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FOIA/POLLS

Poll # 1: Africans Are Wary but Hopeful, Poll Shows

**1) Who did the poll and who paid for it?** The New York Times and the Pew Global Attitudes Project

**2) How many people were interviewed? How were they selected?** 8,471 / Sampled from a population

**3) Who was interviewed?** African adults from 10 sub-Saharan countries

**4) How was the poll conducted?** Nationwideface-to-face interviews

**5) When was the poll taken?** April and May of 2007

**6) What are the sampling error margins for the poll and for subgroups mentioned in the story?** +/- 3 or 4 percentage points

I think the New York Times did a good job at reporting the poll. I don’t think it is biased. The citation included a link to the results and how the poll was conducted. I read what seems to be honesty in the statement that there could be other sources of error that could result from the translation of questions in different languages.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/07/25/world/africa/25poll.html?pagewanted=1>

Poll # 2: Americans are Open to Chinese Goods, Poll Finds

**1) Who did the poll and who paid for it?** New York Times/CBS News

**2) How many people were interviewed? How were they selected?** 1,282

**3) Who was interviewed?** American adults

**4) How was the poll conducted?** Nationwide

**5) When was the poll taken?** October 12, 2007-October 16, 2007

**6) What are the sampling error margins for the poll and for subgroups mentioned in the story?** +/- 3 percentage points

I think the New York Times did a good job at reporting the poll. I don’t think it is biased. The citation included a link to the results and how the poll was conducted. I read what seems to be honesty in the statement that there could be other sources of error that could result from the variation in the wording and order of questions. The article states that “the poll was taken after several weeks of news reports about unsafe Chinese products, many of them resulting in recalls.” The article presents the link where the full results and the poll’s methodology are available.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/10/22/business/22bizpoll.html>

Poll # 3: Many in U.S. Want Texting at the Wheel to Be Illegal

**1) Who did the poll and who paid for it?** New York Times/CBS News

**2) How many people were interviewed? How were they selected?** 829

**3) Who was interviewed?** American adults

**4) How was the poll conducted?** Nationwide bytelephone

**5) When was the poll taken?** October 5, 2009-October 8, 2009

**6) What are the sampling error margins for the poll and for subgroups mentioned in the story?** +/- 3 percentage points

I think the New York Times did a good job at reporting the poll. I don’t think it is biased. The citation included a link to the results and how the poll was conducted. I read what seems to be honesty in the statement that there could be other sources of error that could result from the variation in the wording and order of questions. The article presents the link where the complete survey results and methodology are available.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/02/technology/02textingside.html>

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Vycki Brito (Records Supervisor), Irvine Police Department , 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, CA 92606

Dear Mrs. Brito:

Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) I request any and all records in connection with the number and type of all arrests and citations in the Windwood community of Irvine from January 1, 2002 to present. These records can be found in the Records Department of City Hall They are referenced by date, geographic area and last name. I would like to receive photographs, including mug shots and an arrest roster/log for the time specified.

If you regard any of these documents as exempt from the FOIA’s disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. Please note that you are required under the FOIA to release any reasonably segregable nonexempt portions of the documents. To permit an intelligent, informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denial decision, you are also requested to describe withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the logical and factual basis for exemption claims.

Since this request is made in the public interest and the results hereof are intended for broadcast/publication, I hereby request that all fees be waived. The wide range of potential uses and capabilities of this research makes the public disclosure of this information a public necessity. However, if you determine there will be fees for obtaining the information, you may supply the information if the fees do not exceed $100, and if the fees are greater than that, I would appreciate your contacting me.

If all or any part of this request is denied, please cite the specific exemption(s) that you think justifies your refusal to release the information and inform me of your agency’s administrative appeal.

I would appreciate your handling this request as quickly as possible. I look forward to receiving your reply to this request within 20 business days, as required by the Act.

Sincerely,

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