



2009 ESPN A-11 POLL RESULTS OVERVIEW

It is now incredibly clear to many of the small to mid- size schools around the country that implemented or want to implement the A-11 Offense, that there is a massive disconnect between (48) of the voting members sitting on the NFHS Rules Committee, and the positive feedback from the majority of the football coaches, players, officials and fans that the NFHS Rules Committee is supposed to represent.

In an ESPN Sports Nation Poll conducted March 5th – March 7th 2009, the numbers suggest by an overwhelming 75% to 25% margin (3 to 1) that this is indeed the case.

Why?

With more than 11,150 votes cast to date, the state-by-state numbers demonstrate the NFHS Rules Committee members that changed the rules to ban the A-11 Offense from high school football, made a hasty decision as to whether the A-11 is "unsportsmanlike" in their opinion, versus the reality of it being "innovative" and beneficial for smaller type schools. Worse yet, this panicked action by the NFHS is not based on the facts, as reported by the majority of coaches, players, officials and fans representing the "boots on the ground," the people who have actually witnessed A-11 football games live and in person.



THE NFHS NEED TO PROVIDE ANSWERS TO MANY QUESTIONS

There are many questions that should be asked of the NFHS Rules Committee, such as:

- A. How many of the (48) NFHS Rules Committee members that voted (46-2) to ban the A-11 Offense have Actually seen a game involving the A-11 Offense live and in person?
- B. Two of the most vocal opponents against the A-11 Offense sitting on the NFHS Rules Committee come from the states of West Virginia and North Carolina. To be fair, is it reasonable to ask the voting Reps from WV & NC (and the voting Reps from each of those 48 states) exactly how many football games have they seen in person that showcased teams using the A-11 Offense?
- C. If their answer is "No", they have never seen an A-11 team live; then why did they vote to ban it?
- D. If their answer is "Yes", then what game(s) did they watch live; and why did they vote to ban it?

The lack of transparency in the rules making process is startling. Another example revealed, is that all Five of the Scrimmage Kick Formation (SKF) rule change proposals submitted to the NFHS did not make it out of the sub-committee. However, a certain small group of NFHS Rules Committee members decided to create their own rules by combining or rewording existing rules to ban the A-11.

Again...why?



ESPN POLL REFLECTS THE EXPERIENCE OF THOSE WHO HAVE SEEN A-11 “LIVE”

The overall nationwide positive feedback via email and phone calls from supporters of the A-11 Offense Petition drive, echo the majority of the feedback from people who have seen it live, and also the outstanding results of the ESPN poll about the A-11.

The (48) members of the NFHS Rules Committee that banned the A-11, might have succeeded in actually denying the normal 'due process' that should have been afforded to thousands of football players, coaches and administrative bodies across the country.

If so, the void and shocking disconnect between the (48) members of the NFHS Rules Committee and many small to mid-size schools, appears to warrant a full inspection of the rules making process, and the internal communication amongst the voting members relative to it.

It would seem the NFHS could have easily acted in the best interests of every high school nationwide, by agreeing to assist each State Association to study the features and benefits of teams using the A-11 Offense across the country for 2009, 2010 & 2011.

Now, is it too late for the NFHS Rules Committee to act upon their hasty move to help examine a new offensive system that might benefit smaller type schools nationwide?

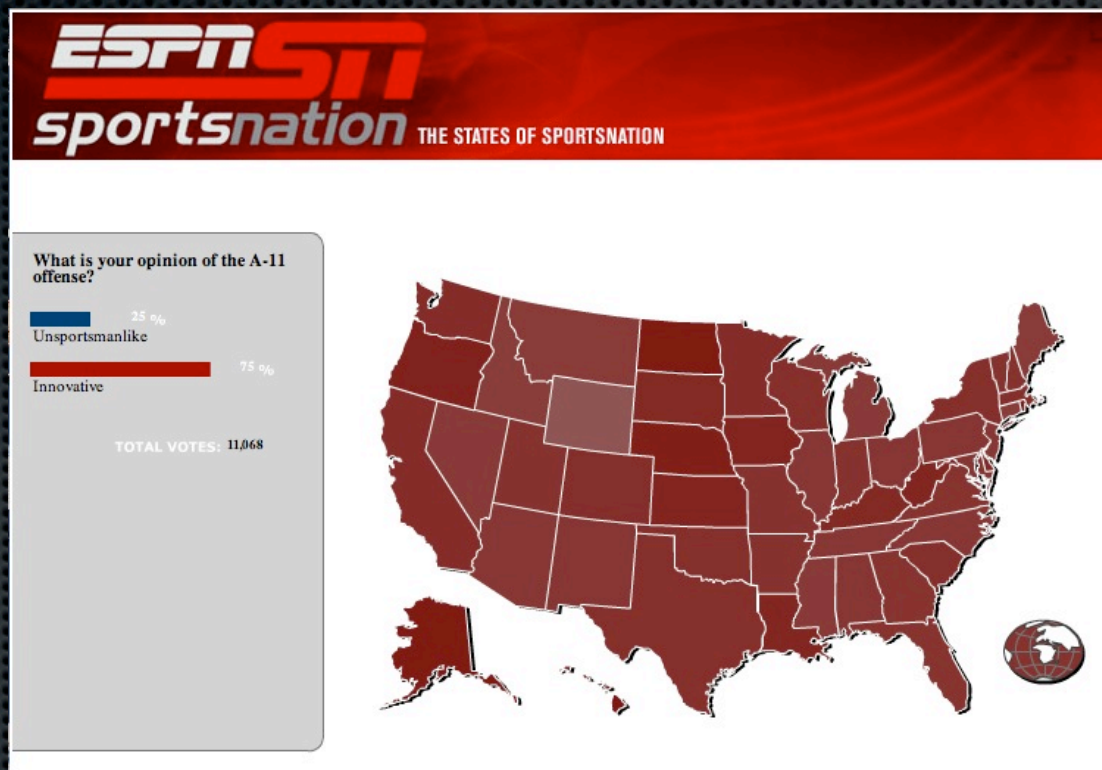
This is just another question that needs to be asked of the NFHS Rules Committee.

FOOTBALL FANS WORLDWIDE ARE SPEAKING UP AT ESPN.COM!



SOURCE: ESPN.COM POLL - MARCH 7-9, 2009

11,068 ESPN Fans Spoke Up Nationwide



AS OF MARCH 7, 2009



A-11 OFFENSE POLL RESULTS – BREAKDOWN BY STATE

POLL CONDUCTED

March 5-7, 2009

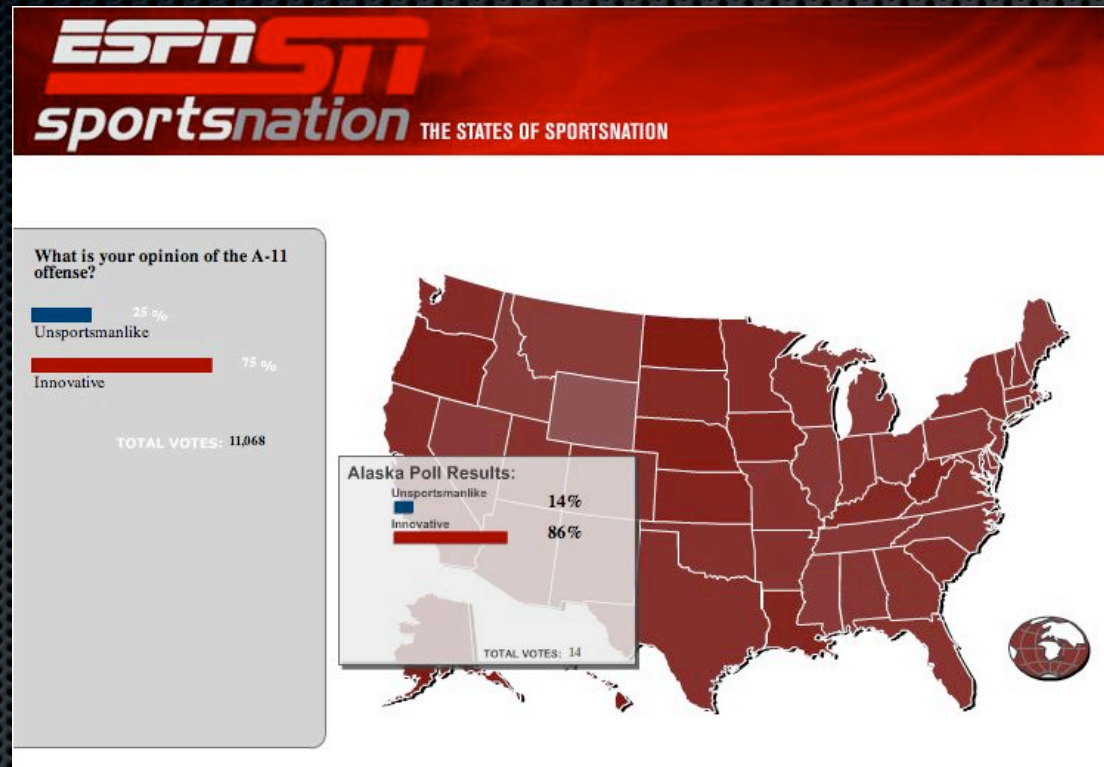
11,068 TOTAL VOTES

POLL FIGURES AS OF
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	INNOVATIVE	UNSPORTING
AK	86%	14%
AL	73%	27%
AR	75%	25%
AZ	72%	28%
CA	78%	22%
CO	77%	23%
CT	69%	31%
DE	80%	20%
FL	74%	26%
GA	74%	26%
HI	88%	12%
IA	82%	18%
ID	69%	31%
IL	72%	28%
IN	75%	25%
KS	82%	18%
KY	79%	21%
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MO	75%	25%

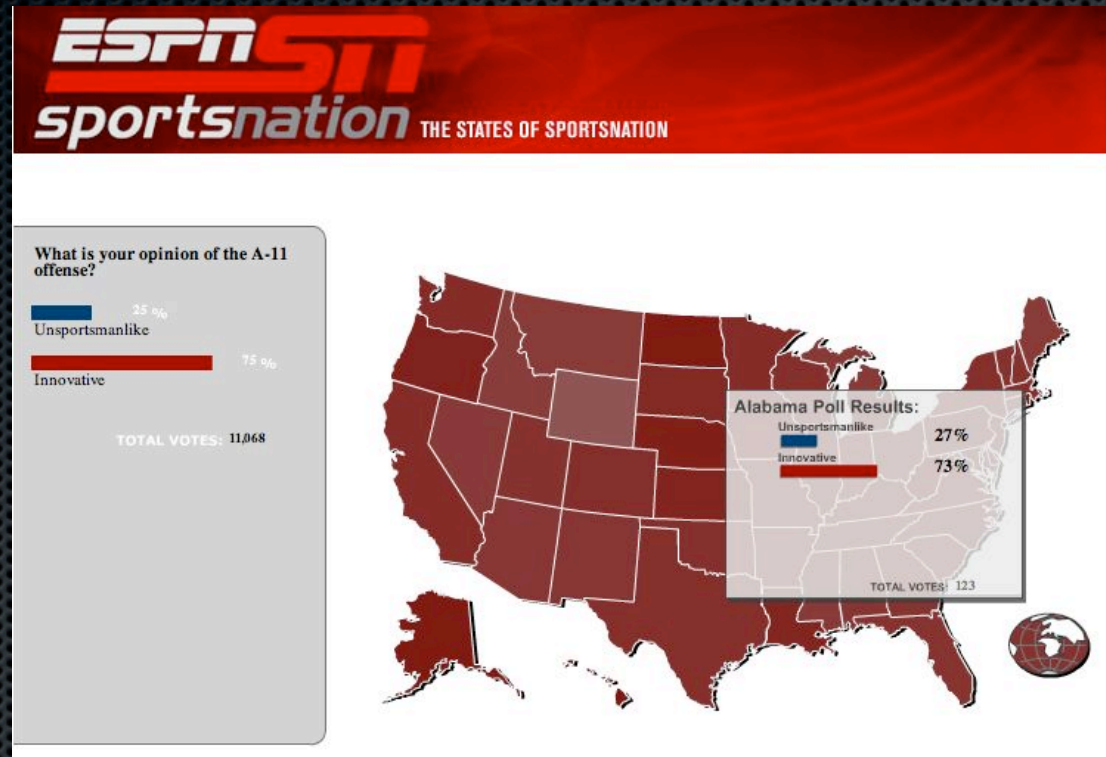
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MT	70%	30%
NE	84%	16%
NC	72%	28%
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NH	75%	25%
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NM	73%	27%
NV	71%	29%
NY	76%	24%
OH	73%	27%
OK	76%	24%
OR	83%	17%
PA	73%	27%
RI	88%	12%
SC	76%	24%
SD	79%	21%
TN	72%	28%
TX	76%	24%
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WA	78%	22%
WI	76%	24%
WV	81%	19%

