



Title:	Survey Research		
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The IRB should pay particular attention to the following issues in survey research:

- Possibility of undue influence in administration of the survey;
- Possibility of deductive disclosure based on demographic information garnered from subjects (subject confidentiality and privacy must be protected);
- The setting of the survey and the issues raised by such a setting; and
- The mode of obtaining consent, especially when implied consent is to be used. Surveys may often involve a waiver of written consent, and in these instances, attention should be paid to the oral presentation of required elements of consent (e.g., review of phone script for telephone surveys).