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Senior Researcher, Pew Research Center

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#### Position Summary

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The Senior Researcher is a member of the Pew Research Center's Social and Demographic Trends project. The main responsibilities of this position include managing all aspects of the public opinion survey research process, including conducting and supervising statistical analyses, and drafting survey questionnaires and tables/charts.

Additionally this position conducts/supervises literature searches, helps to write reports and commentaries, coordinates with the polling vendor regarding field work and sample design, and helps to field requests for information from the press, policy makers and other target audiences. The Senior Researcher also assists in supervising the work of the project's Research Analyst. This position reports to the Project Director for Social and Demographic Trends.

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#### Primary Responsibilities

- \* Statistical analysis of polling data (30%).
- \* Drafting surveys and conducting pre-survey literature searches (20%).
- \* Coordinating relationship with polling vendor (10%).
- \* Drafting charts, tables, survey reports and commentaries (10%).
- \* Assisting with the writing of reports and commentaries (10%).

- \* Supervising day-to-day work of research analyst (10%).
- \* Responding to external requests for information (10%).

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#### Required Education/Experience

- \* Master's degree in the social sciences; Ph.D. preferred. =20
- \* Minimum of five years work experience.=20
- \* Proven ability to undertake research involving data analysis is crucial, including using SPSS, Excel, and other software.

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#### Knowledge and Skill Requirements

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- \* Strong quantitative skills, including an ability to use various statistical programs to organize and analyze large amounts of data.
- \* Strong verbal and written communications skills.
- \* Ability to balance numerous projects simultaneously.
- \* Strong project management skills.
- \* Attention to detail, including exacting standards to maintain accuracy and impartiality in all work products.
- \* Ability to work well in a team setting.

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Applicant should send a complete resume and cover letter (indicating where you learned of the opening) to:

Ms. April McWilliams

Human Resources Director

The Pew Research Center

1615 L Street, NW Suite 700

Washington, DC 20036

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From: Ward R Kay <[wkay1@GMU.EDU](mailto:wkay1@GMU.EDU)>  
Subject: MAPOR Call for Papers  
Comments: To: [AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)  
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From: Ward R Kay <[wkay1@GMU.EDU](mailto:wkay1@GMU.EDU)>  
Subject: MAPOR Fellows Student Paper Competition  
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[http://www.mapor.org/2008\\_studentcall.pdf](http://www.mapor.org/2008_studentcall.pdf)

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Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>  
From: Pat Lewis <[plewis@AAPOR.ORG](mailto:plewis@AAPOR.ORG)>  
Subject: Nominations wanted for the Warren J. Mitofsky Award for  
Excellence in Survey Research  
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Nominations wanted for the Warren J. Mitofsky Award for Excellence in Survey Research

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From: Richard Day <[rday@RDRESEARCH.COM](mailto:rday@RDRESEARCH.COM)>  
Organization: Richard Day Research  
Subject: does anyone know of software that would do the following?  
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thank you in advance

Know that the usual telephone interviewing products are not set up to deal  
with very small numbers

What we are looking for:

Must haves:

- 1) Handle sample sizes between 50 and 200
- 2) Accessible and modifiable by multiple users at the same time
- 3) Keep a call history - including a timestamp and interviewer name/ID associated with each entry
- 4) Track dispositions and number of attempts
- 5) Run basic reports (i.e. last disposition)
- 6) Have a calendar feature that allows us to set and keep track of appointments
- 7) Not automatically circulate sample, but allow interviewers to manage sample independently
- 8) Import needed fields
- 9) Export sample at end of study, with some call history attached (e.g. number of attempts, last disposition)
- 10) Be able to append additional contacts during study
- 11) Easy to use and easy to learn (especially for interviewers)
- 12) Be able to set up a menu for dispositions that the interviewer selects from

Not essential, but would be really nice to have

- 1) Have restricted access and administrator access settings (e.g. interviewers cannot modify all of the same things administrators can)
- 2) Be able to export interviewer notes
- 3) Be able to split the sample and assign specific records to a specific interviewer

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: "Beach, Scott Richard" <scottb@PITT.EDU>  
Subject: Job opportunity at University of Pittsburgh  
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Colleagues:

I am posting this on behalf of The University of Pittsburgh's Office of the  
Provost.

Please forward to any colleagues who may be interested.

Thank you.

Scott Beach, Ph.D.  
Director, Survey Research  
University Center for Social and Urban Research  
University of Pittsburgh

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH  
Director of the Office of Measurement and Evaluation of Teaching

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**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** The anticipated date of appointment is August of 2008 or as soon thereafter as is feasible. Interested applicants are encouraged

d to apply as early as possible. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Applications should include curriculum vitae, a cover letter that describes relevant experience and interest in the position, and the names and contact information of three references. Applications should be submitted electronically to [www.pittsource.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=3D59411](http://www.pittsource.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=3D59411) <<http://www.pittsource.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=3D59411>> position number 0002091. Additional information about the University of Pittsburgh is located at [www.pitt.edu](http://www.pitt.edu) <<http://www.pitt.edu>>. For information on the Office of the Provost and the Office of Measurement and Evaluation of Teaching see [www.provost.pitt.edu](http://www.provost.pitt.edu) <<http://www.provost.pitt.edu>> and [www.omet.pitt.edu](http://www.omet.pitt.edu) <<http://www.omet.pitt.edu>>.

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From: "Chun, Young" <[YChun@AIR.ORG](mailto:YChun@AIR.ORG)>

Subject: Re: mail response rates

Comments: To: [AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)

In-Reply-To: A<012301c8c100\$23663240\$0c01a8c0@stevellaptop>

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I agree achieving a mail response rate of 35% may be "pretty good." Before you would make any conclusion, there are a few issues I suggest for your consideration such as:

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Second, you may like to explore if and how you could distinguish between noncontacts by mail and refusals in studying nonrespondents in a mail survey. If you archived a list of returned mails, it's a clear indication of noncontacts. If you considered doing a follow-up telephone survey with nonrespondents to your mail survey, you may get



better ideas about refusers. Perhaps conducting a nonresponse telephone follow-up with a small random sample of your nonrespondents may be useful, if your friend has a limited budget.

Third, I encourage you to see nonresponse error from a perspective of Total Survey Error. Nonresponse error is only one of many sources of survey errors. Exploring its impact on total survey error or total data quality is another research task in your mail survey.

You may find "Survey Errors and Survey Costs" by Groves and "Nonresponse in Household Interview Surveys" by Groves and Couper both to be useful. "Survey Nonresponse" by Groves, Dillman, Eltinge, and Little is the latest addition to studying nonresponse.

Very best,

Young Chun, Senior Research Scientist  
American Institutes for Research

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

From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of Steve Johnson  
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2008 4:20 PM  
To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU  
Subject: mail response rates

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Best

Steve Johnson, PhD  
President, Northwest Survey & Data Services

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Since we're on the idea of total survey error, I want to recommend a book.