Alaska



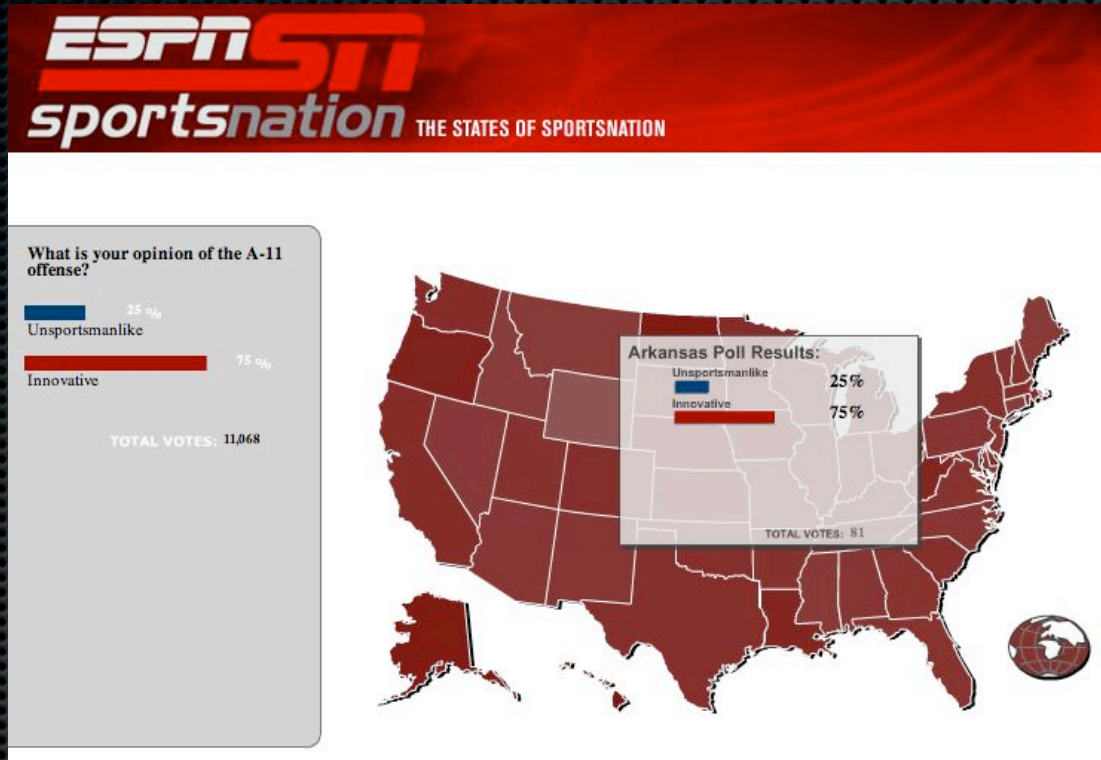
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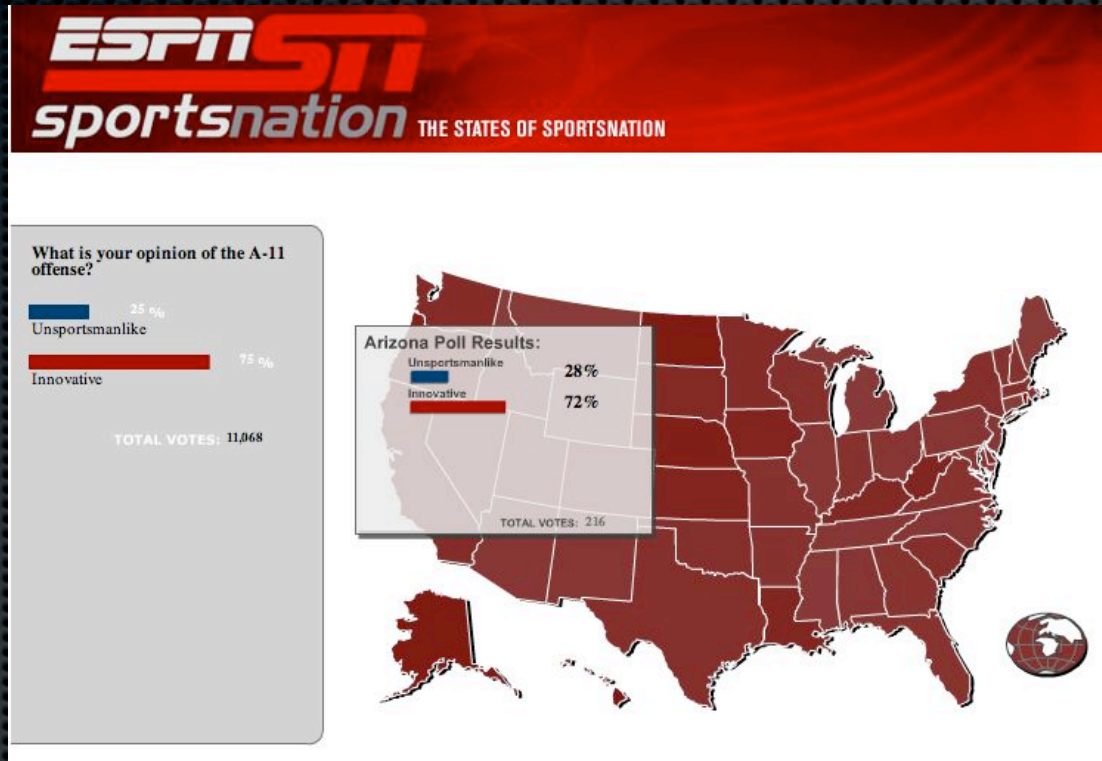
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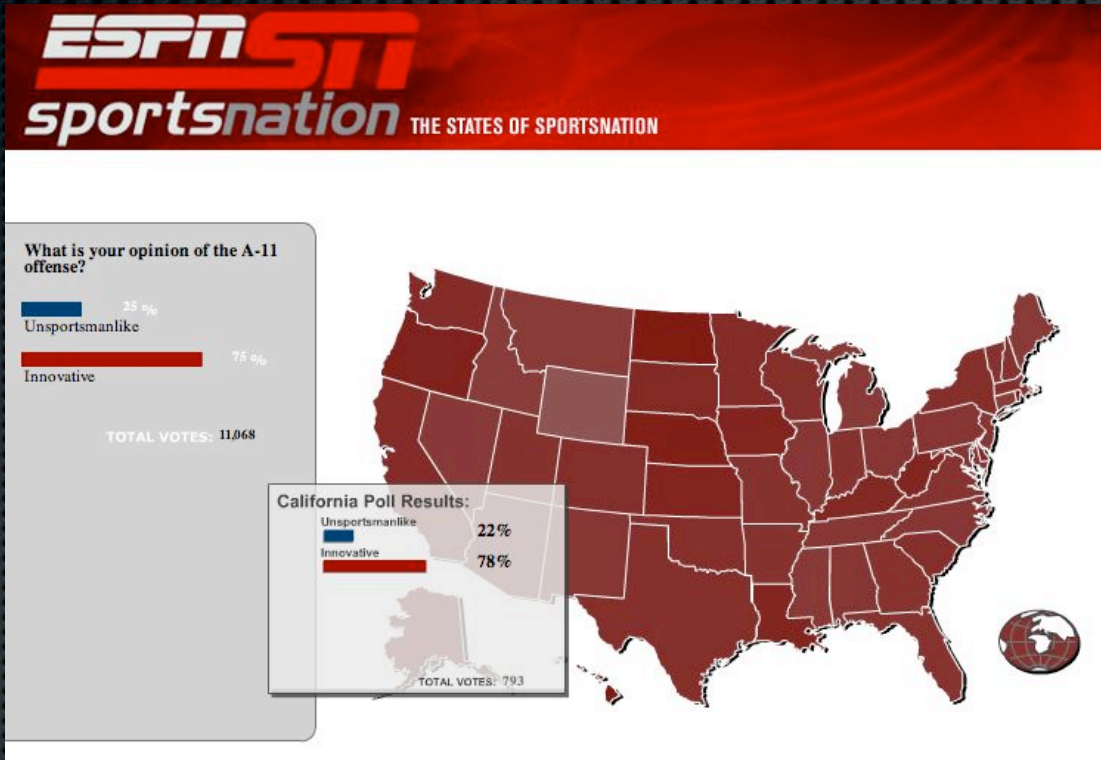
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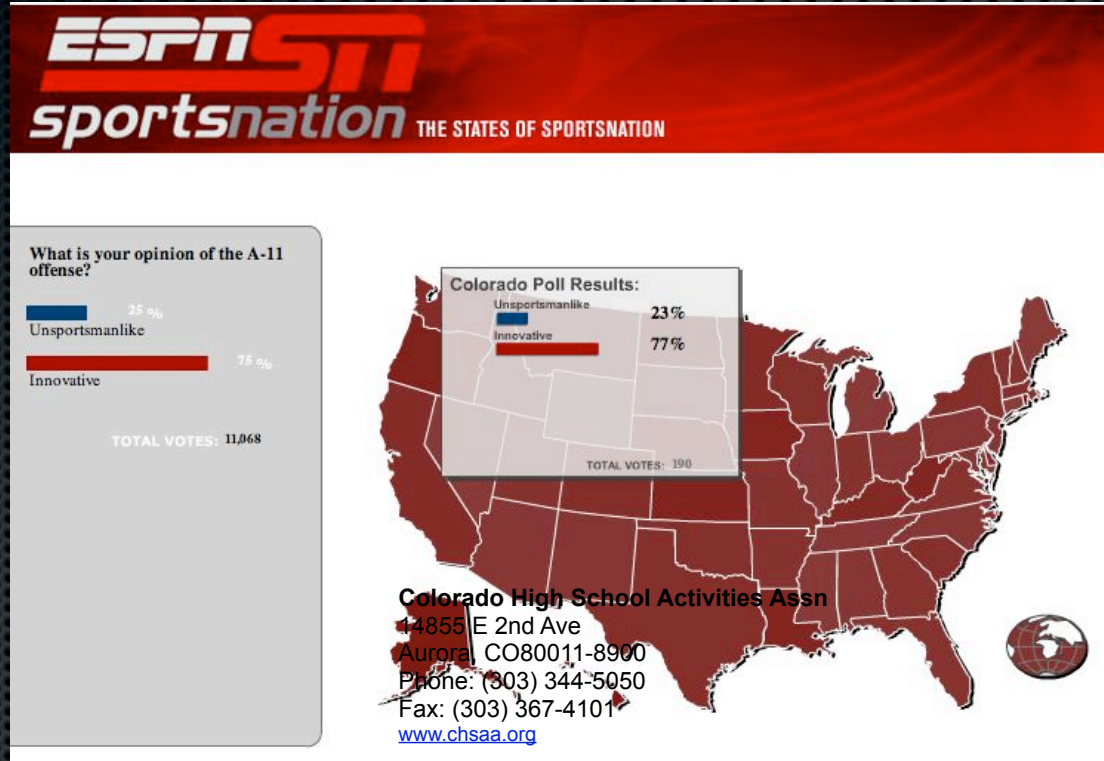
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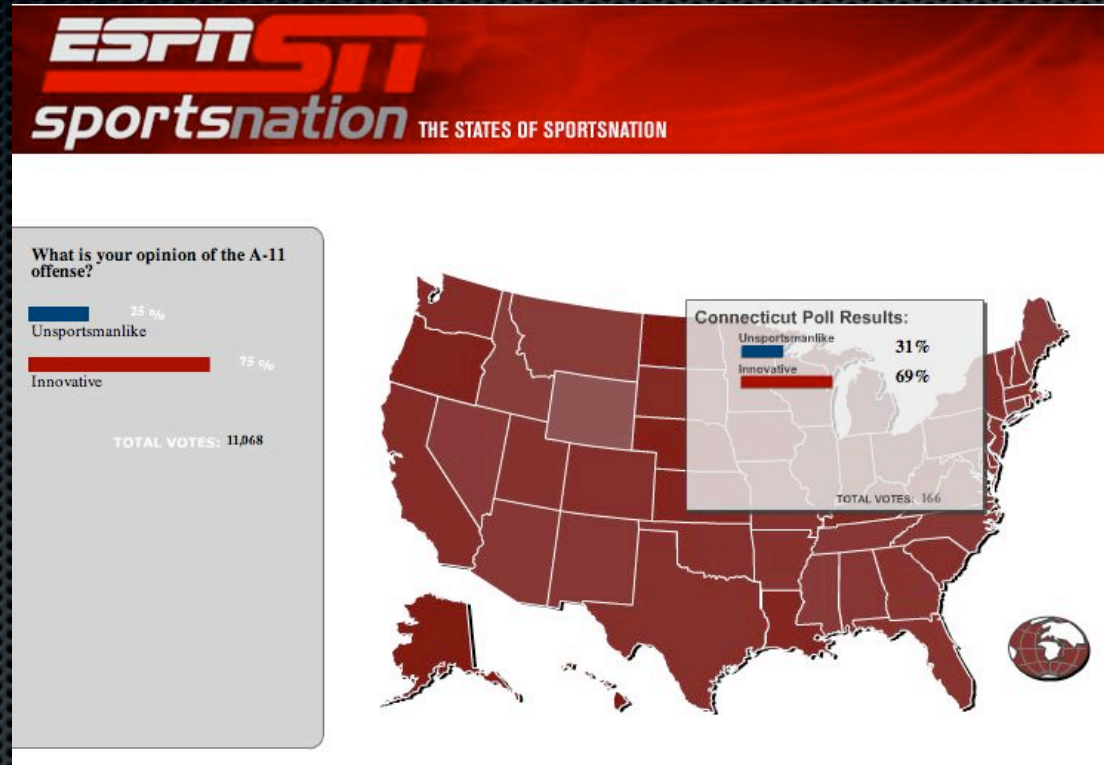
