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>I think I've committed what some consider the ultimate heresy:  
>speaking well of Budd Hopkins. Sorry, Dennis. You know my views  
>on the Roper poll.

Jerry,

If you're a heretic, so am I. See my reply to John Velez for kind words about Budd.

That said, your feelings (and mine, as well as those of countless others) about the Roper poll "findings" (down, BTW, in the last reiteration of same) seem to hold little or no sway with Budd himself, who still considers it scientifically significant.

It's like one of those computer viruses you hear so much about. Budd gives it to Jacobs and Mack, and, before you know it, American society as a whole is infected with the bug: Millions of Americans are being routinely abducted by aliens on an annual basis (I read it in the Roper Report!), never mind that there isn't a shred of evidence for such a claim. (The numbers, not the phenomenon.) Pretty soon you get books like "The Threat" and Mack's forthcoming second contribution (and God only knows what its title will be, although The Threat will be hard to top. Maybe "The Promise"?).

Is it a meme, Memorex, myth, or reality?

Who knows?

But we do know who's responsible for promoting the Roper poll's so-called scientific stature, don't we? Even in the face of such friendly criticism as yours.

But I forget: Budd is above criticism. And to criticize would represent something resembling heresy, wouldn't it?

Dennis

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