Weisberg, Herbert F. The Total Survey Error Approach: A Guide to the New Science of Survey Research. 336 p., 10 line drawings, 17 tables, 9 text boxes. 6 x 9 2005

It can be purchased directly from UChicago Press at  
<http://www.press.uchicago.edu/cgi-bin/hfs.cgi/00/161098.ctl>

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From: Paul J Lavrakas PhD <[pjlavrak@OPTONLINE.NET](mailto:pjlavrak@OPTONLINE.NET)>  
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You were very right to suggest looking at this graphic its wonderful.  
Question: how do you use such graphics in a newspaper? The movement is impossible to reproduce so...  
Thanks again

Michel Rochon  
ASDE Survey Sampler

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Does anyone know the response formats for the Riggs Personal Efficacy Beliefs Scale for Job-Related Applications?

Thanks,

Karla

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Dear Karla,

Job self-efficacy is measured using the 10-item Personal Efficacy Beliefs Scale (Riggs, Warka, Babasa, Betancourt, & Hooker, 1994).

For example, this scale has items like "I have confidence in my ability to do my job," 1 (very inaccurate) to 6 (very accurate). I recall Cronbach's alpha is pretty solid.

Perhaps if you google scholar it, you would find all 10 items on a Likert scale.

Very best,

Young Chun, Senior Research Scientist  
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I performed a thorough search of the literature  
looking for cases, anywhere in the world, where

polls went wrong. Of course, it is easy to have access to articles published in well known journals but it is more difficult to access paper presented in conferences, etc.

If you presented a paper that was never published or that was published in another language than english or french (preferably with an english abstract), with an analysis of the accuracy of electoral polls during any electoral campaign in any part of the world, can you please send me your paper or tell me where I can get it?

Thanks a lot,

Best,

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Hi everyone,

I put together a list of professional 'soft skills' for students about to enter the professional world, which is below. If I've missed any, or you have other comments, please let me know.

Thanks  
Leora

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## Professional Behaviors

1. Dress appropriately. Business casual dress is:
  - a. Men: button down shirt, not blue jeans, not sneakers.
  - b. Women: not miniskirts, low-cut blouses.
  - c. Be low profile with piercings, tattoos, jewelry
2. Be on time always (half of success is showing up). If traffic or something has delayed you, consider calling to let the office know, especially if there's a meeting.
3. Don't wait till last minute to let anyone know that there are problems on a project. Try to solve it initially and if it doesn't work, then swallow your pride and tell your supervisor.
4. If you see a problem, try to figure out what the solution is and present it to your supervisor.
5. Keep track of your hours, even if you don't have to. Create an excel file, with project name, task, date and hours spent. This will tell you how to pace yourself, cost projects, provide documentation to your supervisor.
6. Be proactive about learning. Read about the things your company does, about your customers.
  - a. Every industry has a trade association with lots of information in it. Google is your friend.
  - b. If your company does focus groups, read a book about focus groups. If they do survey research, learn about that.
7. Learn what your fellow employees do, and do it too if it's good work practices, avoid it if it's unethical. The world is your data. Observe, interpret, apply.
  - a. That means, use existing reports to model yours on. If they don't give you one, ask.
  - b. How people take time for lunch, when to leave work, etc., do what they do unless otherwise instructed. But make your borders clear (e.g., "I am not available on Saturdays.")
  - c. Don't say bad things about other people at work. This is incredibly hard to do but very important. If someone starts complaining, at some point draw the line and say something like "I hear you but I think I'll be in a better place myself if I don't dwell too much on negative stuff, so can we move on?" Or excuse yourself and leave the room.
8. Have a notebook for notes at meetings and phone calls.
9. Methodically double-check your work for numbers, grammar, spelling, company names, etc.
10. Be REALLY careful when email.
  - a. Never use your work email for personal email.
  - b. Before sending files to a client, double check to make sure you have the right file attached.
  - c. Make sure that the recipients are correct before hitting the

SEND button, especially if you did a reply to all instead of a reply to one.

11. Always test your equipment (laptop, projector, open the ppt.) before a presentation.
12. Bring your e-file and a printed version to presentations. Even if you aren't responsible for it.
13. Bring business cards to meetings. Ask for your clients' cards.
14. Learn about business operations, marketing and management. There's a lot of tapes and cd's you can listen to while exercising or commuting. There's a lot of fluffy books to read but they can be helpful.

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From: Keith Neuman <[Keith.Neuman@ENVIRONICS.CA](mailto:Keith.Neuman@ENVIRONICS.CA)>  
Subject: Measures of local community support  
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I am looking for established measures of public perception of community support - By this I mean the extent to which individuals feel people in their local community (or neighborhood perhaps) "care about each other" or support others in their community in times of need. (This might be component of "social capital") =20

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Any leads or suggestions are welcome. Please direct your thoughts either to AAPORNET or specifically to me at [keith.neuman@environics.ca](mailto:keith.neuman@environics.ca)

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Thanks in advance.

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PEW did this 11 years ago. It may help.

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Subject: Invitation: Findings from the Hunter College Poll of LGB  
Political Attitudes, Identity, and Civic Engagement June 18, 7PM  
Comments: To: "Kenneth. Sherrill" <[kenneth.sherrill@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:kenneth.sherrill@hunter.cuny.edu)>,  
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At the Community Center. See attached invitation for details. I hope to see you there and feel free to bring your friends.

Ken

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Dear Colleagues:

Apparently the listserv for AAPORNET deleted the pdf attachment with the text of the invitation to our presentation. We look forward to seeing you there. Feel free to share this invitation with others.

Best,

Ken Sherrill

Findings from the Hunter College Poll

of Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals:

New Discoveries about Identity, Political Attitudes,

and Civic Engagement

presented by

Patrick J. Egan, New York University

Murray S. Edelman, Rutgers University

Kenneth Sherrill, Hunter College (BCUNY)

What do lesbians, gays and bisexuals (LGBs) think and believe about politics and public affairs? What are their priorities for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender movement? And how distinct are their political values from those of Americans as a whole? Egan, Edelman

and Sherrill will address these questions in their discussion of the path breaking study of the political attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors of LGB Americans they conducted in November 2007.

