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The Branch of Research and Program Development in the Division of Consumer Expenditure Surveys at the Bureau of Labor Statistics has a position open.

Detailed information is below and at <http://www.usajobs.com/>. The job announcement numbers are:

- Economist (Government-Wide), GS-0110-14/14: MS-10-BLS-PL-166
- Economist (All Sources), GS-0110-14/14: DE-10-BLS-PL-167
- Statistician (Government-Wide), GS-1530-14/14: MS-10-BLS-PL-168
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Please feel free to forward this information to any qualified and interested colleagues.

Best,

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Title: Economist / Statistician (Economics)  
Open Period: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 to Wednesday, October 20, 2010  
Series & Grade: GS-0110-14/14 / GS-1530-14/14

## OVERVIEW

This is an interdisciplinary position and may be filled as either an Economist or a Statistician (Economics). The position is located in the Division of Consumer Expenditure Surveys (DCES), Branch of Research and Program Development (BRPD). The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is the principal

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## MAJOR DUTIES

The incumbent serves as a technical expert and senior project manager in BRPD. The branch conducts research on approaches to improving response rates, data collection, and data quality. Data quality studies are aimed at identifying and reducing measurement and other errors in the CE surveys.

1. The incumbent initiates, directs, or conducts economic, statistical, and methodological research aimed at improving CE estimates and data quality through the measurement and reduction of survey error, developing an understanding of the processes leading to different error sources. The incumbent ensures that research is carried out in accordance with program objectives through a process of ongoing review and evaluation. The position requires a facility with the use of quantitative methods in order to analyze problems and propose solutions. Familiarity with qualitative methods and the ability to develop and implement laboratory and field studies of measurement issues applying those methods is highly desirable.
2. The incumbent oversees operations for major survey redesign teams, events, and projects as assigned. In doing so, the incumbent makes assignments and provides guidance to other staff members, working with CE management to ensure that projects have sufficient financial and staff resources to accomplish their objectives. Survey redesign events, such as a Survey Methods Workshop, may involve other government agencies, as well as academic and private organizations; therefore the incumbent will coordinate activities and direct meetings with senior staff at various government and private organizations. The incumbent manages all contracts with outside vendors directly related to the survey redesign.
3. This position requires excellent project management skills, as the incumbent directs or coordinates the activities of the various survey redesign teams and advisory groups, sets priorities, and negotiates solutions when priorities or needs conflict. The incumbent must also have a detailed understanding of the relevant methodological, economic, and statistical issues in order to address the survey redesign goal of improving CE data quality through a verifiable reduction in measurement error. The position requires excellent written communications skills to create products such as contractor statements of work, conference summaries, or research reports.
4. Although the incumbent is not a supervisor, he/she has the responsibility for making assignments and for providing guidance to other staff members. This guidance includes coaching and/or mentoring staff on the performance of assignments and providing leadership on teams. The incumbent assists the Branch Chief in the effective utilization of staff resources.
5. The incumbent will meet frequently with and advise senior management in BLS and the Census Bureau. The incumbent will serve as the BLS spokesperson for

the major survey redesign projects, and will make both technical and general presentations to CE data users. Incumbent must possess a high degree of technical ability, excellent oral communication skills, and a thorough knowledge of program objectives and practices.

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So it's Friday, and in a whimsical mood, I thought I would share some thoughts on a study that I am fielding. Some of these may seem obvious or uninformed to those of you with much more experience, but here goes....

1. There has been research from past decades demonstrating more returns when the return mail envelope used stamps (in familiar denominations) rather than business reply envelopes. I wondered if this line of research has been updated recently, and whether there is a "Netflix effect" from the many Americans who are now using business reply on a regular basis and are thus more comfortable with it?
2. When I visited the survey center to test the web survey, I asked if it was optimized for smart phones. They kinda looked at me. So I whipped out my iphone and did some testing then and there. We changed a few things on the layout to be more compact, but mostly I was thrilled that the buttons worked, and the keyboard popped up when I touched inside a text box, and data was recorded when I hit the keyboard's Go! button (rather than saying done and returning to the questionnaire itself). It was thrilling and I felt like a pioneer. And nice to have another option in the toolbox. When I design surveys for health care providers, I imagine someone at their kid's soccer game. Not that everyone has kids per se, but we all have times when we are waiting for a bus or a dentist appointment (oh wait, that would never happen to these folks, since they are dentists!).

3. Is there any peer-reviewed research on the best day of the week or time of day to send out an email invitation? Ran across some opinions such as <http://survey.cvent.com/blog/online-survey-experts/0/0/send-email-survey-invitations-at-the-right-time> but no actual randomized studies.

4. We got a lot of refusals who returned the incentive, along with the entire packet. Does including an incentive make it more likely that someone refuses right away? Because from a standpoint of cost effectiveness, if someone is gonna refuse anyway, better to do it early on and save the cost of later waves.

5. Speaking of incentives, I finally got around to reading FREAKONOMICS, five years after hearing about the book at AAPOR. But have we ever discussed how the first chapter applies to survey research?

6. I got back a survey about dental products, which was not the topic of our study. I did send that form on to the folks with that survey in the field. Do you think they will send me mine? Because I am sure that is what happened, that the dentist did both surveys and put them in the wrong envelopes:( I was not impressed that they called their survey "The National Dental Healthcare Census," but I forwarded it to be collegial.

7. I was humbled and in awe at the notes that people wrote all over the survey instrument, sometimes adding an additional full page to express their opinions (methodological note: always make sure that return postage allows for respondents to include extra pages). It will be a rich source of additional information, and I am glad they felt comfortable trusting us to share their feelings.

8. Well, of course not quite everyone trusted us because we had the usual number of blacked out/defaced/ripped off tracking numbers. Indeed, I think we had a few more than usual, and high quality, too--they ripped off labels very neatly. Then we realized they had access to those dental probes with the thin wire hook that would be perfect for label excision. But also, sometimes they would go to great effort to be anonymous on the survey inside, but apparently the front office people applied a return address stamp or label to the envelope, anyway.

9. As we prepared the emails for the web invitations, our manager asked me what we would do if someone responded by mail and also did it on the web (perhaps not being sure that they had mailed it in). I told her that we would figure out later (translation: ask on AAPORnet). I reminded her that at least it wasn't one of those pressure situations where we are taking a call from a dentist and having to make a decision and explain it clearly and enthusiastically on the phone, right then. But what DOES one do if a respondent fills it out twice?

Happy weekend,

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Experimental Sex Practiced More Often Now in U.S. Than in 1994, Study Says

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-10-04/experimental-sex-practiced-more-often-by-americans-study-finds.html>

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The study, conducted by researchers from the Center for Sexual Health Promotion at Indiana University, surveyed 5,865 people aged 14 to 94 about their sexual activities, profiling what sex acts they engaged in and what precautions they took. A similar study was published in 1994 by University of Chicago researchers. Americans have become more experimental in the 16 years between the reports, the researchers wrote.

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The study surveyed a nationally representative sample of the U.S. population, the researchers reported. It can't be generalized to gay, lesbian or bisexual individuals because the sample may obscure data points involving minority groups, the authors wrote.

