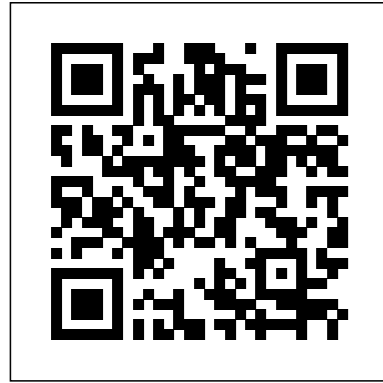


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This straightforward text provides journalists, both professional and student, with an explanation of the realities of an increasingly important facet of today's precision journalism--public opinion polling. The work aims to provide the skills necessary for evaluating and interpreting survey results accurately. After a brief review of the historical relationship between the press and public opinion, the authors examine the polling environment today. Then, step-by-step, they take the reader through the basics of journalistic uses of public opinion surveys and the questions to be asked by the journalist in evaluating a survey: who did the poll; who sponsored the poll; what were the survey questions and how were they worded; what is the sampling error; how to report poll results; how to put survey figures in context; and how to make and evaluate projections based upon polls. In addition, the text offers a review of statistical methods for the journalist and a 20 question checklist.

Opinion Polls and the Media provides the most comprehensive analysis to date on the relationship between the media, opinion polls, and public opinion. Looking at the extent to which the media, through their use of opinion polls, both reflect and shape public opinion, it brings together a team of leading scholars and analyzes theoretical and methodological approaches to the media and their use of opinion polls. The contributors explore how the media use opinion polls in a range of countries across the world, and analyze the effects and uses of opinion polls by the public as well as political actors.

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Presidential Polls And The News Media

Mobocracy

Number of Assessed Polls

Ignored Voices

Opinion Polls

Report to the Committee on Analysis of Pre-election Polls and Forecasts

This book is about how opinion polls are reported in the media. Opinions polls are not reported in the media as unfiltered numbers, and some opinion polls are not reported at all. This volume demonstrates how opinion polls travel through several stages that eventually turn boring numbers into biased news in the media. The framework offered in this book helps to understand how some polls end up in the news coverage, and which systemic biases abound in the news media reports of opinion polls. In the end, a change narrative will be prominent in the reporting of opinion polls which contributes to what the general public sees and shares. The findings cover journalists, politicians, experts and the public, and how they all share a strong preference for change.

Seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject History - Miscellaneous, grade: 1,3, University of Oregon, language: English, abstract: By measuring the public's attitudes, pollsters want to seek the truth and display the people's belief. Polling organizations are claiming to reflect the opinion of millions of people by asking only a representative cross section of society. Every current political, social or economical issue, that is the credo, can be evaluated by the people's opinion. But besides their possible value as a description of the current state or as a prognostication tool, the question arises, if quantitative polls can be used not only as a political or sociological but as a historical source. By analyzing works about American surveys in West Germany after World War Two, the Israeli-Palestinian relations during the Second Intifada and the influence of the American occupation on the emergence of Iraqi nationalism after the Second Gulf War, this paper wants to examine, if opinion polls can provide a relevant source for historians of international relations. Until the 1960s, historians had not begun to develop scientific procedures to study past public opinions. A long lasting debate was held whether or not public opinion polls could be applied to the interpretation of history. Still, opinion polls are only used sparingly in historiographical fields. But more and more historians have incorporated this "hostile" sociology into their work. The here presented works are a good example for the fact that there is pretty much influence by sociological aspects.

For the fourth presidential election running, Michael Traugott and Paul Lavrakas give voters everything they need to know about election polls and why it matters that we understand them. If statistics are worse than lies, just think what misreading the polls can do!

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What Every Citizen Should Know

Polls, Their Use and Misuse in Politics

Silent Politics: Polls and the Awareness of Public Opinion

Opinion Polls and Volatile Electorates

Reporting of Presidential Election Public Opinion Polls in Time Magazine

Election Polls, the News Media, and Democracy

Have you ever wondered why pollsters can't seem to predict who the next president will be?