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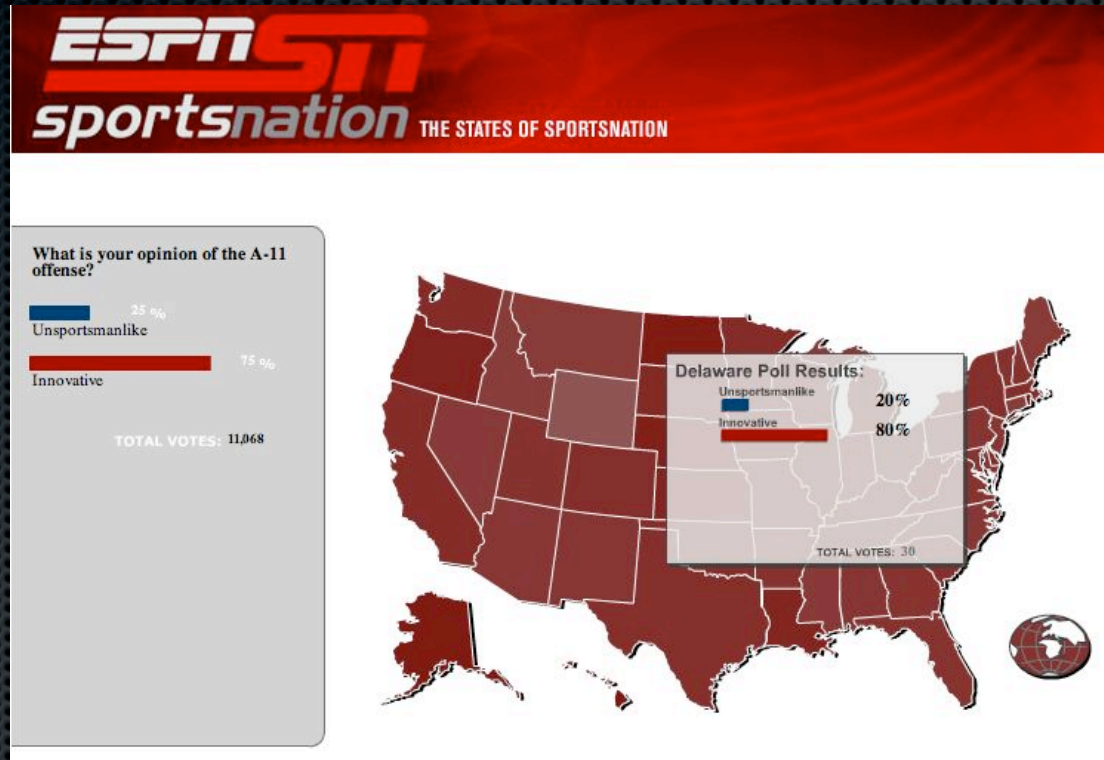
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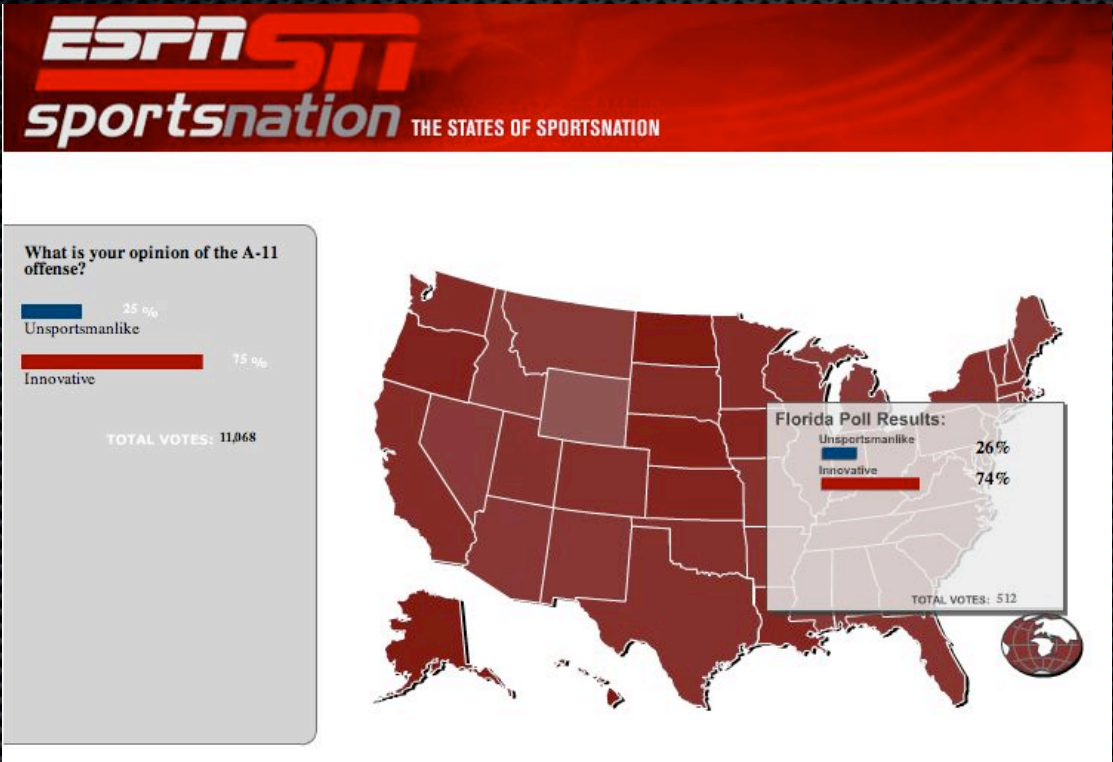
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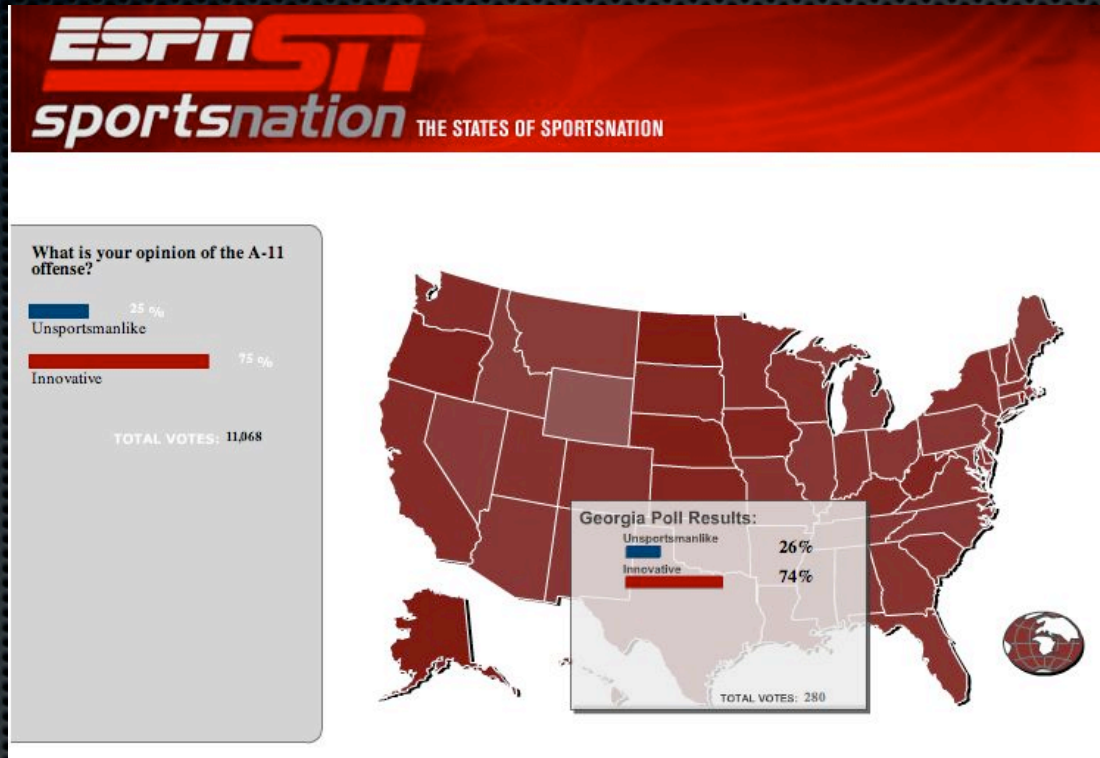
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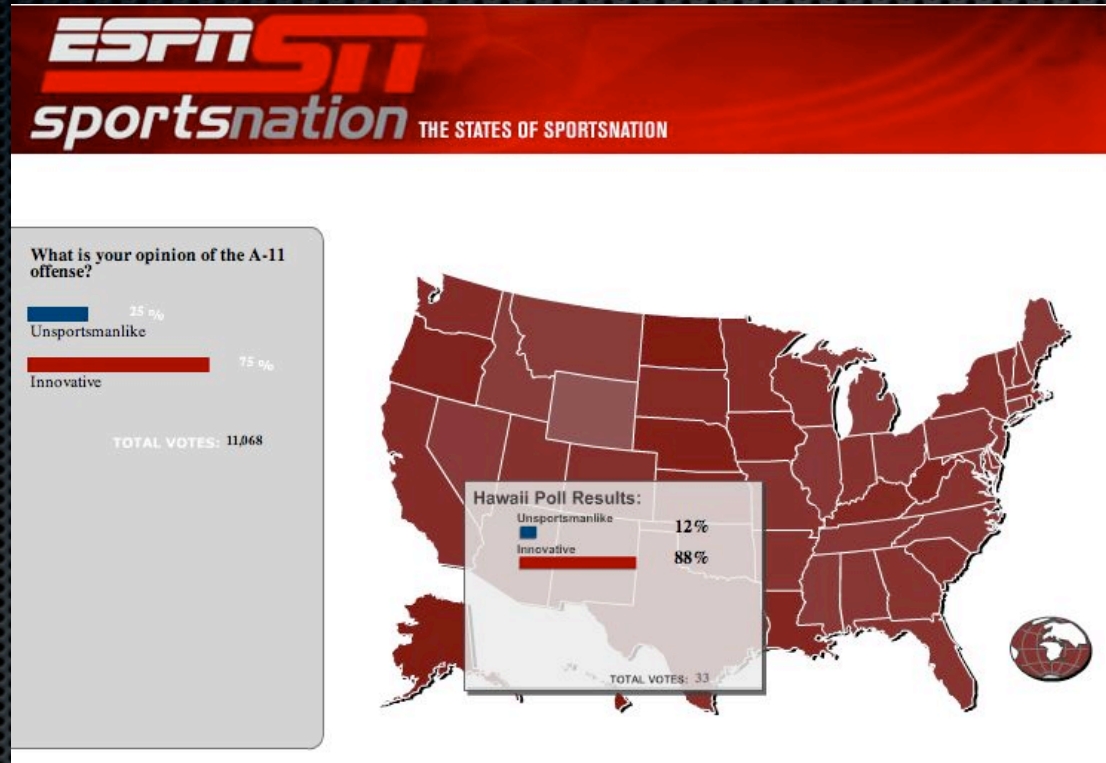
