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Here is a story about Phoenix conference/convention cancellations.
http://www.chicagotribune.com/sports/sns-ap-us-arizona-boycott,0,6739174,full.story

Phoenix hotels may be counseling organizations on how to proceed, for example, organizations could mail credentials in advance to concerned attendees.

The final item in the message below describes how two groups are collecting signatures to place a referendum on the ballot to repeal SB 1070. Lists bearing 75K valid signatures from each would be due in July. The Sec of State says that is too many to verify in time for the November ballot. The referendum would have to be delayed until November 2012. SB 1070 would not become law until then if it passes.

I don't see any reason to move the 2011 conference out of Phoenix,

Nick Panagakis

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To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2010 10:28:36 AM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: Re: Arizona -- re driver's license as proof of citizenship

Several states require citizenship to obtain a driver's license. It is not clear whether other states would accept such licenses as proof of citizenship, not clear whether other states determine whether or not an out-of-state driver has such a license.

Here is a story from the Arizona Republic. Three law suits against the state have been filed.
9arizona-immigration-lawsuit29-ON.html
Lot's of conflict between elected officials including State Attorney General Terry Goddard who says he would likely refuse to defend the state in court. Goddard appears to be the Democratic challenger to Gov. Jan Brewer this November, ahead 47% to 28% in an ASU poll last November. (Source: Pollingreport.com) Any current polls available?


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RE one thread of this very interesting discussion: According to "US Immigration Support: your online guide to US visas, green cards, and citizenship" (http://www.usimmigrationsupport.org/illegalimmigrant-driverslicense.html):

"The requirements for obtaining a driver's license varies by state. Some states are proposing legislation to prohibit the issuance of state issued identification to individuals who are unable to prove legal immigration status. Conversely, in other states it is possible for an illegal immigrant to obtain a driver's license, as no proof of legal immigration status is required."

So apparently having a drivers license from some states would not be sufficient if one were stopped in AZ under the new law.

Note that I don't see a date on this webpage, but it does refer to "the Obama administration" in another location.

best, Jennifer

On 4/30/2010 9:04 AM, Donna Victoria wrote:
@ Donatello: "there is not a single conference attendee who should be negatively impacted by this law"

> Mike, I think having to worry about being stopped for "driving while brown" with the threat of imminent arrest if you don't immediately present your papers is in itself a negative impact, one that is hardly negated if we get thru the conference without any members in shackles.

> If you were a Latino AAPOR member thinking of bringing along family, how would you feel about an episode like this happening in front of your children?
I don't agree with a boycott for political reasons, I agree that is a tangled web for us, but there are two very real concerns before Council:

Financial -- do we lose more money by canceling and moving, or by staying in AZ (i.e., how many members who would have gone will opt out)

Fraternal -- are we being sufficiently protective of all AAPOR members when we know this law is not colorblind -- if members feel strongly that setting foot in Arizona disrespects or threatens them, do they lose faith in AAPOR as a membership organization if we go ahead anyway? At a minimum, we need to carefully consider the views of all members, not send the message that this is no big deal.

Personally, I'm on the fence as to whether I'd attend in Arizona or not, this needs to play out a little more but AAPOR does not have the time for that...kinda hoping the Constitution rides to the rescue, here!

So if we leave AZ, I think the "boycott" should be viewed as a financial decision, and one of responsibility to members. It's just business -- and AZ lawmakers probably should have thought of these impacts when they acted.

DonnaV

On Thu, Apr 29, 2010 at 11:57 PM, Stuart Kasdin<skasdin1@yahoo.com> wrote:

I am not a lawyer, but I would doubt that it is a violation of the Hatch Act if the organization cancels its location or makes a statement about immigration policy. AAPOR, the organization does not automatically become a different type of organization. In the Bush Administration they did try or discuss eliminating the tax exempt status of churches deemed political (in a liberal direction, or course). For the Hatch Act, the question would be whether on government time, employees are engaging in political behavior. However, since the purpose of the conference is still focused on survey research and related topics, it seems to me that the federal employee is safe. If AAPOR were somehow reclassified as a different type of organization, that would be different. Still, I am just speculating, so grain of salt and all that...

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I would strongly recommend that federal employees seek the advice of their general council and monitor this situation closely.

http://www.osc.gov/hatchact.htm

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Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2010 6:15 PM
To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
Subject: Arizona

Thanks to all who have expressed views on the 2011 meeting, now scheduled for Phoenix.

As it happens, the Council has been involved in a discussion about the Arizona law and how we should respond for the past couple days. We have been gathering information on the financial consequences of canceling the Phoenix booking and also considering other sorts of responses to the law, a number of which have been echoed in recent posts here.

And as luck would have it, we need to make a judgment about cancellation very soon, prior to our meeting in Chicago. This is because, according to...
>> the hotel contract signed more than a year ago, the cost of cancellation
>> increases by $100,000 on May 12. At minimum, the cancellation cost to
>> the
>> Association would be $200,000 plus the cost of finding a new location.
>> After May 12, the cancellation price alone goes up to $300,000.
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>> The Council needs to weigh the cancellation cost and its fiduciary
>> responsibility to AAPOR as well as the other serious considerations
>> which
>> have been raised here. We are scheduling a teleconference for early
>> next
>> week to engage this discussion. Both current and incoming council
>> members
>> will participate in the meeting, but the matter will be formally decided
>> by
>> the current council after the sharing of viewpoints.
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>> Thanks again for your thoughts. I will be back to you as soon as we
>> have
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AAPOR Friends:

I have been taking in and considering all of your comments on this issue as I sort out my own conflicting thoughts on the issue of an Arizona boycott.

In the meantime, you might be interested to see today's (Sunday) Arizona Republic editorial.

What was quite extraordinary is that it took up the entirety of Page 1 following a headline so large that it took up nearly half the page.

I have lived here just over 30 years and do not recall a Page 1 editorial. I commend it to your attention. Many of the comments this editorial directs at Arizona politicians could as easily been directed at many elected officials from non-border states.


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Oh, and I do owe everyone an update to my question on open vs. closed ended questions. Forthcoming.

Jason
The front page placement of the editorial says much about the public reaction to Arizona law SB1070, and little else. The editorial might have some virtue if it took a stand on the law itself, but it doesn't. The closest the editors come is to note, while chastising Gov. Brewer for signing it, the negative impact the law will have on the state.

What is more troubling is that much of the editorial's main argument appears to have been lifted, without attribution, from a far more eloquent opinion piece by Eugene Robinson in the Washington Post last Tuesday:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/04/26/AR2010042602595.html

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Jim et. al.,

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The idea that this organization would consider moving the site of the 2011 conference in order to make a political statement makes me question whether it is an organization that promotes the art and science of survey research, or uses that guise as a vehicle to promote the political agendas of its members. If the later is true, then the applicability of the Hatch Act becomes more relevant in my mind. You are correct in that AAPOR's decision to move the conference is not prohibited under the Hatch Act. That doesn't mean that someone could not make the argument that my participation and support of such action is.

Best,
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Thanks,
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Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2010 6:15 PM
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And if you are really interested, I can send you a copy of my dissertation, defended successfully last week, which uses opinion on immigration as the case study for the difference between public opinion as measured by surveys and opinion expressed through interest groups.

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Colleagues,

I appreciate Ken Steve's correction of his original posting about the Hatch Act.

I would certainly defend his right, and the right of all AAPOR members to make clear their views on the appropriateness of the organization's taking or not taking certain positions, and to be treated with respect.

I would also urge all of us -- both in the abstract and as modeling the appropriate
parameters of intellectual debate within AAPOR and vis a vis the wider community --
to be careful of hyperbole or overstatement for effect. Especially when the
debate around the Arizona law substantively and immigration policy more generally
often revolves around alleged "facts" which may well be in dispute, we need to be
careful.

I am reminded of the principle that "everyone is entitled to his or her
opinion but not his or her own facts". As I look out on earlier comments here and in more
public fora I see no monopoly of overstatement or sensationalism on any side.

Cheers, and I look forward to continuing discussion of this issue on
methodological, policy, and professional dimensions here and in Chicago in ten days.

Don

Granted that so much of the debate here has to do with disputed facts, letJim
et. al.,
>
Thank you for responding to my post regarding the Hatch Act. I knew my
post was a stretch, and in many ways, it was intended to be overblown.
I did not join AAPOR to get involved in political advocacy of any kind.
I find myself growing tired of the increased number of politically
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prohibited under the Hatch Act. That doesn't mean that someone could
not make the argument that my participation and support of such action
is.

Best,
Ken

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From: Caplan, James R., , CPMS Civ [mailto:james.caplan@cpms.osd.mil]
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2010 8:02 AM
To: Steve, Kenneth (RITA)
Subject: RE: Arizona

Ken,
Please check your facts. AAPOR moving its meeting location is in no way
a prohibited political act under Hatch. What Hatch prohibits is PARTISAN
political activity in the workplace or using your government position to advocate for a partisan candidate.

Thanks,

Jim

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Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2010 11:12 PM
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Any effort on the part of the AAPOR organization to alter its practices to make a political statement will place all members who are federal employees in violation of The Hatch Act. Not only would this preclude them from participating in the 2011 conference, it would require them to terminate their AAPOR membership immediately.

Given the fact that General Councils tend to err on the side of caution, I suspect the content of these email threads would be enough to require the same, even if the conference location was moved "for the safety" of its attendees. I'm not sure if action could or would be taken to recoup membership dues on behalf of the displaced federal employees.

I would strongly recommend that federal employees seek the advice of their general council and monitor this situation closely.

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This is not a morally pure solution: attendees still need to get to and from the hotel at the start and end of the conference, and this may mean that some attendees have options for alternative lodging that are risky for others; but I propose it as one way to mitigate the problem.

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Also, a note on usability. This ballot wants just the five digit AAPOR ID and NOT the same version that aapor.org wants.

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Sent: Monday, May 03, 2010 1:17 PM
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Subject: [AAPORN] Please Vote on the AAPOR Code Revision

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There is only one question on the ballot, so voting will take only a moment.

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--Stephen--

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What about the other considerations including:

1 - The significant cost to the organization to relocate?
2 - The possibility that AAPOR relocates to another state only to discover
later (and closer to the conference) that a similar or even more onerous law
gets passed in our new location?

While I understand the impulse to sanction, there are a lot of powerless
people who will be directly hurt and unjustly or disproportionately punished.
Is the hotel worker who will lose his or her job less important than the
unaffected office worker?

Is there something else like-minded people CAN do while in Arizona? I like
talking with people, sharing views and pushing back on bad ideas with better
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Just my two cents.

Paul

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We have more than words to address this issue. We have the time and resources to do exhaustive "Public Opinion Research" on this topic in Arizona and nation wide. The results aside this is how AAPOR should address this issue by doing what we do best. Do the research, write vigorously about what we did find and present to the public and our leaders.

Lets not fall into the trap of the same old lame responses to issues like this. Lets tackle it head on like few organizations can. Knowledge is power and the ability to gather that knowledge is at our disposal and we should use it.

Andy

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You can choose a ready guide in some celestial voice
If you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice
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I will choose a path that's clear
I will choose freewill

Geddy Lee, Alex Lifeson & Neil Peart

Best,
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> I may be betraying my advanced age and decrepitude, but I think there
> may be a precedent: Wasn't one of the requirements for a site for the
> AAPOR convention in the early 1980s that it had to be located in a
> state
> that had ratified the Equal Rights Amendment?

I'll say it again, since it didn't seem to make an impact the first

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On May 3, 2010, at 3:34 PM, kenneth.steve@DOT.GOV wrote:

> You can choose a ready guide in some celestial voice
> If you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice
> You can choose from phantom fears and kindness that can kill
> I will choose a path that's clear
> I will choose freewill
>
> Geddy Lee, Alex Lifeson & Neil Peart

I'll just bracket my concerns about "choice" and "freewill" to say, wow, Geddy Lee et al.

> what about the voice of geddy lee
> how did it get so high?
> i wonder if he speaks like an ordinary guy?
> (i know him and he does!)
> and you're my fact-checkin' cuz
> (Aww...)

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I am grateful to Michael Butterworth for his comments. To me the discussion of whether moving or not moving the conference would be political missed the key point. As a professional organization AAPOR needs to have its annual meeting in a venue where all its member attendees feel welcome and at ease. This is the issue about which we should be concerned. Mike

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--------- Original Message ---------
From: "Butterworth, Michael" <MXB@CBSNEWS.COM>
To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
Subject: Re: Arizona: off-site events, a suggestion
Date: Mon, 3 May 2010 11:34:05 -0400

I am most disturbed about the 2011 conference location because of the possibility that there will be two classes of members - those likely to
be harassed and those for which this is not a realistic problem. There seems to be a consensus that harassment is unlikely at the conference and in the conference hotel, so we could reduce the discriminatory effects by discouraging off-site activities that are not safe for all attendees. If the lead time for these activities is relatively short, this also allows us to see the actual effects of the new law.

This is not a morally pure solution: attendees still need to get to and from the hotel at the start and end of the conference, and this may mean that some attendees have options for alternative lodging that are risky for others; but I propose it as one way to mitigate the problem.

-----Original Message-----
From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of Peter Miller
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2010 6:15 PM
To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
Subject: Arizona

Thanks to all who have expressed views on the 2011 meeting, now scheduled for Phoenix.

