**Checklist for AAPOR Transparency Initiative**

**Survey**: ECU Center for Survey Research Election Poll, 10/25-10/26, 2020

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| **TI Disclosure Elements** | Answers |
| 1. Who sponsored the TI Research and who conducted it. If different from the sponsor, the original sources of funding will also be disclosed. | The ECU Center for Survey Research |
| 1. The exact wording and presentation of questions and response options whose results are reported. This includes preceding interviewer or respondent instructions and any preceding questions that might reasonably be expected to influence responses to the reported results. | The full questionnaire is below. |
| 1. A definition of the population under study and its geographic location. | Likely voters in South Carolina |
| 1. Dates of data collection. | October 25-26 |
| 1. A description of the sampling frame(s) and its coverage of the target population, including mention of any segment of the target population that is not covered by the design. This many include, for example, exclusion of Alaska and Hawaii in U.S. surveys; exclusion of specific provinces or rural areas in international surveys; and exclusion of non-panel members in panel surveys. If possible the estimated size of non-covered segments will be provided. If a size estimate cannot be provided, this will be explained. If no frame or list was utilized, this will be indicated. | Aristotle voter file of over 944,000 thousand registered voters with landlines, and a random sample of 67,000 was drawn (n=502). Voters with cell phones were not included. The online sample of 261 registered voters was provided by Lucid. |
| 1. The name of the sample supplier, if the sampling frame and/or the sample itself was provided by a third party. | Aristotle, LLC (phone)  Lucid, LLC (online survey) |
| 1. The methods used to recruit the panel or participants, if the sample was drawn from a pre-recruited panel or pool of respondents. | Lucid uses opt-in panels recruit participants |
| 1. A description of the sample design, giving a clear indication of the method by which the respondents were selected, recruited, intercepted or otherwise contacted or encountered, along with any eligibility requirements and/or oversampling. If quotas were used, the variables defining the quotas will be reported. If a within-household selection procedure was used, this will be described. The description of the sampling frame and sample design will include sufficient detail to determine whether the respondents were selected using probability or non-probability methods. | See #5 |
| 1. Method(s) and mode(s) used to administer the survey (e.g., CATI, CAPI, ACASI, IVR, mail survey, web survey) and the language(s) offered. | IVR and online |
| 1. Sample sizes (by sampling frame if more than on was used) and a discussion of the precision of the findings. For probability samples, the estimates of sampling error will be reported, and the discussion will state whether or not the reported margins of sampling error or statistical analyses have been adjusted for the design effect due to weighting, clustering, or other factors. Disclosure requirements for non-probability samples are different because the precision of estimates from such samples is a model-based measure (rather than the average deviation from the population value over all possible samples). Reports of non- probability samples will only provide measures of precision if they are accompanied by a detailed description of how the underlying model was specified, its assumptions validated and the measure(s) calculated. To avoid confusion, it is best to avoid using the term “margin of error” or “margin of sampling error” in conjunction with non-probability samples. | The sample consisted of likely voters, n=763, with a Credibility Interval (CI) like a poll’s margin of error (MOE) of +/- 4.1 percentage points. Screening questions asked the following: Are you currently registered to vote in South Carolina? Those who answered “no” were eliminated from the sample. We also asked the following to determine likely voters: (1) How much thought have you given to the coming November election? Those that answered “little to no thought at all” were eliminated from the sample. Those that answered “some thought” or “a lot of thought” were included. We also asked (2) How likely are you to vote in the coming November election? Those that answered “definitely will not vote,” “not likely to vote,” or “somewhat likely to vote” were eliminated from the sample. Only those that answered “very likely to vote” or “I already voted” were included. |
| 1. A description of how the weights were calculated, including the variables used and the sources of weighting parameters, if weighted estimates are reported. | The data were weighted by age, race, gender, education, mode, and 2016 election modeling. |
| 1. If the results reported are based on multiple samples or multiple modes, the preceding items will be disclosed for each. ***Reviewer: Type NA if not applicable.*** | N/A |
| 1. Contact for obtaining more information about the study. | [morrisj@ecu.edu](mailto:morrisj@ecu.edu)  franciap@ecu.edu |

**Telephone Script for South Carolina Poll (IVR)**

**Q1. Are you currently registered to vote in South Carolina?**

Press 1 for Yes

Press 2 for No (END – SURVEY TERMINATED)

Press 3 for Not sure (END – SURVEY TERMINATED)

