something relevant.

Thanks.
CALL FOR INVITED PAPERS

International Conference on Survey Methods in Multinational, Multiregional and Multicultural Contexts (3MC)

June 25 - 29, 2008

Berlin, Germany

As part of an ongoing effort to promote quality in multipopulation surveys and to raise the level of methodological expertise in various applied fields of comparative survey research, an International Conference on Survey Methods in Multinational, Multiregional and Multicultural Contexts will be held June 25 - 29, 2008 in Berlin, Germany.

This conference will bring together researchers and survey practitioners concerned with survey methodology and practice in comparative contexts. It will provide a unique opportunity to discuss and present research that contributes to our understanding of survey needs and methods in cross-cultural and cross-national contexts. Conference contributions will help document current best practices and stimulate new ideas for further research and development.

We invite all interested researchers and practitioners to submit abstracts to be considered for Invited Papers. An accompanying edited volume presenting state-of-the-art research and practice will be published with John Wiley & Sons. The expectation is that Invited Papers become chapters in the edited volume.

Abstracts should be between 700- 1000 words. The deadline for submitting abstracts is Friday, 2 March, 2007. They can be submitted at the CSDI * website (http://www.csdi-workshop.org ); there you will find a link to the 2008 3MC conference under EVENTS.

If you have questions related to submitting an abstract, please contact Janet Harkness at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, jharkness2@unl.edu and copy to eu-centre@zuma-mannheim.de.

Unless advised otherwise, we will pass on abstracts which cannot be accepted as Invited Papers to have them considered as Contributed Papers at the conference. The first individual call for Contributed Papers at the conference will follow in late spring, 2007.

*CSDI is the acronym for the International Workshop for Comparative
Survey Design and Implementation, which heads the initiative for this conference. CSDI meets every year for an annual workshop. More information is available on the CSDI website (see above).

PRELIMINARY OUTLINE OF CONFERENCE SESSIONS

The following is a list of possible topics under large headings planned for the conference sessions and the monograph. These may be expanded and re-organized, depending on submissions. Some overlap of sub-themes at this preliminary stage is intentional. Those submitting abstracts are not required to indicate where they think their abstract might "fit".

Theory and Methodology for Comparative Studies

* Theories of comparability
* Evidence-based approaches to comparability

Models of Study Designs, Organizations, and Goals

* social surveys: values, opinions, behaviors
* establishment surveys
* cohort studies and panels
* labor force surveys
* short term economic indicators
* marketing surveys
* social indicators
* aggregation of regional data
* human capital and competencies
* health surveys
* cognition, education and personality instruments
* international web studies
* mandatory surveys

Multilingual, Multicultural Issues

* global measurement and local cultures
* institutions, gatekeepers, respondents
* communication across and between cultures
* language and measurement
* instrument comparability
* written and oral forms of instrument translation
* developing and testing multilingual instruments
* forms of instrument adaptation
* monitoring translation quality
* official version approval

Instrument Design

* instrument design models
* instrument development and pretesting strategies
* accommodating language and culture in questionnaire design
  * question content and format
  * question meaning and context
* response processes; response, disclosure and culture=20
* data collection modes and design=20
* visualization, navigation and presentation=20

Study Implementation, Quality and Improvement

* quality assurance and quality control=20
* survey operations and error structures (process data)=20
* infrastructures and management issues=20
* external and internal design tensions=20
* standardization and local realizations (what can vary and what cannot)=20
* input and output harmonization procedures=20
* assessing survey measurement capability=20
* sampling=20
* expertise and standards=20
* applications of ISO standard on market opinion and social research=20
* resources and funding (studies, monitoring, and methods)=20
* data capture and data processing=20
  * coding=20
  * estimation and weighting=20
  * editing and imputation=20

Knowledge Management and Dissemination

* knowledge management in surveys=20
* documentation as design and process quality tool=20
* classifications=20
* survey process data=20
* metadata, paradata, context data=20
* archives and databases=20
  * dissemination=20
  * public use data files=20

Analysis and Validation

* measurement strategies=20
* measurement difficulties=20
* measurement models=20
* units of analysis=20
* bias and error=20
* house effects (countries and houses)=20
* response conversion=20
* secondary analysis and analysts=20
* meta-analysis=20

Data Collection in Complex Comparative Contexts

* organizing and building fielding structures=20
* ethics=20
* recruiting, assigning, and training interviewers=20
* sample management=20
* collecting data=20
  * nomadic populations=20
  * rural populations=20
  * undocumented populations and accommodations=20
  * conflict-torn and fragile states=20
  * ethnic minority populations=20
  * populations on reservations, in refugee camps, etc.=20

Data Collection Programs and Surveys and Data Access in Developing Countries

* data access=20
* capacity-building=20
* educational indicators=20
* health indicators=20
* economic indicators=20
* social indicators=20
* epidemiological studies=20
* governance indicators=20
* political indicators=20
* attitudinal indicators=20
* price comparison indicators=20
* using informational databases=20

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the polling companyT, inc., a full service market research, public affairs and political consulting firm headquartered in Washington DC, is looking to hire a project manager/director.