As it happens, the Council has been involved in a discussion about the Arizona law and how we should respond for the past couple days. We have been gathering information on the financial consequences of canceling the Phoenix booking and also considering other sorts of responses to the law, a number of which have been echoed in recent posts here.

And as luck would have it, we need to make a judgment about cancellation very soon, prior to our meeting in Chicago. This is because, according to the hotel contract signed more than a year ago, the cost of cancellation increases by $100,000 on May 12. At minimum, the cancellation cost to the Association would be $200,000 plus the cost of finding a new location. After May 12, the cancellation price alone goes up to $300,000.

The Council needs to weigh the cancellation cost and its fiduciary responsibility to AAPOR as well as the other serious considerations which have been raised here. We are scheduling a teleconference for early next week to engage this discussion. Both current and incoming council members will participate in the meeting, but the matter will be formally decided by the current council after the sharing of viewpoints.

Thanks again for your thoughts. I will be back to you as soon as we have had a chance to deliberate and decide next week. All best wishes.
Peter
I am feeling really old...because I don't recall anyone mentioning that AAPOR faced a similar dilemma as we planned for the 1991 conference in Phoenix. The Arizona legislature had decided not to approve the Martin Luther King birthday holiday, and many members were up in arms and
calling for Council to cancel or move the conference. Moving would have been very expensive, and there was uncertainty about our ability to find another location with the meeting and sleeping space we needed. As I recall, the solution—parallel with what some posters have suggested for this conference—was a conference with a theme focused on issues of racism.  

Personally, I don't think AAPOR can afford to move the conference. I used to be responsible for site selection, and 20 years ago it was difficult to find a venue that would hold all of our space needs within two years of the conference. We've doubled in size since then, and more than doubled our space requirements for meals and parallel sessions. Even if we did not have a huge cancellation penalty, it would be a challenge to find another location that could hold us comfortably. And as someone pointed out, the people who would be hurt the most are the tourism industry employees—many of whom are already vulnerable if this new law goes into effect. I'd rather see us meet the challenge through our program and use the program to send our message to the state.

Anyone can choose to boycott any conference for any reason. AAPORites have provided a broad range of issues about the implications of changing or not changing the venue, and many of them put us in a "damned if you do, damned if you don't" situation. Council has a lot to consider as they weigh the pros and cons of how to react to the legislation.

At least 2011 is not a WAPOR year, although we do get international attendees at most meetings.

Karen Goldenberg

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or less pure profit.

So the boycott would consist of giving Arizona $200K?

Sorry if this is not the first mention of this. I haven't read all of the posts on this issue on AAPORNET.

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- Eric

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From: "Allan L. McCutcheon" <amccutch@UNLSERVE.UNL.EDU>
Subject: Re: Arizona: Talk is cheap; boycotts should not be
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Hi All,

I, too, would be willing to contribute to this.

Best,
Allan

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To My Colleagues at AAPOR:

A friendly reminder of NORC's reception on Friday, May 14th from 5:45 pm to 7:45 pm. The reception will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel located across the street from the Marriott in the King Arthur Court banquet room located on the 3rd floor (Historic Tower).

We will serve refreshments including cocktails, light appetizers and some give-away mementos that you will enjoy. If you haven't responded, please do so at http://www.norc.org/News/Reception.htm.

Best regards,

John Thompson
President and CEO
NORC
Dear AAPORwarriors,

I too have been following this conversation without comment. I observe many cogent and heartfelt positions.

I ask, is there a moral role for some institutions and organizations to operate from neutrality for the purpose of fulfilling their social obligation? Should NPR or ABC boycott ground news coverage of events in Arizona? Is AAPOR’s ability to be a representative or arbiter for objective research impacted by taking an overt ideological or social justice position on issues beyond the specific realm defined in the mission statement?

Andy Gage touched this issue. What is the role for neutrality and non-priming part of an organization which supports conducting good research?

In this context I believe there is some liability to the organization itself taking a proactive position on something which duly democratically elected officials have enacted as policy. I fully support each individual to make their own decision on attending the conference, and many may personally boycott if the Arizona venue is retained. So it seems that some fiscal implications will occur one way or the other. Putting fiscal implications aside, it seems to me that the neutrality of the organization toward social issues outside of the specific AAPOR mission is one essential topic the board must weigh.

Best regards,

Tom Bowerman

www.policyinteractive.org

----- Original Message ----- 
From: "Andrew Gage" <AGage95526@AOL.COM>
To: <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2010 11:15 AM
Subject: Re: Some considerations on Arizona 2011

>I have been sitting back for quite some time reading the responses and reaction to the Arizona law. We are public opinion researchers. We may not always like the conclusions of our research for any number of reasons yet we stand behind them from a moral and ethical standpoint.
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>I'm kind of surprised this is even a discussion. Are we seriously going to back out of Arizona because of the decision of their state government and what I understand with the support of a majority of citizens in Arizona? If it is the will of that state government and its citizens to enact such
In a message dated 5/3/2010 1:57:22 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, wcarter@UCHICAGO.EDU writes:

> With regard to the safety issue: we cannot predict what the environment will be like at the time of the conference.

> It is interesting to note that the predictions being presented in emails in this forum (although not in the one below) are all best-case scenarios -- the Supreme Court will strike down the law, injunctions will prevent it from going into effect, the police won't be so stupid as to act like police act everywhere else they're given blanket discretion, etc. etc.

> But how about those pesky worst case scenarios? Suppose immigrants turn to civil disobedience or worse to promote their cause in response to logjam in Washington, recession, and punitive state laws? And the country becomes not only polarized (as it is now) but mobilized?

> Then then Arizona law, which opens a chasm of discretion which rivals the Grand Canyon in majesty, could easily be used to frighten and intimidate our members of Latino descent during our Phoenix gathering.

> The very unpredictability of the future in the atmosphere of the law as passed and signed by the governor urges caution in exposing our members and their families to such a potential.

Woody

--- Original message ----

>>Date: Mon, 3 May 2010 13:28:59 -0400
>>From: Jan Werner <jwerner@JWDP.COM>
Subject: Some considerations on Arizona 2011
To: AAPORN@EUS.EDU

There are two different issues to consider with regard to holding the 2011 AAPOR conference in Arizona:

1) The safety of attendees.  
2) The moral (or ideological, depending on your viewpoint) aspect.

Both issues are important, but I think that we need to clearly distinguish between them while discussing what AAPOR's proper course of action should be.

With respect to 1), I don't believe that any AAPOR members would be at risk, even if SB1070 were in effect and strictly enforced at the time of the conference. Whatever one may think of supporters of the law, I don't believe they are that stupid.

With respect to 2), I agree in principle with those AAPOR members who feel that holding the 2011 conference in Phoenix would be a moral failure if not a tacit endorsement of the law. But I also feel that the high cost of withdrawal at this late date would impose an unfair burden on all members of our organization.

Nonetheless, I do feel that we should take some action that would have an impact beyond just words. That is why I suggest passing a resolution stating that AAPOR's Executive Council may no longer consider Arizona as a venue for any future conference unless and until the legislature there repeals the law, not just if it is rejected by the courts. That might give those decent citizens of Arizona something to fight for.

Jan Werner

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Putting my mouth where my money is - all the best,
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Date:         Tue, 4 May 2010 14:17:00 -0400
Dear AAPORites,

I am trying to track down research and current practices (especially within federal agencies) regarding the use of refreshment samples--fresh cross-sections--in panel survey projects. It seems that refreshment samples are variously used for diagnosing panel attrition (Kruse et al. 2009; Frick 2006), adjusting weights (Brownstone et al. 1999), directly replacing panel attriters (Schupp and Wagner 2002), or imputing panel attriters (Hirano et al. 2001). Any insights about how refreshment samples are being used in some of the major panel surveys or other current research on the topic?

Feel free to email me directly.

Thanks in advance,

Sunshine

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But even on the subject of the first category of arguments, I do find it interesting that my colleagues on the right think it is only a political statement if we decide to move the meeting, but it is somehow apolitical if we stay in Arizona. With all due respect, it is a political statement either way and you can't simply pretend that your side of the debate is politically neutral while the other side is taking a stand. We are taking a stand either way.

And because we would be taking a stand either way, the Association should take the action that is in the best interests of its members. Certainly the best interests of our members include the financial costs associated with holding (or moving) the conference. But they also include whether our members can attend the conference without feeling that their liberty and safety are in jeopardy. (Would someone care to place a dollar value on that? I know know I wouldn't.) I don't know what the right answers are, but I do know the difference between a valid concern and a red herring.

The notion that moving the meeting would just be a political statement that could place the reputation of the association at risk is a red herring. It ignores the very real concerns of many of our members for their safety and that of their colleagues; it also ignores the fact that it is a political statement if we stay as well.

So let's make the decision as we should make it -- by balancing the legitimate safety concerns of many of our members against the financial cost and other logistical issues that might make a move difficult or inadvisable.
I trust our elected Council members to weigh the costs and benefits of each decision and make the correct decision in our interests.

Best regards,

-- Joel

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From: "Butterworth, Michael" <MXB@CBSNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: AAPOR CODE and Cheap Talk
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May I add that making the decision based on issue (2) requires a conscious attempt to be objective - people on either side of issue (1) will (often unconsciously) minimize or exaggerate the risks to members accordingly. Part of this involves referencing factual statements, like "There have already been reported cases of people being incarcerated..."

-----Original Message-----
From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of Joel Bloom
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2010 3:03 PM
To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
Subject: Re: AAPOR CODE and Cheap Talk

To Kenneth and others who are focusing exclusively on the political arguments, please understand that there are two completely separate issues at play here, and our members have made arguments on both sides of both issues. The two issues relate to:

1) Whether we agree with the morality or ethics of the law itself;
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infer (subject to confirmation) which numbers came out of omnibus polling
and which did not. At least you've controlled for topic. It's conceivable
that some of the insiders could help sort them out. Another idea would be an
archive like the Roper Center -- or potentially others. Gallup might be a
helpful sole source but it's not evident to outsiders how much of their
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is just stating the obvious.

If there is a directionally consistent difference between results from the
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It is equally OK to suggest that AAPOR might want to move because many individuals might chose to boycott the meeting as it is to suggest that AAPOR might choose to stay in Phoenix because of the financial penalties.

Now I will sit down and shut up.

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assume that the recent postings are a good sample.

In the short time remaining until AAPOR must decide what our course of action will be, I hope some effort can be made to assess what we ordinarily have some modest ability to do, gauge opinion.

Ed Bronson

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Holding a meeting in a place where we know some people will not feel welcome is a statement to ourselves about our association.

Respectfully,
Anyone who gives a hoot about jazz (and/or about Jon) should check out Jon's jazz band's website and listen to samples of their music. I really, really wish I could come to the conference this year, but I have to miss this one. This is one none of you will want to miss. Way to go, Jon!

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> Support live jazz at AAPOR!
> Mark Schulman

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Many AAPORites knew researcher Mary U. O'Brien who died on April 28 at age 57 after a long battle with breast cancer.

Mary was a social psychologist. She was a Sr. Survey Director at NORC and Abt Associates in the 80s. She then was the Research Director for a series of grant sponsored projects at the School of Public Health, University of Illinois-Chicago, focused on reducing HIV risk behavior among cohorts of injecting drug users in Chicago. In the last decade, she devoted her efforts to the study and dissemination of social and emotional learning (SEL). She was until recently the Executive Director of the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL), an organization whose formation was inspired by Daniel Goleman's 1995 bestseller Emotional Intelligence.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, May 7, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church, 100 W. Cossitt Ave., LaGrange, IL 60525. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made in her honor to CASEL, 815 West Van Buren Street, Suite 210, Chicago, IL 60607 or <http://www.casel.org/donate.php> www.casel.org/donate.php would be appreciated. Funeral info: (708) 352-6500.

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The Washington Post Web site has a nice graphic presentation of some results concerning the Tea Party movement taken from a new WP/ABC poll.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/graphic/2010/05/04/GR2010050405437.html?sid=ST2010050500002

or: http://tinyurl.com/2fxjjvq

The results are interesting in and of themselves, but what impresses most is how the graphic design provides a clear and compelling overview of several different analytical points at once while avoiding clutter.

Congratulations to whoever is responsible.

Jan Werner
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From: Mike Mokrzycki <mike@MIKEMOKR.COM>
Subject: Re: I'm about to rount the listserv to junkmail
X-To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
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(which you can get to from the archive link at the bottom of each AAPORNET post)
You also can configure several other settings there, including one to temporarily suspend delivery of AAPORNET posts, e.g. while you're on vacation or until you think a particularly lively debate may have run its course ...

Mike Mokrzycki

On Wed, May 5, 2010 at 8:25 AM, Murphy, Joe <jmurphy@rti.org> wrote:

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Please see the link below regarding information on a job posting for
a position to manage survey research projects at the
University of Wisconsin Survey Center.
The deadline for application has been extended to June 1, 2010.
Thank You!

http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/pvl/pv_064137.html

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Response:
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The review committee will begin assessing candidates upon receipt of letters of interest and Curriculum Vitae and continue until the position is filled.

For full consideration, materials should be received by June 15, 2010.

Finalists selected may be asked to submit letters of recommendation, examples of research reports and publications. AA, EOE, m/f/d/v.

