

Assignment 1 – Methods of Data Collection (Julian Klos)

2. How is the survey structured?

The survey starts with an introduction and appreciation of participation, which is probably part of the survey to incentivize the participants to complete the survey. After the introduction the survey continues with a question about the opinion on different topics related to movies and concerns like violence and sexual content in movies.

After that question the survey seems to be structured without a reasonable concept. The questions about demographics are placed at the end of the survey, which is not common in surveys. The other questions aim at the willingness to pay for software and hardware (DVDs) and several different topics and are distributed in a random way. For example, some questions about if the participants has a DVD recorder, come after the question if the participant would like to have software that can control content of violence etc..

2.1 What is the questionnaire composed of?

The first question asks about the opinion of the participant on a scale from strongly disagree to strongly agree, so that there is a scale of five options.

Other questions ask for a yes or no, which can also be interpreted as agreement or disagreement.

Some other questions show different ranges as answer. Those questions are used to find insights about the willingness to pay (e.g., Question 5).

Like already mentioned in the previous questions, there are a couple of demographic questions in the end of the survey.

Other questions just ask for nominal values, like what kind of DVD player the participant possesses.

More technically, there are Drop-down menus, tables, multiple choice questions and single choice questions.

2.2 How are the questions ordered?

The questions are ordered in a more or less random way, so what the survey is not doing is from going from the general topics to the specific topics.

7. What can be done to improve respondents' experience?

First of all, the survey could be more mobile friendly, since many people use the phone for participating and there are technical possibilities to do so! Also, the structure of the survey could be improved by asking general questions first and then proceeding to the more complex questions, where the context of the other questions is available. Another topic that needs to be addressed is that some questions are formulated in a confusing way. For example, Question 3 and 11 have some kind of overlap and could be reformulated in a clearer and better way.

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Further Assignments:

4. What is the difference between this block and the previous instrument?

Adding a further block with questions about income and education implies that these questions were not designed for the specific survey of Diversity and Inclusiveness. For that reason, the questions should be adapted to the survey or our own questions should be formulated. Also,

adding questions from other surveys can be formulated in another context, e.g., the income and education questions come from a survey for the US, but it could also be the case that it comes from a country in Africa, where the income scale should be adapted to the country where the actual survey will be conducted.

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