The complete study may be found here:

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Date and Time: Wednesday, June 18 2008, 7:00pm

Location: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center

208 W. 13th Street, NYC

Admission is free and open to the public

for more information: email [patrick.egan@nyu.edu](mailto:patrick.egan@nyu.edu)

The presenters acknowledge the Human Rights Campaign Foundation for its generous financial support of this study through a grant to Hunter College. The

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We currently use Mitofsky-Waksberg landline RDD for two of our epidemiologic case-control studies and 1+bank list-assisted RDD for two other studies. We are reluctantly converting our two list-assisted studies to M-W because of the newest report at AAPOR that found coverage

of 1+ banks is now only 80%. Our biggest headache with M-W is the length of time it takes to resolve all of the secondaries. We use k=5. We call a maximum of 40 phone numbers in a bank (PSU) (or adjoining bank if the primary bank is exhausted) in our attempt to achieve 5 residential numbers for each primary that is a residential number. We call each number up to 9 times at different times of the day/week over a 2-3 week period before abandoning the number. We recontact all numbers that resulted in refusals or answering machines on all attempts 2-3 months after the original call. It takes 12 months or longer to finish all of the secondaries and the recontacts for some of our primary numbers. Our studies generally last 5 years, but this still presents logistic problems in the last 1-2 years of the study. Our RDD software generates 4 secondaries as soon as a residential outcome for a primary number is "checked in" to the system by an interviewer. A replacement secondary is generated immediately if one of these four numbers turns out to be non-residential. We are trying to shorten the length of time it takes to resolve all secondary numbers and would appreciate any suggestions.

Thank you!

Lynda Voigt

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Lynda,

Sorry for being the bearer of bad news regarding the diminished coverage rates in 1+listed 100-series banks. We are currently working on an accompanying paper for the AAPOR presentation in which we will outline alternative methods

for frame/sample construction. With all due respect to the Mitofsky-Waksberg methodology, the complexities you have listed are some of the reasons why we migrated to a list-assisted technique in the first place. As discussed at the AAPOR, we believe the days of 100-series banks are over and we should build frames based on 1000-series banks to recapture some the lost coverage.

Beginning with the September 2008 release of the GENESYS database (V2008-3), Marketing Systems Group will offer the added functionality to generate RDD samples in 1+listed 1000-series banks. While this functionality will be available through our web-based product (Virtual GENESYS) such samples are currently available on custom basis.

Regards,

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Hi Mansour,  
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Thanks for your response. Unfortunately, the 90% coverage in 1,000 blocks is inadequate for our work in cancer etiology, :( so we may be stuck with trying to sharpen M-W. We are looking at our data to see if we can reduce our maximum number of phone numbers that we generate in order to achieve 5 residences/PSU. We currently call 40 phone numbers within a PSU before abandoning secondary generation if we haven't achieved 5 residences. We are also considering shortening the time period before we recontact refusals in the months before the study ends. Perhaps 1 month will be adequate. We are interested in other's experiences and any other wisdom/advice survey researchers can offer us.

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We are also struggling with another related question. If we can't shorten our time to secondary completion, we will need to generate and call all of our primary numbers 12 months before we end RDD recruitment. I'm concerned that this will impact the equal probability nature of M-W, since the residential structure of PSUs changes over time. The secondaries that are generated 6-8 months after the primary number is called will not reflect changes over time in the proportion of residential numbers in the primary PSU. The proportion of residential numbers in broadband PSUs is changing SO fast that this may be even more problematic than it was in the past. This time gap between identifying the primary residential and the secondary residential could introduce coverage bias into our M-W secondaries. In the past when we used M-W exclusively, we were able to just extend our RDD calling period and interviewing period until we were finished, but this is much more difficult in these days of tight budgets. I would appreciate opinions on this issue as well. =20

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Thanks!

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Lynda Voigt

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Cc: Kulp, Dale; Malarek, David

Subject: RE: Mitofsky-Waksberg RDD

Lynda,

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Sorry for being the bearer of bad news regarding the diminished coverage rates in 1+listed 100-series banks. We are currently working on an accompanying paper for the AAPOR presentation in which we will outline alternative methods for frame/sample construction. With all due respect to the Mitofsky-Waksberg methodology, the complexities you have listed are some of the reasons why we migrated to a list-assisted technique in the first place. As discussed at the AAPOR, we believe the days of 100-series banks are over and we should build frames based on 1000-series banks to recapture some the lost coverage.

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Beginning with the September 2008 release of the GENESYS database (V2008-3), Marketing Systems Group will offer the added functionality to generate RDD samples in 1+listed 1000-series banks. While this functionality will be available through our web-based product (Virtual GENESYS) such samples are currently available on custom basis.

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Regards,

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We currently use Mitofsky-Waksberg landline RDD for two of our epidemiologic case-control studies and 1+bank list-assisted RDD for two other studies. We are reluctantly converting our two list-assisted studies to M-W because of the newest report at AAPOR that found coverage of 1+ banks is now only 80%. Our biggest headache with M-W is the length of time it takes to resolve all of the secondaries. We use k=3D5. We call a maximum of 40 phone numbers in a bank (PSU) (or adjoining bank if the primary bank is exhausted) in our attempt to achieve 5 residential

numbers for each primary that is a residential number. We call each number up to 9 times at different times of the day/week over a 2-3 week period before abandoning the number. We recontact all numbers that resulted in refusals or answering machines on all attempts 2-3 months after the original call. It takes 12 months or longer to finish all of the secondaries and the recontacts for some of our primary numbers. Our studies generally last 5 years, but this still presents logistic problems in the last 1-2 years of the study. Our RDD software generates 4 secondaries as soon as a residential outcome for a primary number is "checked in" to the system by an interviewer. A replacement secondary is generated immediately if one of these four numbers turns out to be non-residential. We are trying to shorten the length of time it takes to resolve all secondary numbers and would appreciate any suggestions.

Thank you!

Lynda Voigt

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the second wave in the February 2008. The past two surveys have been an

eclectic mix of content that includes consumer purchases, political preferences, public awareness and health behaviors. Over both waves, 38

percent of the respondents reported that they do not have a landline at

all, while 40 percent of respondents with a landline reported that they

receive 80% call or almost all 90% of their calls on their cell phone.

In both waves, Macro funded its own set of questions on health behaviors.

The results are congruent with the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). MacroPoll's estimated current smoking rate for the cell-only

population in 29.9 percent, very close to the NHIS estimate for adults in

cell-only households (30.6%). Similarly, the estimated obesity rate for

the cell-only population is 21.9 percent according to Macropoll, which

corresponds with the NHIS estimate of 22.6 percent.

Please contact Randal Zuwallack (Randal.ZuWallack@macrointernational.com) or

Lindsey Witt (Lindsey.Witt@macrointernational.com), by e-mail, or by

phone at 802-863-9600 for more information about how to participate in

MacroPoll Wireless or questions about the survey itself (content, weighting materials, etc.)

I hope to hear from you.

Thanks,

Randy

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Does anyone have experience with using paper surveys in group administrations with low-literate populations where the survey administrator reads each item aloud and allows respondents to mark their answers before the next question is read? This is a situation where administration has to be in groups and ACASI is not possible. Any advice would be appreciated!