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Thought I'd share this with my AAPOR colleagues:

> U.S. Travel Association Calls for End to Arizona Travel Boycott
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> Roger Dow, president and CEO of the U.S. Travel Association, has
called for an end to all Arizona travel boycotts and urged Washington
>policymakers to do what their constituents have repeatedly asked them
to do and address the complex issue of immigration.
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> "We call for an end to counterproductive Arizona travel boycotts," Dow
>said. "Immigration reform is an important and sensitive topic for
>Arizona and the country at large. This complex issue should be
>resolved on the merits of various proposals, not by holding an
>industry and its 300,000 employees hostage to politics.
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> "We appreciate the acknowledgment that travel is a major economic
>force in Arizona and across the country. We need to protect this
>critical aspect of our economy and reward hard-working Americans
>instead of proposing boycotts that will lead to job losses and
>economic hardship for families and local communities," he said. "It is
>inappropriate to punish the men and women of our industry who have
>done no harm to others. The situation in Arizona further highlights
>the need for federal action on immigration reform. The longer Congress
>delays action on this issue, the greater the likelihood for divisive
>and detrimental policies." For more information, visit
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"We do not see things as they are, we see things as we are." - The Talmud
"People demand the freedom of speech to make up for the freedom of thought
which
they avoid" - Kierkegaard
"Software without support is hardware" - JR/1999

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Joyce Rachelson, PRC
Dir. Marketing & Sales
Friends:

I have been reading all of the posts regarding the Arizona immigration law with special interest. I have deliberately withheld comment until I could collect my thoughts.

My first reaction to SB1070 was that it is outrageous, offensive, unnecessary, insulting, and racially suspect. My feelings for those legislators who passed it border on contempt. The state lacks responsible leadership, especially in the legislature, and the =93leaders=94 we have mostly pander to the basest instincts.

UNDERSTAND SOME RECENT ARIZONA HISTORY

I have thought a lot about the political conditions that brought us here. The product of that thinking was published yesterday in the Huffington Post.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/michael-j-o/the-arizona-immigration-l_b_56192=4.html
With this as a basis, my thoughts re AAPOR are as follows:

BOYCOT THREATS AND THE MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY

When I first heard of the prospect of a boycott, I thought immediately of the situation when Arizona Gov. Evan Mecham had rescinded the MLK holiday and provoked a national outrage (not only by rescinding the holiday but by doing so in insulting language). The issue was subsequently put on the ballot. In fact, two separate competing proposals were to be voted on. The polls showed the most popular one with a very small lead. On Sunday before the vote, Greg Gumbel broadcast a story that the NFL would consider pulling the Superbowl from Phoenix if the holiday were to go down to electoral defeat. I lived in Arizona at the time. The reaction to the story was a firestorm; it was immediate, intense, and negative. And it focused on resentment of outside interference with a state decision. Two days later, the more viable of the two proposals was defeated by a point or two, even though a clear majority of the electorate had voted for at least one of the two proposals.

I am absolutely convinced that the Gumbel boycott story cost the Holiday the margin of victory. The survey data was not completely conclusive on the point (both the pre-election poll and the electoral result were razor thin, though the pre-election survey showed a likely victory for the holiday). But I lived through the firestorm in the 48 hours before the vote and personally observed how it eclipsed all other stories for that period. And I have worked on enough campaigns to appreciate the significance of owning the debate in those last 48 hours. Can I prove my conclusion that the story killed the vote to a scientific certainty? No. The pre-election poll was close enough that MOE was a plausible alternative explanation. But I would be willing to bet half my life savings on my conclusion: the story provided a couple of points for the opposition—more than enough to provide the margin of victory for the opposition.
BTW: At the time public MLK votes would probably have gone down to defeat in 20 or so other states. Good think they did not go to a public vote elsewhere).

Lesson: threats to boycott can backfire, even if they feel good at the time=

AAPOR NEUTRALITY

*What position would it put AAPOR=92s members if the organization were to support boycotting Arizona for adopting a policy that (thought I personally find it noxious), is supported by clear majorities, not only of Arizonans, but of the American people*? (=93According to a New York Times/CBS poll released Monday, 69 percent of respondents from the South said that the law is either =93about right=94 or does not go =93far enough=94 and 66 percent = from the Midwest said the same. Opinion is more divided in the Northeast and West, but nationwide, 60 percent of respondents said the Arizona measure is about right or doesn=92t go far enough.=94 Arizona opinion is well within the national range. Even without a =93border state=94 effect. To read more: http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0510/36790.html#ixzz0n54FvO5p)

Several writers have raised the question of how AAPOR members neutrality could be questioned AAPOR were to publicly endorse a boycott. (I immediately flashed on an image of a Fox News story: =93XXX Polling Company has released a study showing that most Americans support a path to citizenship for undocumented residents. Of course, they are card-carrying members of an organization that oppose enforcing our current immigration laws, so what do you expect them to find?=94).

I have also listened as several members suggested that either decision is a stakes out a political position. Clearly to boycott expresses an unambiguous position. But there are many reasons why AAPOR could not change its plans other than support for the immigration law. From AAPOR=92s standpoint, in particular, given that the decision to meet in AZ (and the
financial commitment to do so) were made well prior to the law, I don’t see how a nondecision would be a political statement (and especially if it were to be accompanied by a resolution to that effect). A decision to locate a subsequent meeting here would, of course, be more in a grey area.

AAPOR MEMBERS CHANCES OF BEING ACCOSTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT?

Mathematically somewhere near zero, I’d guess. I can’t see anyone well-dressed or obviously educated or middle class being accosted, regardless of race (class bias, you becha!). And if the law is not suspended either by a court (Tucson and Flagstaff are suing, among others) or a citizen initiative (the former more likely than the latter), I am think it unlikely there will be very substantial changes in police practice (Police Chief reactions have ranged from hostile-I-will-not-enforce-this-law to more diplomatic; though rank-and-file officers are probably more supportive. Sheriff Joe is another matter. While he will cite this as authority for his actions, I don’t see how he can do much more than he already has. And I can’t see conventioneers as a priority. He is politically attuned, and it would probably be his downfall.

While I do not hold out any great hope for a legislative reversal (for the reasons set forth in the HuffPo article above), the reactions of most police chiefs has been heartening.

For my part, I am in need of a vacation.

Tonight, I will watch the Suns (wearing their ‘Los Suns’ jerseys as a positive statement of displeasure with the law).

And tomorrow, I’ll be driving south to a Mexican beach where I own property.
A peaceful country where I can sit on a pristine beach free of the fear of encountering a nutcase legally carrying a concealed weapon.

See you in Chicago. I expect to be well-rested and look forward to engaging those interested on this and other topics. I imagine it will be a topic of discussion.

Happy Cinco de Mayo.

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Tempe, AZ
www.mikeoneil.org
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Worth reading.

Here is the link:


Andy

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Mike Donatello <mike@DONATELLO.US>

Subject: Re: Thoughts on Arizona -- from Arizona

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Thank you,

MD

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To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
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Dear AAPOR members,

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SESRI representatives will be available from 2:00pm-4:00pm on Thursday May 13th in room "Grand Avenue C" of the Crowne Plaza "Avenue Chicago Downtown" hotel (which is the site of the WAPOR conference, at 160 E. Huron Street in Chicago). No appointment is required - feel free just to show up. But if you would like to reserve a specific time to meet with us, to schedule a meeting at a different time, or if you would like to send us your CV ahead of time, please email David Howell at dahowell@umich.edu.

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Thanks! We look forward to seeing you in Chicago.

-Dave

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From:         Jan Werner <jwerner@JWDP.COM>
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Subject:      Karl Rove on exit polls
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In today's Washington Post, Karl Rove describes exit polls as the one thing he believes we would most be better off without.


or: http://tinyurl.com/2b4r7o5

I'm not particularly surprised that his reasoning reflects blinding political bias and a casual disregard for facts, but his final admonition does have some validity:

    If America must have exit polls, then let's not add up the numbers until the voting ends -- and let's break our addiction to these polls over actual returns.
As professionals I think there is a certain decorum that should be observed in our discourse with others but in particular those in our group. I happen to be a law abiding citizen who has a legal carry concealed weapons permit. Did you actually know that most gun crimes are actually committed by criminals who shouldn't be carrying guns at all?!

I don't think you see or can document even a small percentage of cases where a registered gun owner with a concealed weapons permit decides to go on a rampage. I think the statement shows an ignorance to gun laws and their owners that is very similar to some of the comments being made about the Arizona law that has been debated for weeks.

The politicizing of AAPOR to be honest is very troubling to me. My particular niche in market research and consulting is in healthcare. I have worked for healthcare market research organizations and know of several organizations similar to this one that are healthcare centric. At no time during the healthcare debate did any of these companies I worked for or organizations I belong to ever put out or even consider putting out a statement, boycott or any other form of expression supporting or protesting the healthcare reform bill.

I think AAPOR should consider the same neutral stance. Being that our meeting had already been scheduled for Phoenix prior to the debate of this law AAPOR made no conscious choice in its venue selection to support the bill. AAPOR certainly shouldn't make a conscious choice to boycott.

Regardless of the decision made by the AAPOR leadership on this matter I am seriously considering canceling my membership as I find the political nature of most of the posts to be something I have no interest in. After all there are plenty of sites and organizations I can join if I want that kind of dialouge.
Andy

In a message dated 5/5/2010 11:51:49 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, dhenwood@PANIX.COM writes:

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My view is that this is an opportunity for AAPOR to provide a valuable public service. I believe it was Barry Feinberg's email, from a bit ago, that resonated with me.

Maybe we can approach one or more foundations to financially support such a
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Some members here have already suggested that AAPOR is in a unique position and capacity (relative to other associations and organizations) to offer context, and report perspectives, on a complex and often emotional issue.

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I'm not particularly surprised that his reasoning reflects blinding political bias and a casual disregard for facts, but his final admonition does have some validity:

If America must have exit polls, then let's not add up the numbers until the voting ends -- and let's break our addiction to these polls over actual returns.

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Ben
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I was reading the posts about an AAPOR member who's in a Jazz band that's playing in Chicago next week. I've inadvertently deleted that email, and one of my colleagues would like to see a marketing researcher playing jazz...

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Would someone with better conservation skills than I please forward the
info to me? I'd be grateful. And so would Ted.

Thanks in advance.

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I will refer you once again to the statement from the Arizona governor reminding all of us that this is actually a federal law that has been on the books since pre WWII. Arizona is choosing to enforce it because of the grave issue of illegal immigration in that state. Hopefully the federal government will finally act on immigration law and any reforms that need to be made.

Worth reading.

Here is the link:

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We don't have LAX gun laws in FLA, we have PRIVILEGED gun laws in FLA. Most of us who work here are not thrilled that employees (or I guess students) can take their guns to work if they so choose.

But I will not progress this thread further.

Susan

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From: McKinney Ryan <Ryan.McKinney@ARBITRON.COM>
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Best,

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Sujet: Pollsters' performance
Date : Fri, 7 May 2010 01:04:10 -0400
De : Michael Smith, Prof. <michael.smith@mcgill.ca>
Pour : claire.durand@umontreal.ca
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New AARP Sex Survey Reveals Single Adults Acting Like Teenagers and Not Using Protection

(You'd think PR websites would understand the benefits of shorter URLs)
Or
http://tinyurl.com/29aq8h8

Americans 45+ Continue the Sexual Revolution into the Second Half of Life without Taking Precautions About STDs; Dating Singles Age 45+ Are Happier with their Sex Lives than Married Couples; Sexually Active Adults Increase Chances of Living Longer

WASHINGTON, May 7 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Sexual activity continues to thrive with the 45+ demographic according to a new AARP sex survey, Sex, Romance, and Relationships: AARP Survey of Midlife and Older Adults, released today. However, older adults are not necessarily practicing what they preach to younger generations, with results showing a low use of protection among sexually active dating singles with only one in five reporting use of condoms regularly. Though rates of sexually transmitted diseases are not high, they are not absent either. Additionally, contrary to what one may think, singles age 45+ show a higher satisfaction rate and have more sex than married couples in the same age group.

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A fair summary - no doubt more commentary to follow, however the Liberal Democrat boost in the polls also appears to have been driven by a lot of support amongst the young for which there was also a larger proportion saying that they would definitely vote this time around. When it came to the crunch,
looks like they didn't vote...

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Sent: 07 May 2010 12:37
To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
Subject: British Pollsters' performance

I thought it would be interesting for those who did not follow that much
the British election to have this background, sent to me by a
British-born Canadian friend. Our British friends will no doubt give us
more information.

Best,

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I would like to congratulate the MORI/NOP team for conducting an amazingly accurate exit poll for yesterday's UK election.

I watched the BBC TV election coverage online from 5PM ET to 1:30AM ET (that is from poll closing at 10PM local time to 6:30AM breakfast time in the UK) and the original results announced based upon the exit poll at 10PM held up throughout the night.

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* There is one seat that is having a recount today and one seat whose election was delayed for three weeks due to the death of a candidate

When you consider how complicated the British electoral system is and that the projections are being made on the results of 650 separate constituency races using exit poll interviews from only 130 polling stations this is a spectacular achievement.

Congrats for demonstrating once again the value of professionally run exit polls.