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Nearly every sentence in this release strains credibility or flies in the face of other findings, including the recently published survey by AARP. It would help if the writer defined the tantalizing headline term "experimental sex." And the final comment about non-generalizability to gays and lesbians does not make sense. Reliable estimation of that population is an important subject and one that the Chicago study made a good effort on. The AARP study also commendably addressed sexual activity among older adults but did not measure some important behaviors. It is also annoying when journalists reflexively and repeatedly turn to the same people they assume to be experts for critical commentary. A study of this size on a topic this important and coming from a distinguished institution uniquely linked to work in this field is worthy of wider-ranging commentary. Perhaps others will treat it more thoroughly.

Sexual behavior is a vibrant (excuse the word) topic for market estimation methodologists and a breath of fresh air in contrast to so much that is done on voting and political attitudes.

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## A Mysterious Poll

<http://thepage.time.com/2010/10/04/a-mysterious-poll/>

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According to sources familiar with the calls, New Hampshire residents received a telephone poll in September testing multiple 2012 Republican candidates and match-ups that included some 30 questions on real estate magnate Donald Trump.

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AAPOR Colleagues -- I am hoping someone may be able to provide a precise definition of what Mr. Rasmussen refers to as "leaners" in his reporting. It is clearly different than the conventional definition of leaners (example from NORC). I have seen his definition that reads "Leaners are those who initially indicate no preference for either of the candidates but answer a follow-up question and say they are leaning toward a particular candidate." What is somewhat masked in the basic definition is that he is also asking third party candidates' supporters a followup "leaners" question. As he puts it, "The approach anticipates that support for third party candidates typically declines as Election Day nears and voters begin to gravitate toward one of the major party nominees." In the race I am looking at (MA Gov), the inclusion of this definition of "leaners" gives a much lower reading for Independent Candidate Tim Cahill than is present in other recent polling on the race. What am uncertain of is: 091. Is he asking all thi

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Larry,  
Your spreadsheet combines the total column with the Rep/Dem/Inde to sum to 100. I don't understand why that total column should be combined with its constituents. Isn't that duplication?  
Thanks,  
Jim



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Mathematically, I believe the 99 is supposed to be 39.

I am attaching a spreadsheet file in which I think I have recreated what they intended the table to communicate and the calculation that indicates that the 99 should have been a 39.

I think the question was set up as a sort of Guttman scale.

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A couple of weeks ago I asked for some input to incentives for a phone survey of health behavior. Rather than repeat everyone's responses here (although I have saved them) the basic conclusion I reached was this:

1. \$20 upon completion for a 30-45 min survey is reasonable and advisable.
2. \$1-\$2 for an advance letter is the right amount, but there was some disagreement whether any incentive was necessary at this stage.

I am, as ever, grateful for all the thoughtful responses.

Thanks!

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Hi,

On behalf of a colleague, I'm looking for a vendor to do 30-40 minute face-to-face interviews (over a 5-year period), of about n=2,000 for the baseline, and then 2 more waves with some level of attrition, with a somewhat targeted geographic region in the US. Not sure where yet though. Recommendations (even of your own firm) welcomed.

Thanks,

Leora

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Latinos and the 2010 Elections  
Strong Support for Democrats; Weak Voter Motivation

by Mark Hugo Lopez, Associate Director, Pew Hispanic Center

In a year when support for Democratic candidates has eroded, the party's standing among one key voting group -- Latinos--appears as strong as ever. Two-thirds (65%) of Latino registered voters say they plan to support the Democratic candidate in their local congressional district, while just 22% support the Republican candidate, according to a nationwide survey of Latinos.

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<http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1752/poll-latinos-and-the-2010-midterm-elections-support-democrats-weak-voter-motivation>  
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Leora,  
We would be very interested in knowing more about and potentially

bidding on this project.

Thank you.

Jack

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Subject: face-to-face interviewing

Hi,

On behalf of a colleague, I'm looking for a vendor to do 30-40 minute face-to-face interviews (over a 5-year period), of about n=2,000 for the baseline, and then 2 more waves with some level of attrition, with a somewhat targeted geographic region in the US. Not sure where yet though.

Recommendations (even of your own firm) welcomed.

Thanks,  
Leora

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With an emphasis on labor-management issues? I'm putting together a list= for a friend. Reply off-list, please. Thanks! JAS  
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Yes, this is the dreaded "trapped in London, robbed and needing money quick" virus. I've received it about five times, and I advise those having it sent out from their e-mail addresses to do the following: (1) Call your ISP provider to inform them, (2) Call the FBI's Internet Crimes unit, since this is an international matter, and (3) be prepared if the ISP provider's tech support department cannot do something else, to flush out your current e-mail address book, and rebuild it, since the virus likely has been sent to all e-mail addresses listed at that time in the address book.

If someone knows of other approaches, I would suggest that they please reply offline to the AAPORNET Administrator, since granted this issue is not the main purpose of subscribing to AAPORNET.

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49% in Canada back opposition bill to reinstate the mandatory long-form census in an Angus Reid Public Opinion Oct 4-5 (online) poll. 29% say government should carry on with its proposed voluntary survey. 22% say not sure.

[http://www.visioncritical.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/2010.10.06\\_Census\\_CAN.pdf](http://www.visioncritical.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/2010.10.06_Census_CAN.pdf)

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More Americans continue to oppose gay marriage than support it, according to the poll, which was released Wednesday by the Pew Research Center. But for the first time since Pew starting asking about same sex marriage 15 years ago, fewer than half of those polled said they oppose legalizing the institution.

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Last night I got called to participate in a poll, one a media pollster anot=  
her who polls for candidates.=20

In both cases the interview began with "Are you a registered Democrat, regi=  
stered Republican, or registered Independent?" But about half of the states=  
in the nation including Illinois where I live do not have party registrati=  
on.=20

In states like Illinois the only plausible answer to such a question would =  
be "None of the above=E2=80=9D.=20

I hear people who call themselves =E2=80=9Cregistered=E2=80=9D Republicans =  
or Democrats to stress their party commitment. And of course some believe t=  
hey are literally registered by party.=20

I told the media poll interviewer to pass this on to his Supervisor then be=

gged of due to the conflict. When I raised this question with the candidate=  
poll interviewer she hung up on me. You have to wonder how many respondent=  
s like me would add to non-response.=20

It is well known that party registration in some states is a function of vo=  
ter primary voting eligibility. For example, some states such as NH registe=  
red independents leave their options open to vote in the primary of their c=  
hoice.=20

Response to self-described Party ID questions - Dems, GOPs, etc - yield far=  
different results than official party registration counts. I found this to=  
be true in a poll in NJ, 2004.=20

Do polls relying on a party registration question miss true party allegianc=  
e? Is party registration even a useful demographic at all?=20

One other question which should be obvious to everyone; should you even beg=  
in an interview with a party question of any kind? Seems like question orde=  
r bias to me. Should party allegiance of any kind precede candidate voting =  
questions? Worst case, were these quota samples? Can=E2=80=99t think of any=  
reason why this question should come first in both polls.=20

Nick=20

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The National Science Foundation and the U.S. Census Bureau invite teams of researchers to submit proposals for the conduct of long-term interdisciplinary research and educational activities on

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With these awards, NSF and the U.S. Census Bureau will create a Network of Nodes (NoN) with complementary research foci. The research program will be defined to include the major measurement challenges of the social, behavioral, and economic sciences relevant to the U.S. Census Bureau. When appropriate, research may be conducted in collaboration with scientists at the U.S. Census Bureau or other federal statistical agencies. Nodes may conduct independent research activities and/or partner with existing Census Research Data Centers (RDCs).