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in that they do not necessarily relate to bias. It all depends on the who=  
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Thanks,  
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Colleen:

As someone who now focuses exclusively on over age 50 populations, I am appalled by the blanket assumption that 50 to 80 year old men (most of whom you suggest are 65 to 80) would not be able to complete a self-administered questionnaire without assistance due to cognitive limitations. Cognitive limitations that prevent unassisted self-administration of survey questionnaire are fairly rare among the 65+ population and the incidence of dementia among the elderly appears to be declining fairly rapidly. A recent study by Corder and Manton at Duke based on data culled from National Long Term Care Surveys examined dementia cases among those 65+ from 1982 through 1999. They found that there was a decrease of 380,000 cases from approx. 1.3 million (4.7%) in 1982 to approximately 900,000 (2.5%) in 1999 ( $p < 0.0001$ ) with age-standardized estimates demonstrating a larger decline from 5.3% to 2.5%. These researchers concluded that more recent cohorts are less

likely to be severely demented in old age despite longer life expectancy. Furthermore, several other studies indicate that the rate of dementia appears to be higher among women than men even when controlling for greater life expectancy among women!

While cognitive impairment is always a concern for any mode of survey participation, the primary issue in a person's ability to complete a self-administered questionnaire is literacy. As far as I know ... and, as an over 50 male that suffers from gout, I feel I am solid ground here ... gout is neither an indicator of cognitive limitations nor low literacy.

Also, I find the statement that it is "reality that gout is often merely one more co-morbidity for folks with complex health status" to be strange and nebulous - what in the world constitutes "complex health status"? The research supported evidence that most people over 50 tend to consume 2 or more doctor prescribed medications does not necessarily mean the 50+ crowd has complex health status or is cognitively limited. For example, a person with gout could be hypertensive. Does being on allopurinol (and/or colchicine) for gout and an ACE inhibitor (or an ARB or a diuretic or a beta blocker or a calcium channel blocker) for hypertension constitute complex health status? Even if this does meet your definition of "complex health status", it surely does not mean that one is of insufficient literacy or sufficiently cognitively impaired to be unable to complete a self-administered questionnaire without assistance.

So what in the world are you and that nurse practitioner talking about here? Is there something about this patient population that makes it clear that low literacy levels or high levels of cognitive impairment are likely to be encountered? (Because it surely is not age or gender or gout!) If there is, that is the relevant issue to be addressed in your research design, not the ageist assumptions you appear to be invoking.

Regards,  
Jonathan

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Many thanks in advance for any assistance that you might be able to provide.

Best,  
Adria Gallup-Black, Ph.D.  
Sr. Program Officer, Research & Evaluation  
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Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2008 8:43:23 AM  
Subject: Structural Racism

Hi Steve, I am on the Educators Task Force "Perception Data Subcommittee" and our task is to identify the perception of the community stakeholders around structural racism within the school communities of the greater Battle Creek area.

We are trying to find a survey that would allow us to get the perception of teachers, administrators, support staff, parents and students towards racism in our school communities. Do you know of such a survey or a person we could contact about the survey like this?

Thank You,  
Gary

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BY LANCE GRIFFIN  
Media General News Service

DOTHAN, Ala. -- Wallace Grissett doesn't make hanging up on callers a common practice. But when a polling agency called his home last week and started saying what he believed to be negative things about his favorite Congressional candidate, that's exactly what he did.

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Grissett said the questioning began with general questions about the Republican party.

"Then it just got deeper and deeper into negativism about Harri Anne," Grissett said. "I just finally hung up."

Grissett said he believed the poll was designed to reflect favorably on Smith's opponent in the upcoming Congressional runoff, State Rep. Jay Love, R-Montgomery.

But the Love campaign's pollster, Jim McLaughlin of McLaughlin and Associates, said there was no attempt to skew the results.

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David Lanoue, chair of the political science department at the University of Alabama, said push polls are commonly used in election campaigns.

Lanoue said a push poll is "when an interested party polls the public using a leading question intended to get negative information about the opponent into circulation."

The information may be true or not. Typically, no data is collected or analyzed since the goal is to get the information out to as many voters as possible.

McLaughlin disputes the Smith campaign claim, saying the poll he conducted for the Love campaign does not fit the description of a push poll.

"We don't do any push polling. I think it's a waste of money, a bad idea," McLaughlin said.

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My employer, Slover Linett Strategies, seeks a referral to an expert on Asian American consumers in the US, if possible with knowledge of arts and culture tastes and preferences. We would like to interview this expert on behalf of a nonprofit arts client who wishes to increase audience participation by Asian Americans.

We are looking for a general overview of what's known about this segment: psychographics (attitudes, values, behaviors), tips on programming to their interests and marketing to them, how to think about distinct sub-segments, etc.

References for any published articles on this would also be appreciated.

Thanks,

Woody

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Gallup's latest has Obama leading McCain 46-42, which is roughly the margin for the last week or so. I'm wondering several things: 1) Should we pay any attention to polls at this stage, or are they pretty unrelated to eventual outcomes? 2) Given some notorious misses in the primaries, are these polls likely to be unusually unrelated to eventual outcome? 3) Given reportedly high levels of new registrations (which may or may not be unprecedented, who knows?), reportedly strong interest among young voters (ditto the previous parenthetical), and the (well-established) enthusiasm differentials between Ds and Rs, are the polls likely to be understating Obama's support, actual or potential?

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Good polls will capture any change in the general electorate and probably trace the impact of greater turnout in the primaries/caucuses. All part of the story. JAS

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parenthetical), and the (well-established) enthusiasm differentials between Ds and Rs, are the polls likely to be understating Obama's support, actual or potential?

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Jonathan:

I don't mean to be ageist. Although I honestly don't know where the line is between being helpful and discriminatory; those folks in their 80s raved about the readability of the 14-point type as being one of the first forms they could read easily in years:)

I am not making a "blanket assumption that 50 to 80 year old men (most of whom you suggest are 65 to 80) would not be able to complete a self-administered questionnaire without assistance due to cognitive limitations."

I am telling you that the nurse practitioner reports a non-trivial number of men in their clinics get help in filling out the symptom questionnaires, etc. that they already administer. This might indicate cognitive impairment (she thought not, as noted below, and did not intend to consent anyone with significant cognitive impairment into this study). Or it might indicate other issues, such as wanting to fill it out with their spouse because they do things as a team, or to let her feel like more a part of the visit, or because she has always handled the paperwork. In any case, I think the data point of whether someone assisted might be worth capturing.



I am sure you are correct about dementia rates, but I am more concerned with the specific tasks associated with responding to a survey, for which there does seem to be research suggesting some changes with age. I very much appreciated the 1999 book "Cognition, Aging, and Self-Reports," edited by Norbert Schwarz, Denise C. Park, Barbel Knäuper, and Seymour Sudman. They bring together a lot of data about how aging affects cognition in the survey context and how surveys can be designed to adjust for such changes. Various chapters indicate a linear decline in processing speed with age, drop-offs after a certain age in cued & free recall and working memory capacity, while vocabulary stayed stable or maybe even increased slightly. In a survey setting, this may result in response order effects and increased rates of "don't know" among older respondents.