Joe
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Sent: Friday, May 07, 2010 7:24 AM
To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
Subject: Re: Guns n' Arizonans

Exit Poll announced at 10pm when polling stations closed (not legally allowed to announce results before):

Conservative: 307
Labour: 255
Liberal Democrats: 59

Actuals:

Conservative: 292
Labour: 251
Liberal Democrats: 52

With 28 seats still to declare. Looks like the result will be close to spot on when they are all in...

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To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
Subject: Re: Guns n' Arizonans

Hi Nick,
So, how accurate was the exit poll in yesterday's election? Coverage of the UK election has been pretty poor on this side of the Atlantic...

Best,
Allan
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Quoting "Moon, Nick (GfK NOP, UK)" <nick.moon@GFK.COM>:

> I'd be happy to talk about how accurate the exit poll was in the UK :-) 

-----Original Message-----
> From: AAPORNET [AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of Mike Donatello
> [mike@DONATELLO.US]
> Sent: 07 May 2010 03:45 
> To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
> Subject: Re: Guns n' Arizonans
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> So, anybody wanna talk about surveys, statistics and stuff?
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of Jan Werner
> Sent: Thursday, May 06, 2010 9:24 PM
> To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
> Subject: [AAPORNET] Guns n' Arizonans
>
> Here's something that I did not at first understand about Mike O'Neil's
> offhand comment about being "free from the fear of encountering a
> nutcase legally carrying a concealed weapon."
>
> In addition to the anti-immigrant law that has raised so many
> passions,
> Arizona passed another bill (SB 1108) last month that allows anyone
> who
> is not legally barred from owning a gun for, e.g., having a criminal
> record, to carry a concealed firearm without having to obtain a
> permit.
> You don't even have to register most guns purchased in Arizona.
>
> Among other things, this means nearly anyone can now carry a concealed
> weapon in Arizona, without any training whatsoever on how to use it or
> handle it safely.
>
> You don't have to be anti-gun to find this rather scary, a little like
saying that anyone who hasn't been arrested for DUI can drive without
ever taking a driver's test. I consider this to be much more
disturbing
than the idea that any 2011 conference attendees might be stopped as
possible illegal immigrants.

> You can read about the new Arizona gun law at:
0100
> 416arizona-concealed-weapons-bill16-ON.html
> or: http://tinyurl.com/y84u22x
>
> Jan Werner
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> Conference info and final program: http://www.aapor.org/
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Hi Colleen,

Send back the cash?? I have never seen that - although these are professionals and not a general population. There are pros and cons to sending cash or a check. However, the checks and balances in study design - with sending a check - is that you can track response/ non-response and what the cohort actually does with the 'incentive.' As well as - have the checks become 'null and void' after 90 days. However, whenever I have conducted population based surveys with incentives paid up front (from a prior research environment - since the American Cancer Society can not use donor dollars to pay incentives) - we always had to build into our design - the fact that there are a number of potential respondents who 'take the money and run'. There will be others who return the money or never cash the check - either because its usually 'smallish' and they forget or if it is to 'generate knowledge beneficial to society' they don't cash it and chalk it up to a 'donation'. Even with a protocol to contact people who cash the check and don't send in a completed survey - many will be 'passive non-responders' ('Oh, I forgot - I'll send it in right away' or 'I lost it, could you send me another one). There's always a small percentage who try and get you/ or think you will send them another check. Population-based surveys with incentives can be an expensive endeavor. Good Luck!

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To bring this process to a close, at least 25% of the membership must vote on the code revisions. Some of you have done so but many of you have not. I encourage you to vote today. The code is, for many of us, at the core of the organization and represents the highest principles of professional integrity. Please take a moment and review this important document and record your vote.

You can review the Code and vote at this link: http://aapor.org/Proposed_Changes_to_the_Code.htm.

Thanks. See you in Chicago!

Mary Losch
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I want to strongly endorse the calls by Stephen Blumberg and Mary Losch for
members to vote on the Code revision. Thank you, in advance, for
participating in this important vote.

All best wishes. Peter

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While this is certainly valuable information, I think there are real hazards associated with generalizing findings of this type from physicians to other professionals or, even more iffy, to business decision makers as a whole.

Physicians are among the most over-surveyed groups in the population. In most practice settings there is an established protocol governing how "the doctor" will reply to survey invitations -- especially focus group invitations. They understand the purpose of research and know that and to what extent their contributions will be compensated. They are more relaxed and cooperative if the sponsor is a nonprofit organization or the study appears to be noncommercial but the same general principles apply. However, I doubt I am alone in having seen these guidelines fail miserably when we attempt to survey, for example, architects, lighting designers, owners of trucking companies or attorneys. Success achieving reasonable response rates with these types of audiences is increasingly elusive. In many cases the only hope is via an opt-in online panel. Unfortunately there are situations in which panels cannot reach the audience of interest, however.

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Apologies to all of you who have seen this message. We need to post to
AAPORNET the "blast emails" sent yesterday so that they can be archived on
the listserv.

"Blast emails" go to the entire membership, not just to people subscribed to
AAPORNET, and so they do not move through the AAPORNET system. Sorry for
the additional email.

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: AAPOR Headquarters <dmarchetti@sherwood-group.com>
Date: Thu, May 6, 2010 at 2:15 PM
Subject: 66th Annual Conference in Arizona - Letter From the President
To: p-miller@northwestern.edu

Dear Fellow AAPORites,

I write to inform you of the Council's action on the question of changing
the venue for our 2011 conference. In response to serious concerns expresse=
d
by a number of members, the Council met via teleconference on May 4 to
discuss whether to continue with long-standing plans to hold our annual
conference in Arizona in 2011.

While meeting, we had the following points to consider. Some AAPOR members
have recommended that we move the conference site from Arizona because they
view the new Arizona immigration law as a moral affront. Others worry that
some conference attendees might be harassed under the new law. Others point
out that conference attendance is likely to fall if we do not move the site
in reaction to the law. Still others argue that we should hold the meeting
in Arizona despite the law because our reputation as a professional body
dedicated to the dispassionate, nonpartisan study of public opinion would
suffer if we take a position against the measure. The fact that we will
certainly suffer severe financial consequences (a charge of at least
$200,000) by canceling the Phoenix contract weighs on many. And, finally,
all of us, regardless of our views, are operating in an environment of uncertainty about whether the just-passed law will be in effect at the time of the meeting, or whether it will be modified, delayed or even rescinded. There is also the possibility that a similar law could be enacted wherever we move the conference.

After an extensive discussion of these matters that involved current and incoming members of Council, the current board voted unanimously to continue with plans to hold the 2011 conference at the Arizona Grand Hotel. We feel that our responsibility to the mission of the organization and our fiduciary responsibility to AAPOR and its members make this the best choice in a very difficult situation.

AAPOR is a professional organization whose mission is to promote public opinion research for the public good. The Arizona law, regardless of anyone’s individual reactions to it, represents a major development in one of the great public issues of our time. Initial research on public views of the law indicates that there is substantial support and substantial opposition. It is the business of public opinion researchers to describe, explain and contextualize such matters. AAPOR’s business is to provide a forum within which all views about how this issue should be investigated and understood can be debated. AAPOR is compromised in this mission if it sides with one viewpoint or another.

It has been argued that AAPOR is siding with a viewpoint whether we hold the meeting in Arizona or move it to another state. On this view, we express at least tacit approval for the state’s policies if we meet there, just as we express disapproval if we move. For the record, we do not intend our decision to imply endorsement of the Arizona law. From our association’s earliest days – during the segregation era in this country – AAPOR policy was unambiguous in the choice of conference location: All members of AAPOR must be welcome. We will continue to abide by this principle in selecting future conference sites. Unfortunately, such choices are necessarily made with information available at the time, so there is no guarantee that a similar “Arizona scenario” can be averted in the future.

For next year, we will do what we can to ensure that all our conference attendees are made welcome. By meeting in Arizona, we may be able to garner more attention for data and perspectives on the immigration issue than could be obtained if we meet elsewhere. Rob Santos, next year’s conference chair, will add his thoughts about the meeting and also discuss his perspective on the site selection debate in a message immediately following this one. I personally have been moved by Rob’s arguments.

We know that this decision will be disappointing to some of you. We...
fervently wish that the matter had not been thrust upon us. But, the
Council is trying, as always, to do what is best for AAPOR. Whatever you
think of our judgment, we hope you will hold onto that thought.

With best wishes,

Peter V. Miller
President

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Dear fellow AAPOR members,

Having the honor and good fortune to be your elected Annual Conference Chair for 2011, I have a special message for you. By now you have received AAPOR President Peter Miller’s communication reporting Council’s deliberations on the merits and threats of moving our annual conference out of Arizona. And you know that Council unanimously decided to continue our plans for the 2011 annual conference to be held in Phoenix.

Like many of you, I am following national reaction to SB1070 as well as the thoughtful and passionate discourse that has dominated our AAPORNET forum in recent days. Clearly, our members have put forth cogent, compelling and, yes, conflicting viewpoints regarding the site of AAPOR’s 2011 annual conference in light of this legislation. And generally we have communicated our diverse, insightful views with respect and tolerance. It seems that the AAPOR membership enjoys a widely diverse set of perspectives on SB1070 and the issue of whether or not to move our 2011 annual conference. More importantly, we also share a strong commitment for rigorous, scientific, ethical public opinion research. That is something special.

I can personally attest to a deep feeling of ambivalence. I detest SB1070 and what I believe it communicates to immigrant minorities (I being the 3rd generation descendant of an undocumented Mexican immigrant). But I also know...
how widespread profiling is. It has been an unfortunate reality for
generations in the Southwest. SB1070 is a marginal step backwards in an
environment that was already in great need of attention. Putting aside the
content of these views, my point is that, I =96 like you =96 have my own un=
ique
set of experiences, knowledge, and perspectives that I bring to this issue.
AAPOR members share common beliefs and values, and we have our differences
too. Both can be used to strengthen our association and our industry.

Therefore, as your 2011 Annual Conference chair and fellow AAPOR member, my
message to you is this: Let=92s focus on and draw strength from our shared
values and commitment to objective research. That is why we are AAPOR! Let= =92s
leverage our strengths to bring issues of racial profiling, justice and
public perceptions of race/ethnicity to the forefront of the public eye in
Phoenix next year as part of our annual conference. We can contribute to
public discourse on the consequences of SB1070 by embracing our strengths
and presenting solid research on these important policy issues.

I will be attending our annual conference in Chicago next week and am eager
to receive your thoughts, concerns and questions about our 2011
conference. Please feel free to communicate with me. I am at your service.

Sincerely,

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Regarding cover letter content.

You could always reference an experience we had 20+ years ago.

We sent out a rather lengthy housing survey and enclosed $2bills with it.

Some weeks later I read an article with a picture of someone who won several million dollars in the Arizona State Lottery. He was quoted as saying "I knew my luck had changed when someone sent me a housing survey with a $2 bill enclosed".

It had to be our survey, too many particulars matched.

Suggested language:

"While you may decide not to return this survey, you might want to know about someone who recently(?) returned a similar survey; within two weeks he won several million dollars in his state lottery."
Try to get that through your IRB!

Mike O'Neil
www.mikeoneil.org
--sent from peaceful Mexican beach.

On Fri, May 7, 2010 at 11:12 AM, James P. Murphy <jpmurphy@jpmurphy.com> wrote:

> While this is certainly valuable information, I think there are real
> hazards associated with generalizing findings of this type from physicians
> to other professionals or, even more iffy, to business decision makers as a
> whole.
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> Physicians are among the most over-surveyed groups in the population. In
> most practice settings there is an established protocol governing how "the
> doctor" will reply to survey invitations -- especially focus group
> invitations. They understand the purpose of research and know that and to
> what extent their contributions will be compensated. They are more relaxed
> and cooperative if the sponsor is a nonprofit organization or the study
> appears to be noncommercial but the same general principles apply. However,
> I doubt I am alone in having seen these guidelines fail miserably when we
> attempt to survey, for example, architects, lighting designers, owners of
> trucking companies or attorneys. Success achieving reasonable response rates
> with these types of audiences is increasingly elusive. In many cases the
> only hope is via an opt-in online panel. Unfortunately there are situations
> in which panels cannot reach the audience of interest, however.
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> Subject: Re: letters, two kinds
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> Responding to Joe's PS...
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> --- "Joseph E. Bauer" <Joseph.Bauer@CANCER.ORG> wrote:
> >> PS I'll be interested in the results - with respect to how professionals
> >> (in this case dentists) respond to an 'incentive' to motivate them to
> >> complete a survey. As an aside - what length are you conceptualizing as
> >> being 'optimal'? Its always a balancing act - with respect to maximizing
> >> response rates.
> >>
> >> As far as surveys of professionals and incentives, there are many studies
> >> with physicians.

I really liked this article because it teased out a lot of the different things that contribute to survey response from physicians, and seemed to make the case that there is no magic bullet. I think this is true and crucial to our understanding and approach: the topic matters, wording of the letter matters, endorsement from a professional organization matters, the delivery method matters, everything matters. My undergraduate degree is in Agronomy, and in discussing soil fertility, they have a model of a barrel, with the staves coming up to form the sides, and if one piece is lower than the others, the water level can only be held at the level of that lowest stave. I think that is how it is with survey stuff as well. And I wish I could think of a more modern metaphor to express that concept, because certainly younger urban folks are like, "Barrels? Whatever." But I digress.

