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Results of a Pilot Test: Smartphone-Enabled, Full-Probability Panel

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Full-probability panel with Smartphones

- 2007: The problem
- A potential solution
- How will we know if it works?



A potential solution



Samsung BlackJack™



Batteries x 2



Battery Charger



Getting Started CD



Travel Adapter



Data Cable



Parental Controls





BBDO AT&T

"Gadget Blackjack 2 LAB Ver. 3"

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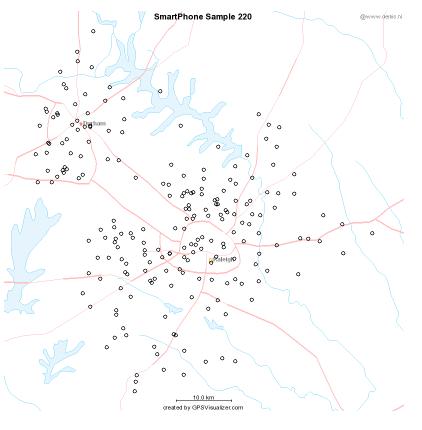
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A potential solution



- Feasibility test
- Internal (R&D) funding
- Full area-prob sample
- Blackjack devices
- 6 interviewers recruited/trained
- 92 panellists enrolled
- Data collection: Jun Nov 07



Data Collection

- 19 weekly waves
 - Jul Nov
 - Email w/ hotlink, plus text reminder
- 3 SMS surveys
- National/local issues; health; leisure activities; device usability



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Experiments

- Screen "real estate"
- SMS ("texting")
- Pix



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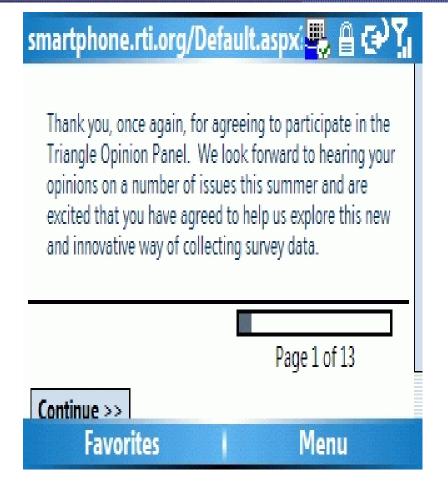


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- Vigorous activities, such as running, lifting heavy objects, participating in strenuous sports.
- Yes, limited a lot. Yes, limited a little. No, not limited at all.

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- 2) Vigorous activities, such as running, lifting heavy objects, participating in strenuous sports.
- 3) Moderate activities, such as

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Published Results

Experiments in Mobile Web Survey Design: Similarities to Other Modes and Unique Considerations

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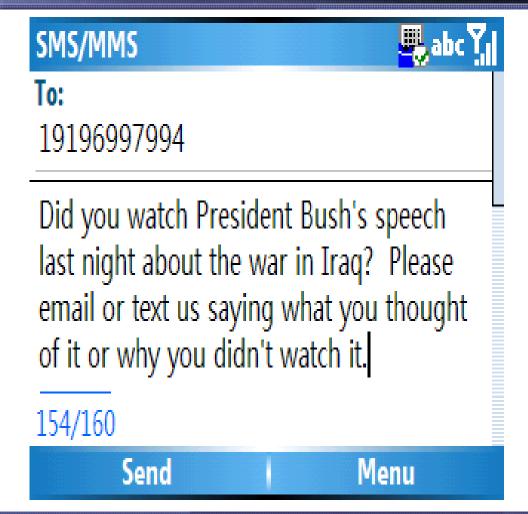