Our patient population of interest will be patients in clinics that are often the provider of last resort for folks who can't get care otherwise (who don't have health insurance through a current or former employer, and can't afford/buy individual coverage). Numerous studies show that these patients are sicker, poorer, less educated, and have less social support than patients in other settings.

I view the issues of cognition, literacy, vision impairment, etc. as like the staves in a water barrel. Each of those, and also factors with the survey instrument and administration itself, have to be solid for it to hold water. If one stave is lower, then it will leak, and it can only hold water up to the level of the lowest stave. And I see my role as a survey researcher to make sure that every barrel has staves that are high enough to hold a sufficient amount of water.

(Okay, maybe that analogy would be more interesting with wine....)

When I say that these patients have complex health status, I meant simply that many of them also have diabetes, and/or kidney disease, and/or hypertension, and/or mental illness. And those other conditions are generally more of a problem than the gout on a day-to-day basis. Thus, gout is not the first thing that comes to mind when we start asking questions about their health, and therefore part of the challenge of the questionnaire design is to focus their attention on gout for a few minutes. We have to specify "about gout" when we ask about how they feel toward a provider, or their ability to function, or whatever. For example, I couldn't just use one of the excellent health self-efficacy scales that are out there; we had to try to tailor it to gout, both in language and examples. This sometimes resulted in verbiage that seems excessive, and thus doesn't help with readability. But without gout-specific language, people would start talking about diabetes, even though they'd gone through questions about gout and been handed a brochure about gout.

Thanks for your input,

Colleen Porter  
Gainesville, FL

On Jun 16, 2008, at 11:16 AM, Jonathan Brill wrote:

> Colleen:  
>  
> As someone who now focuses exclusively on over age 50 populations, I  
> am  
> appalled by the blanket assumption that 50 to 80 year old men (most of  
> whom you suggest are 65 to 80) would not be able to complete a  
> self-administered questionnaire without assistance due to cognitive  
> limitations. Cognitive limitations that prevent unassisted  
> self-administration of survey questionnaire are fairly rare among the  
> 65+ population and the incidence of dementia among the elderly appears  
> to be declining fairly rapidly. A recent study by Corder and Manton  
> at  
> Duke based on data culled from National Long Term Care Surveys  
> examined  
> dementia cases among those 65+ from 1982 through 1999. They found that  
> there was a decrease of 380,000 cases from approx. 1.3 million  
> (4.7%) in  
> 1982 to approximately 900,000 (2.5%) in 1999 ( $p < 0.0001$ ) with  
> age-standardized estimates demonstrating a larger decline from 5.3% to  
> 2.5%. These researchers concluded that more recent cohorts are less  
> likely to be severely demented in old age despite longer life  
> expectancy. Furthermore, several other studies indicate that the rate  
> of dementia appears to be higher among women than men even when  
> controlling for greater life expectancy among women!  
>  
> While cognitive impairment is always a concern for any mode of survey  
> participation, the primary issue in a person's ability to complete a  
> self-administered questionnaire is literacy. As far as I know ...  
> and,  
> as an over 50 male that suffers from gout, I feel I am solid ground  
> here  
> ... gout is neither an indicator of cognitive limitations nor low  
> literacy.  
>  
> Also, I find the statement that it is "reality that gout is often  
> merely one more co-morbidity for folks with complex health status" to  
> be  
> strange and nebulous - what in the world constitutes "complex health  
> status"? The research supported evidence that most people over 50  
> tend  
> to consume 2 or more doctor prescribed medications does not  
> necessarily  
> mean the 50+ crowd has complex health status or is cognitively  
> limited.  
> For example, a person with gout could be hypertensive. Does being on  
> allopurinol (and/or colchicine) for gout and an ACE inhibitor (or an  
> ARB  
> or a diuretic or a beta blocker or a calcium channel blocker) for  
> hypertension constitute complex health status? Even if this does meet  
> your definition of "complex health status", it surely does not mean  
> that  
> one is of insufficient literacy or sufficiently cognitively impaired  
> to

> be unable to complete a self-administered questionnaire without  
> assistance.  
>  
> So what in the world are you and that nurse practitioner talking about  
> here? Is there something about this patient population that makes it  
> clear that low literacy levels or high levels of cognitive impairment  
> are likely to be encountered? (Because it surely is not age or gender  
> or gout!) If there is, that is the relevant issue to be addressed in  
> your research design, not the ageist assumptions you appear to be  
> invoking.

>  
> Regards,  
> Jonathan

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>>>> Colleen Porter <[colleen\\_porter@COX.NET](mailto:colleen_porter@COX.NET)> 6/16/2008 7:45 AM >>>

> I've been designing a series of paper-and-pencil questionnaires to be  
>  
> filled out in a clinic setting by gout patients, while they are  
> waiting to see their provider. Given the nature of the clinics  
> involved as well as that condition, the patients will likely be men  
> over age 50, most late 60s to early 80s.

>  
> It's been a challenge to think through the appropriate font size, and  
>  
> complicated by the reality that gout is often merely one more co-

> morbidity for folks with complex health status (e.g., so when you ask  
> them about their provider, it has to be the "doctor who treats your  
> gout," not just doctor).  
>  
> But to get to my question: Most of these men come to clinic with a  
> family member, typically their wife or adult daughter. I have always  
>  
> been interested in the indirect effect that these other people have on  
>  
> the patient's health care decision, and my first thought was to have a  
>  
> questionnaire for the patient and a slightly different form for the  
> support person, which has been done.  
>  
> The nurse practitioner who will be handing out the the survey said  
> that likely wouldn't work, because often the support person would fill  
>  
> it out \*for\* the patient, which they know from the symptom checklists,  
>  
> etc., they are already filling out--there are references to "he." So  
>  
> they are not going to want to fill out another form for themselves  
> after helping the patient.  
>  
> We immediately discussed whether to add a short battery of items to  
> determine cognitive ability to complete the questionnaire, which is  
> common in surveys of elders, but she insisted that she would only give  
>  
> it to patients who were capable of processing the information and  
> answering the questions; they just needed help reading the words,  
> etc. I agree with her after watching a pretest couple do this; they  
> are quite practiced; it just took a bit longer, and ironically toward  
>  
> the end, he picked up the form and saw the 14-point Times New Roman  
> type and said, "Oh, I can read this myself!" But they are so used to  
>  
> unreadable medical forms that they hadn't even tried.  
>  
> So I am definitely not doing a second questionnaire, but part of me  
> wants to capture the idea of whether there is someone helping them  
> with the form in clinic. However, when we went into cognitive testing  
>  
> with a question about whether anyone helped them to fill out the form,  
>  
> everyone said that I had helped them, since I was there listening and  
>  
> "making sure they understood" (really asking questions about whether  
> they understood, but that's how it was perceived).  
>  
> Okay, so is this just something that works awkwardly in a pretest  
> situation but will fly fine in the field, or does this just never  
> work? Any experiences?  
>  
> And does this even matter, or is it just an excess of my nerdy

> wanting-  
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You are of course correct. Polls now are very important for they help the campaigns decide where to focus their lies and distortions of all the things their candidate will do for us and all things the other guy wont do. If, in some strange world political candidates actually had to stand on what they actually believed and planned to do, the longitudinal polls--though still having some value regarding voter sentiment--would diminish dramatically in importance. It's the ability of campaign money to market and manipulate that make the polls of such value to the candidates. Call me a cynic, but I think we all know this is true.

