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## **The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research**

### **About the Roper Center**



Founded in 1947, the [Roper Center for Public Opinion Research](#) is the leading educational facility in the field of public opinion. The Center exists to promote the intelligent, responsible and imaginative use of public opinion in addressing the problems faced by Americans and citizens of other nations. In an increasingly complex and interdependent global environment, the Roper Center hopes to foster increased international understanding and to promote cross-national research. Through the maintenance of the world's largest archive of survey data, and through its programs of publication, presentation and advanced research, the Roper Center strives to improve the practice of survey research and the use of survey data in the United States and abroad.

### **RoperExpress**

RoperExpress makes possible immediate download of data. Studies available through RoperExpress are marked with an icon, .

To order studies not available for download through RoperExpress, email Ed Nelson (Sociology, CSU Fresno) at, or call him at 559/278-2275.

Roper data are made available through a license to the CSU, and are not to be provided to non-CSU personnel.

### **Access the Roper Center 's website from on campus:**

Go to <http://www.ropercenter.uconn.edu/>

Click on “Quick Links” and then on “Search for Datasets” to locate data. Clicking on “Search Help” will get you a short description of the search procedures. You can type keywords into the search box and limit your search to a particular date range and country. Limit your search to one word or phrase. Don’t use compound searches. Locate the study you are interested in and click on the study # for more information about that study. The study description will include a link to the codebook. Left clicking on the link will open the codebook as a PDF or MS Word file. Once you have opened the file, you can save it to your computer. You can also download the data set by left clicking on the file to want to save. You will need to login by entering your email address as your login.

The following is an example of a study description:

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer window from September 26, 2005. The address bar shows a local file path: C:\Temp\TMP1\jppmyvid.htm. The page content is titled "An example of a Catalog entry now with RoperExpress" and features the Roper Center logo and "Catalog of Holdings" navigation. The main section is "CATALOG RESULTS" for a study titled "PSRAI Newsweek Poll # 2005.HW04: Spirituality [Study# USPSRA2005-NW04]".

TITLE	PSRAI Newsweek Poll # 2005.HW04: Spirituality [Study# USPSRA2005-NW04]
SURVEY FIRM	Princeton Survey Research Associates International
SURVEY SPONSOR	Newsweek
FIELD DATES	August 2-4, 2005
SAMPLE	National adult
SAMPLE SIZE	1,004
SAMPLE NOTES	There are 2 forms for this study located in column 16. Form A=1, Form B=2.
VARIABLES	65
MAJOR TOPICS COVERED:	Direction of the country (1); George W. Bush job performance (10); Iraq (3); likelihood of Islamic extremists carrying out major terrorist attacks against U.S. in near future (1); worried about someone in family becoming a victim of a terrorist attack (1); think John Roberts should/should not be confirmed by Senate to serve on Supreme Court (1); think Karl Rove is/is not guilty of leaking classified information about a CIA agent (1); respondent is/is not religious and/or spiritual (1); importance of spirituality in daily life (1); present religion same/different from one in which respondent was raised by family (1); family did/did not raise respondent in a religion while growing up (1).

Below the table, there are two sections for file downloads:

- Documentation Download:** Study documentation files are available for free download.
  - PDF (233kb)
  - Word (266kb)
- RoperExpress:** The following files are available only to RoperExpress Users and Members.
  - Data Sets:
    - ASCR (146kb)
    - SPSS portable (215kb)
  - Supplemental Notes:
    - Text (1kb)

Another (probably more useful) way to search is to use iPOLL, a database of over 500,000 questions. Click on “Quick Links” and then “iPOLL Login.” You will have to login using your

email address. The first time you use iPOLL you will have to register as a user. Once you have done this, you will not have to do it again. Your e-mail address is your login. iPOLL allows you to search the database of questions. There is help for iPOLL available by clicking on “Boolean” and “Wildcard.” You can get question details for each question and you can select those questions you are interested in by placing a check in the box to the left of the question. Then you can click on “View Selections” to look at the question wording and the frequency distributions for the questions you have selected.

### **Access the Roper Center's website from off campus:**

You can access the Roper Center's website from off campus, but you will only be able to download data or access iPOLL from off campus if you have access through a proxy server. Check with your Social Science Research and Instructional Council (SSRIC) representative (at <http://www.ssrlic.org/reps.html>) about proxy server access on your campus.

### **Additional Resources**

Roper Center Home Page: <http://www.ropercenter.uconn.edu/>

Roper Center Education Resources:  
<http://www.ropercenter.uconn.edu/education.html>

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