



INFORMED CONSENT

Thank you for taking part in this survey! You will be asked about whether or not you follow certain forecasting practices.

Your responses are anonymous. Results will be published only in aggregated form.

The questionnaire typically takes about 10 minutes to complete; longer if you write-in feedback.

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RULES FOR FORMULATING THE FORECASTING PROBLEM

1. Please check guidelines that you [CL06]

- typically follow explicitly in your own forecasting,
- don't follow now but would consider using in future, and
- don't follow now and would not consider using in future.

	I typically follow this guideline	I don't follow this guideline now but would consider it in the future	I don't follow this guideline now and would NOT consider it in the future	I am confused by the description.
Use all knowledge				
Obtain all relevant information and sufficient understanding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Decompose the problem to best use knowledge	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use evidence-based forecasting methods validated for the situation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Question [CL03]

	I typically follow this guideline	I don't follow this guideline now but would consider it in the future	I don't follow this guideline now and would NOT consider it in the future	I am confused by the description.
Avoid bias in the selection of methods and data				
Specify multiple hypotheses or conceal the purpose of the forecast	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obtain signed ethics statements before and after forecasting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Question [CL07]

	I typically follow this guideline	I don't follow this guideline now but would consider it in the future	I don't follow this guideline now and would NOT consider it in the future	I am confused by the description.
Provide full disclosure to encourage independent audits and replications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. Are there any guidelines that forecasters should NOT follow? If so, please check in the following list. [EX01]

I recommend NOT following

- Obtain all relevant information and sufficient understanding
- Decompose the problem to best use knowledge
- Use evidence-based forecasting methods validated for the situation
- Specify multiple hypotheses or conceal the purpose of the forecast

- Obtain signed ethics statements before and after forecasting
- Provide full disclosure to encourage independent audits and replications

3. Provide evidence to support your recommendation for removing a particular guideline from the list. [ET01]

4. Are there any guidelines missing in the list above? If so, please state them and provide supporting evidence. [NO01]

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RULES FOR JUDGMENTAL FORECASTS

5. Please check guidelines that you [CL08]

- typically follow explicitly in your own forecasting,
- don't follow now but would consider using in future, and
- don't follow now and would not consider using in future.

	I typically follow this guideline	I don't follow this guideline now but would consider it in the future	I don't follow this guideline now and would NOT consider it in the future	I am confused by the description.
Avoid unaided judgment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Frame questions in various ways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Combine independent forecasts from heterogeneous experts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Obtain reasons for forecasts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ask experts to consider why their forecast might be wrong and then revise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use judgmental bootstrapping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use structured analogies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Avoid judgmental adjustments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Are there any guidelines that forecasters should NOT follow? If so, please check in the following list. [EX03]

I recommend NOT following

- Avoid unaided judgment
- Frame questions in various ways
- Combine independent forecasts from heterogeneous experts
- When knowledge is distributed, obtain reasons for forecasts
- Ask experts to consider why their forecast might be wrong and then ask them to revise
- Use judgmental bootstrapping
- Use structured analogies
- Avoid judgmental adjustments

7. Provide evidence to support your recommendation for removing a particular guideline from the list. [ET03]

8. Are there any guidelines missing in the list above? If so, please state them and provide supporting evidence. [NO02]

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RULES FOR EXTRAPOLATION FORECASTS

9. Please check guidelines that you [CL04]

- typically follow explicitly in your own forecasting,
- don't follow now but would consider using in future, and
- don't follow now and would not consider using in future.

	I typically follow this guideline	I don't follow this guideline now but would consider it in the future	I don't follow this guideline now and would NOT consider it in the future	I am confused by the description.
Use all valid and reliable data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Decompose by causal forces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Damp seasonal factors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Question [CL05]

	I typically follow this guideline	I don't follow this guideline now but would consider it in the future	I don't follow this guideline now and would NOT consider it in the future	I am confused by the description.
Damp trend forecasts if the				
The situation is uncertain or unstable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The forecast time horizon is longer than the available series	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The trend goes outside the range of the previous data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The short- and long-term trends are inconsistent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The series are contrary (trend is inconsistent with causal forces)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. Are there any guidelines that forecasters should NOT follow? If so, please check in the following list. [EX02]

I recommend NOT following

- Use all valid and reliable data
- Decompose by causal forces
- Use the no-change model for level or long-term trend
- Damp seasonal factors
- Damp trend forecasts if the situation is uncertain or unstable
- Damp trend forecasts if the forecast time horizon is longer than the available series
- Damp trend forecasts if the trend goes outside the range of the previous data
- Damp trend forecasts if the short- and long-term trends are inconsistent
- Damp trend forecasts if the series are contrary (i.e., the trend is inconsistent with causal forces)

11. Provide evidence to support your recommendation for removing a particular guideline from the list. [ET02]

12. Are there any guidelines missing in the list above? If so, please state them and provide supporting evidence. [NO03]

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RULES FOR CAUSAL FORECASTS

13. Please check guidelines that you [CL09]

- typically follow explicitly in your own forecasting,
- don't follow now but would consider using in future, and
- don't follow now and would not consider using in future.

	I typically follow this guideline	I don't follow this guideline now but would consider it in the future	I don't follow this guideline now and would NOT consider it in the future	I am confused by the description.
Use prior knowledge to select variables and estimate effects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Damp estimated effect sizes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use diverse information, data, and models	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use all important variables: index models	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. Are there any guidelines that forecasters should NOT follow? If so, please check in the following list. [EX04]

I recommend NOT following

- Use prior knowledge to select variables and estimate effects
- Damp estimated weights
- Use diverse information, data, and models
- Use all important variables: index models

15. Provide evidence to support your recommendation for removing a particular guideline from the list. [ET05]

16. Are there any guidelines missing in the list above? If so, please state them and provide supporting evidence. [NO04]

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OTHER FORECASTING RULES

17. Please check guidelines that you [CL10]

- typically follow explicitly in your own forecasting,
- don't follow now but would consider using in future, and
- don't follow now and would not consider using in future.

	I typically follow this guideline	I don't follow this guideline now but would consider it in the future	I don't follow this guideline now and would NOT consider it in the future	I am confused by the description.
Combine forecasts from validated methods and diverse data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. If you think that forecasters should not use combining, please provide evidence that supports your recommendation. [ET04]

19. Are there any other important guidelines missing? If so, please state them and provide supporting evidence. [NO05]

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Finally, please answer the following questions about your experience as a forecaster and the role of forecasts in your organization.

20. How many years of experience have you had as a forecaster? [EP01]

years

21. Are you a practitioner who provides forecasts for your own organization? [EP02]

- Yes
 No

22. If yes, [EP03]

Roughly, what percentage of your organization's new and discretionary expenditure is decided on the basis of forecasts, whether formal or informal? %

What percentage of your organization's new and discretionary expenditure is decided on the basis of *formal* forecasts? %

23. [DE03]

Was anything in this survey unclear, or do you need to explain anything about your answers?

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Thank you for taking part in this survey about forecasting practice.

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