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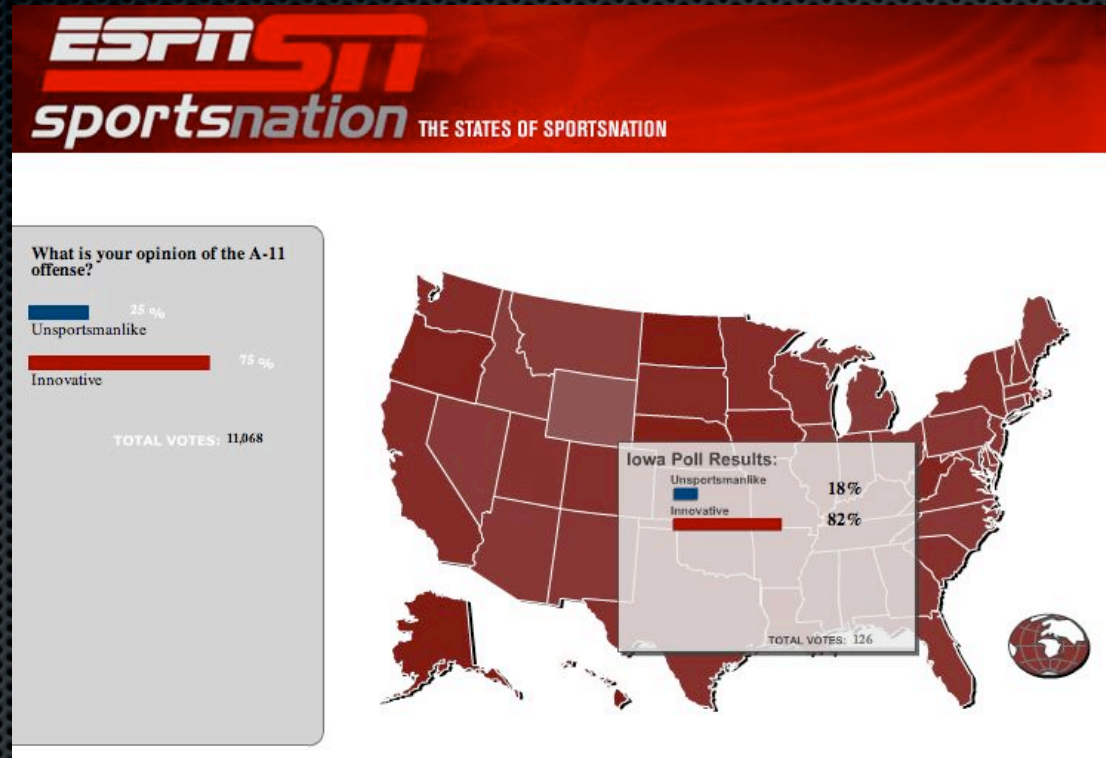
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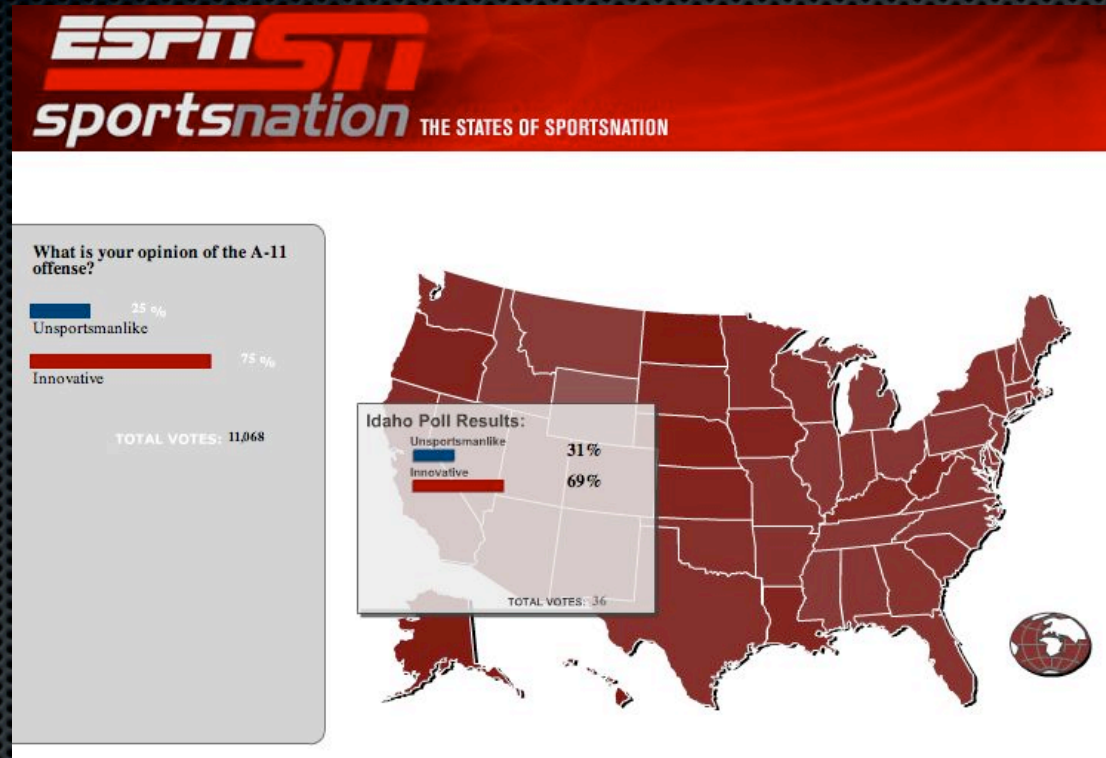
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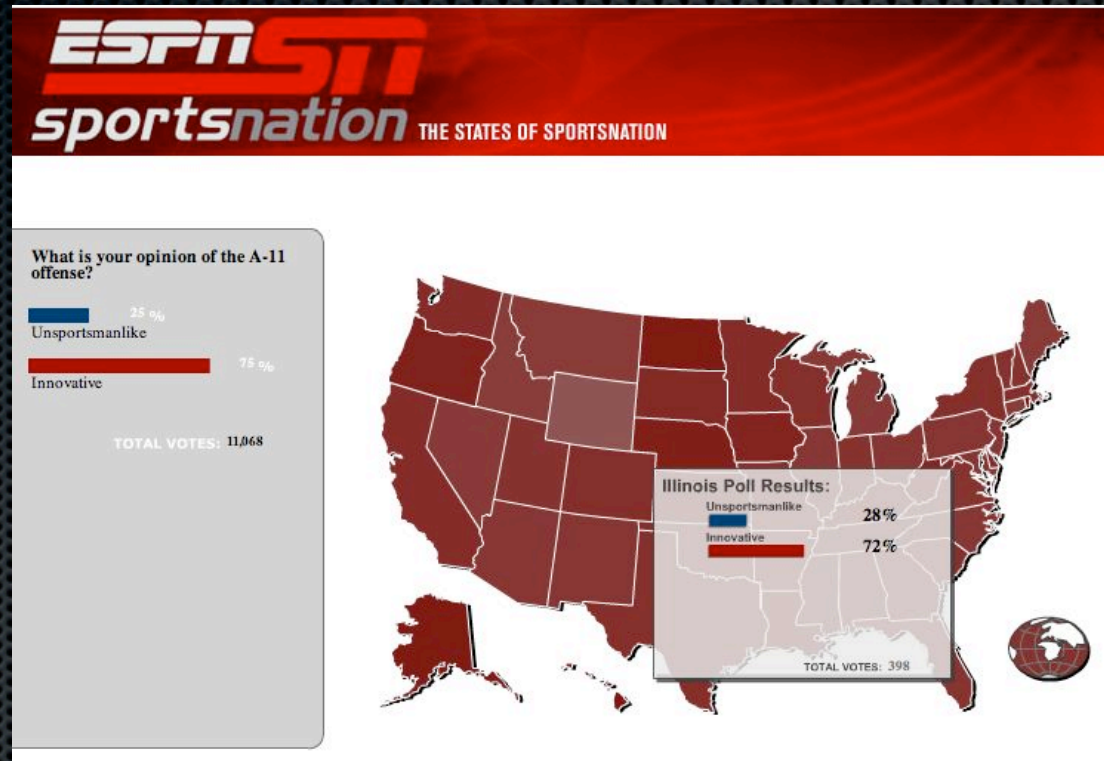
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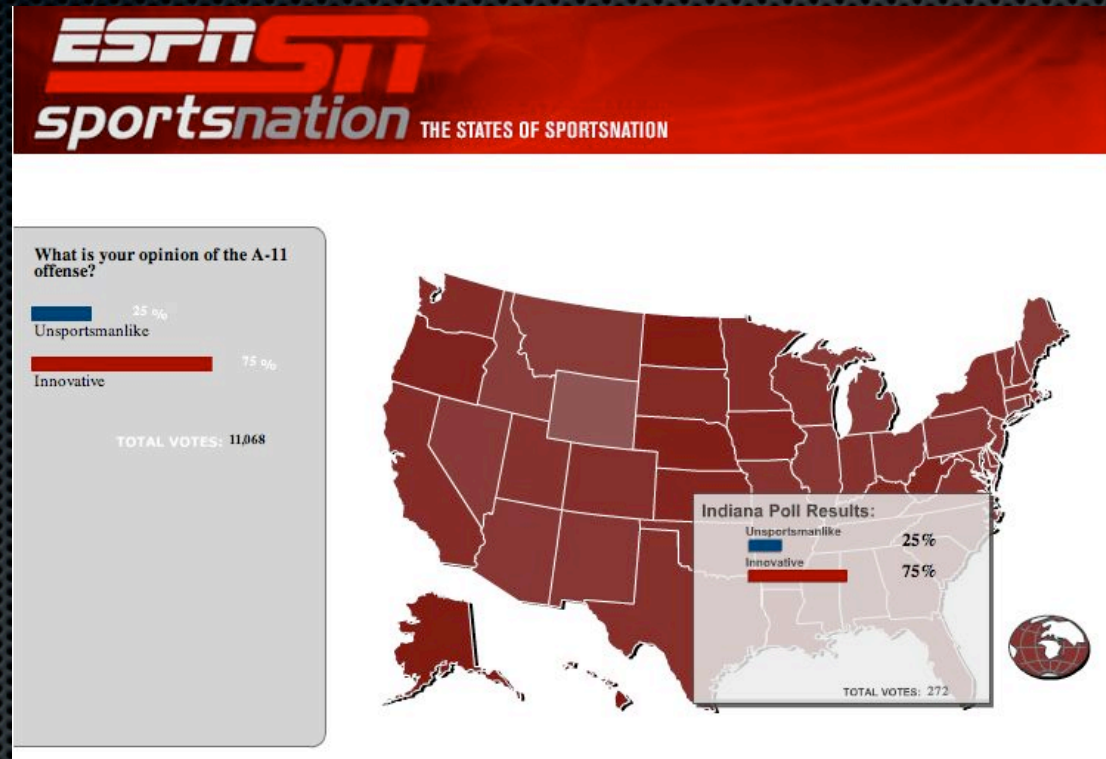
