Extra Credit Opportunity #2
Worth up to 5 points (which will be added to your Quiz 2 grade)

Due: Nov. 19 at the beginning of class

Public Opinion
This assignment asks you to critically analyze a public opinion poll dealing with American politics. To complete the assignment, go to www.pollingreport.com, and select an opinion poll question related to politics. It can be a question about the 2008 election, or about an issue that has been in the news recently.

Retype/rewrite the opinion poll question, and then answer the following questions:

1. Is this a fair and balanced question? Are there any words in the question that might bias responses in one direction or another?
2. What kinds of information would people need to answer this question? Do you think most Americans would know enough to offer an informed response to the question?
3. If the question provides a set of options for respondents to choose from, is the list of options complete? Are there any options or categories that are left out?
4. Are there any other problems that might undermine the results of this opinion poll? For instance, is the question vague? Might there be multiple ways of interpreting the question? Explain.

Your responses should be typed, double-spaced, and no more 2 double spaced pages.