# **Bi-weekly Newsletter**

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#### **Program Evaluation Learning Resources**

#### **Enterprise Surveys Data**

Enterprise Surveys offers an array of economic data on 135,000 firms in 139 countries. The data are presented in a variety of ways useful to researchers, policy makers, journalists, and others. The authors stress that all users should exercise caution when comparing raw data and point estimates between surveys that did and did not adhere to the Enterprise Surveys Global Methodology.

#### **Recommended News Articles and Blog Posts**

Advancing Youth Equity through YPE

The Voldemort Effect

**Co-leading Evaluations with Youth** 

<u>Risk Models and Storytelling – Learning from Past Disasters for a More</u> <u>Resilient Future</u>

Engaging Young People in Online Consultations Using Slack

Sharing My Evaluation Doubts (II)

Evaluating Inter-professional Quality Improvement Education: Lessons Learned from Continuing Education Programs in the Health Professions

<u>Mapping Assessments to Licensing Exam Content Areas Utilizing the Model for</u> <u>Collaborative Evaluation</u>

Strategies for Getting Started with Evaluation in HPE

What's the Latest in Health Professions Education Evaluation and Research?

<u>The Swimmy Model – Strategic Partnerships to Survive in a Changing Evaluation</u> <u>Market</u>



#### **Upcoming Events**

#### February 12

<u>CECAN Workshop: New</u> <u>Approaches to the Participatory</u> <u>Steering and Evaluation of Complex</u> <u>Adaptive Systems, Surrey, UK</u>

#### February 15

2nd Asia-Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA) Conference, Manila, Philippines

#### March 27

<u>Center for Culturally Responsive</u> <u>Evaluation and Assessment (CREA)</u> <u>5<sup>th</sup> International Conference,</u> <u>Chicago, Illinois, USA</u>

**Useful Sites** 

**ICRC** 

Transparency International

Examples of Evaluation Projects Mid-term Performance Evaluation of USAID/Cambodia's Countering Trafficking-in-Persons Activity, USAID, December 2018

Evaluation Report: Strengthening Human Resources for Health Activity, USAID, November 2018

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### **Relevant Publications**

## Freedom in the World 2018: Democracy in Crisis by Freedom House

Freedom in the World is Freedom House's flagship annual report, assessing the condition of political rights and civil liberties around the world. It is composed of numerical ratings and supporting descriptive texts for 195 countries and 14 territories. Freedom in the World has been published since 1973, allowing Freedom House to track global trends in freedom over more than 40 years. It has become the most widely read and cited report of its kind, used on a regular basis by policymakers, journalists, academics, activists, and many others.

Numerous political scientists believe that the Freedom House's report is the first and best source available on the state of political and civil rights around the world, equally useful to scholars and practitioners interested in the state of democracy and human freedom.

The authors conduct analyses that assess 209 countries and territories, using a combination of on-the-ground research, consultations with local contacts, and information from news articles, nongovernmental organizations, governments, and a variety of other sources. Expert advisers and regional specialists then vet the analysts' conclusions. The final product represents the consensus of the analysts, advisers, and Freedom House staff.

For each country and territory, Freedom in the World analyzes the electoral process, political pluralism and participation, the functioning of the government, freedom of expression and of belief, associational and organizational rights, the rule of law, and personal autonomy and individual rights.

Findings indicate that political rights and civil liberties around the world deteriorated to their lowest point in more than a decade in 2017, extending a period characterized by emboldened autocrats, beleaguered democracies, and the United States' withdrawal from its leadership role in the global struggle for human freedom. Further on, they note that democracy is in crisis; the values it embodies—particularly the right to choose leaders in free and fair elections, freedom of the press, and the rule of law—are under assault and in retreat globally.

At the end they note that the Freedom in the World receives no governmental funding. The first edition of Freedom in the World covered the year 1972. The historical data are available in Excel format for all previous publications.



#### **Recommended Reading**

Preparing for Interview Research: The Interview Protocol Refinement Framework by TQR

This article presents the interview protocol refinement (IPR) framework, which is comprised of a four-phase process for systematically developing and refining an interview protocol.

The four-phase process includes: (1) ensuring interview questions align with research questions, (2) constructing an inquiry-based conversation, (3) receiving feedback on interview protocols, and (4) piloting the interview protocol.

According to the authors, the IRP method can support efforts to strengthen the reliability of interview protocols used for qualitative research and thereby contribute to improving the quality of data obtained from research interviews.