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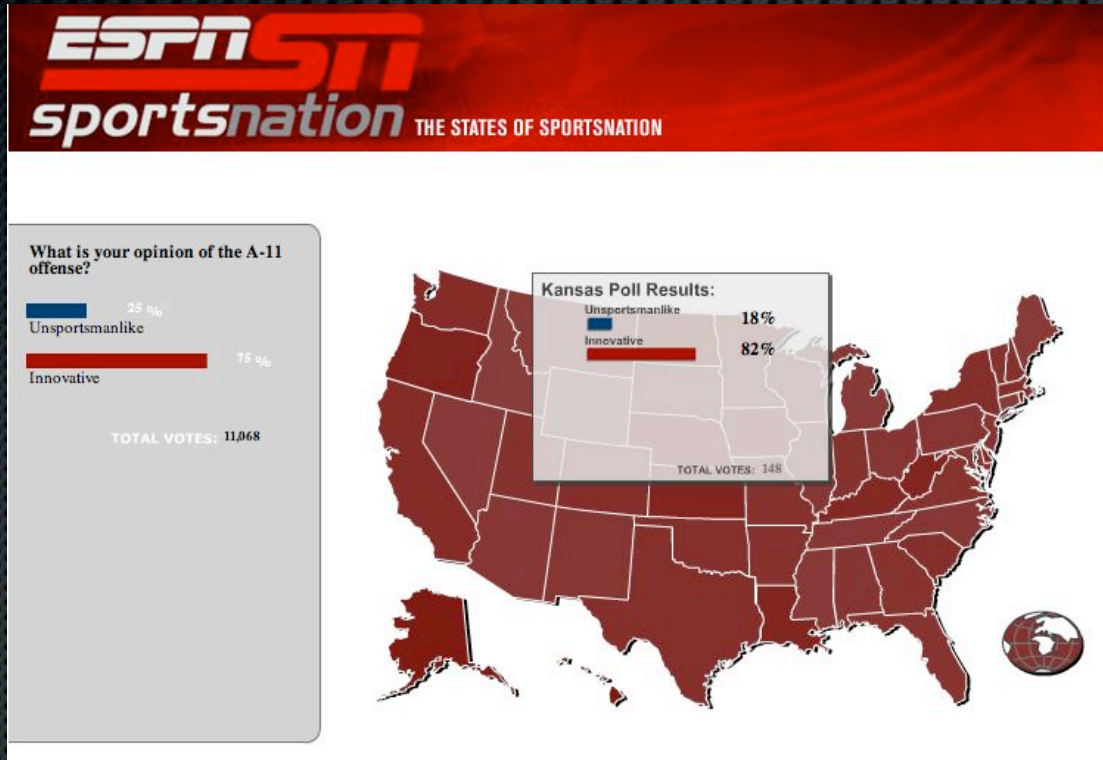
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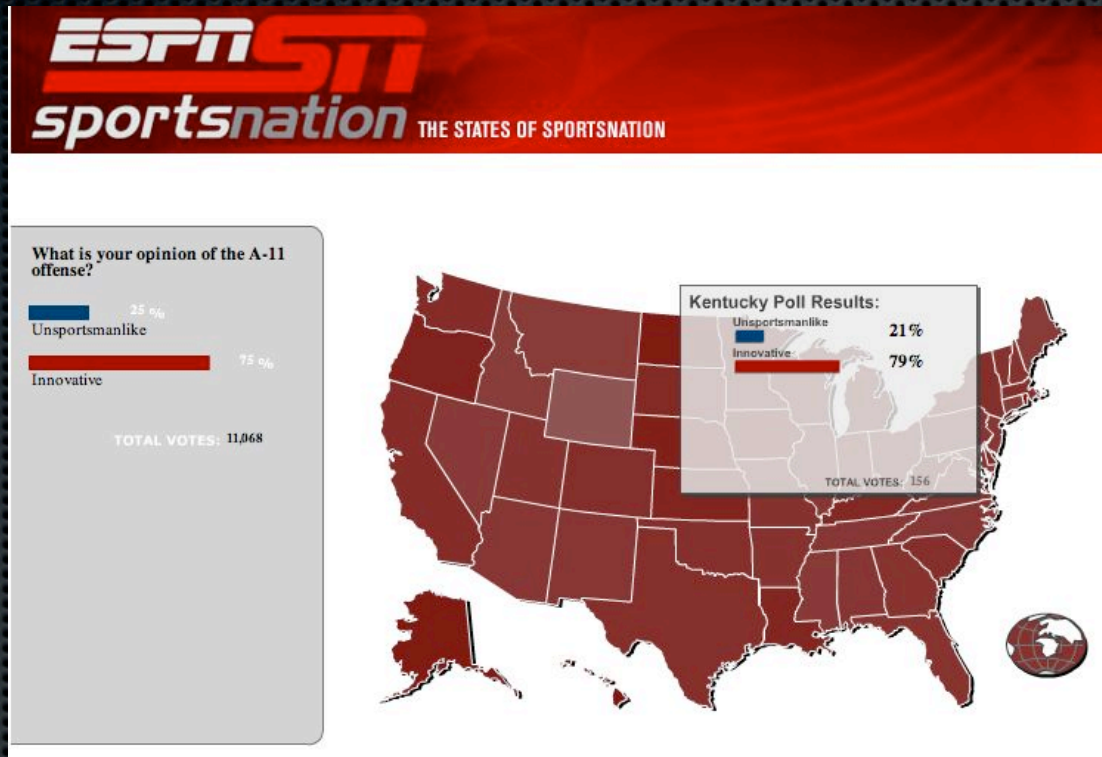
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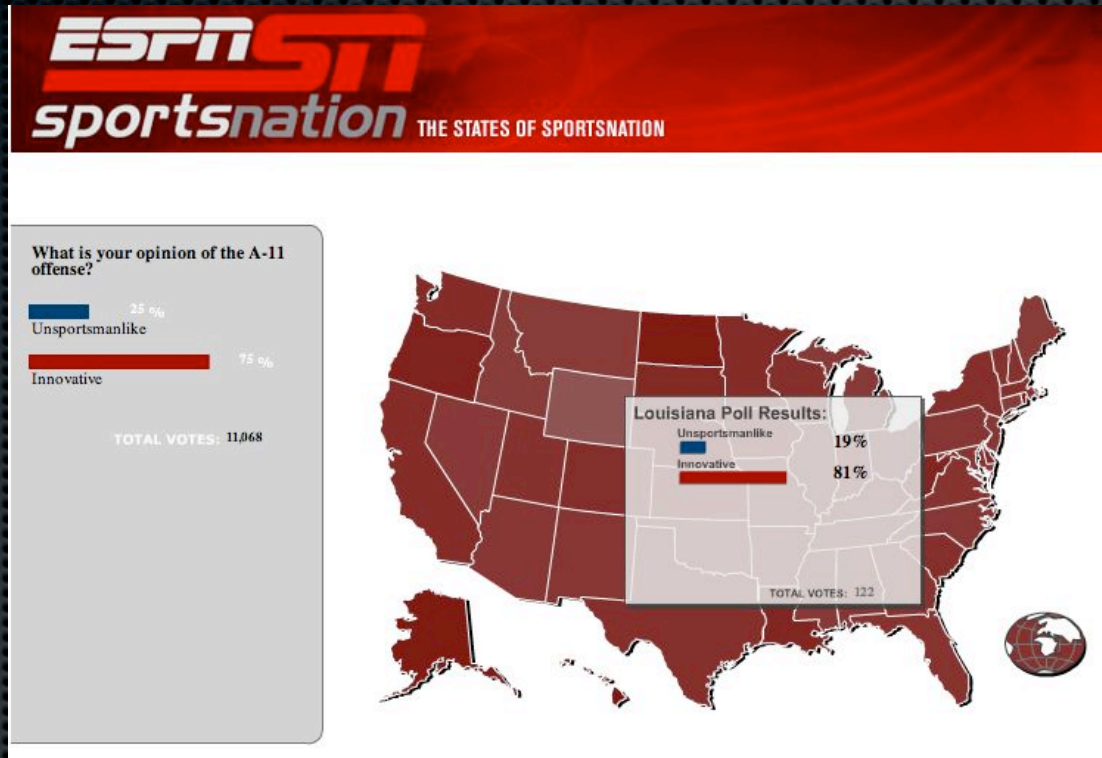
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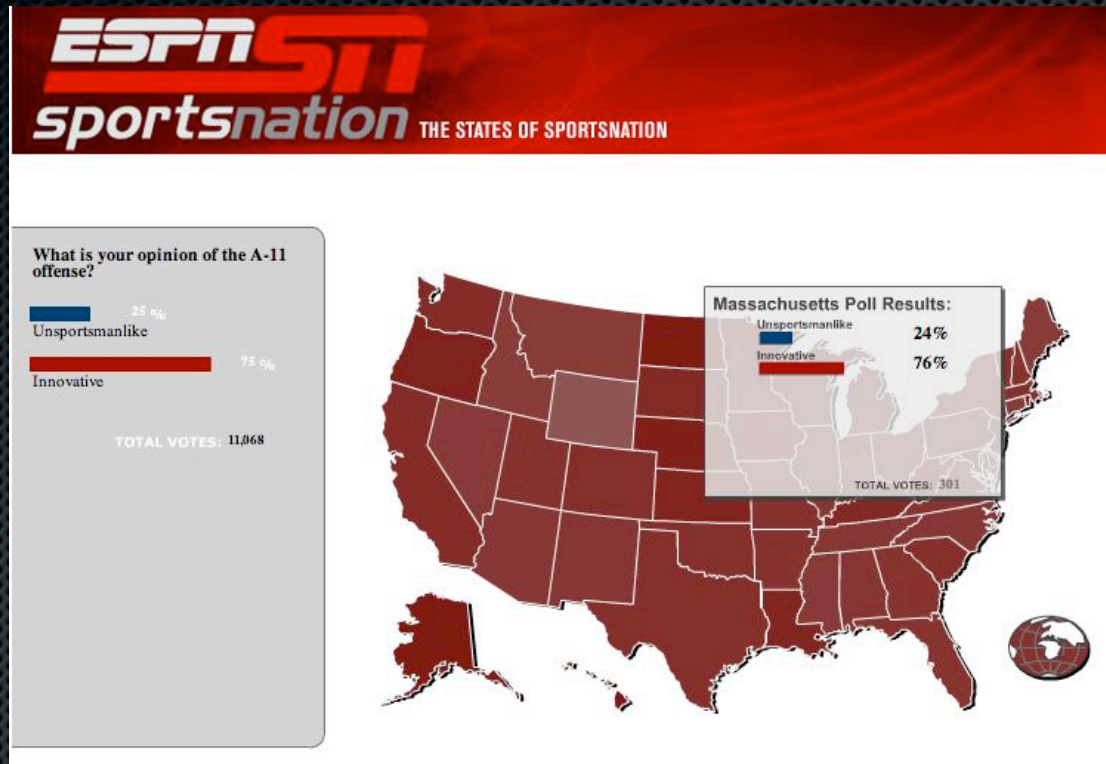
