

Sample Assignments Using the Roper Center's Website Updates:

Using iPOLL:

1. Investigate the 1980 Presidential Election:

- **Objective:** Discover the key issues, presidential popularity, economic conditions, and international activities during this time.
- **Questions to Explore:**
 - What were the significant domestic and international issues of that year?
 - Who was the U.S. President, and how well-liked were they?
 - What was the state of the U.S. economy?
 - What were the major international activities involving the U.S.?
- **Hints:** Use specific date ranges for your searches and conduct separate searches for each topic area.

2. Explore Presidential Approval Ratings from 2008-2018:

- **Objective:** Understand and describe the main domestic and international concerns of Americans during this period, contrast them with current issues, and analyze how major events influence presidential approval ratings.
- **Questions to Explore:**
 - What were the predominant issues on the minds of the public during specific presidential elections?
 - How do these concerns compare to those of today? What are some key similarities and differences? What major events may have influenced some of these issues?
 - How have major events influenced presidential approval ratings?
- **Hints:** Search for key phrases like "most important problem" to find relevant opinion polls. Consider significant events of the era to guide your search.

Using FREE Resources on the Center's Website:

3. Examine Presidential Voting Behavior in the 1980 Election:

- **Objective:** Analyze the voting patterns of a specific demographic group (for example, women or African-Americans) over several presidential elections.
- **Questions to Explore:**
 - Did specific groups consistently support a particular political party?
 - What trends can be observed in their voting behavior?
- **Hints:** Utilize the "Presidential Approval Ratings" off the 'Quick Links' for a starting point.

4. Research Americans' Fear of Terrorism:

- **Objective:** Compare public fear of terrorism before and after September 11, 2001.
 - **Questions to Explore:**
 - How have perceptions of terrorism changed over time?
 - What factors may have influenced these changes?
5. **Analyze Views on Immigration:**
- **Objective:** Investigate how American opinions on immigration have evolved over the years.
 - **Questions to Explore:**
 - Have attitudes towards immigration shifted significantly?
 - What events or trends might have driven these changes?
 - What are Americans' current attitudes towards immigration? How have they changed over the past five years? 10 years?
 - **Hints:** Refer to the "Topics at a Glance!" modules for focused information on immigration.
6. **Assess Presidential Popularity:**
- **Objective:** Identify the presidents with the highest and lowest approval ratings and the events that influenced these ratings.
 - **Questions to Explore:**
 - Which president had the highest approval rating, and during what events?
 - Which president had the lowest approval rating, and why?
 - How did public opinion shift during significant events in their terms?
 - **Hints:** Use the "Presidential Approval Ratings" in the 'Quick Links' section to start your research.
7. **Study a President's Popularity Over Time:**
- **Objective:** Track the popularity of a chosen president throughout their term(s) and correlate it with significant events.
 - **Questions to Explore:**
 - What were the highs and lows of the president's approval ratings?
 - What key events impacted these fluctuations?
 - Create a timeline of the president's term with corresponding approval ratings and notable events.
 - **Hints:** Utilize the "Presidential Approval Ratings" off the 'Quick Links' for a starting point.

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- **Explore New Public Opinion Topics:**
 - **Objective:** Investigate current relevant public opinion issues such as trust in the media and government.
 - **Questions to Explore:**

- How has public trust in the media evolved over recent years?
- What are the trends in the national economy and how do they affect public opinion?
- **Hints:** Use updated modules and the latest opinion polls available on the Roper Center's website.
 - Use the following "Recently Updated Trends": Confidence in the People Running Television, Rating of National Economy, 6 Point Scale