## II. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The current level of research discoveries and innovation concerning measurement in the social and economic sciences is not sufficient to match the rapid changes in the populations they study. Many of the key disciplines within those fields focus on measurement only as a secondary consideration. The Federal Statistical System provides many of the key data resources for the social and economic sciences, but it is facing significant challenges, including declining response rates with its major data collections, learning how to combine survey and administrative data, the need to integrate advances in statistical computing into the work of the system, and meeting the demands for seamless integration of spatial, organizational, environmental, household, and personal data. The system requires advances in the timeliness, granularity, longitudinality, and dimensionality of its data. Currently, the research needs of the Federal Statistical System outpace the rate of PhD level scientists entering the system.

The NSF-Census Research Network (NCRN) seeks to support a set of research nodes that will conduct long-term, interdisciplinary methodological research and educational activities on issues relevant for the production of data and related statistics. The goals of this funding opportunity are as follows:

1. Establish a set of complementary research programs that advance the development of innovative methods and models for the collection, analysis, and dissemination of data in the social, behavioral, and economic sciences.
2. Relate fundamental advances in methods development to the problems of the Federal Statistical System, particularly the U.S. Census Bureau.
3. Facilitate the collaborative activities of scientists from across multiple disciplines, including the social, behavioral, and economic sciences, the statistical sciences, and the computer sciences.
4. Foster the development of the next generation of researchers in research skills of relevance to the measurement of economic units,

households, and persons.

To accomplish these goals, NSF and Census seek proposals for research nodes that will produce new knowledge and a new cohort of researchers conducting interdisciplinary research on issues related to data collection, analysis, and dissemination. The size, structure, collaborative arrangements, and operation of each node should be appropriate for the proposed research, education, and outreach activities.

Two types of research nodes will be supported as a result of the FY 2011 NCRN competition:

- \* **Small Nodes.** Awards will require efforts up to a level roughly comparable to: two-months support for two or three investigators with complementary expertise; a post-doctoral researcher; two or three graduate students; and their collective research needs (e.g. materials, supplies, travel, small data collection activities) for three to five years. The integrative contributions of the node should exceed the sum of the contributions of each individual member of the team. The maximum available for a Small Node is \$1.2 million in total costs over the length of the award.
- \* **Medium Nodes.** Awards for Medium Nodes will require efforts up to a level roughly comparable to: 2-months support for three or more investigators with complementary expertise; three or more graduate students; relevant senior personnel (including post-doctoral researchers and staff); and their collective research needs (e.g. materials, supplies, travel, small data collection activities) for five years. The integrative contributions of the node should clearly be greater than the sum of the contributions of each individual member of the team. The maximum available for a Medium Node is \$3 million in total costs over the length of the award.

In subsequent years, subject to availability of funds, funding opportunities will be provided for three classes of awards, Small and Medium Nodes as defined above, and Large Nodes as defined below:

- \* **Large Nodes.** Awards for Large Nodes will require the engagement of larger (than Medium Nodes) multidisciplinary teams, roughly comparable to multiple senior investigators with complementary expertise, multiple graduate students, several senior personnel, and their collective research needs (e.g. materials, supplies, travel) for up to five years. As for Medium Node awards, the integrative contributions of the Large Node clearly should be greater than the sum of the contributions of each individual member of the team.

To be competitive, proposals should outline plans for a node that will do all of the following:

- \* **Conduct fundamental, interdisciplinary research that advances the development of innovative methods and models for the collection, analysis, and dissemination of data in the social, behavioral, and economic sciences.** Because solving these problems will require

creative solutions drawing on knowledge and expertise from multiple disciplines, collaborations among the relevant sciences are encouraged, including the social sciences, economics, geographic sciences, linguistics, cognitive sciences, statistical sciences, and computer science.

- \* Apply basic research findings to the short- and/or long-term problems of the Federal Statistical System, particularly the U.S. Census Bureau. Proposals must outline a program of applied research that emanates from the basic research program. Nodes will be expected to interact with Census staff regarding their research findings, and work with Census staff when appropriate to implement advances within the U.S. Census Bureau.
- \* Provide education and research opportunities for students and faculty. The individuals and groups to be served through these educational efforts may be varied and may include undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, students from groups underrepresented in the social and behavioral sciences, and/or visiting scientists and engineers. A long-term goal of each node, however, should be to contribute to the pipeline of researchers working in these areas. Appropriate activities to accomplish this goal include actively involving students in the research process, the production of dissertations related to the research goals, and the development of graduate-level seminars in advance topics on research methodology related to the research program.
- \* Develop and disseminate tangible products for researchers, both within academia and the Federal Statistical System. Dissemination may include a range of products, including scientific articles in traditional outlets, reports recommending improvements in Census Bureau programs, dissemination at the Census Bureau or other relevant federal statistical agencies, software, and hardware for use in data collection and management at the Census Bureau and by others.

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It has been pointed out to me that my selections make it look as though there was something wrong with the survey. In case some people chose not to read the whole article here are some more quotes for balance:

"During his cross-examination, defense lawyer Jonathan L. Megerian said Bacot based his opinion on assumptions that the names used in the telephone survey were not random and did not include cell phone numbers or numbers on the Do Not Call list.

Jackson took the stand again and testified that the survey was based on a randomized list that included both types of phone numbers."

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Washington is one of the states with no party registration - plus a "top two" primary which lets voters cross party lines in the Primary. The top two vote-getters, regardless of party affiliation, advance to the General Election. No one here ever has to declare a party, except in the



lightly-attended beauty contest Presidential Primary. Or if they attend a party caucus. Even then, you only have to be a partisan for that event.

Almost every month for 20 years I have asked this question "If you had to register by party in order to vote, would you register as a Republican, Democrat or Independent" (rotated choices). That question correlated best with a number of other political identification variables in my long-ago dissertation.

I call the graph of these results my "spaghetti chart" because the three lines vary and cross over each other so much from month to month. In this context, I think of party identification as a general indicator, much like the generic ballot question.

It does make me laugh (or cry) when I see pollsters weighting their findings to party ID. In Washington state, at least, that is a fool's errand. More significantly, it has the potential of distorting the understanding of public opinion, and shaping the coverage of the issues and campaigns.

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Last night I got called to participate in a poll, one a media pollster another who polls for candidates.

In both cases the interview began with "Are you a registered Democrat, registered Republican, or registered Independent?" But about half of the states in the nation including Illinois where I live do not have party registration.

In states like Illinois the only plausible answer to such a question would be "None of the above".

I hear people who call themselves "registered" Republicans or Democrats to stress their party commitment. And of course some believe they are literally registered by party.