Job Description: The employee will be involved in all stages of project development and execution, and the position entails the following components:

(1) management and oversight of current and future projects;
(2) development of original proposals, research program design, sample and questionnaire construction, data analysis, and report writing for quantitative and qualitative research;
(3) direction of focus groups and other qualitative research exercises
(4) communication with sample providers, field houses, and other vendors as needed to conduct quantitative research projects;
(4) supervision of 3-5 members of the research staff;
(5) maintenance of existing clients relations to ensure that current client's research objectives are being fully achieved and cultivating new clientele;
(6) experience with federal government contracting a plus.

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Qualifications: Applicants should have 5+ years experience in the survey research field, be able to manage several tasks at the same time, supervise a dedicated team of analysts and project managers, and willing to work in a small group environment. The applicant must have a strong methodological background and advanced knowledge of various research methods as well as extensive knowledge of SPSS, MS Word, Excel and Internet applications. Candidate must be willing to work in a fast-paced office. Strong writing skills, command of the English language, and statistical knowledge is a must. Candidate must have Bachelor's degree, and higher education a plus. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience.

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I took a fantastic class on individual interviewing and focus groups
with Liz Spencer, but it was at the Essex Summer School in Colchester,
England, a little far to send someone for training.

Miriam Gerver
Washington, DC
On 1/9/07, AAPORNET automatic digest system <LISTSERV@lists.asu.edu> wrote:
> Date: Tue, 9 Jan 2007 10:13:55 -0700
> From: Mike Donatello <mike@DONATELLO.US>
> Subject: Depth interviewer training
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> I have a manager whom I'd like to send for training in conducting
depth interviews. Does anyone know of a good source for this? I was
surprised to see that Burke did not offer something relevant.
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> Thanks.
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> Director, Research
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Someone has a new book out - he was also on the Today show yesterday AM
(see what I go through for this list!)

Is a troop surge an escalation?
In his new book, 'Words That Work,' Frank Luntz studies language's power

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/16545845/

(From this URL you can run the video of his appearance or read an
excerpt from the book.)

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of Leora Lawton
> Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2007 10:15 PM
> To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
> Subject: frank luntz on Fresh Air
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> advertising (an industry which pays my bills), I'd say his field is
> marketing. =20
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Good afternoon:

I just went onto the AAPOR website to use the response rate calculator. Can someone help me? I just tried to put my dial disposition for a project on there and I have a number of refusals. Now I don't know if the refusals are eligible or not. They refused before passing any screens. The problem is that the refusal category is in the eligible range and there is no refusal category under refusal unknown eligibility or any way for me to categorize.
the refusals in a way that is fair. If I put them under all eligible, =
they are not, then the eligibility will be incorrect.

What is the correct way to use the response rate calculator in this
instance?

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I have a pressing need for survey software that can provide
automatically synchronized aural and visual animation/cueing so it can
be used to allow illiterate sample populations to self-administer an
interview. Once upon a time in the distant past (circa 1997), such
software was produced (e.g., Sawtooth Technologies' Sensus Q&A) and I
used it successfully for self-administered interviewing among a sample
population with high incidence of illiteracy.

But one of the unfortunate consequences of the proliferation of the
Internet is that such applications have disappeared from the market,
replaced by user hosted or ASP enabled web-survey software (e.g.,
Sawtooth Technologies now offers a product called Sensus or, originally
in earlier releases, Sensus Web as an example of the user hosted version
and companies like BayaSoft do the ASP thing). Such software cannot do
what Sensus Q&A could do without highly customized programming using a
technology such as Flash or Shockwave, and even then aural/visual
synchronization might be problematic even under the (dubious) assumption
that all potential users have high speed Internet connectivity (e.g.,
DSL, cable, T1, T3, S3).
I have plenty of time to solve the web-implementation problem, but I need a standalone (web or non-web) application that can do it right now for a pilot. Does anyone have an old copy of Sensus Q&A lying around that they could allow me to borrow/use (Sawtooth Technologies claims it does not have any copy of that application and will no longer support it in anyway so borrowing it for a short use is perfectly legal)? Alternatively, does anyone know where I can buy an old copy of Sensus Q&A?

Regards,
Jonathan

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Rachel Davis <reda@UMICH.EDU>
Subject: Advice on Digital Recording Equipment?
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
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Hi -

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Thanks!

Rachel

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We use a RadioShack product. It's right here -- says Cat. number 43-1237 on the back. It connects between the handset and the recorder.

We like it fine.

