

Representative CURTIS. Oh, it is the same——

Mr. CLAGUE. It is from the same source. It is a solid figure in the sense that being employed is much more tangible than whether or not you are unemployed.

Representative CURTIS. Oh, I thought that some way you geared in actual employment.

Mr. CLAGUE. No.

Representative CURTIS. You do not.

This is part of the same survey?

Mr. CLAGUE. Yes.

Representative CURTIS. I was under a misapprehension.

Mr. CLAGUE. Yes.

Let me explain, Mr. Curtis, what that is.

We had to work with the 1950 population census and its distribution by age and sex and color.

We had to use that as the basis for current estimates for translating our sample up into the nationwide figures, which we do, moving from the families that we survey up to the national total.

When we actually got the 1960 census figures, the new census figures that the census developed for the whole Nation, it turned out that our picture of age and sex and color, the breakdown of the population, was somewhat different, as we indicate in our paper there.

It turned out there are more old people than had been estimated by the census. In 1960 it showed more of them than the estimation brought out.

So now our multiplication factor, moving from our sample up to the Nation, just showed that we had 200,000 too many in the labor force, and that showed up entirely in the employed group.

Representative CURTIS. Yes, I can see that.

Now let me ask on that sampling, the questions go something like this:

Are you employed or are you not? And they answer, if they are employed, of course.

If they say that they are unemployed, then there is a further question asked, is there not? Are you looking for work? Is that the way the question is worded?

Mr. CLAGUE. I should ask Miss Bancroft to answer that, since she is the one who has been working on this for 20 years.

Miss BANCROFT. No, there is no question, "Are you unemployed?" After a person says he has not done any work, then he is asked, "Were you looking for work?"

Representative CURTIS. I see. In other words, the question really is, "Are you working?"

Miss BANCROFT. Yes.

Representative CURTIS. Or, "Is someone in the family working?" and you put it down.

Then, if the answer is negative, the further question is asked, "Are you looking for work?"

Miss BANCROFT. "Were you looking for work?" yes.

Representative CURTIS. Do they break that down further to say, "Were you looking with regularity?" or do you just have that one simple question?