Roper Center for Public Opinion Research
Finding Aid for Andrew Kohut Papers:

Scope and Content:

Series 4-8 are further arranged in subseries, as follows:
Series 4, Writings, 1994-2015:
   Subseries 1, New York Times articles written by Andrew Kohut, 1998-2008
   Subseries 2, Miscellaneous Andrew Kohut articles/writing, 1994-2015
Series 5, Talking Points, Notes, and Reports, 1988-2014:
   Subseries 1, NPR/PBS, 1996-2012
   Subseries 2, Council on Foreign Relations, 1995-2011
   Subseries 3, Domestic Issues, 1988-2014
   Subseries 5, General/Handwritten, 1978-2010
Series 6, Speeches, 1977-2014:
   Subseries 1, Conferences, 1994-2012
   Subseries 2, Congressional Hearings and Testimony, 1991-2010
   Subseries 3, Presentations, 1977-2014
Series 7, Polls and Surveys 1976-2012:
   Subseries 1, Gallup Polls, 1977-1994
   Subseries 2, Newsweek Polls, 1976-2004
   Subseries 3, Pew Polls, 1999-2012
   Subseries 4, Miscellaneous Polls, 1988-2011
Series 8, Gallup Organization Papers, 1978-1990:
   Subseries 1, Andrew Kohut Correspondence, 1978-1988
   Subseries 2, Diane Colasanto Correspondence, 1983-1990

See Container Inventory for more detailed description.
Dates:
- 1924-2015
- Majority of material found within 1976-2014

Creator:
- Kohut, Andrew, 1942-2015 (person)

Language of Materials:
Collection materials are in English.

Conditions Governing Access:
All material in this collection is open to the public.

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Extent:
- 29 linear feet. 50 Hollinger boxes, 4 flat boxes, and 1 clamshell book box.

Biographical Note:
Andrew Kohut was born on September 2, 1942 and grew up in Rochelle Park, New Jersey. He graduated from Seton Hall University in 1964 and enrolled in graduate school at Rutgers University. Kohut left Rutgers in 1966, before graduating, to work for the Gallup Organization. Kohut worked there for 23 years, and was Gallup's president from 1979-1989. In 1989, he left Gallup and founded Princeton Survey Research Associates. Three years later, Kohut became the director of the Times Mirror Center for the People & the Press. In 1996, the Pew Charitable Trusts took over sponsorship of the organization and it was renamed the Pew Research Center. Kohut became its first president and remained in that position until 2013. He died on September 8, 2015.

Andrew Kohut was one of the most respected and recognized pollsters in the United States during his long career in the industry. He was a highly sought-after speaker, a frequent guest on both National Public Radio (NPR) and PBS’s NewsHour. In later years, he was often featured as a political opinion expert during presidential elections on CNN.

Kohut was in many ways a Washington insider: he had contacts throughout the city and personal relationships with such notables as Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State in the Clinton administration. Beginning in the 1990s, Kohut spoke regularly at CIA and State Department conferences on America’s image abroad, as well as on American public opinion of various foreign policy issues. After 9/11, federal agencies and other organizations sought his expertise ever more frequently as they attempted to gauge how Muslims and Muslim nations viewed the United States and the American people.
Kohut’s experience and deep understanding of public opinion polling gave him credibility that his fellow pollsters held in high regard. His strong analytical skills, along with his ability to create “gut-check” questions, made him a leader in the polling world.

Kohut was married twice and had two children (Matthew Kohut and Amy Kohut) with his first wife, Marybeth Lyhne. At the time of his death, he was married to Diane Colasanto, whom he had married 16 years earlier.

Separated Materials:
1. Andrew Kohut bobblehead
2. 20 issues of *Public Opinion Quarterly*: 1937 (v.1, #2), 1939 (v.3, #3), 1951 (v.15, #3 & #4), 1952 (v.16, #4), 1955 (v.19, #2, #3, #4), 1956 (v.20, #1), 1957 (v.21, #1 & #2), 1958 (v.22, #2, #3, #4), 1959 (v.23, #2 & #3), 1960 (v.24, #4), 1964 (v.28, #2, #3, #4)
3. 3 boxes of Gallup Organization Surveys
4. 46 books related to polling, politics, et al. Several written by Andrew Kohut.
5. 35 volumes of *The Gallup Poll* (1935-2002)

Related Names:
- Creator: Kohut, Andrew, 1942-2015 (person)
- Creator: Colasanto, Diane, 1951- (person)

Finding Aid & Administrative Information:
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