With the sheer volume of data that encircles our lives, why can't pollsters detect the signal through the noise? POLL-ARIZED is a provocative examination of what has gone wrong with US pre-election polls written from the unique perspective of a market research industry insider. Blending actual data from polls, interviews with leading pollsters, and a proprietary survey conducted specifically for this book, POLL-ARIZED positively reframes the narrative on what's wrong with our polling system and how pollsters should move forward. Accurate polling is essential to any democracy. America needs pollsters to reestablish trust, simplify the polling process, and nudge their methodologists out of the way. POLL-ARIZED delves deeply into these issues and provides a clear roadmap through which pollsters can once again become trusted arbiters of American public opinion.

Published in 1998, *Opinion Polls and Volatile Electorates* presents a comparative overview of the development of opinion polling in late-capitalist and post-communist societies. The author considers two related issues to help readers understand the role of polls in political affairs and the prospects for polling in the future. Firstly, it is argued that there are certain tendencies unfolding in both late-capitalist and post-communist societies (which the author terms Complex Politics) which make polling an increasingly difficult activity. The processes affect the ability of polls to measure public opinion effectively, and to contribute to political democratisation. Secondly, the book examines whether polls extend or inhibit democratic processes. The long-standing debate between advocates and critics of polls is considered and applied to both large-capitalist and post-communist societies. It is concluded that while opinion polls may in certain ways improve democratic practices, they can also be used by powerful special interest groups to frustrate these aims.

From a political-polling expert, an eye-opening--and hilarious--look at the origins of polls and how they have been used and abused ever since. Opinion polls dominate media coverage of politics, especially elections. But how do the polls work? How do we tell the good from the bad? And in light of recent polling disasters, can we trust them at all? *Polling UnPacked* gives us the full story, from the first rudimentary polls in the nineteenth century, through attempts by politicians to ban polling in the twentieth century, to the very latest techniques and controversies from the last few years. Equal parts enlightening and hilarious, the book requires no prior knowledge of polling or statistics to understand. But even hardened pollsters will find much to enjoy, from how polling has been used to help plan military invasions to why an exhausted interviewer was accidentally instrumental in inventing exit polls. Written by a former political pollster and the creator of Britain's foremost polling-intention database, *Polling UnPacked* reveals which opinion polls to trust, which to ignore, and which, frankly, to laugh at. It will change the way we see political coverage forever.

Polls and the Awareness of Public Opinion

The Election to the All-Russian Constituent Assembly, 1917

Are Opinion Polls Useful?.

The Voter Education Project and the Movement for the Ballot in the American South

Opinion Polls and the Media

Number of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who Voted in Each Voting Precinct in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the State, City and Town Elections

*Opinion Polls* provides a comprehensive exposition of the history and purpose of opinion polls, covering both theory and practice. The author has worked for over 20 years in the field and thus draws on a wide range of practical experience.

In this presidential election year, Moore offers a fresh approach to the candidates polling percentages including preelection that polls conceal rampant voter indecision. He profiles pollsters tactics and demonstrates why public policy polls are almost always wrong. Going beyond a clear and critical argument for reform, Moore outlines steps to make polls deliver on their promise to monitor the pulse of democracy.

Argues that the media's obsession with polling drives public policy, subverts elections, and decides what is seen on the television news, and exposes how the questionable science of polls can be manipulated.

Political Polling

A Journalist's Guide to Public Opinion Polls

Polls, Television, and the New Politics

Polling Failure in U.S. Presidential Elections

The History, Uses and Abuses of Political Opinion Polls

An Introduction to Survey Research, Polling, and Data Analysis

*Polling and the Public* helps readers become savvy consumers of public opinion polls, offering solid grounding on how the media cover them, their use in campaigns and elections, and their interpretation. This trusted, brief guide by Herb Asher also provides a non-technical explanation of the methodology of polling so that students become informed participants in political discourse. Fully updated with new data and scholarship, the Ninth Edition examines recent elections and the use and misuse of polls in campaigns, and delivers new coverage of web-based and smartphone polling.

Explains how polls are conducted, describes the causes of polling errors, and discusses how polls are used and interpreted.