Press 9 to repeat the question

**Q2. How much thought have you given to the coming November election?**

Press 1 for A lot of thought

Press 2 for Some thought

Press 3 for Little to no thought (END – SURVEY TERMINATED)

Press 9 to repeat the question

**Q3.** **How likely are you to vote in the coming November election?**

Press 1 if you already voted early

Press 2 for Very likely to vote

Press 3 for Somewhat likely to vote (END – SURVEY TERMINATED)

Press 4 Not likely to vote (END – SURVEY TERMINATED)

Press 9 to repeat answer choices

**Q4. How excited are you about voting in the presidential election?**

Press 1 for Not excited

Press 2 for Somewhat excited

Press 3 for Very excited

Press 9 to repeat the question

**Q5. If the election for President of the United States were to be held today, would you vote for Donald Trump, Joe Biden, or some other candidate? If you already voted early, for whom did you vote?**

Press 1 for Donald Trump (skip to Q7)

Press 2 for Joe Biden (skip to Q7)

Press 3 for Some other candidate (skip to Q7)

Press 4 if you are undecided

Press 5 if you will not or did not cast a vote for this office on the ballot (skip to Q7)

Press 9 to repeat the question

**Q6. Although you are undecided, which candidate, at this moment, do you lean most towards voting for in the presidential election?**

Press 1 for Donald Trump

Press 2 for Joe Biden

Press 3 if you are not leaning towards voting for either candidate

Press 4 if you prefer not to answer

Press 9 to repeat the question

**Q7. How excited are you about voting in your state’s U.S. Senate election?**

Press 1 for Not excited

Press 2 for Somewhat excited

Press 3 for Very excited

Press 9 to repeat the question

**Q8. If the election for U.S. Senator of South Carolina were to be held today, would you vote for Republican Lindsey Graham, Democrat Jaime Harrison, or some other candidate? If you already voted early, for whom did you vote?**

Press 1 for Lindsey Graham (skip to Q10)

Press 2 for Jaime Harrison (skip to Q10)

Press 3 if you are undecided

Press 4 if you will not or did not cast a vote for this office on the ballot (skip to Q10)

Press 9 to repeat the question

**Q9**. **Although you are undecided, which candidate, at this moment, do you lean most towards voting for in South Carolina’s U.S. Senate election?**

Press 1 for Lindsey Graham

Press 2 for Jaime Harrison

Press 3 if you are not leaning towards voting for either candidate

Press 4 if you prefer not to answer

Press 9 to repeat the question

**Q10. Four years ago, did you vote in the 2016 presidential election?**

Press 1 for Yes

Press 2 for No (skip to Q12)

Press 3 if you prefer not to answer (skip to Q13)

Press 9 to repeat the question

**Q11. Four years ago, which candidate did you vote for in the 2016 presidential election?**

Press 1 for Donald Trump (skip to Q13)

Press 2 for Hillary Clinton (skip to Q13)

Press 3 for Gary Johnson (skip to Q13)

Press 4 for Some other candidate (skip to Q13)

Press 9 to repeat the question

**Q12. Why did you not vote in the 2016 presidential election?**

Press 1 if you were not old enough to vote

Press 2 if you were old enough to vote, but never registered to vote

Press 3 if you did not vote for some other reason

Press 4 if you prefer not to answer

Press 9 to repeat the question

**Q13. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, independent, or something else?**

Press 1 for Republican (skip to Q15)

Press 2 for Democrat (skip to Q15)