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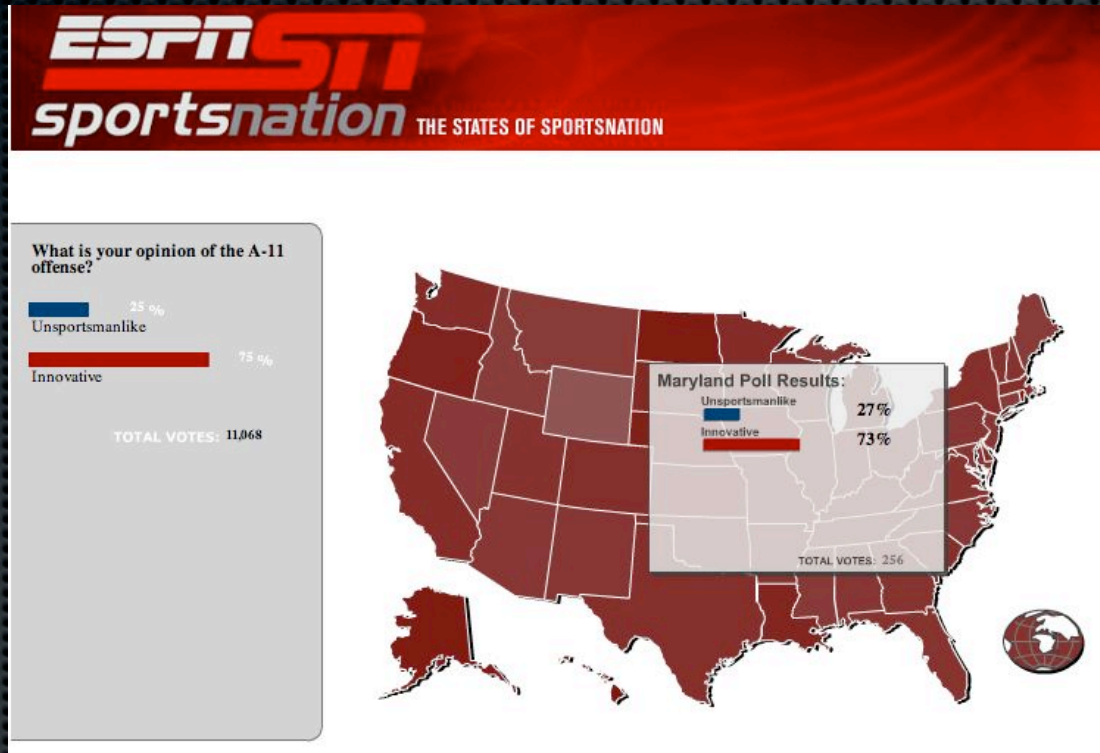
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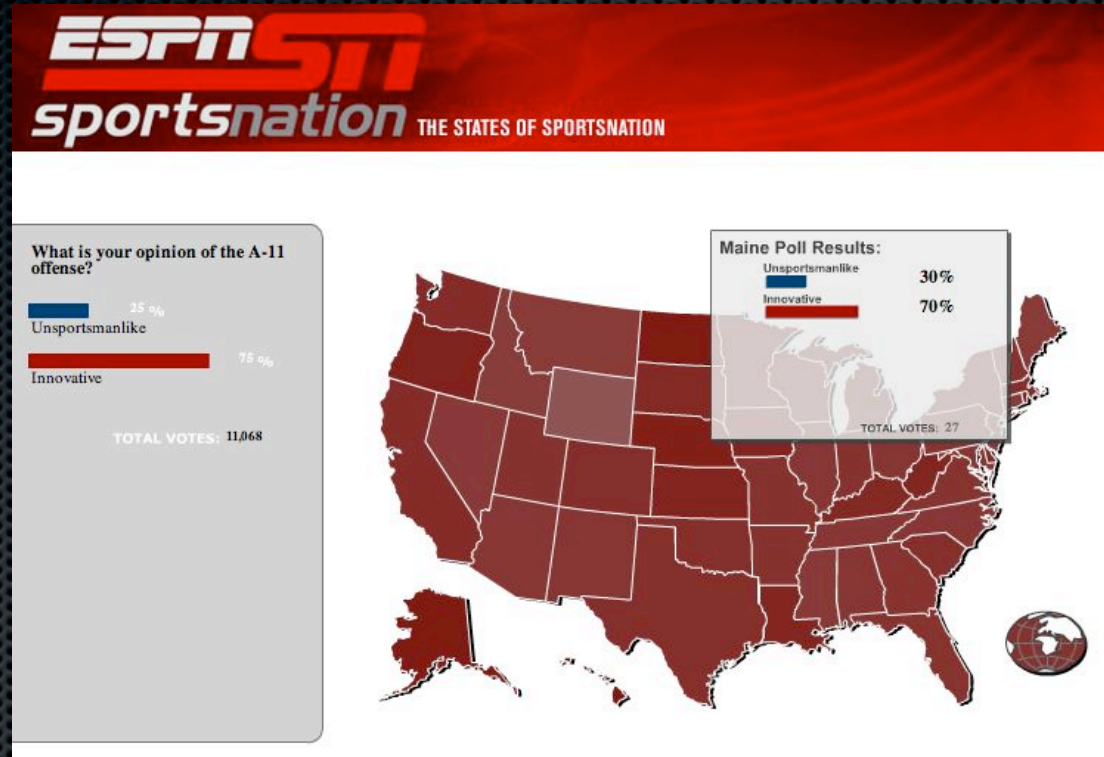
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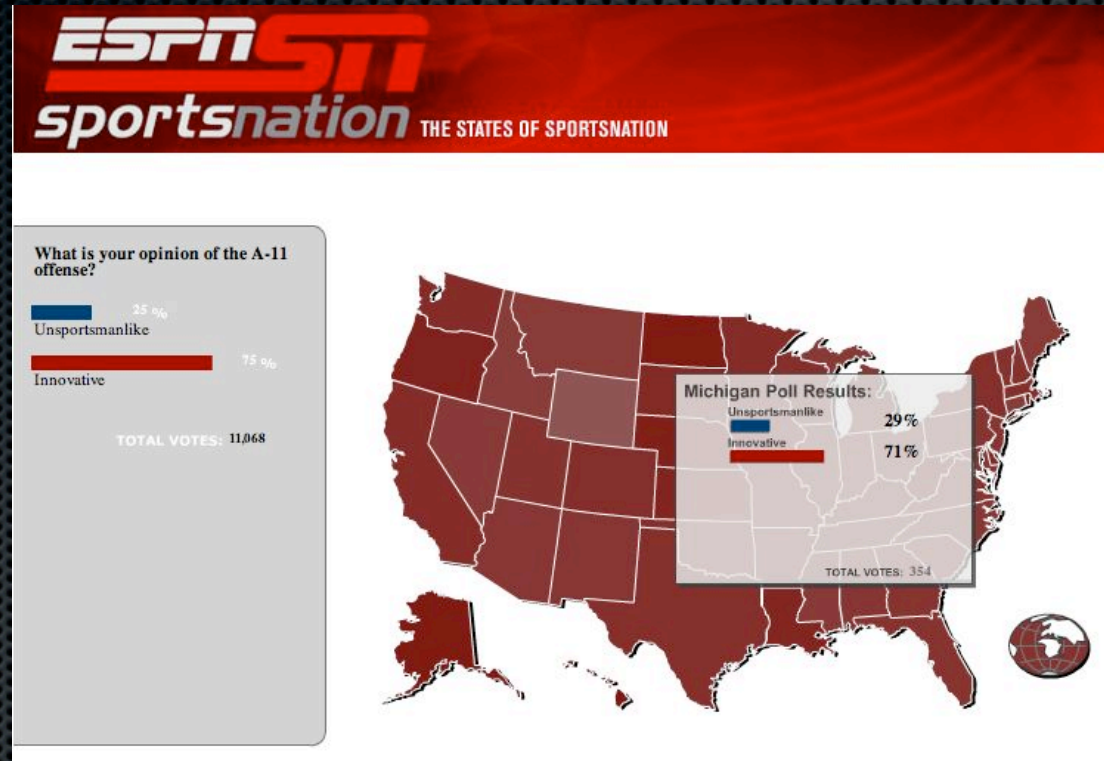
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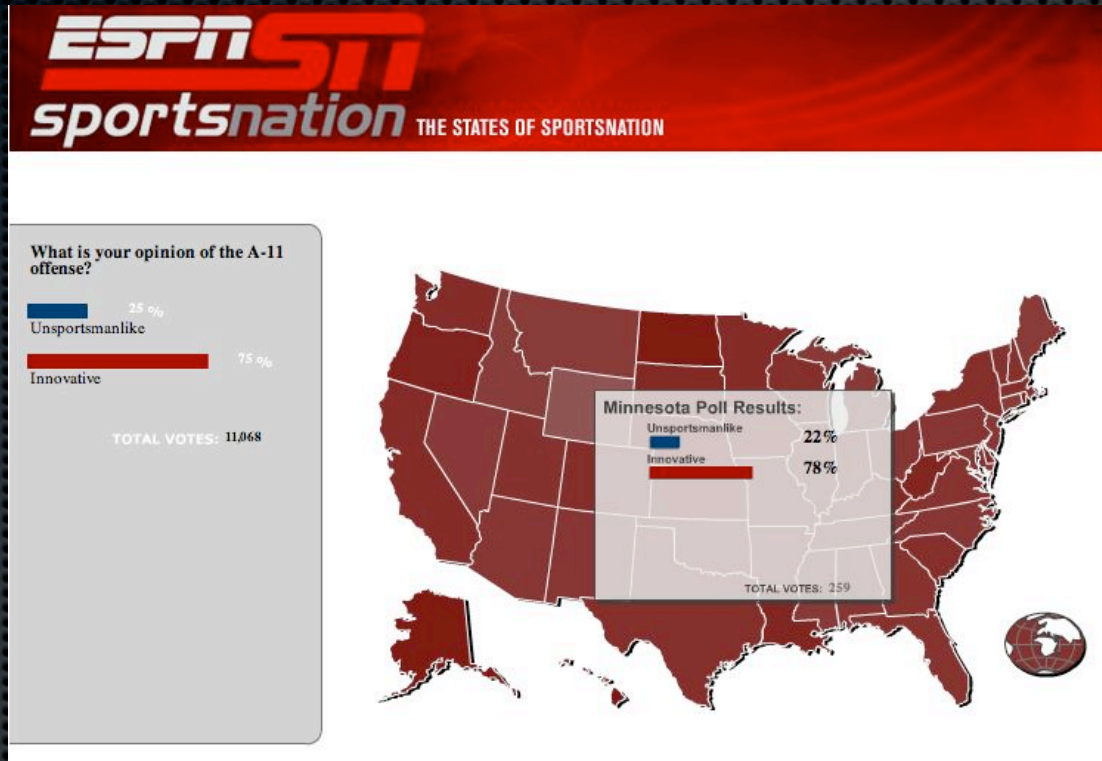
