

Sophie Chou COUHES Exempt Application For “Perceptions of Media Bias in the 2016 Elections”

Experiment outline:

Consent (this is the same as the COUHES recommendation for Amazon Turk experiments since CrowdFlower is a similar platform.)

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Example Survey (these will be the questions I am using, but I have 120 different stories total, all similar to the ones below.)

- Gender :
 - Male
 - Female
 - Other
- Age:
 - 18-29
 - 30-49
 - 50-64
 - 64+
- Party Affiliation:
 - Democrat
 - Republican
 - Independent / Other
- If the election were tomorrow, I would vote for...
 - Hillary Clinton
 - Bernie Sanders
 - Donald Trump
 - Ted Cruz
 - John Kasich
 - Other
 - Not sure
 - Might not vote

For each of the stories below, read the text and answer the questions.

Bernie Sanders Lunchtime Scoop: 'Tuna Salad'

ST. PAUL, Minn. Gone are the days when Bernie Sanders can eat a quiet lunch with his wife in relative anonymity.

Mr. Sanders and his wife, Jane, stopped for lunch Friday afternoon at Keys Cafe in St. Paul before a pair of events in a state whose caucuses are March 1.

.@BernieSanders makes lunch stop in St Paul with wife Jane. pic.twitter.com/LHLI9XqMFV

You want the scoop? Mr. Sanders said, turning to the news media entourage that now routinely trails him as he campaigns for the Democratic nomination. "The scoop is tuna salad and rye with lettuce and tomato.

There's more.

Jane Sanders ordered a grilled cheese sandwich on white, and Mr. Sanders also had a bowl of turkey wild rice soup.

When the Sanderses and their Secret Service detail entered the restaurant, one employee gaped and said: Are you kidding me? Bernie Sanders?

Yes, Bernie Sanders.

The owner, Carol Hunn-Gregory, sat at the booth and briefly chatted with the couple while photographers captured the moment.

I told him I appreciated him stopping and that were remodeling and I was sorry about the mess, she said later.

So, has Ms. Hunn-Gregory made up her mind whom to support? It was Hillary, but Ive kind of been on the fence, she said. Bernie has a lot of good issues dealing with health care. I like the single-payer system.

1. This article is generally ____ towards Bernie Sanders.
 - a. Favorable
 - b. Unfavorable
 - c. Neutral
2. I find this story trustworthy.
 - a. Strongly Agree
 - b. Agree
 - c. Neutral
 - d. Disagree
 - e. Strongly Disagree

First Draft: Ted Cruz's Iowa Bus Tour: Ethanol Subsidies and Shark Jumping

Ted Cruz is on a six-day, 28-town swing through Iowa. These are the places, faces and culinary selections of 2016's first proper bus tour.

EVENT 8:

Time: 6:56 p.m.

Place: Sioux Center, Iowa (Population: 7,048)

Venue: Dordt College, in a cavernous student activity center

Mood: Zealous pre-semester orientation

Travel opportunities (per signage): three-week program in Puerto Rico. Contact Professor Rikki Heldt.

Subjects of questions for Mr. Cruz from attendees: undocumented immigrants; his opposition to subsidies supported by the ethanol industry; whether China or Russia poses a greater threat

Highlight: Mr. Cruz almost certainly became the first presidential candidate to say, "I'm going to stick with Fonzie jumping the shark." In his first somewhat fractious news conference this trip, Mr. Cruz repeatedly declined to address Donald J. Trump's comments questioning the senator's eligibility to be president. (Mr. Cruz was born in Canada.) His most substantive reply on Tuesday was, indeed, a tweet with a shark-jumping video clip from the show "Happy Days." Mr. Cruz said he would let that stand.

3. This article is generally ____ towards Ted Cruz.
 - a. Favorable
 - b. Unfavorable
 - c. Neutral
4. I find this story trustworthy.
 - a. Strongly Agree
 - b. Agree
 - c. Neutral
 - d. Disagree
 - e. Strongly Disagree

The Ad Campaign: In New Ad, Hillary Clinton Sums Up Her Case for Iowa and New Hampshire Democrats

Packed with biography, campaign promises and attacks on her Republican rivals, a new 60-second ad from Hillary Clinton, titled "This House," offers what sounds like her closing argument to Iowa Democrats, asking them to vote for her on Feb. 1. A similar ad with a different ending will be shown in New Hampshire.

Opening on the White House, the ad shows a sweltering industrial plant, a fighter taking off from an aircraft carrier and a family of four sitting down to dinner. “The person who lives here,” a male narrator intones, “has to solve problems as big as the world and as small as your kitchen table.”

Viewers are taken on a quick tour of Mrs. Clinton’s extended career in public service: surrounded by children as first lady, when she “helped get health care for eight million kids”; as a senator from New York, standing grim-faced in a trench coat amid the debris at ground zero, where, the ad says, she “helped a city rise again”; and speaking soberly to an attentive President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia, as the voice-over says she has “stared down hostile leaders around the world.” She is seen on the campaign trail and in the Situation Room with President Obama as the ad calls her the “one candidate for president who has everything it takes to do every part of the job.”

The ad rattles off Mrs. Clinton’s touchstone promises: to defend Social Security and Medicare against privatization, protect Planned Parenthood from shutdown, “take on the gun lobby” and “finally get equal pay for women.” Clips of a shouting Donald J. Trump and of Senator Ted Cruz of Texas aiming an assault weapon at a gun range symbolize the threat as the narrator says Mrs. Clinton will “stop the Republicans from ripping all our progress away.”

It closes with Mrs. Clinton, back in October, assuring Iowa Democrats, “I’m listening to you, I’m fighting for you, and with your support, I’m going to deliver,” as viewers are urged to “caucus for Hillary.”

An entire candidacy boiled down to a minute. With its heavy focus on foreign policy and experience in a crisis, the ad plays up ways in which Mrs. Clinton’s résumé compares favorably with that of Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont, her unnamed Democratic rival. The references to gun control offer a reminder of her recent attacks on Mr. Sanders’s record on that issue. And she returns to women’s rights, on which she began her campaign. To “keep America safe and build a stronger economy,” the ad sums up, “Hillary’s the choice.”

In 2008, Mrs. Clinton was criticized for what some saw as an overstatement of her role in enacting the State Children’s Health Insurance Program. But this ad gets it right: She was a driving force on the bill within her husband’s administration, aiding the efforts of Edward M. Kennedy and others who led the fight for it in the Senate.

Iowa broadcast markets.

It feels as if it’s much longer than 60 seconds, and that is a good thing: The ad seeks to give Mrs. Clinton’s strengths the feeling of overwhelming force while conveying that only she has what it takes to meet the demands of the presidency and to defend what Democrats hold dear.

5. This article is generally ____ towards Hillary Clinton.
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- b. Unfavorable
 - c. Neutral
- 6. I find this story trustworthy.
 - a. Strongly Agree
 - b. Agree
 - c. Neutral
 - d. Disagree
 - e. Strongly Disagree