Even with digital recording you are not talking about hi-fidelity over a phone line. My tip: always remember to turn up the volume on your telephone to max if it has a volume controller.

Allan Rivlin  
Peter D. Hart Research

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From: arobbin <arobbin@INDIANA.EDU>
Subject: Re: Advice on Digital Recording Equipment?
Comments: To: Allan Rivlin <arivlin@HARTRESEARCH.COM>
Comments: cc: AAPORNET@asu.edu
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I just bought an Olympus VN3100-PC digital voice recorder and also an accessory labelled "Telephone Recording Device" (TP7) through amazon.com, after examining all the recorders and accessories at the Olympus web site and reading a lot of reviews. We will be testing the recorder and all the accessories next week, so I can report findings to you.

I agree with Allan: do not expect hi-fidelity, just good enough so that transcription will not be a strain. From the reviews of the various Olympus products I examined, it appears that some of the reviewers are singers who need to know what they sound like and were, depending on the product, unhappy with the playback sound. The reviews appear to indicate, however, that recording sound is much better after loading the files into the computer than it is when playing it back the digital recorder.

On Thu, 11 Jan 2007, Allan Rivlin wrote:

> > Date: Thu, 11 Jan 2007 15:48:29 -0500
> > From: Allan Rivlin <arivlin@HARTRESEARCH.COM>
> > To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
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Washington Post
http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/01/14/AR2007011401026.html

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In a recent survey of college students on U.S. civic literacy, more than 81 percent knew that the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was expressing hope for "racial justice and brotherhood" in his historic "I Have a Dream" speech.

That's the good news.

Most of the rest surveyed thought King was advocating the abolition of slavery.

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The recent survey of college students, conducted by the University of Connecticut's Department of Public Policy for the nonprofit Intercollegiate Studies Institute, suggests that schools are not doing as much as they could to go beyond a cursory history lesson. More than 14,000 college freshmen and seniors at 50 colleges and universities earned an average score of 53.2 percent in the survey.

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This month's issue is wholly dedicated to articles reflecting the work of the late Warren Mitofsky. Authors include Martin Plissner, Robert Shapiro, Paul Lavrakas, Mark Lindeman, Ulises Beltran, and Stephen Bennett.

Beginning with this issue, Public Opinion Pros will no longer be available by subscription only. Access will be open to all, with no login required. We hope you will enjoy our tribute to Warren this month, and that we can look forward to your becoming regular readers in the future.

Best wishes -

Lisa

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I am wondering if anyone has had experience with software to automate graphic reports. I have promotional info from E-tabs regarding their "Precision" software and from Efficient Analytics regarding "PerMetrics 2.0". I am having no luck searching out competitors, so would like to know if the AAPOR folks have experience with either of these two software packages and/or if they have other user-friendly programs they would recommend. Ideally these programs would interface with Excel, Access, Wincross and/or SPSS.

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50 Years of Straight Answers
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**APOLOGIES FOR CROSS-POSTING**

The 2007 Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology Research conference will be held November 5-7, 2007 in Arlington, Virginia. The conference provides a forum for experts from around the world to discuss and exchange current research and methodological topics relevant to Federal government statistical programs. Possible session topics include, but are not limited to:

- Questionnaire design issues
- Treatment of missing data
- Web data collection issues
- Development of economic indicators
- Bayesian methods
- Variance estimation
- Analysis of complex surveys
- Sample design and estimation methods
- Nonsampling error
- Nonresponse research and coverage issues
- Statistical uses of administrative records
- Design and analysis of longitudinal surveys
- Confidentiality, disclosure and privacy issues
- Statistical modeling

Abstracts are due March 8, 2007. For more information please visit the Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology website at:

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: TimothyJames Beebe <beebe.timothy@MAYO.EDU>
Subject: Order effects

Greetings,

Does anyone know of recent, published work that addresses the issue of question order effects and how they interact with mode of administration? I'm particularly interested in studies that either support or refute the finding/notion (that I believe to be true, correct me if I'm wrong) that question order effects mainly manifest themselves in telephone interviews (or face-to-face for that matter) but not in self-administered forms, largely because one can review the latter in total. I know that Schwarz and colleagues did work on the subject in the early-to-mid-1990s but I thought it may be worth asking you all if something more recent comes immediately to mind.

Thanks in advance for your response.

Best,
Tim

Timothy J. Beebe, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Health Services Research
No reason to think that earlier studies would fail to hold still:
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The problem you have run up against is caused by an interesting phenomenon called "byte swapping." The Motorola chips have the high order bit on one end of the byte and Intel chips have it on the other end of the byte. Hence, numeric calculations are not compatible between the two chip sets. Nearly everyone is having to make the conversion to a new bit order as a result.