Have you ever taken an online quiz or poll? Dive into the inquisitive world of polls and surveys where pollsters seek representative samples and post results that shape major decisions. Backtrack into history to watch the first political poll in action. Learn what's on a pollster's daily checklist. With this informative title, you'll examine the individual quirks of polls and surveys--and their impact on our day-to-day lives. Packed with fun facts and fascinating sidebars, this full-color informational text explores contemporary issues through high-interest content. Featuring TIME© content and images, this nonfiction book has text features such as a glossary, an index, and a table of contents to engage students in reading as they build their comprehension, vocabulary, and reading skills. The Reader's Guide and extended Try It! activity increase understanding of the material, and develop higher-order

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Reflecting and Shaping Public Opinion

Reporting Public Opinion

The Voter's Guide to Election Polls

1933-1988

Poll Power

Life in Numbers: Polls and Surveys

How well can polls measure public opinion? Should government policies follow majority opinion? Do polls influence elections? Can there be polls under a dictatorship? Recent elections throughout the world have made these issues ever more crucial. "Polls and the Awareness of Public Opinion," initially published under the title "Silent Politics," is the first book to look upon polls and the awareness of poll results as forces that influence public opinion. It is a penetrating assessment of the uses of polls, their misuses, and the absurdities carried out in their name. Bogart argues that predictions based on polls can be misleading since they reflect a transient stage in a public opinion that is constantly and often rapidly changing.

"Polls are conducted every day all around the world for almost everything (especially during elections). But not every poll is a good one. A lot depends on the type of questions asked, how they are asked and whether the sample used is truly representative. And these are not the only aspects of a poll that should be checked. So how does one separate the chaff from the wheat? That's where Understanding Public Opinion Polls comes in. Written by a well-known author with over thirty years of experience, the book is built around a checklist for polls that describes the various aspects of polls to pay attention to if one intends to use its results. By comprehensively answering the questions in the checklist, a good idea of the quality of the poll is obtained. Features: Provides readers with a deeper understanding of practical and theoretical aspects of opinion polls while assuming no background in mathematics or statistics Shows how to determine if a poll is good or bad Provides a historical perspective and includes examples from real polls Gives special attention to online and election polls The book gives an overview of many aspects of polls--questionnaire design, sample selection, estimation, margins of error, nonresponse and weighting. It is essential reading for those who want to gain a better understanding of the ins and outs of polling including those who are confronted with polls in their daily life or work or those who need to learn how to conduct their own polls."--Provided by publisher.

Smart phones, social media and the Internet have made it easier than ever for people to make their views known, but the new technology can make it harder for political pollsters to gather and measure public opinions with precision or consistency. They face public suspicions of partisanship, reluctance to provide candid answers and -- as cellphone use grows -- difficulty reaching

respondents by the traditional method of random calls to household landlines. Meanwhile, critics charge that the news media pay too much attention to "horse-race" polls showing who leads in political races and not enough to candidates' policy ideas. The 2014 elections, in which pollsters miscalculated the results of a number of closely watched races, cast a harsh spotlight on the industry, but pollsters contend their record has improved over the years. Some experts see promise in the increasing use of "opt-in" polls such as those on the Internet, but the approach is controversial.

Polling Unpacked

Problems and Issues in Polling European Societies

Public Opinion, Polls, And Democracy

Understanding What They Tell Us

Polling and the Public

The Accuracy and Reporting of Public Pre-election Polls in Presidential Campaigns

An insightful exploration of political polling and a bold defense of its crucial role in a modern democracy. Public opinion polling is the ultimate democratic process; it gives every person an equal voice in letting elected leaders know what they need and want. But in the eyes of the public, polls today are tarnished. Recent election forecasts have routinely missed the mark and media coverage of polls has focused solely on their ability to predict winners and losers. Polls deserve better. In *Strength in Numbers*, data journalist G. Elliott Morris argues that the larger purpose of political polls is to improve democracy, not just predict elections. Whether used by interest groups, the press, or politicians, polling serves as a pipeline from the governed to the government, giving citizens influence they would otherwise lack. No one who believes in democracy can afford to give up on polls; they should commit, instead, to understanding them better. In a vibrant history of polling, Morris takes readers from the first semblance of data-gathering in the ancient world through to the development of modern-day scientific polling. He explains how the internet and "big data" have solved many challenges in polling—and created others. He covers the rise of polling aggregation and methods of election forecasting, reveals how data can be distorted and misrepresented, and demystifies the real uncertainty of polling. Candidly acknowledging where polls have gone wrong in the past, Morris charts a path for the industry's future where it can truly work for the people. Persuasively argued and deeply researched, *Strength in Numbers* is an essential guide to understanding and embracing one of the most important and overlooked democratic institutions in the United States.

