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Letters to the Editor
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Dear Letters to the Editor:

On December 27, 2007, the International Republican Institute (IRI) sponsored an exit poll in conjunction with Kenya's elections.

On January 15, I sent a letter to the editor not to criticize the second version of McClatchy's article "Kenyan president lost election, U.S. exit poll indicates." Rather I wanted to ensure that an explanation of the decision to not release the poll, which was not included in the first version of the article, was given. That initial decision to not release the poll was made because there were concerns about the validity of the preliminary results, which were based on incomplete raw data in part because the violence throughout Kenya had delayed the return of questionnaires.

In recent days my concerns "that pollsters weren't gathering information in some areas" have been addressed. However, IRI remains convinced that a thorough review of the validity of all of the data is necessary before we consider whether or not to release the results. As I have stated before, IRI will not release any polling results unless and until we are confident in the integrity of the data.

Sincerely,

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