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Evaluation: SMS/Texting



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Evaluation: Pictures

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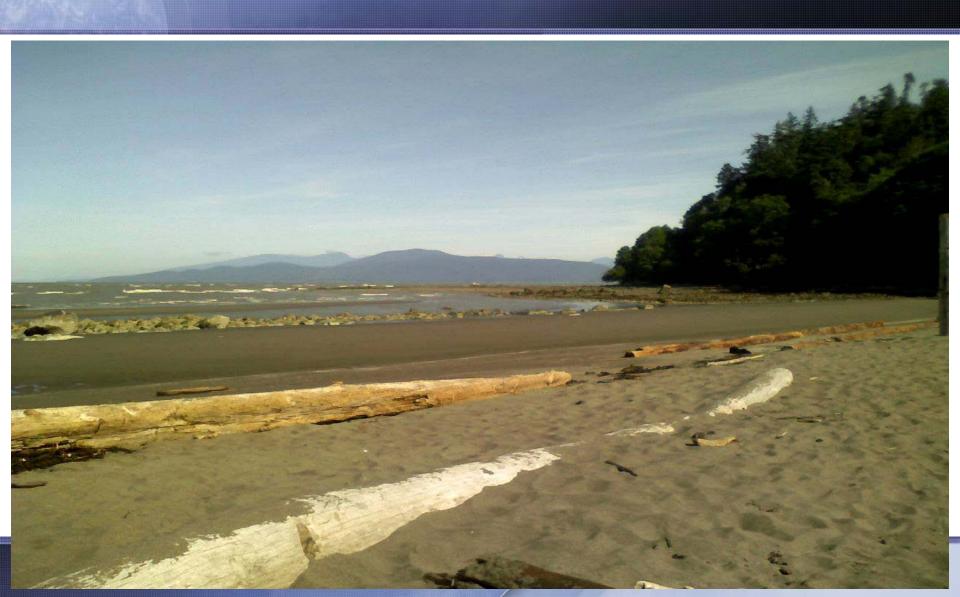
Thank you for your participation in the Triangle Opinion Panel (TOP). We have something different in mind for this week's "survey"—we would like to examine how easy it is to use some of the features the Blackjack offers. In order to do this, we ask only that you answer some questions regarding your use of the Blackjack. After you've answered the questions, we will ask you to take a picture and send it to us via a picture or MMS message. The instructions on how to do so will be sent to you in an email. Once we have verified the receipt of this picture, we will delete it from our records.

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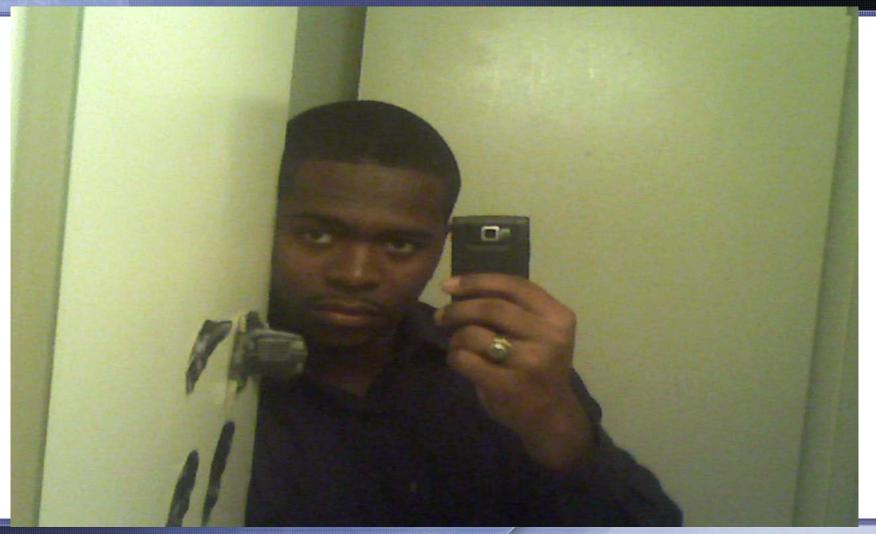
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Interviewer Training

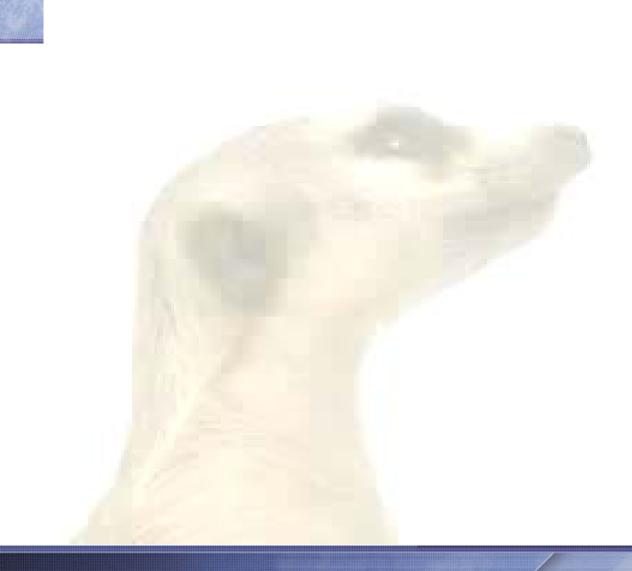
- Sales, not interviewing
- In-home training: 2-3x as long
- Email set-up difficulty
- Provide device to FRs in advance



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