A guide to the messy and contentious past of US presidential pre-election polls and why they aren't as reliable as we think. Donald Trump's unexpected victory in the 2016 U.S. presidential election brought sweeping criticism of

election polls and poll-based statistical forecasts, which had signaled that Hillary Clinton would win the White House. Surprise ran deep in 2016, but it was not unprecedented. Lost in a Gallup examines in lively and engaging fashion the history of polling flops, epic upsets, unforeseen landslides, and exit poll fiascoes in American presidential elections. Drawing on archival collections and contemporaneous sources, W. Joseph Campbell presents insights on notable pollsters of the past, including George Gallup, Elmo Roper, Archibald Crossley, Warren Mitofsky, and Louis Harris. The story is one of media failure, too, as journalists invariably take their lead from polls in crafting campaign narratives. Lost in a Gallup describes how numerous prominent journalists—including Edward R. Murrow, Jimmy Breslin, Mike Royko, Christopher Hitchens, and Haynes Johnson—were outspoken poll-bashers and critics. In assessing polling's messy, uneven, and controversial past, Campbell emphasizes that although election polls are not always wrong, their inherent drawbacks invite skepticism and wariness. Readers will come away better prepared to weigh the efficacy and value of pre-election polls in presidential races, the most important of all American elections.

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An Insider Exposes the Truth Behind the Polls

History, Theory and Practice

Do Polls Accurately Measure Public Attitudes?

Russia Goes to the Polls

List of Polls and Property Assessed in the Town of Brookline, Mass., for the Year ...

Polls and Surveys

A provocative examination of the use and abuse of public opinion polls.

The book describes Cantril's experience of interpreting what the polls reported and analyzing the meaning of the fundamental structures of attitudes and prejudice and the underlying depths of public opinion. In addition to throwing light on the techniques of public opinion polls by which the public is being constantly assayed, the authors warn, instruct and strike a moral and social concern in a timely fashion.

The civil rights movement required money. In the early 1960s, after years of grassroots organizing, civil rights activists convinced nonprofit foundations to donate in support of voter education and registration efforts. One result was the Voter Education Project (VEP), which, starting in 1962, showed far-reaching results almost immediately and organized the groundwork that eventually led to the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In African American

communities across the South, the VEP catalyzed existing campaigns; it paid for fuel, booked rallies, bought food for volunteers, and paid people to canvass neighborhoods. Despite this progress, powerful conservatives in Congress weaponized the federal tax code to undercut the important work of the VEP. Though local power had long existed in the hundreds of southern towns and cities that saw organized civil rights action, the VEP was vital to converting that power into political motion. Evan Faulkenbury offers a much-needed explanation of how philanthropic foundations, outside funding, and tax policy shaped the southern black freedom movement.

The usage of public opinion polls within the field of international relations

The Opinion Makers

Strength in Numbers: How Polls Work and Why We Need Them

Polls and Politics

The Dilemmas of Democracy

Number of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters, and Persons who Voted in Each Precinct in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the State, City, and Town Elections

This is an introduction to modern polling. Focusing primarily on the 1996 US presidential election campaign, scholars and media pollsters address such topics as political campaigns, elections, voting behaviour and public opinion, as well as the news media's role in elections and democracy.

The nature of survey research - The survey process - Sampling procedures - Questionnaire construction - The data collection stage - Coding practices - Designing survey - The process of data analysis - Single-variable statistics - Statistical inference for means - Two-variable tables - Measures of association - Control tables - Correlation and regression - Writing survey reports - Evaluating surveys - The ethics of polls.

How the Media's Obsession with Polling Twists the News, Alters Elections, and Undermines Democracy

Poll-Arized: Why Americans Don't Trust the Polls - And How to Fix Them Before It's Too Late

The Pre-election Polls of 1948

Understanding Public Opinion Polls

Presidential Polls and the News Media

How the Media Turns Boring Polls into Biased News