I told the media poll interviewer to pass this on to his Supervisor then begged of due to the conflict. When I raised this question with the candidate poll interviewer she hung up on me. You have to wonder how many

respondents like me would add to non-response.

It is well known that party registration in some states is a function of voter primary voting eligibility. For example, some states such as NH registered independents leave their options open to vote in the primary of their choice.

Response to self-described Party ID questions - Dems, GOPs, etc - yield far different results than official party registration counts. I found this to be true in a poll in NJ, 2004.

Do polls relying on a party registration question miss true party allegiance? Is party registration even a useful demographic at all?

One other question which should be obvious to everyone; should you even begin an interview with a party question of any kind? Seems like question order bias to me. Should party allegiance of any kind precede candidate voting questions? Worst case, were these quota samples? Can't think of any reason why this question should come first in both polls.

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and Keith Krut (keith.a.krut@nga.mil). Applications can be submitted through usajobs.gov

HDSM Workforce Analyst job description:

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The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's (NGA) Human Development Measurement & Analysis Branch (HDSM) is looking for a dynamic Workforce Analyst to support internal consulting on use of human capital data, development and application of analytical platforms, workforce analytics, data modeling and mining, inferential statistics, survey design, survey action planning and performance metrics reporting. The incumbent will be an integral part of a seven-person team that oversees a variety of activities, including agency-wide satisfaction surveys (and downstream action planning on results), human capital reporting to oversight (Congress, USDI and ODNI), audits of recruiting and training components to ensure effectiveness and other workforce analytic investigations. The incumbent will also be asked to identify, join and analyze disparate data sets, write issue papers, and prepare briefings/recommendations to be presented at all management levels. The position is located in the Workforce Analytics Division, Measurement and Analysis Branch (HDSM), Human Development Strategies Office, Human Development Directorate. HDSM is responsible for providing data-driven human capital insights for engaging with each KC and overall at the Agency level. This includes the need for a clear understanding of HR and business issues, understanding NGA's mission requirements, the ability to think critically, and an inclination toward quantitative analysis. The incumbent will play an active role in prioritizing and designing products and services that are delivered to the Top 200 leaders in the agency, with some products directly briefed to the Director, NGA.

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I have a couple of questions dealing with perception and recall. I believe the following to be true but since the specific principles are pretty esoteric I need help tracking down specific research and citations for the

following principles:

1. If respondents are asked how much time they spend on several things and some of them are undesirable or unpleasant, they are likely to overestimate the amount of time they spend on those things.
2. If respondents are asked how much time, on average, they spend on several things and some of them are comparatively rare, they are likely to overestimate the time they spend on those comparatively rare things.

I am trying to put together an extended footnote or couple of paragraphs to support or refute these points, not to undertake extensive research or literature review.

If it requires some legwork to track down, I can probably pay a bit for the effort. Please respond to [oneil@oneilresearch.com](mailto:oneil@oneilresearch.com), or feel free to call (480,442,0411)

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Colleagues,

I want to draw on the expertise on the list to get a quick prognosis on the outcome of the vote of Prop 19 in California, next month. I have seen many polls over the last months, which seem to indicate a trend slightly favoring the "Yes" option, but given the variation I'm still unclear as to what the most likely outcome could be. Perhaps California residents might be able to illuminate on the reasons for one outcome being more likely than the other.

Feel free to report off-list, and I will provide summary to the list later on.

Best,

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Hi,

I finally have time to get to this. Below is a plan for what I'm looking for at this stage.

I need a ballpark estimate of this project with some envelope jottings about what makes sense, plus whether this really does sound like something you can do and would want to. It's for an NIH grant proposal, which we'd submit probably in May 2011. The Principal Investigator (PI) is adamant at this point that the first round be done F2F: it's possible subsequent waves could be done on the web.

The data to be collected are somewhat complicated in terms of data entry and require thought: it's about social networks: who people know, what's been happening in their lives, etc. I've attached a paper that utilizes the methodology we'll be employing in this study.

We want to do three waves of interviews, starting with a base of about n=2,000, to be conducted in 2012, 2014 and 2016, anticipating approximately a 10% attrition.

The sample will (likely) be 2 groups: young folks age 18-25 and mature adults aged 45-55. We don't need representativeness of the US population for this purpose, but assume probability sampling for 2 MSAs.

NIH has a budget limit. I'm hoping this can be done in approximately

\$200-250k per wave (or less!). But if I'm way off base, then I need to know that. Alternatively, we could start at 1,500 respondents for the first wave.

The Principal Investigator (PI) is adamant that the first round be done F2F: it's possible subsequent waves could be done on the web. Please indicate if your software allows for flexibility. The F2F would be done using a CAPI on most likely laptops.

We're looking for a stable company with experience in NIH studies, face-to-face interviews, and the ability to field and manage a team of interviewers. Assume just English for the meantime.

Thanks!  
Leora

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To: Leora Lawton; AAPORNET@ASU.EDU  
Cc: Greg Chase  
Subject: RE: face-to-face interviewing

Leora,  
We would be very interested in knowing more about and potentially bidding on this project.

Thank you.

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Subject: face-to-face interviewing

Hi,

On behalf of a colleague, I'm looking for a vendor to do 30-40 minute face-to-face interviews (over a 5-year period), of about n=2,000 for the baseline, and then 2 more waves with some level of attrition, with a somewhat targeted geographic region in the US. Not sure where yet though.

Recommendations (even of your own firm) welcomed.

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This "poll" may have been the opening for a campaign message rather than a survey. Interesting choice of opening questions.

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For a legal proceeding I once did secondary research on long-term "recall" and "memory formation." Some of the literature pointed out that we typically don't remember the actual event. What we remember is the re-telling of the event. Our memories are reinforced by how we share an event with others or how we go over it repeatedly in our own mind. Accordingly, an event can change in our memory as we re-tell it in different ways. So the memories of the honeymoon can related to others as wonderful during the first year of marriage, but the re-telling of the honeymoon events may change after a divorce and this would become the new memory of what actually happened.

This construct would suggest that the recall of the average length of an activity may be as dependent on the context in which an activity is recounted and the frequency of talking about it as it is on whether it was a pleasant or unpleasant experience or a common or rare event.

Of course, none of this answers your question.

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Subject: Research on Perception and Recall

I have a couple of questions dealing with perception and recall. I believe the following to be true but since the specific principles are pretty esoteric I need help tracking down specific research and citations for the following principles:

1. If respondents are asked how much time they spend on several things and some of them are undesirable or unpleasant, they are likely to overestimate the amount of time they spend on those things.
2. If respondents are asked how much time, on average, they spend on several things and some of them are comparatively rare, they are likely to overestimate the time they spend on those comparatively rare things.

I am trying to put together an extended footnote or couple of paragraphs to support or refute these points, not to undertake extensive research or literature review.

If it requires some legwork to track down, I can probably pay a bit for the effort. Please respond to oneil@oneilresearch.com, or feel free to call (480,442,0411)

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By Ted Mann

Dautrich erred in conducting secret opinion poll for Rell, probe concludes

A University of Connecticut professor of public policy violated school policy and showed questionable judgment when he conducted a secret opinion poll for Gov. M. Jodi Rell's campaign committee in 2009, ethics investigators say.