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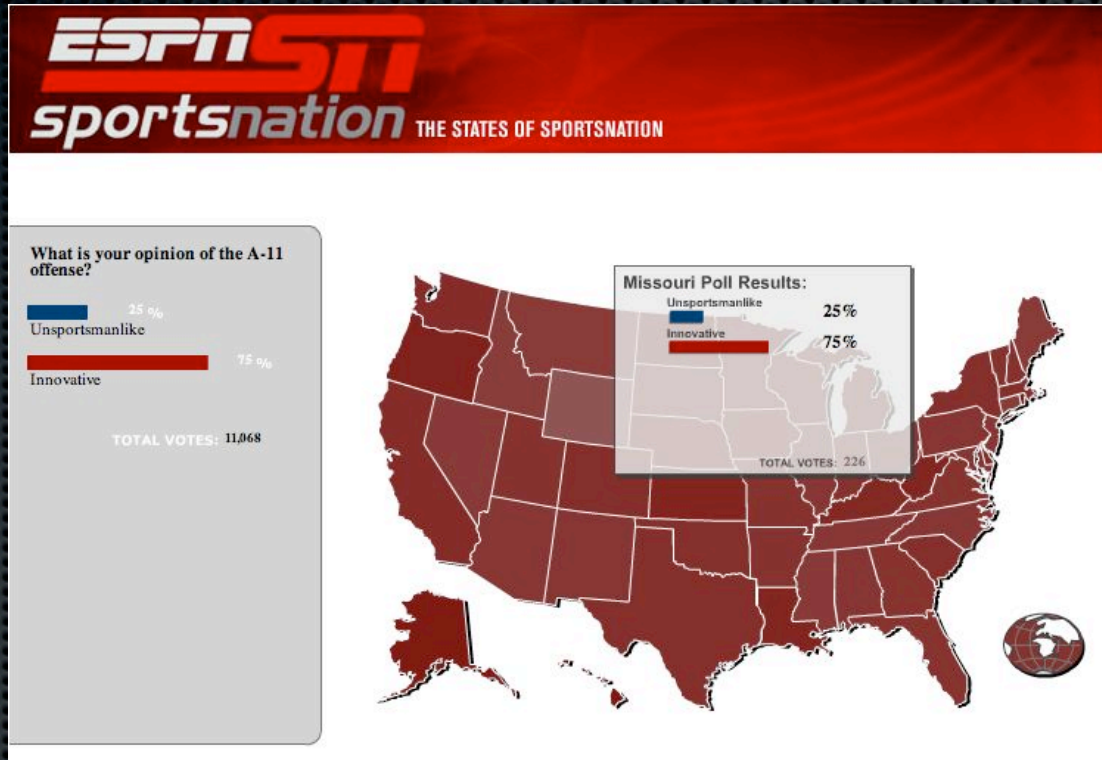
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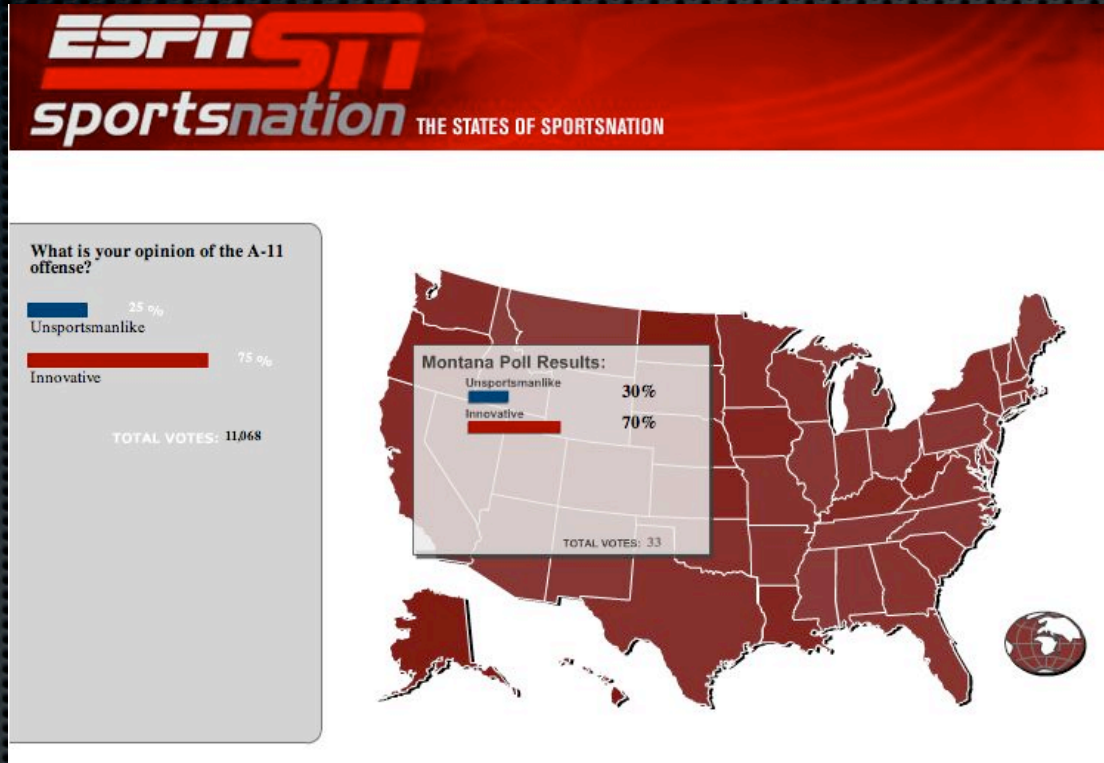
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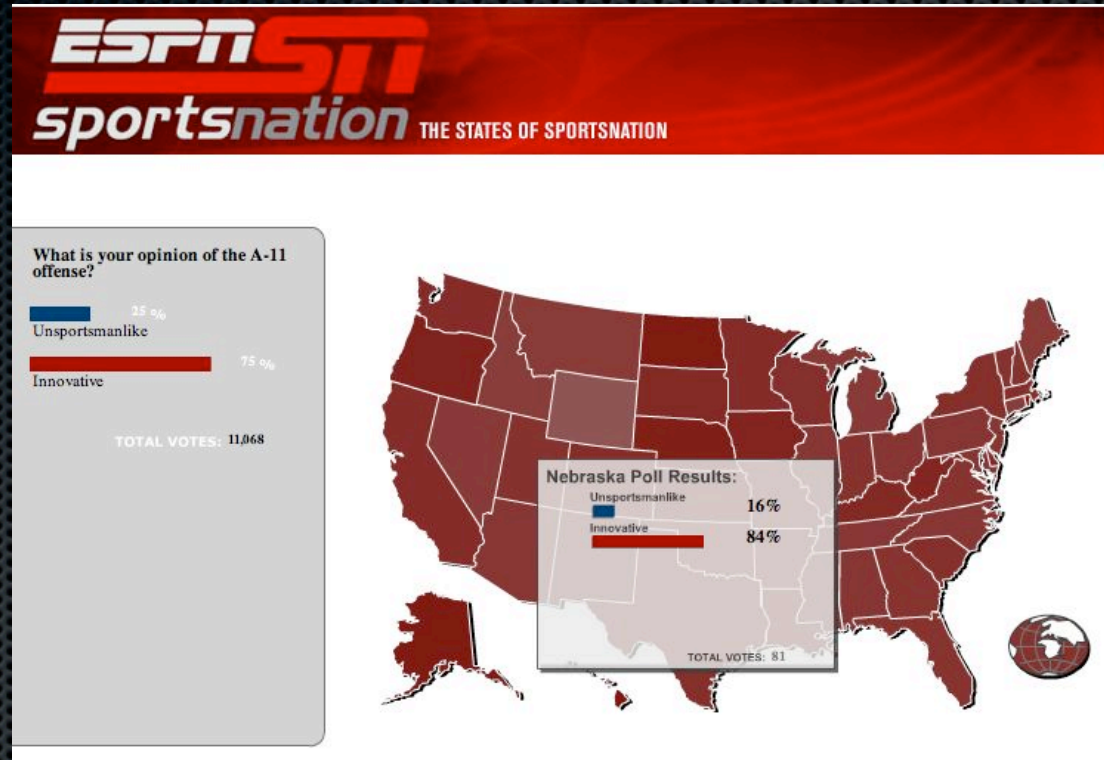
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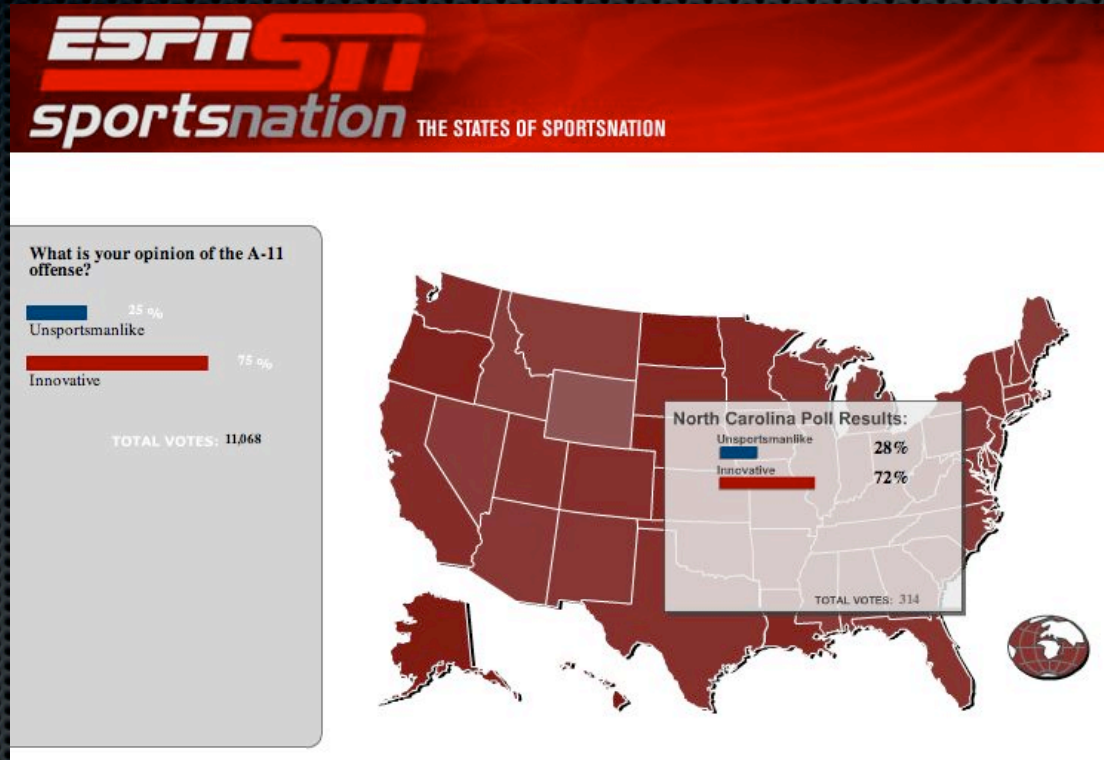
