

Introduction to surveys

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in the age of big data?

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But how we are going to ask is going to change

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Who we ask (representation)

- ▶ sampling error
- ▶ coverage errors
- ▶ non-response error

How we ask (measurement)

- ▶ question wording
- ▶ question ordering
- ▶ social desirability bias

Problems with either representation or measurement can wreck estimates

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