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Elway=E2=80=99s question is a hypothetical but serves the same purpose as a party ID question - de facto party identification. In this case Washington voters are not trying to game the system as do voters in some party registration states.=20

I too have been tracking party identification in Illinois since the 90s. =  
=E2=80=9CDo you consider yourself to be...a Democrat or a Republican?=E2=80=9D Independent, third-party not read, recorded.=20

And my Party ID trend lines are also spaghetti-like - although in Illinois = self-described Democrats always outnumber Republicans. As of two weeks ago = GOPs were down from Dems minus 10, but closer than -17 in =E2=80=9906 and = 19 in =E2=80=9908. IL exit polls showed Republicans down -15 and -19 those = years.=20

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Elway is right. Take 2004 for example. IL Republicans were down an historic= minus 3 points from Democrats. Senate race was Barack Obama versus a subst= itute candidate Alan Keyes (R-Maryland) put on the ballot in August.=20

But Obama won - by an historic 43 points. Both our Tribune poll and the NEP= exit poll showed Keyes barely winning Republican voters. Also, 2004 IL NEP= exit poll showed Republicans down by only 5 points from Democrats.=20

Conclusion. Party ID - past or present - is no guarantee of anything includ= ing election outcomes.=20

Our 2004 poll was 2 points low on Kerry=E2=80=99s winning margin, same for = Gore=E2=80=99s winning margin in 2000 and one point low on Obama=E2=80=99s = IL winning margin in =E2=80=9908.=20

Nick=20

About Illinois: The state had Republican Governors from 1977 to 2002. Repub= licans controlled the state legislature for a few years due to the 1994 Gin= grich revolution. (About the 1976 election. This was for a 2-year term so s= tate office elections would not coincide with presidential elections.)=20

George Will, 1998. =E2=80=9CIn presidential politics Illinois is the bellwe= ther state, having voted with the winner in all but two elections in this [= the last] century. It voted for Republicans Charles Evans Hughes in 1916 an= d Gerald Ford in 1976.=E2=80=9D=20

Update. Illinois voted for Al Gore who won the national popular vote in 200= 0. In 2004, Illinois voted for John Kerry when George W. Bush won the popul= ar vote. In 2008 Illinois voted for Barack Obama.=20

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Maine and North Carolina are now posting early voting statistics for voters who cast ballots in the 2010 midterm election. I've created a webpage that tracks the 2010 early voting statistics: the total number and where available, party registration, gender, race, and age. I also provide a comparison to the 2006 election. Some may recognize this from a similar webpage that I created for the 2008 election. I will update as new information becomes available. This may be of use to some of the election pollsters. Enjoy!

[http://elections.gmu.edu/early\\_vote\\_2010.html](http://elections.gmu.edu/early_vote_2010.html)

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Hi

Would suggest to not make a question required, but do not offer an explicit=

do not know category.

We did some experiments here in holland with the LISS panel (Center data)=

Like knowledge networks the LISS panel is a probability based panel.

If you explicitly offer donot know, the number of 'do not know answers=20 (missing) goes up really high.

Making an answer required enhances the chances of break-offs.

So best option is not making an answer required, but also not offering an=20 explicit do-not-know.

Exception is, if you think that a large proportion does not have the=20 knowledge, really does not know, then use either a filter question or an=20 explicit do not-know option.

If you offer do-not-know, think about programming a friendly probe=20 (emulating an interviewer). it works.

We presented a paper on this topic as methodological brief at the last=20 AAPOR conference.

Just wrote up a short paper for the JSm proceedings. If you like I could=20 mail it to you.

Good luck, Edith de Leeuw/Joop Hox

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Maar verheug u dat doornen rozen dragen

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Dear AAPORnetters: Jim presented a useful list of the reasons to NOT compel responses from respondents. An additional one is based on promises we researchers sometimes make to panel respondents, such as those on KnowledgePanel. We explain in our panel member bill of rights that survey participation is voluntary. We interpret the promise of voluntary participation to include the freedom to refuse to answer survey questions. There is a useful distinction to be made between compelling and nudging respondents to answer questions. Nudging is consistent with respecting the promise of voluntary participation (if not taken too far). Nudging consists of online prompts to encourage the respondents to answer questions when they fail to answer a question, such as an open-ended question that requires more cognitive effort. Such prompts can be programmed so that the respondents may ignore the prompts and STILL refuse to answer the survey questions (if that is their intent). A good practice is to use the nudging approach on only the critical items in the questionnaire -- and not used on ALL the items (i.e., same thing as compelling). Having observed or been on the research team for a few hundred online survey projects, a few generalizations come to mind on this topic: 1. Item non-response rates are in actuality far lower than what many PIs think they are going to be; 2. Concern and design energy spent on designing online questionnaires in a way that compels answers is better

r invested in improving the survey questions themselves. That is, design the questions so that respondents will be more likely to answer the questions (e.g., no grids, proper reading level; clear respondent instructions, etc.);

3. Not all respondents' refusal to answer questions is the result of poorly motivated respondents who are 'satisficing.' Refusals can reflect a genuine non-attitude or reflect a poorly worded question, incomplete response list, or a myriad of other problems with the design.

Mike Dennis Knowledge Networks  
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For those interested, I have compiled current partisan voter registration statistics for those states (and DC) that report it, with a comparison to 2008.

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/michael-p-mcdonald/partisan-voter-registrati\\_b\\_761713.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/michael-p-mcdonald/partisan-voter-registrati_b_761713.html)

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Elway's question is a hypothetical but serves the same purpose as a party ID question - de facto party identification. In this case Washington voters are not trying to game the system as do voters in some party registration states.

I too have been tracking party identification in Illinois since the 90s. "Do you consider yourself to be...a Democrat or a Republican? Independent, third-party not read, recorded.

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Location: Charlotte Area ( Mooresville, NC)

#### Job Description:

The Senior Workforce Analytics Analyst will be responsible for leading projects, initiatives and individual processes with a focus on workforce analytics and employee survey research. Using quantitative and qualitative skills with a high level of analytical ability, will deliver analysis on HR metrics and survey data to provide insights related to the effectiveness of HR programs and the value that HR brings to the business. Work to include the development of HR scorecards, standard reports, employee survey administration and the resulting analysis of data.

Job duties include:

- Perform data gathering tasks, synthesis, develop solutions, project planning, and data utilization.
- Produce documents for teams and management to review and utilize
- Performs quantitative and qualitative analysis of HR data and employee survey data as well as customer and financial data.
- Conducts data analysis with goal of identifying trends in the data for key insights.
- Develops and maintains large scale datasets using SPSS, SAS and other technical tools to mine the data.
- Develops and maintains metric process governance procedures.
- Provide HR data analytical support to HR technology implementations.
- Works with external research consultants in analysis of employee survey research data.