It is my understanding that CfMC's Mentor tabulation software is able to handle the conversion. I have passed your message along to our software manager who is a Mac hot shot. If I am correct, we can provide you with a highly versatile product that will handle your needs.

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Regards

Paul

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Researchers are invited to submit proposals for papers on a range of issues associated with mixing modes of data collection in surveys. The session will place particular emphasis on the challenges involved in switching modes in time series, and on mixing modes in cross-national surveys.

Please send queries and abstracts to c.e.roberts@city.ac.uk by 30th April 2007. Abstracts should be no more than 300 words in length.

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In comparative surveys, the challenges involved in mixing modes are multiplied, though the impetus for doing so is in many ways more compelling. Countries vary in terms of the costs of conducting survey fieldwork, in terms of the response rates that are achievable in different modes, and in terms of the experience survey agencies have of using different modes. Though many of the major cross-national surveys currently insist on a single mode of data collection in order to enhance methodological equivalence, there is a growing recognition that - as in other areas of comparative survey methodology (such as sampling and translation) - insisting on the same methods may not be the best way to ensure that equivalent methods are used.

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As Goldsamt said, this summer SPSS will issue 15.1 for Mac's OS X 10.4 Tiger, a system which came out in 2005.

But soon, Macs will come with yet a newer system, Leopard, presumably OS X 10.5. "Sneak peek" here: http://www.apple.com/macosx/leopard/

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In fact, some software is already being distributed in self-contained virtual machines. These are called "Software Appliances" and you can download a free player from VMware to run some of them now on Intel compatible computers running Windows or Linux, and soon, on Macs too.

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Jan Werner

Nick Panagakis wrote:
> There is more to this. SPSS 13.0 runs on the earlier OS X 10.3 Panther
> system only.
> As Goldsamt said, this summer SPSS will issue 15.1 for Mac's OS X 10.4
> Tiger, a system which came out in 2005.
But soon, Macs will come with yet a newer system, Leopard, presumably OS X 10.5. "Sneak peek" here: http://www.apple.com/macosx/leopard/

Seems like adding Windows capability is the only option.

Nick

mail@marketsharescorp.com wrote:

>> It appears that SPSS does offer "SPSS 13.0 for Mac OS X" here...for
>> $1599.
>> http://www.spss.com/spss_mac/
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>> Nick
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http://tinyurl.com/ywqo8l

--Stephen--

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I did my Master's Thesis on mode effects and their impact on response order
and question order effects.  (It was George Bishop's idea - I was an
impressionable grad student!).

To the best of my recollection, the response and question order effects
that were evident in telephone surveys were not significant in
self-administered surveys.  In this research, respondents were encouraged
to take their time and read over the self-administered questionnaire.

I can probably dig this up if you'd like.

Andy Smith

At 03:12 PM 1/17/2007 -0500, Colleen Porter wrote:
Two questions:

1. Elihu, could you please have a heart for those who may not be 
familiar with that high-fallutin' term, and give a key reference or 
something where folks could find out more? (I think this may well be an 
important insight, but it's been a really long time since grad school.)

2. I thought Tim's original question was fascinating as regards the 
mode issue, since modes have changed with technology and 
"self-administered" no longer implies that respondents *can* review the 
total form. Many web surveys only show one screen at a time, and 
don't allow one to go back and reconsider previous answers, as is 
possible with paper questionnaires. Ditto for some CASI instruments. 
So do we have terminology to reflect that difference-- "self-administered 
non-reviewable" or preferably something more concise? I've sometimes 
found that piece of data missing when reading reports about web surveys, 
and I think it may matter (at least as much as, say, a proxy report in 
other modes), and if an easy-to-use term existed, it might encourage 
reporting of that fact.

Colleen

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>>> Elihu Katz <ekatz@ASC.UPENN.EDU> 1/17/2007 1:39 PM >>>
This may be a version of maximizer-satisficer elihu

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From: AAPORNENET [mailto:AAPORNENET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of howard schuman
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2007 10:58 AM
To: AAPORNENET@asu.edu
Subject: Re: Order effects

No reason to think that earlier studies would fail to hold still: 
self-administered forms with lists tend to show primacy effects, 
probably because respondents stop when they find an answer that 
appeals to them, though as with much else about the question-answer process 
there are likely to be occasional exceptions. There was a clearly 
reliable order effect on the issues question in the 2004 election Exit 
poll. The time pressured situation for responding to an exit poll may 
well increase the effect. hs

Timothy James Beebe wrote:
> Greetings,
Does anyone know of recent, published work that addresses the issue of question order effects and how they interact with mode of administration? I'm particularly interested in studies that either support or refute the finding/notion (that I believe to be true, correct me if I'm wrong) that question order effects mainly manifest themselves in telephone interviews (or face-to-face for that matter) but not in self-administered forms, largely because one can review the latter in total. I know that Schwarz and colleagues did work on the subject in the early- to mid-1990s but I thought it may be worth asking you all if something more recent comes immediately to mind. Thanks in advance for your response.

