

One of the most widely used ~~important~~ deliberative procedures is deliberative polling, designed by James Fishkin. In their article “Deliberative Polling: From Experiment to Community Resource,” ~~James Fishkin,~~ and Cynthia Farrar presents the theoretical and ~~the~~ practical issues involved in developing ~~the transformation of~~ this procedure from a thought experiment to a democratic practice that has been used in numerous ~~different~~ communities in the United States and around the world. They define ~~the~~ deliberative polling as “a poll of citizens before and after they had the chance to arrive at considered judgments based on information and exposure to the views of their fellow citizens” (Fishkin and Farrar, 2005: 68). ~~They~~ ~~Fishkin and Farrar~~ argue that their method ~~deliberative poll~~ is a distinctive form of public consultation that combines two key values: ~~political equality and~~ deliberation. By ~~understanding by~~ political equality, they mean equal ~~the equal~~ consideration of everyone’s preferences; ~~and~~ by deliberation, they refer to a process of discussion in which participants ~~people~~ weigh competing arguments on their merits. In their ~~opinions~~ view, ~~for a~~ high-quality deliberation meets four criteria: ~~there are four standards that should be met~~—(a) Completeness, ~~or~~ the extent to which arguments offered on one side of an issue are answered by arguments from another side, which ~~that~~ are then answered in turn; (b) Information, ~~i.e.~~ the extent to which the information that participants ~~people~~ employ is reasonable and accurate; (c) Consciousness, ~~or~~ the extent to which those involved ~~desire to~~ decide ~~people participate with the aim of deciding~~ the issue on its merits; and (d) Diversity.

**Comment [A1]:** “Important” is a subjective judgment; frequency of use is easier to assert.

**Comment [A2]:** The fact of significance here is that many communities have used the method, not that the communities are different.

**Comment [A3]:** No need to name the method again as it has already been mentioned three times.

**Comment [A4]:** Academic writing should not contain lengthy and wordy sentences as they can hamper clarity. The sentence has been divided into two to introduce clarity and better formal expression.

~~or~~ the extent ~~to~~ which those who deliberate represent the full range diversity of viewpoints in the relevant population.

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