#### POSITION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's in HR, business, statistics, finance or related field.
- 2-5 years experience analyzing and reporting data.
- Ability to work independently in a dynamic environment
- Experience with business intelligence and HR data analytics
- Strong knowledge of MS Office, and SAS or SPSS. Microstrategy experience a plus
- Strong analytical skills; able to understand what data is important and how to analyze and synthesize it to be meaningful to stakeholders.
- Strong problem solving and conceptual thinking skills with an acute attention to detail and accuracy.
- Project management skills including planning, execution and follow-through.
- Ability to work with third-party consultants to meet deliverables.
- Excellent teamwork and interpersonal skills;
- Good verbal and written communication skills.
- Familiarity with HR systems such as PeopleSoft, Plateau, Kronos, Kenexa.

#### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Master's degree in HR, business, statistics, finance or related field

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I agree with Jim. And, if you haven't read it, you might want to check out

Fran Featherston's and Luann Moy's 2004 AAPOR paper "Good Manners for Web="

Surveys"---a "mannerly" approach to Web survey design.

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Small Area Estimation

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Partha Lahiri, PhD,

Joint Program in Survey Methodology (JPSM) at the University of Maryland

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Tuesday, October 19, 2010, 1-3pm EST,

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Abstract:=20

Direct survey estimates of various socio-economic, agriculture, and health=

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statistics for small geographic areas and small domains are generally hig=

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imprecise due to small sample sizes in the areas. To improve on the

precision of the direct survey estimates, small area estimation technique=

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are often employed to borrow strength from related information that can b=

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extracted from one or more existing administrative and/or census database=

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In this talk, I will first discuss the main concepts and issues in small=

area estimation and then illustrate the effectiveness of small area estimation techniques in different applications. The talk will be presented at a level appropriate for individuals who are new to small area estimation, but also include discussion of research topics of interest to more experienced researchers.

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Biosketch:

Partha Lahiri is a Professor of the Joint Program in Survey Methodology (JPSM) at the University of Maryland, College Park, and an Adjunct Research

Professor of the Institute of Social Research, University of Michigan, and

Arbor. Professor Lahiri's research on small-area estimation has been widely

published in leading journals such as *Biometrika*, the *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, the *Annals of Statistics* and *Survey Methodology*. Professor Lahiri has served as member, advisor, or consultant

to many organizations, including the U.S. Census Advisory committee, a National Academy of Science panel, the United Nations, the World Bank, and

the Gallup Organization. He has served on the Editorial Board of many international journals, including the *Journal of the American Statistical*

Association and *Survey Methodology*. Dr. Lahiri has been honored by being

made a Fellow of the American Statistical Association and the Institute of

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rick Peterson (ASA)

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When the Iowa Poll first measured Tea Party support at one in three, it started something of a firestorm on this list. Nationally, those numbers continue to hold up.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-10-14/tea-party-s-economic-gloom-fuels-republican-election-momentum-poll-says.html>

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Hi all,

A qualitative consumer research consultancy in NYC is currently seeking Research Associates and Consultants to join their team. The company specializes in brand strategy, user experience, product development, and positioning.

Please see below for a description of the company and the jobs.

If interested in either position, please send your resume and cover letter to [ecohen@sachsinsights.com](mailto:ecohen@sachsinsights.com).

Best wishes,  
Emily

**\*Research That Tells a Story\*:** Our mission is to tell the story of the consumer's experience to help our clients develop strategies and products that resonate with real customers. Since 1987, Sachs Insights has creatively engaged consumers in groundbreaking qualitative research that provides our Fortune-1000 clients with powerful insights into the behavior and choices of their customers. Using these voice of the customer analyses, our clients make critical business decisions about their brand strategy, market positioning and new product development.

**\*Company Growth\*:** The value we provide to our clients has resulted in steady growth both domestically and globally in all of our core industries: financial services, media, healthcare, travel, technology, e-commerce, food and fashion and so we are now expanding our research team. The team employs a number of innovative research methods, including:

- . co-creation focus groups
- . ethnography (observing consumers in their natural environment)
- . user experience research
- . self reported video diaries
- . remote-moderated usability

**\*Join Our Team\*:** Here is what you will need in order to contribute and succeed in our culture:

- . The ability to translate findings and insights into a powerful story that can be adapted to reach different client audiences

- . A passion and talent for doing research and an insatiable curiosity about why people behave and feel the way they do
- . Exceptional listening skills and empathy, as well as the ability to separate your beliefs from those of research participants
- . Humility and the belief that we all learn from each other and a comfort in working in a non-hierarchical culture
- . A passion for taking on what you haven't tackled before and the ability to convey confidence while doing so that inspires trust from our client partners
- . A healthy balance between strategic thinking and scrupulous attention to detail
- . Powerful written and spoken communications skills
- . Experience

**\*Key Result Areas\*:** As a Researcher, you will deliver results in the following areas:

- . **Client Relationships:** Collaborate with clients throughout a project to fully understand their business, their markets and products, their research goals and challenges, to deliver the highest levels of client satisfaction.
  - . **Research Design:** Identify the appropriate research method(s) and prepare discussion guides, creative exercises, and all other relevant materials; collaborate to identify and recruit appropriate research participants.
  - . **Research Analysis and Strategic Reporting to Client:** Identify patterns in consumer usage and behavior, synthesize information/data, brainstorm with clients, and identify strategic and tactical issues and potential solutions; present final report and recommendations.
- (Associates): . **Project Management -** Coordinate schedules and timelines for client projects, organize and categorize research materials, prepare participant profiles, and handle logistics for projects taking place at our research facility and throughout the country.
- .(Consultants): **Moderation / Facilitation:** Collaborating with your staff research team and videographer, you will deliver high-quality moderation of in-depth interviews, focus groups, and ethnographies, meeting research objectives and unearthing the story of the customer's experience.

**\*Qualifications\*:** We'd like you to have the following:

- . Experience conducting qualitative research - Consultants at least 7 years



of experience,  
Associates at least 2 years - we prefer a combination of supplier and client  
side experience  
(so you've walked in our clients' shoes)  
. Experience with a range of methods =96 focus groups, in-depth interviews,  
ethnography, user experience research =96 using innovative techniques  
. Experience working with cross-functional teams to identify goals,  
design and conduct research, and write up and present findings to an array  
of audiences  
. Ability and willingness to travel 25-50%  
. Experience telling stories with video preferred  
. MBA and/or experience with the business of consulting is helpful  
. (Consultants): Experience writing proposals and growing client  
relationships

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**\*How to Apply\***: Our team is eclectic and diverse in their backgrounds,  
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Just wondering how many pollsters struggle with how we ask about religion.

As the Pew poll on religion showed, many people who are technically Protestant do not identify that way. We now offer Catholic, Protestant, some other kind of Christian (which used to be reserved for Mormon, Greek and Russian Orthodox and the like), Jewish, Muslim, other, or none.

The plurality are "some other kind of Christian." The percentages identifying as Catholic are down. This is even after we modified our wording to offer Catholic explicitly. We used to say "Christian, Jewish, Muslim . . ." and then we would follow up with Christians to ask about Catholic or Protestant. =20

Is anyone else finding fewer self-identifying as Catholic, or know where this has been analyzed?

