

O.E.O. CONTRACT # 288 CODE # 100
 TITLE: Job Corps Study
 GROUP CONDUCTING STUDY: National Opinion Research Center, University
of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
 TIME SPAN: Not Applicable
 CURRENT STATUS Currently in hold status - being allowed to terminate
an completed by May 1, 1967

Purpose: Part of the research at one time being undertaken to help the evaluate the effectiveness of its program. NORC was asked by Job Corps researchers to conduct the field work of interviewing, screening, and testing a "control" group of boys who would be eligible to become Corpsmen. The intent would have been to then compared this "control" group to Job Corps enrollees thus measuring the impact of Job Corps against a "control" group. Being a member of the "control" group would not have excluded a boy from joining the Job Corps; if at any time in the study he should have entered the Job Corps, he would have been dropped from the "control" sample.

Method: A sample would have been drawn from a list compiled in Washington of youths age 16-22 who have mailed "Job Corps Opportunity Cards" to Washington, thereby expressing an interest in the Job Corps. The field work, then, consisted of a screening interview and three brief screening tests, on the basis of which eligibility of the boy was determined. The eligible boys would have been given a series of tests --intelligence and achievement--identical to tests administered to boys in Job Corps Camps. Follow-up to one year from inception and another about one year following that. OEO researchers would have "matched" boys in the control sample with boys in the Job Corps and their progress would have been compared and evaluated.

Form of Reports: Was to be written. But due to technical difficulties with the control group this project was allowed to lapse according to mutual agreement between contractor and OEO. Accordingly the contract will automatically terminate May 1, 1967.