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Letters to the Editor
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Dear Letters to the Editor:

McClatchy Newspaper recently ran an article “Kenyan president lost election, U.S. exit poll indicates,” which questioned why the International Republican Institute (IRI) has not released an exit poll it conducted in conjunction with the December 27 elections.

The article claims that the poll “further undermines an election result that many international observers have described as flawed.”

The decision to not release the poll was made because there were concerns about the validity of the initial results, which were based on incomplete raw data in part because the violence throughout Kenya has delayed the return of questionnaires.

IRI’s polling work in Kenya is a capacity building program for the development of public opinion research, and it is our responsibility to thoroughly examine the data collected and work with our local partner to ensure the most accurate results.

IRI will not release any polling results unless and until we are confident in the integrity of the data. For IRI to rush to release a poll that was incomplete and very likely inaccurate would have been irresponsible and dangerous given the situation in Kenya.

Sincerely,

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