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Jim

Jim Ellis

Director of Research

Center for Survey Research

University of Virginia

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## JOB LISTING:

Senior Director of Research

Job Information

Title: Senior Director of Research

Organization: NACCRRRA

Posted: May 06

Closing: November 15

## Job Description

NACCRRRA's Research Department is located within the Division of Policy and Evaluation. The department is responsible for the data collection that drives NACCRRRA's work. It provides the research base to supports NACCRRRA's policy agenda. It monitors current research and conducts needed research. The research department works with Public Policy, Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Services, Quality Initiatives, Data and Quality Control and other initiatives as directed by the Executive Director to create surveys, administer surveys and interpret survey results. These surveys are used to create publications to educate the public, including policymakers, and to support NACCRRRA's advocacy work; to support reporting requirements for NACCRRRA contracts with external funders; and to respond to the needs of CCR&R members. The Research Department includes the Director of Research, data managers/analysts and the senior writer.

## POSITION 1: DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

Position Overview: The Director of Research is responsible for developing a strategic research agenda and products to promote the goals, visibility, and positive image of NACCRRRA and its national network of more than 600 child care resource and referral agencies in delivering high-quality child care to the nation's families. To accomplish this, the Director of Research will lead the research team to develop national research strategies and studies to strengthen the Child Care Resource and Referral field and analyze child care data to develop policy recommendations.

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\*Emerging Analyses of the \*Tea Party Movement\*\*â€ \*\*\*

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This conference will bring together leading scholars, along with several journalists and political commentators, to discuss and debate the emergence and implications of the "Tea Party Movement" in the wake of Obama's election. Much has been made of the Tea Party in the media, however there is little, if any, scholarship on it. This conference, which features historians, political scientists, sociologists, and race and gender scholars, is intended to begin to fill this gap.

Key questions that the conference will address include: Is the "Tea Party Movement" (TPM) a new social movement, an emerging political party, a media-driven construction, or something else? What are the origins, ideology, and constituencies of the TPM and how were they formed? What is the relationship between the TPM and the Right, especially the GOP, in the U.S., and what role will the TPM play in shaping the 2010 and future elections? How do race, class and gender factor into the TPM's message and membership? How are TPM activists tapping into and/or managing the populist, libertarian, and radical currents on the Right, as well as fear, anger and resentment among segments of the American public? What significance does the TPM hold for the future of American politics?

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Rick Perlstein, Journalist and Author of \*Nixonland: The Rise of a President

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---- "J. Ann Selzer" <[jannselzer@AOL.COM](mailto:jannselzer@AOL.COM)> wrote:  
> Is anyone else finding fewer self-identifying as Catholic, or know where  
> this has been analyzed?

The Pew religious landscape study included this note,  
"Other surveys - such as the General Social Surveys, conducted by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago since 1972 - find that the Catholic share of the U.S. adult population has held fairly steady in recent decades at around 25%. What this apparent stability obscures, however, is the large number of people who have left the Catholic Church. Approximately one-third of the survey respondents who say they were raised Catholic no longer describe themselves as Catholic. This means that roughly 10% of all Americans are former Catholics. These losses, however, have been partly offset by the number of people who have changed their affiliation to Catholicism (2.6% of the adult population) but more importantly by the disproportionately high number of Catholics among immigrants to the U.S. The result is that the overall percentage of the population that identifies as Catholic has remained fairly stable."

So if one is conducting a statewide/regional study in an area that does not include a lot of Hispanic immigrants, it makes sense that the rate of self-identifying Catholics would indeed have declined, a real change and not a measurement issue.

The other concept of folks no longer identifying as a Catholic was brought home to me just recently at a family reunion in California. My grandmother Emma Flanagan Kenney had 10 children, most of whom had children (eight in my sib group), and now we are into her great-great-grandchildren, so well over 100 progeny. Someone asked the question of whether anyone was still Catholic,

and nobody there was, nor could we name a cousin not in attendance. Many are still religious, but diverse faiths including Quaker, Mormon, Buddhist, Baptist.

BTW, although none of us followed her religion, some of us did follow in her professional footsteps. Gram was widowed fairly young, and went to work as a survey interviewer for Roper (she knew Lou Harris!) then later founded her own successful market research firm. And it turns out that I have a cousin who has been an in-person interviewer for years. He was astonished that I had heard of organizations like NORC, Westat. and RTI. I asked him, "I know that we often have to sign non-disclosure forms, but can you tell me about any of the studies that you've worked on?" He kind of teared up at that, and said that nobody else in the family has quite understood his work, and it was amazing to talk to someone who appreciates exactly what he does.

Colleen Porter  
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We all should enjoy!!

Bless everyone, Fritz

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Sent: Wed, Oct 20, 2010 6:25 am  
Subject: [IASS] World statistics day - 20 october 2010 - message to IASS= members

To all IASS members:

World Statistics Day - 20 October 2010  
It's our day!!

Today, 20 October 2010, the world celebrates World Statistics Day. Hopefully the first of many such celebrations recognising the value of statistics.

This is an initiative of the United Nations, and aims to celebrate the role and importance of statistics and to raise awareness of the many achievements of official statistics.

World Statistics Day celebrations are being held around the world. To see what is happening in your part of the world, see WSD 2010.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all IASS members a very happy World Statistics Day!

with best wishes,

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By Norma Love  
Associated Press Writer / October 15, 2010

CONCORD, N.H.-An Idaho company accused of conducting polling that aimed to spread negative information about Republican Senate candidate Kelly Ayotte has agreed to pay New Hampshire \$20,000 for violating the state's push polling law, the attorney general's office said Friday.

Attorney General Michael Delaney said Mountain West Research Center of Pocatello, Idaho, made the calls to 529 homes July 19-21. Delaney said the company voluntarily quit once questions were raised about the poll.

SNIP

<It is hard to tell from this article but this appears to me at least not to have been a push poll as AAPOR defines it.>

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A few highlights:

- Only 5 states require a statewide manual count of paper ballots for all of their recounts.
- Only 21 states require automatic recounts for close vote margins.
- Hawaii and Mississippi don't have recount laws.

Almost all of the states were reviewed by someone knowledgeable about their state's recount law, including some of you, thanks! We welcome your comments and corrections if you think we have misinterpreted or omitted any statutes.

Mark Halvorson  
Director, Citizens for Election Integrity Minnesota  
612-724-1736

On Oct 21, 2010, at 2:57 AM, scheuren@aol.com wrote:

Very timely. Can I share with the AAPOR/SRMSNET LIST SERVs?

Bless you, Fritz  
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Stable URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/3767386>

Best wishes, Lee Hargraves

P.S. Here's the AHRQ summary.

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Hi,

I found an interesting book chapter (In French) where the researcher uses neural networks to evaluate how respondents use a 1-10 scale of satisfaction towards EDF (Electricite de France).

He found 5 respondent types:

- 1) The "pure 10", those who use only 9-10 as answers whatever the item.
- 2) The "normal curve" types : those who use the whole range of the scale.
- 3) The "monopic", those who have one anchor as a reference and vary their answers around this anchor.
- 4) The "plurimodal", those who use two anchors of reference and vary their answers around those.
- 5) the "five", i.e., those who mostly stick to 5, whatever the questions.

