

DMP: Political Science

Roles and responsibilities

This project will be led by Dr. Clark from the Public Opinion Polling (POP) Institute. As team leader he will be responsible for the collection and analysis of longitudinal opinion data to measure trends in attitudes of the American public. For this project:

- Only U.S.-based public opinion data will be collected
- Collection will be through telephone surveys
- About 1000 adults will be interviewed country wide

Selected and trained interviewers will collect data. These interviewers will use computer-assisted telephone interviewing software (CATI). The responses will be entered into the CATI system as the interviewee answers the questions that the interviewer reads from the instrument.

Expected data

The data collected are the responses from the interviews that will be stored on a secure server. These responses will be cleaned, processed and analyzed by using the SPSS statistical software package. The cleaned data will include data for all valid responses only and will consist of a single SPSS file. The file will consist of quantitative only and will be about 1GB in size. A codebook and the survey instrument will be included to allow researchers to interpret and reuse the data.

Period of data retention

A Centralized database that sits on a secure department server will be used to store the responses. This server will be backed up daily. The Public Opinion Polling Institute bears the responsibility for the costs of data management during and after the active project period. The data will be available as a public use-version after a period of one year to allow the PI first use rights to the data. After the 1 year embargo it will be available via the Roper Center Public Archives (<http://ropercenter.cornell.edu>). It will only become available online after the data has been de-identified. The Roper Center Public Opinion Archives will preserve the data and also add the necessary standardized descriptive DDI metadata.

Data format and dissemination

The data (quantitative) will be made available as a single SPSS file no larger than 1GB. A codebook and survey instrument will assist to reuse and make sense of the data. The PI is subject to compliance rules and regulations that govern the protection for human subjects. In this regard the confidentiality of personally identifiable information will be protected by file encryption, password protection and access restrictions. The de-identified data will be available in a public-use version online at the Roper Center Public Archives (<http://ropercenter.cornell.edu>).

Data storage and preservation of access

The Roper Center Opinion Archives will be responsible for the long-term storing, archiving, preservation and providing access to the data.