Best,

Tim

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2. Anticipate and manage Seattle phone center workload and coordinate job assignments with the Gilmore's Bremerton call center.

3. Set goals for and oversee Seattle data collection productivity and quality control
   . Work with Management Team to set production and Quality Control standards
   . Develop mechanism for setting production and other goals and reporting progress to goals in a meaningful and systematic way
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4. Oversee personnel issues (boost employee morale, conduct performance evaluations, etc.)

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In a more dynamic and qualitative mode, exclusion of industry category members can be essential in focus groups. Focus group sessions, say, among consumers on the subject of planning and purchasing vacations would typically exclude travel agents. When a discussion of, How do you plan your trip? or Is it really necessary to use a travel agent? begins, it can be problematic to say the least if Bill chimes in with, "Well, I happen to be a travel agent. Let me clear up some of these misconceptions and tell you what it's really like." Bill is speaking forthrightly and with the intention of being helpful but at the expense of allowing the moderator to get a good sampling of how the lay public views the process -- which was the purpose of the study in the first place. Others will defer to his expertise and be
reluctant to reveal their prior perceptions. They might also defer to his feelings by withholding stories of poor service or value received from travel agents.

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Research Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science
On 1/19/07, Ellis Godard <ellis.godard@csun.edu> wrote:

Market research calls routinely ask if I'm employed in an area related to those being studied. For a call I just got, for example, that includes cable, telephone, wireless, or internet service. The list occasionally also includes "market research".

First, why exclude respondents who work in market research, and what are the consequences? Are their answers or response patterns problematic? Does excluding them affect inferences substantially? Aren't they likely similar in their demographics? And how does excluding them play into response rate calculations?

Second, I routinely answer that I work in "*survey* research, but not *market* research" which typically brings a pause while the interviewer asks a supervisor, and then a continuation of the survey. This time, I was excluded on that basis. Why? Is it familiarity with surveys that's the problem? If so, in what ways? Wouldn't involvement in *any* research enterprise - from medical experiments to police internal affairs - potentially raise issues similar to...whatever the issues are?

Lastly, if nothing else, and for the marginal cost of the additional completion, might not it be informative to be able to compare researchers' answers to others? If there's lit on this I've missed, I apologize; if not, a quick study with a purposive subsample might shed valuable light.

Regards,
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I am looking for a quick reference to anything that has been written concerning the factors or causes for the drop in mail survey response rates. Of course, I can find plenty of material about response rates and about ways to increase response, but I'm looking for something that specifically addresses why people are less likely to respond to mail surveys compared to the past. I can find reasons on the telephone side (new caller-identification technology, etc.) but my quick search on the mail side is less fruitful (haste makes waste?).

Your thoughts, as always, are appreciated.

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UK poll reveals striking ignorance of Holocaust
By Paul Majendie
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With kind regards
Emanuela Sala

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Framing Science has this bit about competing survey methodologies to identify Christian evangelicals with radically different results -with self-identification yielding 33-40% and a methodology developed by Barna yielding 9% of the population.

http://scienceblogs.com/framing-science/2007/01/are_evangelicals_38_of_the_pop.php

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Hi Margaret,

However, if you think of the responders as representing the general population - you/us (researchers) are part of that mix which the process is trying to generate generalizable information about. Researchers (from your anecdotal description) may be in the upper or lower tail of the population's distribution (depending on your orientation and perspective) - (-) (I like to think of researchers definitely being in that upper tail (as opposed to the lower tail) - it just sounds better! - (-) Excluding researchers up front from participation - I'm not sure what proportion of the population has this 'research mentality' and/or what the research question(s) are or if excluding them would impact on the overall distribution leading to erroneous conclusions. This all seems analogous to jury selection - in the attempt to exclude particular kinds/types of people to acquire a 'fair and impartial' jury - do we achieve a jury of 'peers'?

Joe

Joseph E. Bauer, Ph.D.
Director - Survey Research
Statistics & Evaluation Center (SEC)
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Thanks,

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Laura

There are two others we use. Genesys in the Philadelphia area at 215-653-7100 (ask for Alan Lambert) and STS here in CA 800-944-4787 (ask
for Steve Clark) We all of them to be great including SSI.

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If we're referring to "sales under the guise of surveying" as "sugging" and "fund-raising under the guise" as "fruggage", we'll need to be very careful what we call "phishing under the guise"...

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Carl Ramirez
Sr. Design Methodologist
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Eileen O'Brien, Chair
2006 DC AAPOR Student Paper Competition Committee
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This must be a question wording effect since four different polling organizations had similar results and differences based on their wording and they were consistent over time - but why? and is there any literature out there that would explain this difference..and is one method superior to the other is assessing favorability?