Studies that did experiments controlling the time of incentive delivery (advance vs. post-completion) with physician populations found that sending the incentive with the first mailing of the questionnaire yielded a significantly higher response rate: In one, 54.4% for the up-front incentive and only 30.6% for the promise of an incentive Delnevo, C. D., D. J. Abatemarco and M. B. Steinberg (2004). "Physician response rates to a mail survey by specialty and timing of incentive." American Journal of Preventive Medicine 26(3): 234-36.

and in an earlier study, 78%, vs. 66%

I agree length is crucial. A study on that,

I personally think that for dentists and physicians, 20 minutes, perhaps 2 double-sided pages in double columns. For this upcoming project, we're hitting the field in September, so we'll be done before winter holidays, and I imagine someone taking the paper version to their kid's soccer game and filling it out there.

Colleen Porter

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While I have never supported the efforts to ban early release of exit polls, I have never really thought that knowing the winner an hour early contributes anything meaningful to society. Understanding voter motivations, however, is another matter. And exit polls provide data on who actually votes (as opposed to who intends to vote). Rarely do we see data on this; Mike Traugott and his colleagues' work was a rare exception and welcome exception.

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On Thu, May 6, 2010 at 11:06 AM, Rich Clark <clark@cviog.uga.edu> wrote:

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On 5/6/2010 9:10 AM, Jan Werner wrote:

In today's Washington Post, Karl Rove describes exit polls as the one thing he believes we would most be better off without.


or: http://tinyurl.com/2b4r7o5

I'm not particularly surprised that his reasoning reflects blinding political bias and a casual disregard for facts, but his final admonition does have some validity:

If America must have exit polls, then let's not add up the numbers until the voting ends -- and let's break our addiction to these polls over actual returns.

Jan Werner

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Rove: =E2=80=9CAnd their early release often generates off-base projections and misleading coverage, which can affect the contests themselves. Remember 2000? Early exit poll numbers released midday on Election Day showed George W. Bush tied with Al Gore in Mississippi, Colorado, Arizona and Alaska, and had Bush losing Florida.=E2=80=9D

Early release of exit poll voting results during the day is unauthorized - unauthorized by the networks and by NEP who conducts these polls. Exit poll vote results leaked to political operatives during the day are premature, not projections, leaked to operatives such as Karl Rove - but not to the general public. =20

Steps have been taken recently to curb these leaks. Certain AAPOR members who serve on election night decision desks can confirm this. Is it working? If so, Rove's comments may be out of date. =20

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Dear Friends & Admirers of Seymour Sudman:

May 2 was the 10th anniversary of Seymour’s death. Blanche Sudman, Seymour’s widow, has made a generous contribution to the AAPOR Seymour Sudman Student Paper Award endowment fund in his memory.

Seymour spent the last 30 years of his career at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Blanche still lives in Champaign. As it’s just 140 miles from Chicago, Blanche and two of her three children (Harold Sudman and Emily Hindin) will be attending the AAPOR conference on Saturday, including the President’s reception and the banquet dinner. Blanche will present the award to this year’s Student Paper Award winner.

I’m sure Blanche, Harold, and Emily would enjoy meeting any of you who knew Seymour or have gained professionally from his books and articles. For some reason most families of people held in great esteem by their professional colleagues aren’t aware of that fact. If you’re going to attend the conference, stop by the President’s reception on Saturday evening to enlighten the Sudmans!

Regards,

Diane O’Rourke

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ABC/WP birther poll: More of the same
Brendan Nyhan | May 10, 2010
Topics: birther, misperception, Obama

For those who missed it, the ABC News/Washington Post poll (PDF) released last week included a question about the misperception that
President Obama was not born in this country. They found that 20% of Americans think Obama was not born in this country, including 31% of Republicans:

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ABC/WP Press release
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- Management Competencies,
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Given our reputation as a high-end analytical firm, we expect to maintain the high level of research analytical skills for which we have become known.

This requires that we maintain staff of highly trained analysts with no less than 10+ years private sector research industry experience and who are recognized experts in both quantitative and qualitative design and analysis.

Given our current strength in this area, however, these are *not* absolute requirements for the partner(s) we seek. Should the potential partner have these skills *in addition* to those listed above, it would certainly be a plus, but the above attributes are essential.

**Who is this opportunity suited for?**

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- You might be a sales manager with experience in high-end consultative selling who wants a new, challenging, and potentially rewarding opportun
- You might be a researcher who has considered venturing out on their own and starting their own firm.

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

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

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

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

If you are interested, the AAPOR meetings afford an easy opportunity to have an informal and confidential discussion. Send an email to oneil@oneilresearch.com (not this email) and let’s sit down and talk. If you read this after the conference has started, feel free to give me a call at the conference; my cell is 480.335-6391,

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

Mike O’Neil
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Tempe (Phoenix) AZ (home of endless sunshine and *interesting* politics)
Does anyone have any first-hand knowledge of IRB regulations in Canada? We have an upcoming project where we would like to conduct interviews with individuals in both the U.S. and Canada, but we aren't sure if we need approval with a Canadian IRB in addition to our institution's IRB. We had word today that Canada's National Council on Ethics in Human Research just had its funding revoked, causing us to wonder if ANY agency is overseeing human subjects research.

Any insight you may have would be appreciated.

Thanks,
Stephanie

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Agreed this thread is getting so totally out of control. I thought the forum was for learning best practices about survey research. What is the point about guns and gun laws? It seems to be degenerating into the "screed-of-the day".

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Here's something that I did not at first understand about Mike O'Neil's offhand comment about being "free from the fear of encountering a nutcase legally carrying a concealed weapon."

In addition to the anti-immigrant law that has raised so many passions, Arizona passed another bill (SB 1108) last month that allows anyone who is not legally barred from owning a gun for, e.g., having a criminal record, to carry a concealed firearm without having to obtain a permit. You don't even have to register most guns purchased in Arizona.

Among other things, this means nearly anyone can now carry a concealed weapon in Arizona, without any training whatsoever on how to use it or handle it safely.

You don't have to be anti-gun to find this rather scary, a little like saying that anyone who hasn't been arrested for DUI can drive without ever taking a driver's test. I consider this to be much more disturbing than the idea that any 2011 conference attendees might be stopped as possible illegal immigrants.

You can read about the new Arizona gun law at:
or: http://tinyurl.com/y84u22x

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The published research literature is consistent that pre-paid incentives are more effective in generating survey response than post-paid promises. Cash has also been found to be the most effective incentive, more so than checks. Be aware that if you use checks, and they are not cashed you must take care of the local state's escheatment laws - after a given time, the local state governments want to grab the value of uncashed checks (and legally, they can).

We use cash incentives in our mail surveys, and have always had a certain number of respondents who return the cash voluntarily with comments such as "sorry, no time" or "not interested". But to present that as a request, to return the cash in lieu of the survey, is a very interesting proposition....I would be concerned that it flies in the face of a Dillman-like social exchange, leaning more towards a pay-for-performance approach or monetary exchange. But I am not aware of any published tests that have taken this specific approach, so the results might be fascinating.

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Hi Colleen,

Send back the cash?? I have never seen that - although these are professionals and not a general population. There are pros and cons to sending cash or a check. However, the checks and balances in study design - with sending a check - is that you can track response/ non-response and what the cohort actually does with the 'incentive.' As well as - have the checks become 'null and void' after 90 days. However, whenever I have conducted population based surveys with incentives paid up front (from a prior research environment - since the American Cancer Society can not use donor dollars to pay incentives) - we always had to build into our design - the fact that there are a number of potential respondents who 'take the money and run'. There will be others who return the money or never cash the check - either because its usually 'smallish' and they forget or if it is to 'generate knowledge beneficial to society' they don't cash it and chock it up to a 'donation'. Even with a protocol to contact people who cash the check and don't send in a completed survey - many will be 'passive non-responders' ('Oh, I forgot - I'll send it in right away' or 'I lost it, could you send me another one). There's always a small percentage who try and get you/ or think you will send them another check. Population-based surveys with incentives can be an expensive endeavor. Good Luck!

Joe

PS  I'll be interested in the results - with respect to how professionals (in this case dentists) respond to an 'incentive' to motivate them to complete a survey. As an aside - what length are you conceptualizing as being 'optimal'? Its always a balancing act - with respect to maximizing response rates.

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letters, two kinds

Still working on a mail survey of dentists, trying to send out a token advance cash incentive, and preparing the IRB submission. In looking through the materials that people had shared about successfully working with the fiscal office to send incentives, one petty cash application stated, "Participants will be instructed to mail back either the survey or the cash."

Well, some folks do send back the cash when they don't want to do the survey, so we always need to have procedures in place for making those deposits.

But to actively present that choice to them? It's not something I've seen before. Does anyone use that approach? Pros and cons?

Colleen Porter
Gainesville, FL

P.S. Oh, the other kind of letters was the ones from AAPOR leadership. I had shared some of this saga with my husband, who had served in leadership for his own professional organizations and had faced similar challenges. I read the letters aloud to him while he was doing the dishes. He was impressed with Peter's prose and logic, but then we got to the second letter, and at one point he turned off the water and put the brush down to listen intently. What exquisite timing that Rob would happen to be chairing conference in 2011.

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Good thing too, but it's bad enough asking people at the beginning of a conference session to make sure they have their cell phones turned off without having to add that they need to check that the safety's set on their pieces.
Don't want that, do we?

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Agreed this thread is getting so totally out of control. I thought the forum was for learning best practices about survey research. What is the point about guns and gun laws? it seems to be degenerating into the "screed-of-the-day".

Jane
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Dear colleagues,

Penn State currently has two vacancies at the mid-range level -- above project managers but below the Director/Assistant Director level. Formerly, these positions oversaw specific data collection divisions (e.g., web, field) but we anticipate some reorganization so that new hires will work across traditional areas. Full job descriptions of the positions are not yet available, but SRC Director Kurt Johnson and I will be available at AAPOR and Field Directors to chat with anyone who might be interested in the exploring the possibilities.

Penn State's SRC (http://www.ssri.psu.edu/survey/) is located in State College, which offers a high quality of life with a low cost of living.

If you are interested in chatting at AAPOR or Field Directors, please email me at EXP12@psu.edu or Kurt at KDJ11@psu.edu.

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Eric Plutzer, Professor of Political Science
   and Academic Director, Survey Research Center
The Pennsylvania State University

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Dear AAPORites

I am looking forward to seeing you all this week in Chicago.

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Regards

Dave Oshman

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(I know most AAPORistas are busy getting ready to go to or have already gone to the conference, but I thought this might interest the stay-at-homes)

Wolf, Downs, and Ortsey: Who's Your Tea Party? Evidence from Indiana
Tea Party observers have floated two explanations for the group's emergence since their unexpectedly intense protests last year. The first explanation - embraced by conservative commentators and the movement itself - is that the Tea Party is comprised of grassroots citizens upset at the direction of the country and the deficit. Democrats champion a second explanation, that the Tea Party is composed of Republicans upset that President Obama and the Democrats control Washington. If the Tea Party is a movement against Washington politicians no matter their political stripes, then establishment Republicans must be wary of disaffected voters picking off their incumbents in primaries and President Obama faces a genuine rejection among voters he attracted in 2008. If it is simply Republicans upset at losing the presidency, 2010 looks more like a normal midterm upset than an anti-incumbent revolt.

To get a better feel for the political dynamics behind the Tea Party, The Mike Downs Center for Indiana Politics asked registered Indiana voters whether they identified with the Tea Party, their vote intention for the Republican primary, and a series of election-related questions. Our first noteworthy finding is that 36% of registered likely Hoosier voters identified themselves with the Tea Party, while 61% of Republicans did.

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Today, the National Center for Health Statistics updated our estimates of the size and characteristics of the population without landline telephones. This new report is based on National Health Interview Survey data collected from July - December 2009.

The report can be found at:

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhis/earlyrelease/wireless201005.htm

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Note: The tables may be easier to read if you download the PDF version of the report.

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Group Health Research Institute, Seattle, WA

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I want to believe I can listen to Social Networks to understand sentiment and I can't. Its all #NickCleggsFault

Its 22nd April 2010. The British election campaign is in full swing. It probably really hit the accelerator pedal this time last week. That was when, for the first time ever, the leaders of the three main political parties performed a debate on national television. The outcome of that debate was a huge momentum swing for the Liberal Democratic party, who, until that time had been listed as the also rans probably more so in this campaign than those of the recent past. Nick Clegg’s (the Leader of the Liberal Democrats) popularity and that of his party hit new highs overnight and little has happened to reverse that trend.

Tonight is the second televised election and in the lead up to this event there has been a concerted attempt to attack Nick Clegg’s image and tarnish his reputation.

What, you might ask has that to do with Social Networks?

There are a number of companies who would have you believe that it is possible to monitor public opinion by simply listening to the tweets, texts and general buzz of the social networks. That software could evaluate this constant stream of data and provide clear insight into the opinions of the public. This would be a kind of Utopia for many organisations who are constantly looking to understand the opinions of its customers, prospects and the general public. Currently they have to depend on more manual research engaging Market Research departments and companies in direct contact with individuals.

So is it possible to understand whether the public is pro or anti Nick Clegg as he enters the second debate?

The above image from TweetStats shows that over the last 11 hours Nick Clegg...
is the fourth most tweeted term (with neither of his opponents in the top ten) while #NickCleggsFault is the second most tweeted term (more of that in a moment).