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I was looking at Questionpro for a client project and it seems to be well-suited given its features. If anyone has any feedback on Questionpro I'd be grateful for some offline feedback.

Thanks,  
Leora

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In 1968, immediately after the police bust ended the Columbia student takeover of buildings to protest building a Columbia gym in a public park adjacent to Harlem, and also the University's involvement in Vietnam war research and consulting, the Bureau of Applied Social Research sent a mail questionnaire to a sample of students in all schools and departments located at the Morningside campus where the demonstrations took place. The university student mailing list was used with every 5th student sampled, thus reaching students in university housing, those renting rooms in the neighborhood, and those commuting from elsewhere. Approximately half of the students responded mailing back the questionnaires (I believe in postage-paid envelopes). Comparisons of early and later returns and a telephone sampling of nonrespondents did not show large differences in activism or attitudes. The total number of responses was 3788. This permitted breakdowns by school and department, and including 230 who admitted (or boasted) that they had been arrested in the police bust. Results are reported in POQ32(3) (Fall 1968) pp. 333-351, and in the Graduate Sociology Student Union publication The Human Factor, 9(1) (Fall, 1969) pp.18-40. (We also did a mail questionnaire of the faculty with about a 50% rate of return.)

We were assisted by the fact that a former employee in the BASR machine room, displaced by our going over to computer operations, was working in the University student data office, and that the BASR had worked for the university administration as a research facility. For more normal circumstances, the cooperation of the university administration is recommended to access the student mailing list. I do not know whether "privacy protections" enacted since 1968 would prevent use of administrative lists of students for legitimate research - we did not obtain any information other than name and address from the university files.

Allen Barton, former Director, BASR, Columbia University

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> To: <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
> Date: 6/16/2008 2:38:57 PM  
> Subject:  
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> Friends -

Anyone have advice or could share experiences re: sampling for and surveying college students who attend a given college? That is - students at ABC University, not screening for college students from a sample of

households.

Thanks,

Ann

(Feel free to reply offline.)

Ann Duffett, Ph.D.

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Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>

From: Jonathon Reed <[jreed@MARKETPERCEPTIONS.COM](mailto:jreed@MARKETPERCEPTIONS.COM)>

Subject: Quote Inquiry

Comments: To: [AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)

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From: Jonathon Reed <jreed@MARKETPERCEPTIONS.COM>  
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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: "Doyle, Ken" <kendoyle@UMN.EDU>  
Subject: Re: Quote Inquiry  
Comments: To: Jonathon Reed <jreed@MARKETPERCEPTIONS.COM>  
Comments: cc: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU  
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Maybe this is it:

[http://www.fanfiction.net/s/4169050/1/Ryuzaki\\_in\\_Love](http://www.fanfiction.net/s/4169050/1/Ryuzaki_in_Love)

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>

From: Howard Fienberg <hfienberg@CMOR.ORG>

Subject: CMOR-AUTHORED PUSH POLL BILL PASSES LOUISIANA STATE HOUSE AND SENATE

Comments: To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU

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CMOR-AUTHORED BILL PASSES LOUISIANA STATE HOUSE AND SENATE

Proposed law combats "push polls"; protects legitimate survey and opinion research

(Washington, D.C.)- Louisiana H.B. 1044-a bill drafted by CMOR-has passed both the State House and Senate with unanimous approval and awaits the signature of Governor Bobby Jindal (R). The proposed law would combat political persuasion calls (also known as "political telemarketing" or "push polls") while protecting legitimate survey and opinion research (including message testing).=20

As crafted by CMOR's Government Affairs experts, H.B. 1044 prohibits making any telephone call expressly advocating support or opposition of a candidate, elected public official or ballot proposition without identifying the source of the call. The pending law exempts legitimate survey and opinion research.=20

H.B. 1044 significantly benefits survey and opinion researchers. The law not only applies to callers in Louisiana, but also to all phone contacts and communications with Louisiana respondents. Given the Louisiana legislature's previous attempt to combat push polls by requiring extensive and bias-inducing disclosures in telephone surveys, this is a special victory.

This pending law will serve as a model for other states seeking to combat the scourge of push polls - particularly since it is the first law in the United States to define and protect message testing in research. It will also serve as a model law that researchers can promote themselves at the grassroots level.

"None of this would have been possible without the due diligence and support of Jude Olinger, a member of CMOR's grassroots State Capital Network, and his work with Rep. Neil Abramson (D, District 98), the bill's sponsor," said LaToya Lang, CMOR's State Legislative Director.

For a full analysis of the pending law and more information on the CMOR State Capitol Network, contact CMOR at (202) 775-5171 or llang@cmor.org.

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Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>

From: Marc Sapir <[marcsapir@COMCAST.NET](mailto:marcsapir@COMCAST.NET)>

Subject: FW: "Irrefutable evidence" of fraud in 2004 Ohio election

Comments: To: [AAPORNET@asu.edu](mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu)

Comments: cc: Jackie Riskin <[jackieriskin@yahoo.com](mailto:jackieriskin@yahoo.com)> ,

Judy Bertelsen <[jb Bert@lmi.net](mailto:jb Bert@lmi.net)>

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For people interested in the Ohio data. No, I haven't seen Phillips book myself, but I'm aware of his work and some of his writing on the topic.

Marc

Marc Sapir MD, MPH

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

From: Richard Hayes Phillips [mailto:richardhayesphillips@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2008 8:32 AM

Richard Hayes Phillips  
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## "IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE" OF FRAUD IN 2004 OHIO ELECTION

Richard Hayes Phillips, Ph.D., has been the leading investigator of the 2004 presidential election in Ohio. His long-awaited book, "Witness to a Crime: A Citizens' Audit of an American Election," was recently published.

This book is the document of record, based upon actual forensic evidence. Phillips examined 126,000 ballots, 127 poll books, 141 voter signature books, and other records, enabling him to prove that the election was rigged.

The book is hard bound, cloth cover, with 448 pages of text and tables, eight pages of color photographs, and a CD containing 1200 images of evidence from Ohio.

Phillips' work was relied upon by John Conyers in challenging the Ohio electors, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. in writing his article for Rolling Stone magazine, and Judge Algenon Marbley in issuing his court order protecting the ballots from destruction. Kennedy has called it "irrefutable evidence."