Thanks for any help.

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Erik C. Nisbet
Media and Society Research Group
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The problem with the "somewhat favorable" and "somewhat unfavorable" categories in the four-item scale is that these are not mutually exclusive. The dichotomous form allows some of those who would answer "somewhat unfavorable" to decide that on balance they are more favorable than unfavorable. The four-choice form allows those who are more favorable than unfavorable to express their concerns - they can logically choose "somewhat unfavorable" since this does not exclude being "somewhat favorable" at the same time. If the two middle categories were "more favorable than unfavorable" and "more unfavorable than favorable" they would be logically exclusive. It would be useful to test both forms of the questions used embedded in the same questionnaire and crosstabulate, and on another sample use both versions of the four category responses.

Allen Barton

> [Original Message]
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CBS April, 2006 "What is your impression of the religion called Islam?
As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat
unfavorable, very unfavorable, of haven't you heard enough about
that to
say?" 19% Favorable, 45% Unfavorable, 31% Haven't heard enough, 5%

The ABC questions suggest that most of 58% who did not have a "good
basic understanding of the teachings and beliefs of Islam" voiced an
opinion anyway. The CBS favorability question allowing respondents to
opt out of voicing an opinion yielded lower favorable opinions.

Didn't find anything from the LA Times.

Nick

howard schuman wrote:

I don't have anything in the way of explanation to add to the
informed
replies of Allen Barton and Sid Groeneman, but as James Murphy's
response suggests, any inquiry of this sort should provide the full
question wording(s). We can't even be sure at this point that
"Islam"
was the object in both questions, or was Muslims used, or what.
It would also be of interest to know whether important correlates
(e.g., education) of the two versions differ appreciably, or is
this a
case where marginals vary but not much else, including trajectory
over
time.

James Murphy wrote:

Is the difference of the same magnitude if you remove the No
Answer /
No Opinion / Don't Know's from the bases and repercentage based
only
on those giving concrete answers? (There might be more No
Answers for
Method B, which would reduce the gap.) You raise a good question:
"Is there a 'reality' out there?"
I have an inquiry about question wording and I was hoping someone on this list can direct me to some literature to explain the pattern I am finding.

I am examining poll trend data on favorability ratings toward Islam. Looking at several polls conducted between 2002 and 2006 - respondents were asked favorability toward Islam in two different ways...

A. Dichotomous choice of whether they had a "favorable" or "unfavorable" rating of Islam.

B. A four-point scale of "Very Favorable, Somewhat Favorable, Somewhat Unfavorable, Very Unfavorable" rating of Islam.

ABC News and Pew used method A, and found consistently around 40-43% of Americans had "favorable" ratings of Islam during that time period.

CBS and LA Times used method B, and their polls found between 19-28% had "favorable ratings" of Islam if you combined the "very favorable" and "somewhat favorable" categories.

This must be a question wording effect since four different polling organizations had similar results and differences based on their wording and they were consistent over time - but why? and is there any literature out there that would explain this difference..and is one method superior to the other is assessing favorability?

Thanks for any help.
Dear Colleagues,

Thanks to each of you who already have contributed, and/or have agreed to contribute, more than 500 of the nearly 700 entries to appear in the Encyclopedia of Survey Research Methods that Sage will publish by next year.

Below is a list of the entries that remain unassigned for the Encyclopedia. Sage and I and the Advisory Board (Mike Battaglia, Edith de Leeuw, Carroll Glynn, Allyson Holbrook, Michael Link, Dan Merkle, Peter Miller, Linda Piekarski, Elizabeth Stasny, and Mike Traugott) will greatly appreciate having you consider writing some of these entries.

Any one person could agree to write more than one entry. In addition to each contributor having her/his name associated with each entry they write, Sage is offering a $50 book purchase certificate for anyone who contributes at least 1,001 words in total; a $100 certificate if the total word count is at least 2,001 words but not more than 4,000 words total; and a set of the two-volume encyclopedia (valued at approx. $350) for anyone who writes more than 4,000 words total. The approximate word count for each entry in the list below is somewhat flexible and, as editor, I am willing to adjust it if a contributor contacts me to discuss this. The due date for the entries that are less than 1,000 words is 02/23/07 and for entries with longer word counts it is 03/16/07.

Anyone who is qualified and willing to write at least one of these entries should contact me directly (paul.lavrakas@nielsenmedia.com) with the entry or list of entries they agree to write.

In writing an entry, each contributor should keep in mind that the primary audience is students and staff who are not expert in the field of survey research. Examples related to survey research that illustrate the points the contributor is making are fully encouraged. Cross-references and additional readings that are listed at the end of each entry are considered to be part of the total Sage word count for that entry.