This second image from Trendistic shows that for a few hours tweets regarding Nick Clegg's rose dramatically. I personally became aware of this phenomena at 2:00pm when @BoagWorld a leading Web Designer in Britain posted the following:

This was the first in a small flurry of tweets by @BoagWorld all with the term #NickCleggsFault included. So what is this hashtag. Well someone in the twitterverse decided that Nick Clegg was having a hard time with the latest round of media attacks and that they should attack media back on his behalf. They started sending tweets out stating issues that they were having and blaming NickClegg. here is a little example taken from Twitter's search:

The question is: Any analytics available today regarding social networks like twitter seem to conveniently stop at the concept of tweet counting. There are some what try to show influence and other simple measures. There do not seem to be any that want to indicate whether there is positive and/or negative feedback and #NickCleggsfault is probably why. Reading these tweets could give a text analyser the impression that there is a lot of negative thoughts regarding Nick Clegg. Effectively it will miss the irony within them where they are not Blaming Nick at all just showing how silly it is to be negative about Nick Clegg.

Will it ever be possible to measure Social Networks effectively in anything but a human orientated manual process. Yes it may be possible to spot high flying comments and terms and bring them to someone's attention but there seems little reason to believe that the "translation" of these terms will be able to fall to any non-human being.

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I think events may have overtaken the survey. If I'm reading the bills correctly (the original SB 1070 and the amendment HB 2162), the survey questions differ from the actual provisions of the Arizona law as amended on April 30.

In light of the differences, the survey tells us more about opinion concerning immigration enforcement and civil liberties in general than it does about opinion concerning the Arizona law.

A. Pew asked if people approve or disapprove of "Allowing police to question anyone who they think may be in the country illegally." (62% approve)

The April 23 version of the law did this, but the amended (April 30) law does not. It it directs police to seek documentation when they have already stopped, detained, or arrested someone in the course of enforcing some other law and they have a reasonable suspicion that the person is in the country illegally (HB 2162, section 11-1051, paragraph B). That is a narrower power that doesn't apply to just "anyone."

B. "Requiring people to produce documents verifying their legal status if police ask for them" (73% approve).

The law only empowers police to ask for the documents when they have already stopped, detained, or arrested someone in a matter not related to immigration. It makes a state crime out of something that is already a violation of federal law if aliens don't have proper documents (HB 2162, section 13-1509). Thus, only certain people in certain circumstances would have to produce the documents, in contrast to the more general language of the question.

C. "Allowing police to detain anyone who cannot verify their legal status." (67% approve)

Again, the law only does this for people who have already been stopped or detained for a matter not related to immigration.

The original version of the bill passed April 23 applied to any "contact" with police. The amended version is much more circumscribed.
Considering that the law's actual (amended) provisions apply to narrower circumstances than the Pew survey's description, it may be that public support for the law's provisions would be even higher than Pew's results suggest.

The original law is here:
The amendment:

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On 5/12/2010 11:58 AM, Andrew Gage wrote:
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> Broad Approval For New Arizona Immigration Law
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> The public broadly supports a new Arizona law aimed at dealing with illegal immigration and the law’s provisions giving police increased powers to stop and detain people who are suspected of being in the country illegally. Fully 73% say they approve of requiring people to produce documents verifying their legal status if police ask for them. Two-thirds (67%) approve of allowing police to detain anyone who cannot verify their legal status, while 62% approve of allowing police to question people they think may be in the country illegally. After being asked about the law’s provisions, 59% say that, considering everything, they approve of Arizona’s new illegal immigration law while 32% disapprove.
> The latest national survey by the Pew Research Center for the People& the Press, conducted May 6-9 among 994 adults, finds that Democrats are evenly split over Arizona’s new immigration law: 45% approve of the law and 46% disapprove. However, majorities of Democrats approve of two of the law’s principal provisions: requiring people to produce documents verifying legal status (65%) and allowing police to detain anyone unable to verify their legal status (55%). Republicans overwhelmingly approve of the law and three provisions tested.
Similarly, among independents there is little difference in opinions of the new Arizona law (64% approve) and its elements, which are viewed positively. Young people are less supportive of the Arizona immigration law than are older Americans. Fewer than half (45%) of those younger than 30 approve of the new law while 47% disapprove. Majorities of older age groups – including 74% of those 65 and older – approve of the law. However, even most young people approve of requiring people to produce documents verifying their legal status; 61% approve of this element of the law while 35% disapprove. Larger percentages of older age groups support this provision.

Most Disapprove of Obama on Immigration

As has been the case since last fall, the public is highly critical of Barack Obama’s handling of immigration policy. Just 25% approve of the way Obama is handling the issue, while more than twice as many (54%) disapprove. That is little changed from last month (29% approve) and down slightly from last November (31%). In the current survey, 76% of Republicans disapprove of Obama’s handling of immigration policy, while just 8% approve. Independents disapprove of Obama’s job on the issue by more than two-to-one (57% to 25%). Even among Democrats, as many disapprove (38%) as approve (37%) of the way he is handling the issue, while a quarter (25%) offer no opinion.

Results for this survey are based on telephone interviews conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International among a national sample of 994 adults living in the continental United States, 18 years of age or older, from May 6-9, 2010 (662 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 332 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 123 who had no landline telephone). Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see http://people-press.org/methodology/.

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race/ethnicity, region, and population density to parameters from the March 2009 Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. The sample is also weighted to match current patterns of telephone status and relative usage of landline and cell phones (for those with both), based on extrapolations from the 2009 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size within the
landline sample. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance take into account the effect of weighting. The following table shows the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

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Interesting - though I would point out that the CMU twitter study and this article aren't necessarily at odds with one another. The CMU study did indeed fail miserably when it came to the 2008 presidential horserace, especially when compared with its success at measuring consumer confidence and Obama approval with a relatively crude methodology (and I don't use "crude" here pejoratively, but rather, admirably).

My sense is that this sort of mass sentiment extraction from unstructured data would only work best for binary good/bad, approve/disapprove, hot/cold measures, but fall short as you introduce additional variables or nuance into the analysis.

- Alex

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Or for an alternate view: http://kevinagray.posterous.com/click-here-to-set-a-post-title-4

I have pasted the article below, but you really need to click on the link and see the graphics...

Joe

I want to believe I can listen to Social Networks to understand sentiment and I can't. Its all #NickCleggsFault

Its 22nd April 2010. The British election campaign is in full swing. It probably really hit the accelerator pedal this time last week. That was when, for the first time ever, the leaders of the three main political parties performed a debate on national television. The outcome of that debate was a huge momentum swing for the Liberal Democratic party, who, until that time had been listed as the also rans probably more so in this campaign than those of the recent past. Nick Clegg's (the Leader of the Liberal Democrats) popularity and that of his party hit new highs overnight and little has
happened to reverse that trend.

Tonight is the second televised election and in the lead up to this event there has been a concerted attempt to attack Nick Clegg's image and tarnish his reputation.

What, you might ask has that to do with Social Networks?

There are a number of companies who would have you believe that it is possible to monitor public opinion by simply listening to the tweets, texts and general buzz of the social networks. That software could evaluate this constant stream of data and provide clear insight into the opinions of the public. This would be a kind of Utopia for many organisations who are constantly looking to understand the opinions of its customers, prospects and the general public. Currently they have to depend on more manual research engaging Market Research departments and companies in direct contact with individuals.

So is it possible to understand whether the public is pro or anti Nick Clegg as he enters the second debate?

The above image from TweetStats shows that over the last 11 hours Nick Clegg is the fourth most tweeted term (with neither of his opponents in the top ten) while #NickCleggsFault is the second most tweeted term (more of that in a moment).

This second image from Trendistic shows that for a few hours tweets regarding Nick Clegg's rose dramatically. I personally became aware of this phenomena at 2:00pm when @BoagWorld a leading Web Designer in Britain posted the following:

This was the first in a small flurry of tweets by @BoagWorld all with the term #NickCleggsFault included. So what is this hashtag. Well someone in the twitterverse decided that Nick Clegg was having a hard time with the latest round of media attacks and that they should attack media back on his behalf. They started sending tweets out stating issues that they were having and blaming Nick Clegg. here is a little example taken from Twitter's search:

The question is: Any analytics available today regarding social networks like twitter seem to conveniently stop at the concept of tweet counting. There are some what try to show influence and other simple measures. There do not seem to be any that want to indicate whether there is positive and/or negative feedback and #NickCleggsfault is probably why. Reading these tweets could give a text analyser the impression that there is a lot of negative thoughts regarding Nick Clegg. Effectively it will miss the irony within them where they are not Blaming Nick at all just showing how silly it is to be negative about Nick Clegg.

Will it ever be possible to measure Social Networks effectively in anything
but a human orientated manual process. Yes it may be possible to spot high flying comments and terms and bring them to someone's attention but there seems little reason to believe that the "translation" of these terms will be able to fall to any non-human being.

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I believe that I am now going to run to a dark corner of the house and cower in fear of what may come.

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Hi all,

A colleague of mine is planning a survey in Brazil and is looking for reliable, cost effective suppliers there. Any thoughts? Two that she is vetting are IBORE and APPM. Has anyone worked with either? Impressions? Other suggestions?

Thanks,

Alexandra
Census Instructs Staff to Use Caution Following Attacks on Employees

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FOXNews.com
The Census Bureau is monitoring the safety of its workers after 15 incidents of violence were reported against employees going door-to-door to finish up work on the once-in-a-decade head count.

More than 600,000 Census takers started canvassing neighborhoods across the country this month to follow up with residents at 48 million addresses who did not return their Census forms in full. With so many workers on the street, the bureau says attacks are bound to happen.

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PRINCETON, NJ -- The conservative shift in Americans' views on abortion that Gallup first recorded a year ago has carried over into 2010. Slightly more Americans call themselves "pro-life" than "pro-choice," 47% vs. 45%, according to a May 3-6 Gallup poll. This is nearly identical to the 47% to 46% division found last July following a more strongly pro-life advantage of 51% to 42% last May.

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http://tinyurl.com/2dw47e8
Okay, here is my haphazard take on conference, my personal opinions mixed in with some interesting tidbits, for the benefit of friends who couldn't make it this year (apologies for errors; please feel free to correct). I am sure that non-attenders would love to hear from others as well, since we all experience it differently. How about first-time attendees, how did it compare with other meetings?

The weather in Chicago was stormy on Wednesday and into Thursday morning. Many flights were delayed, the golf outing was a bit soggy, and when I teased one of the locals that he had the easy commute, he said that, no, actually the lightning had knocked out a crucial train control so that he was delayed for an hour and nearly missed his talk. But after that it was perfect, a pleasant coolness mornings and evenings but clear and sunny.

I was surprised at the airport to see a familiar image http://photos.igougo.com/images/p248182-Chicago_IL-Feeling_Welcome.jpg Oh, so that's a Chicago symbol and not just an AAPOR thing.

I raced in to register and try to make a session...frantically trying to figure out the escalators and stairways (there was no escalator to the 6th floor?), I got to the session room and it was empty...because I had forgotten the time zone change. So I was there for the first poster session and break. Looking through the conference bag, I was thrilled to see the large, readable first names on the name tags, the bookmark that said 2012 conference will be in Orlando, FL and also the
conference program is again in the smaller spiral-bound format with abstracts on a flash drive. In the conference hall, a new addition was a nice display on the history of AAPOR, including the postcard invitation to Central City and a tasteful wall of past program covers--people were going past and pointing, "That was my first AAPOR!"

The first session I attended reminded me of why I had made the trip. Jaki McCarthy gave an amazing presentation on, "Bento Box Questionnaire Testing: Multi-Method Questionnaire Testing for the 2012 Census of Agriculture." She noted that a traditional Japanese bento box is a meal constructed according to Buddhist principles of balance; separate compartments hold different colors, flavors, and cooking methods to provide an optimum eating experience. The authors relate this to questionnaire testing, in that methods (field testing, cognitive testing, etc.) can be combined to provide a balanced questionnaire evaluation, with complementary methods used to compensate for any methods' shortcomings. She had expert review in the smaller box, noting that it functioned kind of like wasabi, a little goes a long way. Of course many of us were blown away at the scope of the Census of Agriculture...a FIELD TEST of 30,000? It was a great presentation because it was designed as a presentation, with lots of visuals. It wasn't an academic paper being crammed into dense power-point slides; rather, it was an actual oral presentation that could only be appreciated by being there in that room. That's what every talk should be.

Also, on that panel Kristin Stettler presented a paper entitled, "Early Stage Scoping: Building High Quality Survey Instruments Without High Costs." It was a wonderful discussion of preparing a respondent-friendly instrument by talking to them *before* designing an instrument, seeing what records they keep, identifying to whom the questionnaire should be sent, etc. And bringing the client along. In Q & A, someone was dubious that it only applied to establishment surveys. Someone else said, no, that even for general population surveys we often do focus groups early on to explore a topic and what terminology people use, etc. I agreed, and confess to being the voice who then piped up, "But now we have a name for it!" And it is true, I love this term because it will allow us to easily differentiate developmental work that is pre-question design from that addressing testing of draft questions, which is a distinction sometimes worth making. (Her co-author was Fran Featherston who was unable to again due to illness and was missed.)

