

Senior Research Executive

Department: Quantitative

Location: Erbil, Iraq

Hours: Full time

Role overview

We explore what people in Kurdistan think and feel and, as far as possible, why they think and feel as they do. We pay close attention to the frames and the narratives at play – the stories by which people organise information and interpret events. Our main interest is thoughts and feelings in relation to politics. We track what matters to people and why, all the time taking a broad view on the currents of opinion.

The researcher will be involved in all aspects of the research cycle, including identifying research objectives, designing and overseeing research projects, analysing results and communicating findings. The researcher will be part of a small team and will help manage Kurdish interviewers and field staff, developing their skills and troubleshooting problems to ensure overall functioning of the research team.

Key responsibilities

- Manage / support management of Quantitative Research projects through all stages of the research process;
 - Developing sampling plans
 - Drafting questionnaires
 - Supporting scripting of questionnaires for tablet based surveys
 - Drafting data specs
 - Analyse of data tables and produce insight driven presentations, telling the story of the data framed within the broader strategic context
 - Conducting detailed data checks to ensure accuracy of written deliverables
 - Communicate research findings both internally and externally
- Work with research team to develop an understanding of how current affairs shape opinions and affect research findings
- Support Head of Research in management of the field team, including trouble shooting any ad hoc problems
- Ad hoc data analysis in SPSS to explore specific questions
- Maintain awareness of current affairs through reading and attending regular media briefings

Skills required

- Ability to assimilate large amounts of information, both in terms of analysing an individual dataset in light of specific research objectives and identifying trends/changes over longer time periods
- Ability to find the story in the data
- Sensibilities to develop an understanding of how Kurdish people think and feel (and why) and the multiple factors (location, age, gender, political affiliation, media consumption, history etc.) that inform this (so as to contextualise the data)
- Adeptness with charting data in PowerPoint and eye for data visualisation
- Strong verbal communication skills and patience to offer clear direction to local staff; willingness to share and explain their research skills with others
- Ability to think quickly and practically to troubleshoot problems that may arise with the research
- Responsiveness and sensitive to changing strategic context and priorities; flexibility in research agenda
- Experience with SPSS a distinct advantage
- Experience scripting online surveys a distinct advantage

Personal attributes

As a team we value curiosity, integrity and a desire to trail-blaze. The individual should be able to deal with the pressures of a small team and intense environment. We are looking for someone who will become an active member of the team, self-sufficient and willing to pitch in with the logistical side of running a house and office in Kurdistan.

Languages:

- English
- Kurdish or Arabic a bonus

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