Once we know who is willing to write which of these entries, my managing editor, Jody Smarr, will send the formal invitation for that entry to...
that person. As part of that formal invitation, Sage sends the invited contributor (via the internet) much more detail about the format and level of writing that is appropriate for the Encyclopedia.

Thank you for considering this invitation and please feel free to send it along to others who are qualified but who are not members of AAPORnet or SRMSnet.

PJL

P.S. We have had numerous problems with commercial, government, and university spam-filters in communicating with our contributors, and we apologize if you previously expressed interest in contributing an entry that you see listed below as still unassigned. Please recontact me ASAP if this has happened.

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The accuracy of the census is determined in the planning stages, and planning for the 2010 count is already imperiled. The dangers fall into two categories: money (too little) and politics (too much). The new Congress will have to manage both vigilantly.

An underfinanced census would be an inaccurate census. Easy-to-count suburbanites - who tilt Republican - would almost certainly be overrepresented, while urban dwellers - who lean Democratic - would get short shrift because of the difficulty in counting mobile and diverse populations. To prevent that, lawmakers must begin by reinstating the roughly $50 million that was cut from the current census budget by the previous Congress.

The new Congress must also ensure that the next budget includes adequate funds for projects that made the 2000 census a success. Among them are strong partnerships with state and local governments, as well as with churches and businesses, to promote the census, and a multimillion-dollar down payment on the census advertising budget. Because they will not bear fruit until the census is under way, those projects may seem easy to sacrifice in favor of more immediate demands. But any budget shortfalls cannot be made up later because the necessary lead time will have been squandered.

SNIP
Dear AAPOR Colleagues:

Nominations for this year's AAPOR Book Award are due Feb. 1 (Thursday). I'm chairing the book award committee this year, so please send your nominations to me.

The description of the award (from the AAPOR web site) is posted below. Since the award was created, the committee has been considering books published within the previous ten years (i.e., for this year, 1997 and later), but at least three years old (i.e., 2003 and earlier).

If you nominate a book, please tell us why you think it warrants consideration for the award.

Many thanks,

Scott Keeter
Scope: The AAPOR Book Award seeks to recognize influential books that have:

1. stimulated theoretical and scientific research in public opinion; and/or
2. influenced our understanding or application of survey research methodology.

This award is given to books published after 1992, the last year encompassed in AAPOR’s list of "Fifty Books That Significantly Shaped Public Opinion Research." Books must be at least three years old to be eligible, to allow time for books to be read and reviewed.

Criteria for Book Award:
The following criteria will be the basis for making an award to a book or monograph:

1. The excellence of exposition, ideas, and methods.
2. The monograph's impact with respect to:
   a. stimulating theoretical or empirical research;
   b. influencing the way public opinion researchers think about or conduct research on public opinion;
   c. significantly influencing broader understanding of the theory or methods of public opinion; or
   d. advancing the state of the art or practice of survey methodology.
3. Its lasting value, as indicated by (for example) the judgments of peers and citation in the literature.

Any AAPOR member can submit nominations for the Book Award to the Book Award Committee Chair listed below. Nominations should identify the monograph and discuss how it meets the criteria listed above. Monographs or edited volumes by AAPOR and non-AAPOR members are eligible for the award.

The award will be determined by the Committee and presented at the annual May meeting. Recognition will be in the form of plaques for each of the author(s) (or editor(s), in the case of an edited volume).

Also see http://www.aapor.org/awards/documents/Book_Award_2007Call.pdf
Nonresponse and Measurement Error

Session at the Second Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA)

http://easr.sqp.nl/esra/conferences/2007/


Please send questions and abstracts to Andy Peytchev at andrey@umich.edu by April 15.
Understanding each source of survey error is needed to better measure, reduce, and adjust it. A key survey design and implementation objective is to ultimately improve the inferential properties of the survey statistics. Minimizing one source of survey error may lead to an increase in another, for the same statistic. One such fear is that sampled persons with low propensities to respond, or respondents who have previously refused, may tend to also produce data with higher measurement error when interviews are completed. While important, studying multiple sources of survey error simultaneously, and particularly nonresponse and measurement errors, poses great analytical and design challenges and has received little attention.

This session invites papers on a broad definition of the topic, such as:

* Review of relevant findings;
* Estimation of measurement error and nonresponse error or propensities for the same sample persons;
* Identifying how factors affecting nonresponse (rates and/or bias) also affect measurement error, for different variables;
* Identifying how measurement error varies across sample persons with different response propensities.

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CMOR Government Affairs and Respondent Cooperation Departments have discussed and agree on the importance of recognizing and understanding phishing. A number of states have already introduced legislation to prohibit phishing. CMOR has been consistent to report to our members any legislation that has been introduced or enacted related to phishing. Phishing is act of sending an e-mail to a user deceptively claiming to be an established legitimate business (i.e. such as Ebay, Citibank, etc.) in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information. The e-mail directs
consumer to visit a Web site where they are asked to update personal information, such as passwords and credit card, social security, and bank account numbers, utilizing the logo and features of legitimate business enterprises. The Web site, however, is set up only to obtain personally identifiable information.