Most sessions this year had no discussant, a change that allowed five speakers per session. The instructions to chairs also mentioned to only announce the presenting author in the interest of saving time, something I have done unofficially for years. One of the presenters asked if iPhones were issued chairs, since all of them seemed to be using them. Well, no, not provided, but they are handy. The sessions this year had some creative titles, and the papers hung together particularly well.

I was impressed with Brian Shepherds talk on cell phone stuff, because halfway through he took the opportunity to remind us of his exact
definitions for "cell mostly," etc. It was a great technique, because it is so easy to get lost after a few minutes, and that reminder put me back on track. I need to remember to incorporate that in my own work.

I had the privilege of chairing the "hair optional" session on Saturday afternoon. I am sure that the papers were selected for their quality and cohesiveness, but it just happened that the four male presenters all had a similar sleek hairstyle.

One morning at breakfast, I was dithering over which session to attend, back and forth because two of them looked good, a common occurrence when faced with an abundance of great stuff. I finally convinced myself that for one of the sessions, only one paper was really essential, so I was devising a session-hopping strategy. About then I looked up and welcomed someone to share my table space. It turned out that she was the author of that very paper, and she gave me all kinds of handouts and her contact info. Shiny!

The plenary had some of the rock stars of survey research discussing disclosure and transparency. They were lined up on the stage sitting in champagne-colored leather wing chairs under those bright lights for video. Gary Langer said that it reminded him of the bridge of the starship Enterprise, except for the lack of diversity (which was a point, and seemed ironic given the conference theme). One of the key points made was that disclosure is a means, not an end, and is not a guarantee of quality. To me, one of the chilling points made was by Mark Blumenthal, that if the folks at Strategic Vision had said something like, "Our response rates were 21% and 28% and we weighted for age, race and gender..." then everyone would have likely shrugged and gone on without a standards action, as we aren't really in a position to followup every claim made in disclosure. I appreciated one of the commenters who explained how hard it is for a small shop to actively and consistently disclose in a timely manner, about how her person who would put that out is the web guy who also has a zillion more pressing things to do. I suspect she spoke for many in her frank explanation. Also, there was some discussion of the Harvard conference on Survey Quality and mention that perhaps those talks are available on video? Did I hear that right and does someone have the link?

At Friday's luncheon, Peter got up to give his President's Address before the meal was done being served, so over the hubbub, a lot of it was lost to many. At Council's request, he gave the highlights again on Saturday night.

I heard that the NORC reception on Friday night was fantastic. (I missed that and the fun run because my eldest sister was graduating from college with her bachelors, so I drove over to Rock Island for that party--yes, I said eldest; she took a class at a time while working and she'll be 64 next month).

This year, the memorial for those lost during the year was handled by a moment of silence at the start of the business meeting. That
remembrance has taken various forms through the years, from a separate memorial service to a brief mention (with pictures) at the banquet. This might have been okay except Robbie Sangster was not on the list, and there was a mis-spelling for someone else. Is this topic going to be addressed in the post-conference survey? I wonder what most folks prefer?

At the Saturday business meeting, Cliff Zukin brought up the issue of how papers on substantive findings of public opinion research were so far in the minority, with methodology papers so predominant. Michael Link said that not only do we just get more of the methods submissions, but the substantive findings sessions were least attended. On a related note when Frank Newport talked about the future of the organization, he again brought up the issue of dividing into sections. During discussion from the floor, I tried not to be offended when people in the audience were being called on by their title (Dr.) and last name, and I wonder if anyone who didn't have a Ph.D. was shy to comment as a result of not wanting that distinction made? I love that AAPOR doesn't use degrees in the program, etc. and would like to keep it that way. It's nice to be considered a whole human being.

Jon Krosnick's band was wonderful, although a bit loud for background music. Very mellow. It got me thinking again about a link between math and music--my son was a band director for years and now has a graduate degree in research & evaluation (super-quant).

Mike Traugott's acceptance speech for the AAPOR award was a surprise because he quoted one of my favorite groups, Dire Straits, that song Money for Nothing. He said how glad he was to be able to support his family while doing work he enjoyed. Also he talked about how comfortable he felt at his first AAPOR conference. "These are my peeps!"

That's what I think too, and a good place to end.

Colleen Porter
Gainesville, FL

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I look forward to seeing you all in Chicago the weekend before the Thanksgiving Holiday!

Weiwu Zhang
MAPOR President
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Call for Participation
35th Annual Conference of the

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November 19-20, 2010, Avenue Hotel, Chicago

Conference Theme:
"Consensus, Contrariness, and Compromise in Public Opinion"

The Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research's 35th annual conference welcomes papers and panels exploring consensus, contrariness and compromise, either in contemporary public opinion itself or in pursuit of the best methods for estimating public opinion. Papers and panels on any other topic related to public opinion research, theory, or methodology are equally welcome. These topics can include transparency, translation, data quality, race, and research across cultures and languages.
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The items Colleen refers to are selected PowerPoint presentations (not video) from last year's conference. They are available at the bottom of the following page:

http://psr.iq.harvard.edu/survey_quality_psr_spring_conference

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Also, there was some discussion of the Harvard conference on Survey Quality and mention that perhaps those talks are available on video? Did I hear that right and does someone have the link?

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These CPS data have been available for almost a year. The report is finally released. For those interested, my analysis is here: http://elections.gmu.edu/CPS_2008.html.

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You can consult the following whitepaper at MSG's website for a detailed
overview of ABS, which included several citations as well.
http://www.genesys-sampling.com/ContentPages/2/Page236/Address%20Based%2
0Sampling.pdf

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Thanks to everyone for the responses, I got what I needed.

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Cheers,
HF
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Pennsylvania
New York
California
Texas?

Thanks,
Christina Lien
Competitive Edge conducts omnibus surveys in CA from time to time.

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If you're looking for a short, sweet definition, here's the one I use:
"Address Based Sampling is the sampling of addresses from a near universal listing of residential mail delivery locations." This distinguishes it from more manual counting & listing (or in-person enumeration) efforts typically used with area probability sampling. In the US this is typically done using the US. P.S. Computerized Delivery Sequence File, but the definition is generic enough that it could fit databases in other areas or countries which provide a near universal frame of addresses.

The concept of using the DSF as a potential sample frame for assisting with (or ultimately replacing) counting & listing was first examined in: Iannacchione, Staab, and Redden. 2003. Evaluating the Use of Residential Mailing Addresses in a Metropolitan Household Survey. POQ 67: 202-210

The first use of the actual term "Address Based Sampling" as it has been used for the past few years in the US when referring to drawing samples of the general population in the US was first cited in: Link, Battaglia, Frankel, Osborn, and Mokdad (2008) "A Comparison of Address-Based Sampling (ABS) versus Random Digit Dialing (RDD) for General Population Surveys." Public Opinion Quarterly 72(1):6-27.

Admittedly the general concept of "address based sampling" (or sampling of addresses) has been around for a long time to refer to any sample drawn from a frame of addresses. More recent usage has the more specific meaning. Hope that helps.

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Hello,

It was great seeing many of you at AAPOR last week.

While we are all still on a conference buzz, I would like to invite you and your colleagues to participate in the 29th annual Southern Association for Public Opinion Research (SAPOR) Conference, October 7-8, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Brownstone in Raleigh, North Carolina. This year's conference theme will be "A Decade in Review" and the keynote speaker will be Howard Hogan from the Census Bureau.

This year's conference attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in a short course entitled, "Practical Tools for Nonresponse Bias Analysis," taught by Kristen Olson of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and Jill Montaquila from Westat.

In addition, all student papers will be included in the James W. Prothro student paper competition, which includes a cash prize of $250.
The deadline for abstracts is June 30, 2010. For more information about the conference or to submit an abstract, please see our website: http://southernassociationforpublicopinionresearch.org/participation_cal l.htm.

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Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in October!

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Nancy--

That's kind of a broad question (there are a lot of rules), so it would help if you could describe what kind of rules you are thinking of.

Here are some government web sites that you may find helpful:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg_infocoll/
http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg_statpolicy/
This is the Office of Management and Budget. If you are doing focus groups for a federal agency, you may need to file an Information Collection Request (ICF) with OMB in support of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The Web site above gives a lot of information and guidelines on surveys, focus groups, and federal regulations concerning them.

Then there is the issue of informed consent, and who can give it and special populations. You will need some form of informed consent from the focus group participants. The place to start finding out about those is here: http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/

This is the Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP) which is part of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Some federal agency personnel (in those agencies funding the research) are knowledgeable about these issues and requirements, and others are not, so you may need to educate your client a little after you educate yourself.

Hope this helps.

Ron

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We are seeking to engage the services of an experienced qualitative interviewer to help with overflow work.

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And tell us how you propose to charge.

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Mike O'Neil
www.oneilresearch.com
A former student of mine is looking for a recommendation for a book on scaling. I find I don't have good information to give her. Can anyone help. Feel free to answer to me (jtanur@notes.cc.sunysb.edu) or directly to her at mcentron@ic.sunysb.edu

Thanks so much for any help you can offer.

Best, Judy

The Onion has something to say on this. Content advisory: contains strong language.
Judy,

Scaling is an ambiguous term (at least to me). Do you mean the analytical/modeling technique known as Multidimensional Scaling? If so, there is a nice book on this in the Sage Publications Monograph Series.

Or do you mean psychometric scale development/construction? If so, Douglas Jackson's manual and Anne Anastasi's text book generally are considered the
classics describing the processes of developing psychometric tests and measures and, for this reason, these sources seem to be cited most often in journal articles when such citations appear or are needed.


The Jackson manual is not a treatise on test construction per se. Rather, it presents instruments. However, the manual begins with very instructive and lucid introductory narrative describing the scale measurement building process.

The Anastasi text is widely considered to be the classic, authoritative introduction to psychological testing. It offers broad coverage of graduate school topics and is not written in math-speak or laden with obscure statistical formulations. It presents the basics of test construction and provides guidance on how to evaluate different tests, choose tests for particular purposes, and interpret outcome scores appropriately.

There have been many editions of the Anastasi textbook "Psychological Testing" released since it first appeared in 1954. The 7th edition (and, I believe, the most recent edition) was coauthored with Susana Urbina and came out in 1997. Anecdotally, at least based on my experience, the editions released circa 1980 seem to be the ones that get cited most often.


Other good sources on test construction include:

Introductory level:


Intermediate level:


Advanced level:


A closely related topic is item response theory. I believe there is an entry on this in the Encyclopedia of Survey Research Methods (Paul Lavrakas, ed.) published in 2008 by Sage. If your student is interested in IRT, then here are some additional texts of note:

Introductory level:


More Advanced levels:


Anyway, I hope this is what you were asking about and this information is of help to you.

Regards,
Jonathan

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A former student of mine is looking for a recommendation for a book on scaling. I find I don't have good information to give her. Can anyone
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Implicit Bias May Make Evenhanded Application of New Immigration Law Impossible, Psychologist Says by the American Psychological Association

John F. Dovidio, Ph.D.
Arizona recently adopted a new law giving police the authority to inquire about a person's immigration status during a stop, detention, or arrest. The APA interviewed social psychologist John F. Dovidio, PhD, of Yale University about the new law. Dr. Dovidio studies issues of social power and social relationships including the influence of explicit and implicit bias. Dr. Dovidio can be reached at john.dovidio@yale.edu.

APA. The new law gives broad powers to police officers yet we know from research that all people including police officers have automatic or implicit bias about some racial or ethnic groups. What is implicit bias?

Dovidio. Implicit biases are beliefs (stereotypes) and feelings (prejudice) that are activated without intent, control, and often conscious awareness. These are habits of mind that develop through cultural as well as personal influences.
sonal associations. Whereas most people no longer consciously endorse stereotypes and prejudice, the majority of people still harbor implicit biases.

APA. Will this new law lead to racial profiling within the state?

Dovidio. Stereotyping, prejudice, and biases in how people perceive and react to members of other groups typically occur automatically and with limited conscious control. These automatic processes are even more influential when people feel threatened or are under time pressure - common experiences for police officers - and thus will lead to systematic and racially/ethnically biased profiling.

APA. What are the effects of racial profiling beyond the individual; i.e., are there effects on the whole community?

Dovidio. Social identities are important for everyone, but members of traditionally disadvantaged groups generally identify particularly strongly with their group and are vigilant to being treated unfairly because of their group membership. Racial profiling is precisely the kind of injustice that offends not only the people directly involved but also the community as a whole. Moreover, because these incidents are perceived as group-based, they erode trust and good will toward the majority group and to the police, as well.

APA. The Arizona governor has said that police in the state will be trained to properly apply the law. Will police officers in the state be able to overcome their implicit or unconscious bias?

Dovidio. Training of the type that is being proposed cannot consistently mitigate the effects of these implicit, and often unconscious, biases. Training may make people more aware of the potential for biased implementation of the law and help them understand better what they should be doing, but research has shown that training by itself cannot eliminate the systematic forces of implicit bias that operate unintentionally, often without awareness and the ability to control it. Training should help limit blatant abuses, but implicit biases will still play an important role in how the new police powers actually play out on the street.

APA. A second new law in Arizona is also creating controversy; this one has to do with courses that are designed primarily for students to teach them about their cultural heritage. What is the importance of knowing one's group history and appreciating the cultural heritage of others?