For more information, or to purchase the book, click:  
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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: Edith de Leeuw <edithl@XS4ALL.NL>  
Subject: Field Methods  
Comments: To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU, bms-rc33@services.cnrs.fr,  
nosmo@nic.surfnet.nl, SRMSNET@LISTSERV.UMD.EDU  
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Apologies for cross-posting

On behalf of Russ Bernard the chief editor of Field Methods. I am sending=20  
out the following announcement.  
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Warm regards Edith De Leeuw

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Ethnographers today regularly do surveys and field experiments; survey=20



researcher today regularly do ethnographic or cognitive interviewing to=20  
develop questions; and scholars in every social science discipline=20  
regularly analyze text and other qualitative data (still and moving images,=  
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Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>

From: David Dutwin <[ddutwin@ICRSURVEY.COM](mailto:ddutwin@ICRSURVEY.COM)>

Subject: Portuguese interviewing

Comments: To: [AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)

In-Reply-To: A<[D751154249FA5F46AEA41585265968978F951B@mraexch.mra-dom.mra-net.org](mailto:D751154249FA5F46AEA41585265968978F951B@mraexch.mra-dom.mra-net.org)>

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Any recommendations would be much appreciated!

Thanks,

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Sender: AAPORNET <[AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)>

From: Ron Riley <[ron@CHANNELM2.COM](mailto:ron@CHANNELM2.COM)>

Subject: Re: Portuguese interviewing  
Comments: To: David Dutwin <ddutwin@ICRSURVEY.COM>, AAPORNET@ASU.EDU  
Comments: cc: juliana@scorzapesquisa.net  
In-Reply-To: <C012F3312E685F4E8EC4DB46B1E5694706753A11@icrmail.icrdomain.com>  
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Juliana Scorza -- exceptional QUALITATIVE interviewer, based in Sao Paulo.  
Speaks good English...

juliana@scorzapesquisa.net

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

From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of David Dutwin  
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2008 10:24 AM  
To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU  
Subject: Portuguese interviewing

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Reply-To: TimothyJames Beebe <beebe.timothy@MAYO.EDU>  
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>  
From: TimothyJames Beebe <beebe.timothy@MAYO.EDU>  
Subject: Survey Response During Election Years  
Comments: To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU  
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Tim

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From: Allan Rivlin <[arivlin@HARTRESEARCH.COM](mailto:arivlin@HARTRESEARCH.COM)>  
Subject: Re: Survey Response During Election Years  
Comments: To: TimothyJames Beebe <[beebe.timothy@MAYO.EDU](mailto:beebe.timothy@MAYO.EDU)>, [AAPORNET@ASU.EDU](mailto:AAPORNET@ASU.EDU)  
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My hypothesis, without any supporting data, is that response rates have to go way down in those rare but important cases where there are multiple voter persuasion and get out the vote (GOTV) phone banks simultaneously targeting a finite voter pool. For example Ohio registered voters in the five days preceding the 2004 general presidential election (and all those independent

expenditure and 527 campaign phone banks).

My theory is that this was a major contributing factor in the incorrect predictions of this year's New Hampshire Primary. There were about 9 candidates from both parties with major phone banks running. That theory requires the additional assertion of a differential effect on response between Obama supporters who we know from exit polls were younger and more likely to be voting in their first primary making them more likely to pick up a telephone that had been ringing all day (with GOTV calls) than Clinton supporters who were more likely to have been through all this before.

I will watch the thread for anyone with real data.

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

From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of Timothy James Beebe

Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2008 1:34 PM

To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>

From: "Langer, Gary" <Gary.Langer@ABC.COM>

Subject: Re: Survey Response During Election Years

Comments: To: TimothyJames Beebe <beebe.timothy@MAYO.EDU>, AAPORNET@ASU.EDU

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As Dan Merkle and I reported at AAPOR's national conference in 2005, in our 32-night 2004 national pre-election tracking poll the cooperation rate across all waves was 54 percent, and the AAPOR RR3 response rate was 37 percent.

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Hello all:=20

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Has anyone done a survey or poll that looked as a community's  
perceptions about mental health or mental illness? For example -  
looking at common myths held about mental illness and to what extent  
people in a given community believed these statements to be true or  
false? =20

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I have not been able to find much in the literature (to my surprise). =20

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Thank you for your help and feedback - please feel free to reply  
off-line.=20

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If that is the question, then the answer is almost certainly "no worries"

about legitimate political surveys, that is.

I counted up all the polls posted in Hotline one presidential year (2000 I think) for my Pole Position Column (no longer available on line) and the total number of interviews was not large enough compared to the population to plausibly have an effect on response rates (even assuming that only half or a smaller fraction of all polls were published in Hotline).

The number of surveys is, I am sure, overwhelmed by the number of persuasion calls, voter-ID calls and GOTV calls in late days of a campaign, and that could have a short term impact on response rates in the hotly contested areas. (The public does not distinguish between legitimate surveys and voter identification calls for GOTV efforts because they sound the same.) For this reason, campaign activity, not political research, you may want to think about steering clear of October 22 through November 6th or so. Especially if you care about responses in Ohio, Florida, Virginia, Colorado, ...

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Thanks again for your response.

Tim

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Subject: Survey Response During Election Years

Hi,

A colleague of mine would like get AAPORNet member reaction to the following question...

"Has there been anything on AAPOR net about the impact on surveys (e.g., lower response rate) of being in the field during heated election campaigns? We have received this question a couple of times about our surveys coming up this Fall."

Any thoughts on the above would be most appreciated. Thanks in advance.

Regards,

Tim

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Hello Tim,

I suspect the answer depends on how saturated areas are with calls. While I was away at a couple of conferences prior to the Kentucky primary (May 20), we had two surveys in the field - both health related (one was BRFSS). We had abnormally low response rates for both - BRFSS at least 10-15% lower response rate (AAPOR3) than typical in other months. When I got back to town the day after the primary, my wife told me they had received over 60 calls from the Obama campaign alone in the days leading up to the election, even though (or perhaps because) it was clear he had no chance to win. She and my son made a game of guessing the precise minute the next call would come. It is not surprising that people were tired of answering the phone/participating in surveys. However, in a national election, the saturation of calls will not be so intense (we hope), although it is possible it will be unprecedented in key battleground states like Ohio, Florida, etc.

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Syracuse, NY -- After 24 years of polling for political candidates, Syracuse University professor Jeff Stonecash has been asked by university officials to shut down his operation amid complaints from a Democratic congressional candidate.

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SU officials said Stonecash, a political scientist at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, voluntarily stopped polling for candidates pending a meeting today with university officials.

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Stonecash's most recent candidate poll, made public April 30, was for Republican congressional candidate Dale Sweetland.

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The campaign of Sweetland's opponent, Democrat Dan Maffei, acknowledged that it had complained about Stonecash's use of SU facilities and student labor.

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I've always thought that the collective name for pollsters is 'a sample of =  
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During election years, respondents would probably call them a "plague of pollsters".

Bob Worcester wrote:

> I've always thought that the collective name for pollsters is 'a sample of pollsters', but all together we must be 'the universe of pollsters'. Cheers.