Press 3 for Independent

Press 4 for Something else

Press 9 to repeat the question

**Q14. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or closer to the Democratic Party?**

Press 1 for the Republican Party

Press 2 for the Democratic Party

Press 3 for Neither

Press 9 to repeat the question

**Q15. Which of the following best describes where you live now?**

Press 1 for Urban area or city

Press 2 for Suburban area

Press 3 for Rural area

Press 9 to repeat the question

**Q16. For statistical purposes only, which category best describes you?**

Press 1 for Hispanic or Latino of any race

Press 2 for White or Caucasian

Press 3 for Black or African American

Press 4 for Asian or Asian American

Press 5 for Some other race or ethnicity, or multiple races

Press 9 to repeat the question

**Q17. What is your age range?**

Press 1 for 18 to 29 years old

Press 2 for 30 to 39 years old

Press 3 for 40 to 49 years old

Press 4 for 50 to 64 years old

Press 5 for 65 years or older

Press 9 to repeat the question

**Q18. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?**

Press 1 for High school graduate, GED certificate, or did not finish high school

Press 2 for Some college or a 2-year associate degree

Press 3 for 4-year college or university degree

Press 4 for Postgraduate degree

Press 9 to repeat the question

**Q19. How would you describe your political views today?**

Press 1 for Liberal

Press 2 for Moderate

Press 3 for Conservative

Press 9 to repeat the question

**Q20. Are you male or female, or do you prefer another description?**

Press 1 for Male

Press 2 for Female

Press 3 for Prefer another description

Press 9 to repeat the question

South Carolina Election Poll (online)

Q1 Are you currently **registered to vote** in **South Carolina**?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)
* Not sure (3)

Skip To: End of Survey If Are you currently registered to vote in South Carolina? = No

Skip To: End of Survey If Are you currently registered to vote in South Carolina? = Not sure

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Q2 How much thought have you given to the coming November election?

* A lot of thought (1)
* Some thought (2)
* Little to no thought (3)

Skip To: End of Survey If How much thought have you given to the coming November election? = Little to no thought

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Q3 How likely are you to vote in the coming November election?

* You already voted early (1)
* Very likely to vote (2)
* Somewhat likely to vote (3)
* Not likely to vote (4)

Skip To: End of Survey If How likely are you to vote in the coming November election? = Somewhat likely to vote

Skip To: End of Survey If How likely are you to vote in the coming November election? = Not likely to vote

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Q4 How excited are you about voting in the presidential election?

* Not excited (1)
* Somewhat excited (2)
* Very excited (3)

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Q5 If the election for President of the United States were to be held today, would you vote for **Donald Trump, Joe Biden, or some other candidate?** If you already voted early, for whom did you vote?

* Donald Trump (1)
* Joe Biden (2)
* Some other candidate (3)
* Undecided (4)
* You will not or did not cast a vote for this office on the ballot. (5)

Skip To: Q7 If If the election for President of the United States were to be held today, would you vote for Dona... = Donald Trump

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Q6 Although you are undecided, which candidate, at this moment, do you lean most towards voting for in the presidential election?

* Donald Trump (1)
* Joe Biden (2)
* You are not leaning towards voting for either candidate. (3)
* Prefer not to answer (4)

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Q7 How excited are you about voting in your state's U.S. Senate election?

* Not excited (1)
* Somewhat excited (2)
* Very excited (3)

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Q8 If the election for U.S. Senator of South Carolina were to be held today, would you vote for **Republican Lindsey Graham or Democrat Jaime Harrison?**If you already voted early, for whom did you vote?

* Lindsey Graham (1)
* Jaime Harrison (2)
* Undecided (3)
* You will not or did not cast a vote for this office on the ballot. (4)

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Q9 Although you are undecided, which candidate, at this moment, do you lean most towards voting for in South Carolina’s U.S. Senate election?

* Lindsey Graham (1)
* Jaime Harrison (2)
* You are not leaning towards voting for either candidate. (3)
* Prefer not to answer (4)

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QCH This next question is a check to ensure that you are reading the questions and response categories carefully. Please answer "17" below to the question: What is 10+7?

* 15 (1)
* 16 (2)
* 17 (3)
* 18 (4)
* 21 (5)

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Q10 Four years ago, did you vote in the **2016 presidential election**?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)
* Prefer not to answer (3)

Skip To: Q12 If Four years ago, did you vote in the 2016 presidential election? = No

Skip To: Q13 If Four years ago, did you vote in the 2016 presidential election? = Prefer not to answer

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Q11 Four years ago, which candidate did you vote for in the **2016 presidential election**?

* Donald Trump (1)
* Hillary Clinton (2)
* Gary Johnson (3)
* Some other candidate (4)

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Q12 Why did you not vote in the 2016 presidential election?

* You were not old enough to vote. (1)
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* You did not vote for some other reason. (3)
* Prefer not to answer (4)

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Q13 In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, independent, or something else?

* Republican (1)
* Democrat (2)
* Independent (3)
* Something else (4)

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Q14 Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or closer to the Democratic Party?

* Closer to the Republican Party (1)
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Q19 How would you describe your political views today?

* Liberal (1)
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* Conservative (3)

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Q20 Are you male or female, or do you prefer another description?

* Male (1)
* Female (2)
* Prefer another description (please self-describe here): (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_