The advent of this practice continues, and as seen from this current phishing email, bank account information is also being extracted. For the survey research profession, this is a practice that must be monitored closely. The profession has already seen a host of "sugging" and "frugging" sites. It is probable that emails will be developed that invite participation in a "survey" but only act to obtain personally identifiable and sensitive information that legitimate survey research would never seek obtain. This is why it is important to make sure that the profession is always reinforcing that there are no sales involved in survey research practices and that no sensitive personal data is ever obtained. Please contact either, LaToya Rembert-Lang, State Legislative Director at lrembert@cmor.org or Patrick Glaser for CMOR at pglaser@cmor.org if you ever receive any emails communication Sugging, Frugging or act of Phishing that relates to survey research.

LaToya D. Rembert-Lang, Esq., CMOR State Legislative Director
Patrick Glaser, CMOR Director of Respondent Cooperation

-----Original Message-----
From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of Wolf, James G
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 9:58 AM
To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
Subject: Re: Phishing under the guise of a survey

If we're referring to "sales under the guise of surveying" as "sugging" and "fund-raising under the guise" as "frugging", we'll need to be very careful what we call "phishing under the guise"...

Jim Wolf                       jamwolf@iupui.edu
Director, Survey Research Center at IUPUI   (317) 278-9230

-----Original Message-----
From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU] On Behalf Of Alis=FA =
Schoua-Glusberg
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 9:30 AM
To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
Subject: Phishing under the guise of a survey

Here's one that I had not seen before. Under the guise of a survey, these folks are trying to extract bank account information...

http://222.128.192.254/icons/developed/%20/index.html

Regards to all,

Alis=FA

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Alis=FA Schoua-Glusberg, PhD

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Does anyone know of any work on non-response and non-response bias in student satisfaction surveys? Please reply off list and I'll be happy to post a summary of any responses.

Thanks

Nick

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Job Reference - 5775
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Salary up to £328,290

The department is seeking to appoint a Research Officer/Fellow to work on an ESRC funded project investigating the causes and consequences of social and political trust. The core focus of the project will be to utilise a range of secondary data sources (including but not limited to the British Household Panel Study, the European Social Survey and the British Social Attitudes Survey series) to investigate historical and comparative variation in levels of citizen trust.

The successful applicant is likely to have completed (or be close to completion of) a PhD in the social sciences or a closely related field and have a demonstrable knowledge of and interest in quantitative research methods. Experience of multi-level and/or structural equation modelling would be an advantage, as would a demonstrable interest in the substantive area of social trust, or related fields such as social capital. You will have strong skills in written and oral communication and a commitment to team working. Good organisational and IT skills are essential, as well as the ability to work independently.

The post is available from 1st April 2007, or as soon as possible thereafter. Informal enquiries may be made to Dr Patrick Sturgis (p.sturgis@surrey.ac.uk) or Dr Nick Allum (n.allum@surrey.ac.uk).

The Department of Sociology was rated 5* in the last RAE.

For an application pack and to apply online, please visit www.surrey.ac.uk/vacancies. Alternatively please contact Stephanie Lesanne via email on s.lesanne@surrey.ac.uk or by telephone on 01483 682605 quoting reference number 5775. To send an application, please post to Stephanie Lesanne, HR Assistant, School of Human Sciences, University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 7XH.

Closing date for applications: 12th February 2007
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Subject: New Free On-Line Journal: Survey Research Methods
It is with great pleasure that we announce that the first issue of the online journal 'Survey Research Methods' has been published today! 'Survey Research Methods' (SRM) is the journal of the European Survey Research Association and is available free to all at http://www.surveymethods.org.

The first issue contains the following papers:

- Minimizing survey refusal and noncontact rates: do our efforts pay off by Dirk Heerwegh, Koen Abts and Geert Loosveldt;

- Clarifying Some Issues in the Regression Analysis of Survey Data by Phillip S. Kott;

- Individual Social Capital and Its Measurement in Social Surveys by Keming Yang;

- Estimation of the effects of measurement characteristics on the quality of survey questions by Willem E. Saris and Irmtraud Gallhofer;


The journal is edited by Peter Lynn (University of Essex) and Rainer Schnell (University of Konstanz).

Please take a look at our journal and do consider it as a publication outlet for your own work.

For more information about the European Survey Research Association, see http://esra.sqp.nl. On this website the next ESRA conference (June 2007 in Prague) is announced and there is a preliminary overview of the sessions that are planned for the conference.

Kind regards,

Peter Lynn
Editor-in-Chief, Survey Research Methods

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