Dovidio. Having a stronger sense of group connection and identity can buffer feelings of depression and distress typically produced by perceptions =
of discrimination. However, for more positive and productive intergroup relations today, it is important not only to recognize and value one's heritage but also to know that one's group is respected by other groups and that there is common connection, identity and interdependence among the different groups in our society. Educating young people about their own heritage as well as the heritage of their classmates is one way to foster that respect and connection.

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MRA's Director of Government Affairs, Howard Fienberg, PLC, expressed concern on behalf of the survey and opinion research profession. "With the 'cell phone only' and 'cell phone mostly' populations totaling 40 percent of American households, researchers need to be able to include cell phone users in their studies in order to have viable samples."

The Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) currently requires express prior consent for any autodialed call to a cell phone.

"The FCC proposes to make the archaic autodialer restrictions of the TCPA even worse, threatening the integrity and results of survey and opinion research," said Howard.

MRA also has a summary of legal/ethical best practices for calling cell phones: http://www.mra-net.org/ga/bestpractices.cfm

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At the same time, during this early brainstorming phase, we're not
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If it continues as a listserv, are there bells and whistles that you enjoy on other listservs that should be implemented here? With the ever-rising percentage of AAPOR members using smartphones, is this list sufficiently optimized for that kind of viewing? Has the AAPORNET name (those four letters in the middle!) ever caused your email messages to get trapped in a spam blocker?

At the same time, during this early brainstorming phase, we're not limiting consideration only to listserv per se. There have been newer technologies arise in the intervening years since AAPORnet started, which also build electronic communities: web-based blogs, tools like Google Groups, and so on.

In the months ahead, we'll throw out some specific issues for discussion here (or feel free to raise yourself, or email us), but the input we're getting from this initial posting will help shape that agenda. So thanks for all the comments, and you'll be hearing more from us as this thoughtful process unfolds.

And yes, AAPOR has a presence on Facebook and Twitter, but those are open to anyone, whereas AAPORnet has been a benefit of membership. Our particular mission as a subcommittee is limited to the latter forum.

Colleen Porter

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Over the years, AAPORNET has provided me with enormous value, in the information it passes to and among members, and in giving any member the chance to readily respond to others or post information of interest. As one quick example, the recent exchange of information on scaling texts available was very useful. We should not lose that knowledge and networking resource by changing to another medium, in such a way that we "throw out the baby with the bathwater." Put another way, if it's not broken, why fix it?

As the longtime Publicity Coordinator for a nonprofit organization, I'm now following that organization's gradual transition to Facebook and YouTube videos. I see benefits to enhancing, NOT discarding the list serv that org uses. In the same way, using AAPORNET to the fullest should be our goal, to provide an avenue for information exchange to all.

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On May 25, 2010, at 4:37 PM, Butterworth, Michael wrote:

> How much I worry about that depends on how much we would suffer if
> the service stopped, by our choice or someone else's.
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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
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> > Sent: Tue May 25 16:25:42 2010
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> social networking site like Facebook or Twitter.
A major consideration, IMO. should be that AAPOR remain in sole
possession of any information posted on any such system, and that it
should not be made available for commercial purposes or data mining.

Although I haven't investigated this myself, there are now a
variety of
software packages that let groups create and manage their own forums.
Since there is likely to be a trade-off between cost, support,
features
and ease of administration, any choice should not be made lightly.

Jan Werner

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>> subcommittee did not mean to imply the possibility of using a
>> proprietary networking site like facebook or twitter. These sites
>> can
>> change their rules or be discontinued at the whim of the proprietor.
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>> among
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>> setting up
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>> restrictions that Anne Hartman refers to.
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But with the rise of various social networking tools and new developments in technology, it is time to think about how things are going, fix anything that isn't working, and ensure that AAPORnet remains a valuable resource for members. We should note that while the exploration and evaluation of options is now beginning, any change will not happen soon. Members will be updated about new developments before they take place, with all efforts made to ensure as painless a transition as possible.

To steer that effort, I have been asked to chair a subcommittee on the Future of AAPORnet, assisted by Adam Safir and Leo Simonetta.

We welcome your input about how this electronic community can best serve members in the years ahead. You are invited to contact us or bring up issues for discussion here on AAPORnet itself. Some related items on the upcoming membership survey will also provide an opportunity to share your opinions on key issues.

Finally, we should note that while several committee members are frequent posters to AAPORnet, our priority in this effort is serving the AAPOR community. Everything is open to comment and constructive criticism as we make this change, and we welcome your thoughts.

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WASHINGTON - White and Latino Americans are deeply divided over immigration, their allegiances to the nation's political parties and their opinions about President Barack Obama, according to a new NBC/MSNBC/Telemundo poll.

And in the wake of Arizona's controversial anti-illegal immigration law, the survey suggests that Republicans could get an immediate political boost, but may face a long-term problem among Latinos, the nation's fastest-growing demographic group.

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Full pdf of all survey questions

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http://twitter.com/AAPOR/aapormembers
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Technologies are available today that were not 15 years ago and that could make AAPORNET into a more useful tool for all of us. I think it is important, however, that AAPOR itself retain control over whatever is decided upon, and that it be portable, should the need to change sites or providers arise in the future.

Norm Trussell mentioned the Marketing Research Roundtable (http://forum.researchinfo.com/) and I agree that it provides a good model to start from, but there are other forums that provide different features and capabilities, so there is a lot to explore.

I'm looking forward to this discussion and I'd like to thank Colleen Porter, Adam Safir and Leo Simonetta for leading the way toward what I hope will be an even better AAPORNET.

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There might be a way to use the server that runs the AAPOR site along with Wordpress to create a private site that does many of the things our email list does, but I'm not sure what we'd gain. Haven't really given it a lot of thought.

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I value AAPORNET highly, as it currently exists. If I wanted to be more easily able to classify discussions and follow them coherently, I would change how I receive them -- the daily indexed version is much more efficient, and when I want to ignore AAPORNET for a week or two I switch. However, I am a fan of serendipity as a learning tool, and find the seeming randomness of postings here a source of enlightenment -- as well as, at times, amusement and/or aggravation.

Since both AAPOR and AAPORNET are "big tents" (thank goodness) and growing, it seems inevitable that different needs arise. I know there is a basic "how to use AAPORNET" (actually I think it is generic "using listserv") instruction manual out there (where?) and I suspect if we spent more time reading it the
current framework could be much more diverse than most of us know.

The social networking sites are, in my limited experience, ill-suited for the discussions here; I would be disappointed if we were to be forcibly moved to such a format. Saying that, however, reminds me of my late boss, who never learned that a computer is not just a typewriter with built-in whiteout.

Expanding the means and uses of conversation about research seems a good thing; starting with user-friendly set up of the existing means might be surprisingly effective.

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However, I'd caution that our predecessors in the 1970's felt the same
way about the idea of an interlinked computer system. Lucky for us, no one disparaged this new technology as some have here, but rather took the typical route of the intellectually curious: let's see what happens next.

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I, for one, am interested in the ideas you've suggested: could you expand on that a little?

Thanks for your thoughts,

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I guess my one suggestion would be a better way to making the archives readable and searchable -- as some one has pointed out, often times a member is kind enough to summarize all findings but sometimes that doesn't happen and these summaries can be so helpful.

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The job announcement is posted below, and can also be accessed at the following url:

http://www.ubalt.edu/template.cfm?page=3D318&posting=3D493

Thanks,

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Salary: $40,000 - $50,000

NOTE: Some evening and weekend work is required.

NOTE: Applicants submitting resumes for the original posting are being considered and do not need to reapply.

Duties

The Survey Lab Manager oversees the Center's survey operations including telephone and mail surveys and participates in writing research proposals, developing survey designs, engaging in questionnaire construction, administering survey research projects, interacting with clients, and preparing reports of findings. The Manager ensures the smooth operation of the day-to-day operations of the Center's Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) survey research lab. Duties include:

* Managing the day-to-day operations of CATI Lab and ensuring the timely, cost efficient, successful completion of projects and its smooth operation
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* Making arrangements for focus study groups
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Qualifications

Position requires bachelor’s degree in public administration, public policy, sociology, marketing, or related discipline and 3 years of related experience, including one year in a supervisory role. Graduate degree or coursework can be substituted for relevant experience on a year for year basis.

Experience in proposal development, project management, data analysis, report preparation or Ci3/Web Sensus programming is a plus. Experience with Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) systems is desirable. Also requires excellent interpersonal, administrative and organizational skills; excellent written and oral communication skills; and excellent project management skills. Also requires ability to balance multiple projects; ability to troubleshoot problems, monitor work progress, motivate and critique employees; and strong computer skills including SPSS, Excel, Microsoft Office Suite, and Ci3/Web Sensus.

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Just my quick opinion that AAPORNET, in its listserv format, has been a very useful tool and resource for me.. I'm grateful for it. I also second (maybe it's fourth or fifth by now) what Jennifer Agiesta and subsequent posters have stated as reasons why AAPORNET is user-friendly.

This listserv is definitely helpful because of the platform/technology, but it also seems to me there are professional (yet informal) norms and an online culture that have emerged over a pretty long period of time. If we leave this type of platform entirely, we would likely experience some kind of resetting of the online community.

That said, a Ning social network *could* complement AAPORNET if connection and search are important goals. Ning (about.ning.com) is a social network-
building service that allows for customizing and privacy capabilities.

Generally speaking, I think the added value of a Ning network (or Facebook) is to connect/reconnect with other people based on searchable interests, needs, and priorities. Online social networks tend to be more personally revealing than listservs, amplifying the interpersonal experience, for better or worse. My organization has used Ning a couple times, in a limited way, to support large meetings. It was helpful for pre- and post-conference objectives.

Ning networks can also provide listserv and Google Groups-like functions. But a significant downside, to contrast with a listserv, is the extra time and attention needed for building, and then managing, the network and online community.

Ning may be a useful complement if connection, search, and filtering, become more and more important to us.

- Paul

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From: Michael Sullivan <michaelsullivan@FSCGROUP.COM>
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Sent: Thu, May 27, 2010 12:48:33 PM
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One drawback I can see to taking the listserv into a public arena is the public. Public chat rooms tend to attract intellectual riff raff that go on long idiotic rants about liberals, conservatives, Democrats, Republicans, Nancy Pelosi, George Bush, Bill Clinton, Mother Therese and a thousand other off the wall topics that nobody on this list cares about. I appreciate the exclusive professional nature of this list. Whatever you do, keep this valuable attribute in mind when you fix whatever is currently wrong -- I forget, what problem are we trying to solve?

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Jon Ebeling, Ph.D.
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A few observations from across the Pacific:

1. One thing we may wish to consider -- if the reform committee is not already doing so -- is the different types of information users post to AAPORnet. It seems to me as if things like job postings and news articles migrate nicely to different platforms/media -- blog, Twitter, etc. -- without much of a significant dropoff in the substance of the AAPORnet community. Posts like Colleen's pre/post conference thoughts might also work nicely in a blog atmosphere -- and might, one would hope, encourage others to provide their take on the proceedings and items of interest as she always gracefully does.

2. At the same time, I agree that the best way to preserve that sense of community is to maintain some type of system that does feed into our inboxes -- or allows us to login and manage settings so that posts of general interest will continue to reach all of us.

3. As many users no doubt know, GMail does a nice job of aggregating "conversations" so that, if there is a discussion taking place on a topic of non-interest, it is easily marked as read or deleted if the user wishes to do so. This really helps to manage the flow when conversations on certain topics heat up (e.g., Arizona).

4. I joined in the mid-1990s. My recollection is that Jim Beniger took a pretty active role as list moderator, providing his own unique observations and commentary on various issues that crept up, both inside, but usually outside, the association. It places a time/cost burden on the moderator, no doubt, but a clever voice of regularity -- an emcee of sorts -- helps to maintain continuity and community. If such an officially-anointed voice, or voices, were to comment/Tweet on items of general interest regularly, I think it would stimulate discussion and be an asset to a potential AAPORnet 2.0.

Thanks to Colleen, Adam and Leo for their work on this.
On Fri, May 28, 2010 at 7:57 AM, Mike Donatello <mike@donatello.us> wrote:
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Hi,

I think the use of a private forum (as others have commented) would be the most appropriate medium. An example (although there are plenty of others) can be seen here: http://www.invisionpower.com/products/board/

Users can be verified before being able to access and post (so restricting to the AAPOR membership) although some forums could be left open if required to the wider community. The forum can be organised into sub-forums covering different topics and within each sub forum a topic can be created thus allowing users to only look at the topics they are interested in. These are the basic features - on some boards there are also other features which allow some form of social networking for those who wish to do so.

Topics will remain for as long as required (only restriction is the cost of storage) and there are powerful customisable search features.

For those who prefer push to email, users can subscribe to as many sub forums as they wish, choosing to receive emails of discussions either instantly or in a daily or weekly digest. This allows control over which topics are pushed to email by only subscribing to the areas in wish people have an interest. Additionally individual topics can be subscribed to allowing instant updates to email on topics of interest.

Personally I think this would be a huge step forward for AAPORNET.

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Hello all,

I recall hearing a report on the following questions at an AAPOR conference within the last few years. Does anyone else recall these questions or the data source? I am interested in learning how well they performed and if they are still being used.

Thanks in advance,
Jeanette

In RDD survey: "If we had called you right now on your cell phone would you have answered it?"

In Cell: "If we had called you right now on your home phone would you have answered it?"

- or something approximating this meaning...

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