Then, the author goes on examining the socio-demographic profile of the

different types. For example, the "normal curve" are more wealthy, the "monopic" are older, the "pluri-modal" are younger, etc... Just to remind us that it is not because we propose a 0-10 or a 1-10 scale that it is use that way by the respondent... :-)

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A number of states allow same-sex marriage. A0 If it's important to your survey and you'll be fielding in those states (Massachusetts, Iowa, Vermont, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Washington, D.C.), then you'll need a mechanism to distinguish gay and lesbian respondents who are married in those states from heterosexual married couples. A0 A question about sexual preference would work, or a follow up if the respondents answer "married." A0 I'd recommend the former, but again if it isn't important to your research to distinguish between the two it's unlikely to matter. A0 You also might consider making it more clear whether "Partnered" includes such formal arrangements as civil unions or not. A0 "Partnered" could mean different things to different people, from long-term informal arrangements to legal unions. A0 It may even be construed as dating.

A0  
-Ryan Tandler

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We still us common law. But why not ask it directly with a "prefer not to answer" response for comfort?

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Sent: Monday, October 25, 2010 10:58 AM

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

Subject: Re: Question on marital status

A number of states allow same-sex marriage. If it's important to your survey and you'll be fielding in those states (Massachusetts, Iowa, Vermont, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Washington, D.C.), then you'll need a mechanism to distinguish gay and lesbian respondents who are married in those states from heterosexual married couples. A question about sexual preference would work, or a follow up if the respondents answer "married." I'd recommend the former, but again if it isn't important to your research to distinguish between the two it's unlikely to matter. You also might consider making it more clear whether "Partnered" includes such formal arrangements as civil unions or not. "Partnered" could mean different things to different people, from long-term informal arrangements to legal unions. It may even be construed as dating.

-Ryan Tandler

--- On Mon, 10/25/10, Lonna Atkeson <atkeson@UNM.EDU> wrote:

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I will greatly appreciate any recommendations or comments on a textbook on research methods for political managers.

Thanks in advance,

Eugene Kritski

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We typically use the following categories:

Single, never married

Married

Living with a common law partner e.g. in a marriage like relationship

Separated

Divorced

Widdowed

Other

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Subject: Re: Question on marital status

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>> Sent: Monday, October 25, 2010 4:59 AM  
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>> Subject: ABC scale compared to 0-10 scale

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While practitioners often prefer 5-point scales for ease of use, and 100-point scales for discrimination, usability research I have seen seems to point to 7-point scales as providing the highest reliability overall.

An interesting paper on the subject of scale sizes that may be also be useful for its extensive reference list is:

Preston & Colman, "Optimal Number of Response Categories in Rating

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<http://www.observer.com/2010/politics/wilson-campaign-lodges-formal-complaint-against-siena-poll>

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<http://tinyurl.com/25uh5bv>

A Siena poll released last week showed a huge (if narrowing) lead for incumbent comptroller Tom DiNapoli over Harry Wilson. The polls raised a lot of eyebrows since people in both the Wilson and DiNapoli camps have been predicting a much closer race.

Now, the Wilson campaign has struck back a bit, launching a formal complaint to the American Association of Public Opinion Researchers about the poll's methodology.

SNIP

We have lodged a formal complaint with the American Association of Public Opinion Researchers (AAPOR) for this and because Siena did not conform to AAPOR's standards and prescribed best-practices, despite proudly claiming on their website that they do. Among internal campaign polls, this race is very tight.

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Just a few haphazard thoughts that someone in our line of work might appreciate...

Last week I was writing a report that I thought was very slick, with great logic and compelling arguments. Our proofreader sent it back to me today, noting that our center had sponsored a "Brown Brag" speaker, could that be a typo? Yeah, we were really proud of that accomplishment:)

More seriously, this past Saturday, I was working on some IRB stuff, not quite at full speed because of an annoying fever. As part of my distractedness, I had left my cell phone in the car, but called my husband to let him know to dial the office number to reach me. So when the phone rang a few hours later, I didn't even bother to turn down the loud music, I just picked up the phone and said, "Hello?"

Duh. Not the best move. The person at the other end hung up. I should have

remembered that we have a survey in the field, with that phone number as our official contact. On a work day, I would have answered it in dulcet tones: "UF Dentistry...." But since people can call that line 24/7, even on the weekend I should have maintained a professional demeanor or let it go to voicemail.

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Hello all,

This may not be the best forum for this question but I'll throw it in anyway.

Please share your experiences working with panels for B2B research, such as health care professionals, HR benefits administrators, managed care executives, IT professionals, etc.

The main question is how can you trust that the respondents are who they say they are, that they are competent to answer your survey questions, esp. that in B2B research incentives can be compelling enough to attract the wrong kind of crowd? Which panels do you use for what types of populations? Have you encountered anything that suggested a possibility of fraudulent respondents? (I have and can offer examples to those who are interested.) Or, do you routinely test for fraudulent responses? How have you dealt with suspicious responses and how did your panel company vendor handle those situations?

And is anybody aware of any more research on this topic, with a focus on B2B?

Here is one reference from Frost and Sullivan.

<http://www.frost.com/prod/servlet/cio/159368832>

Please respond off-the-list unless you strongly believe the topic is relevant to other AAPORists. A summary will be shared with all.

Thank you!



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AAPOR Members:

In case you missed it, the AAPOR Cell Phone Task Force 2010, headed by Paul J. Lavrakas and including 20 experienced and highly knowledgeable survey researchers and fellow AAPOR members, has released its new report, "New Considerations for Survey Researchers When Planning and Conducting RDD Telephone Surveys in the U.S With Respondents Reached via Cell Phone Numbers".

The report is a comprehensive review and update of research and developments in this extremely important arena that have occurred since the first such task force report was issued in 2008. The report analyzes the benefits, if not necessity, of including cell phone only households - now estimated to exceed 25 percent of all U.S. households - in any RDD design. It also reviews with care and precision approaches for addressing the challenges and costs that such designs present.

The AAPOR Cell Phone Task Force 2010 report is available for download <[http://aapor.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=3DCell\\_Phone\\_Task\\_Force&Template=3D/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=3D2818](http://aapor.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=3DCell_Phone_Task_Force&Template=3D/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=3D2818)> or online reading <[http://aapor.org/Cel1\\_Phone\\_Task\\_Force.htm](http://aapor.org/Cel1_Phone_Task_Force.htm)> at [www.aapor.org](http://www.aapor.org).

I join all members of the AAPOR community in thanking the dedicated group of

f task force members for making this extraordinary and much needed contribu=  
tion to the survey research profession.

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Hi Timothy,

In this situation it is important to check first if the two surveys came from the same household member/sample unit.

If not, some question answers may be legitimately different when comparing them. I would recommend deciding upfront which survey you will accept and sticking with that throughout the fieldwork, to avoid introducing possible bias from the "compare and contrast" process. I believe a rational argument can be made for selecting either the first or the most recent. I think the important thing is to pick the rule and stick to it. The only exception might be if one of the two returns was invalid/unusable. Then you might want to accept the other. In similar projects I have found this method to be the most practical solution until there are papers published conclusively supporting a different solution.

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