Bob

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A poll of pollsters is obviously a "meta-survey." But first one has to establish the universe of polls on a given topic (within some time period) and draw a sample (weighted by the sample size of each poll?)

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Jeff,

You haven't mentioned anything on the content of this optional module. Does its content apply to all regions and strata? Is your purpose to generalize the results to the entire county (or country, did you mean?), or are the questions in this optional module such that you could get by with less precision or generalizability (and therefore lower your cost)?

In other words, your purposes matter.

Hope these thoughts are helpful,

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Merkle and I got a nice paper out of something we built into the questionnaire about candidate name recognition.

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Syracuse, NY -- After 24 years of polling for political candidates, Syracuse University professor Jeff Stonecash has been asked by university officials to shut down his operation amid complaints from a Democratic congressional candidate.

SU officials said Stonecash, a political scientist at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, voluntarily stopped polling for candidates pending a meeting today with university officials.

Stonecash's most recent candidate poll, made public April 30, was for Republican congressional candidate Dale Sweetland.

The campaign of Sweetland's opponent, Democrat Dan Maffei, acknowledged that it had complained about Stonecash's use of SU facilities and student labor.

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Last week I drove out to a rural area to conduct an interview, and as I pulled around the last curve of a long dirt driveway, a big jersey cow stood in the middle of the road, with dense trees tight on either side so that I couldn't consider going around.

Oh, it brought back memories! It was the summer of 1984 when I first trained as a Census interviewer on recurring economic surveys. I remember taking my supervisor out to one of my typical work areas, and he insisted that I should be issued "dog mace" spray to protect me from the many animals that posed a threat. I was more worried about running into marijuana growers, cock fighters, etc. but the dogs and pigs weren't much fun, either.

But now it is 2008. And I rejoiced in modern wonders as I pulled out my cell phone and called the respondent and asked how to handle the cow.

The other great thing about research today is the ability to do unobtrusive, almost effortless audio recording. I have been using a new MacBook for a few months, and it dawned on me: one of those little pinprick holes over the screen is a microphone! A bit of testing showed that the preloaded GarageBand software recorded just fine (settings Real Instrument, vocal, no effects). Not broadcast quality, but certainly good enough to refer to cognitive interviews later. All this with the laptop just sitting there, so that some people wondered why I had asked permission to record if I wasn't going to turn on a machine.

Compare that with the first focus groups I did 20+ years ago, hunting all over town for 120-minute cassette tapes so that the recorder wouldn't click off in the middle of a session, using one of those flat black multidirectional microphones that were hopefully less threatening to participants.

But there are some things about the old days that I miss. I know it is wonderful that we can run SPSS on a PC nowadays, but does anyone remember computer punch cards? I don't miss the fear of dropping the cards and bending them or getting some out of order, nor the time it took to run programs that would be done in seconds today, nor the

sleep deprivation of staying up late for the cheaper computer time (because in an era of computers that took up a full room, student data was sometimes analyzed on the same computer that ran university payroll).

But the rejected cards made such a great playtoy for children. All our kids who were raised in the 1970s and 80s built tall towers out of the cards, with some folded in half for the sides, others laid flat to provide a platform for the next level. Somehow, those cards got discarded (bad pun!) when we moved to Florida. In the early 1990s, when our youngest daughters were of an age to enjoy them, it seemed wrong not to have punch cards for them, too. This was before eBay, and we couldn't find a local source of cards, as they had been obsolete for years (people laughed at our search efforts).

So we bought some file folders, and used a paper cutter to chop them to the basic size and shape of a punch card. Almost as good.

And I guess that is one aspect of research that will never change: You always do the best you can with the tools at hand.

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I've been jotting down the Gallup daily in a spreadsheet since Clinton ended her campaign, and have questioned if to some extent we are seeing a possible day of the week effect.

This was previously discussed/suggested on pollster.com (see link below) with respect to variation for Obama vs. Clinton --

[http://www.pollster.com/blogs/day\\_of\\_week\\_effect\\_in\\_gallup\\_d.php](http://www.pollster.com/blogs/day_of_week_effect_in_gallup_d.php)

Also- while Gallup does now include cell phones (cell only?) does the proportion vary day to day? If there is some sort of day of the week cyclical pattern in participation rates, proportion of cells, absence of strong weekend news, etc.. what does a daily matchup give us?

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Rolling 3-day Average

Obama

McCain

Net Obama

Fri/Sat/Sun

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9-Jun

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Sat/Sun/Mon

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10-Jun

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Dear Nick:

Many thanks,? Fritz

PS The idea of knowing how many early voters are in the poll can be used, without knowing how they voted, and post-stratified if the fraction that already voted is known or well estimated. this should protect against differential nonresponse (i.e., bias) and even have a possible variance reduction effect.

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> Dear Colleagues:

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> In Utah, during the Primary Election Tuesday, June 24, my colleague Dr. Paul  
> Fields

> indicated that BYU and its affiliated Universities just conducted an exit  
poll.

> BYU plans, as usual, to do so again during the General Election in November.

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> Of course with increases in early voting the job has gotten harder. The  
saliency

> of the polling this election cycle, ceteris paribus, could have had a  
positive

> effect on response rates. Still pre-election polling may have gotten a lot  
> harder

> too (New Hampshire?) -- something that, as with exit polls, promises to be  
true

> for the fall as well. ?

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> The big animal in the pre-election/exit poll tent (Elephant/Donkey/Camel)  
could

> be

> the growing number of early voters. And the consequent need to identify them

> (now

> usually done), count them by getting early vote counts (maybe from a sample  
of

> election commission/counties (not usually done?) and then post-stratify the

> survey estimates (this is happening for exit polls but it is unknown as to  
who

> is

> doing this for pre-election polls?)

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> Best to all, Fritz ?

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Hello Everyone,

I was contacted by a recruiter looking to fill a position at a public policy firm in New York. I am, fortunately, content with my current position. However if anyone is interested, the description of the position and the recruiter's contact information is below.

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Company delivers research-based solutions to complex problems. They help governments and businesses increase their impact on the world—enhancing performance and improving lives.

We are seeking a Sr. Research Manager for its New York City operations. The position will report to a Vice President, and will have responsibility for marketing/business development, project design, implementation, analysis and presentation of results, and supervisory responsibility for a small team of project management staff.

Advanced degree in relevant field a plus. 3 + years experience in quantitative research methods and techniques in a social research work environment desired. Government-contracting experience in public policy, public transportation/transit highly desired. The successful candidate will assist with existing, large-scale, survey research and contribute to future growth.

This company offers excellent compensation and benefits, including 401(k), profit-sharing, tuition reimbursement, and casual business dress. EOE/M/F/D/V. For more information, please contact Bradley Brown. His contact

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We are at the Pre-Pre-RFP stage at this point but before we spend any more time on this;

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Does anyone know a good fieldhouse with experience in Croatia?

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