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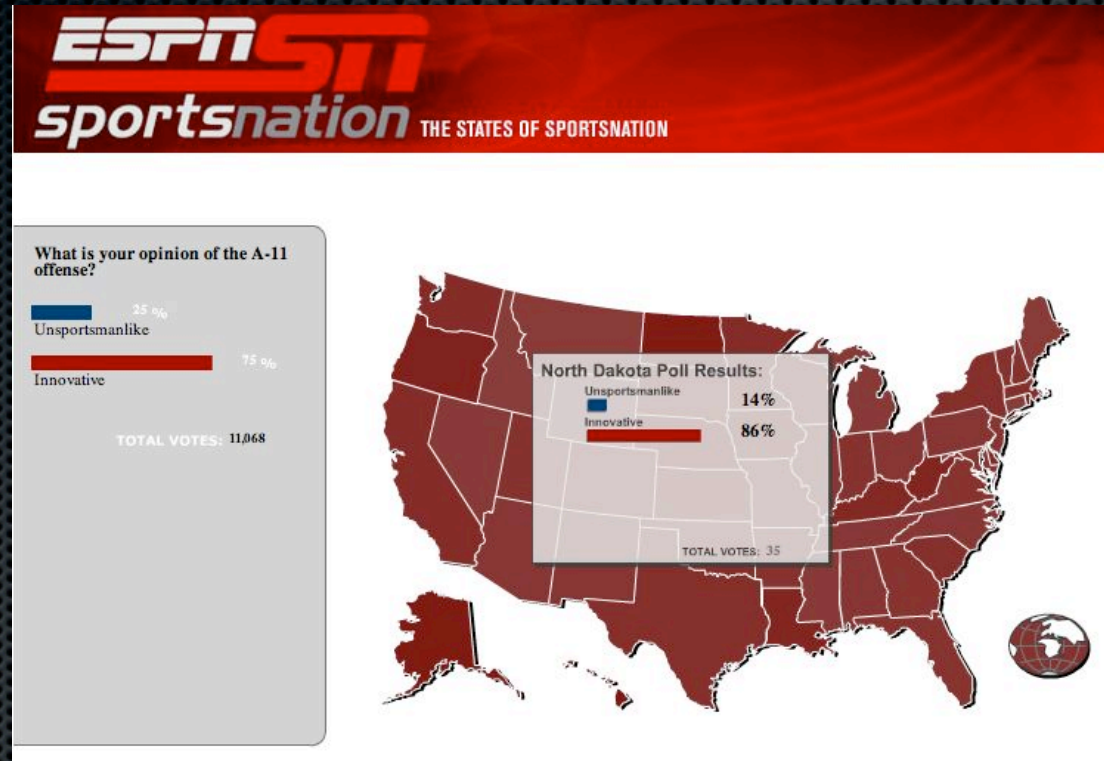
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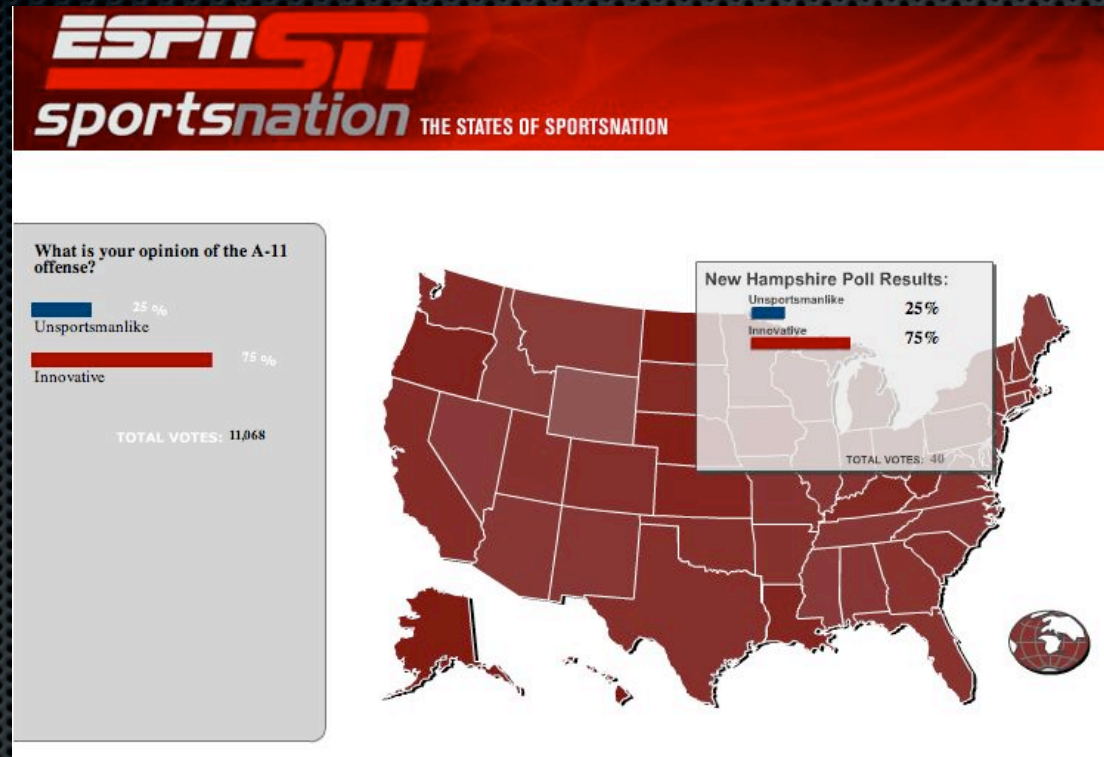
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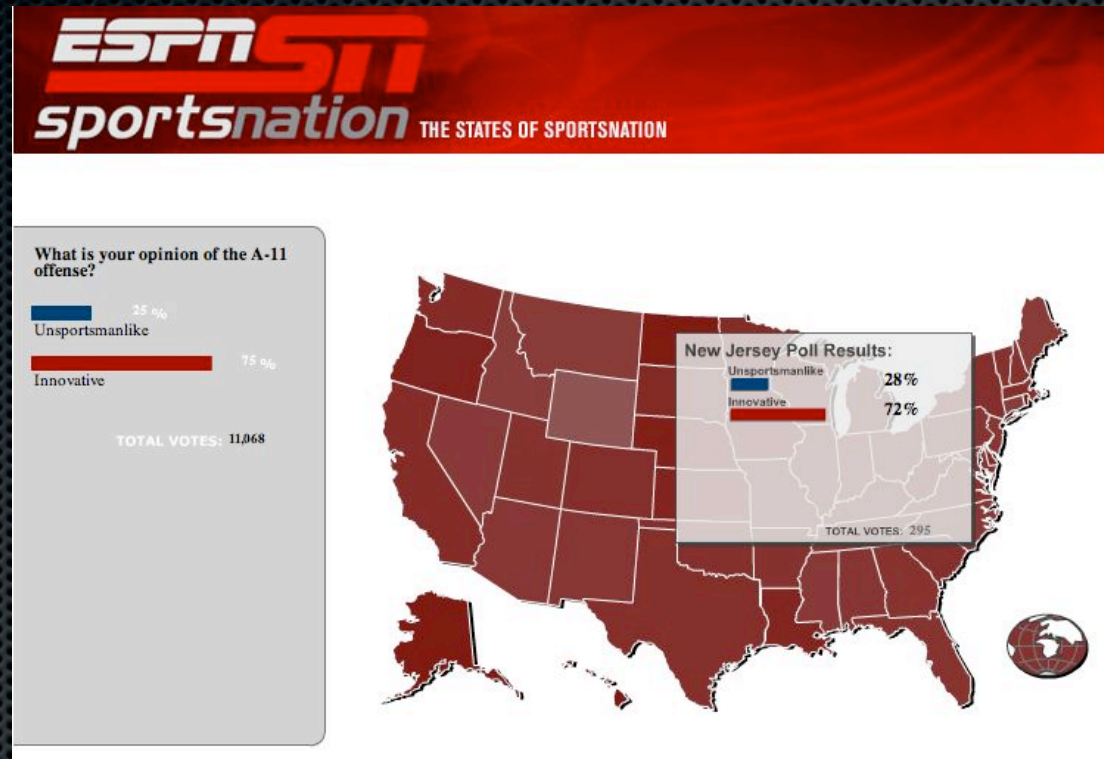
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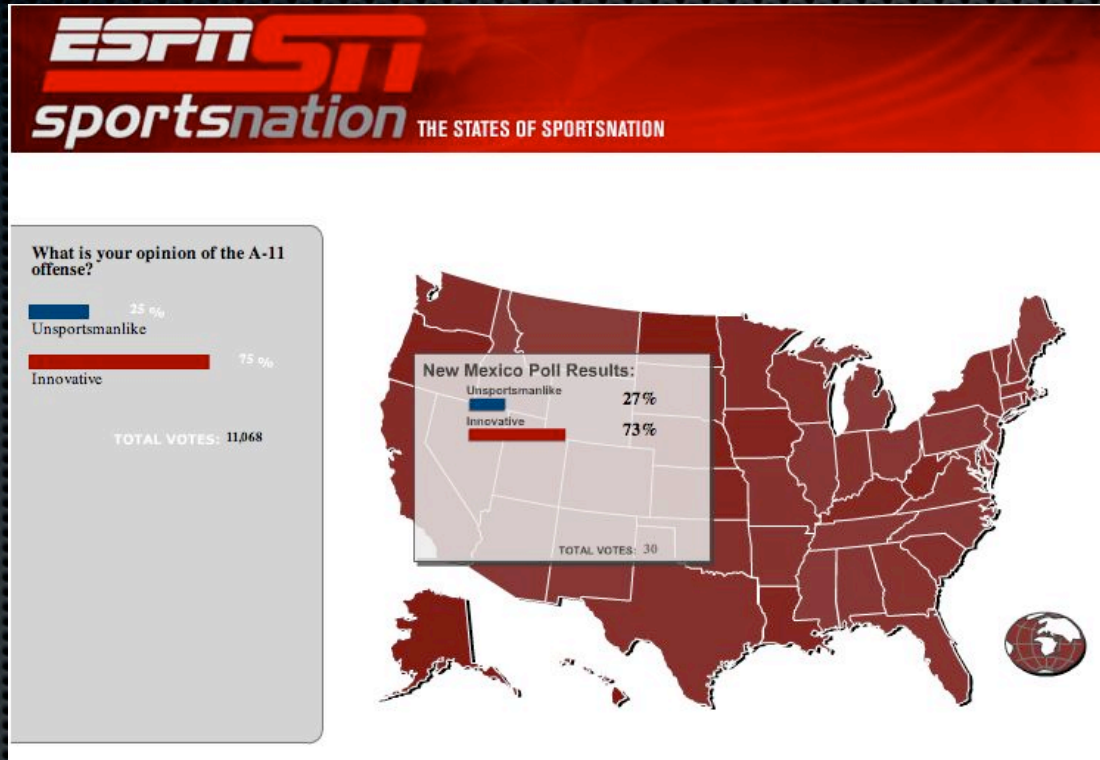
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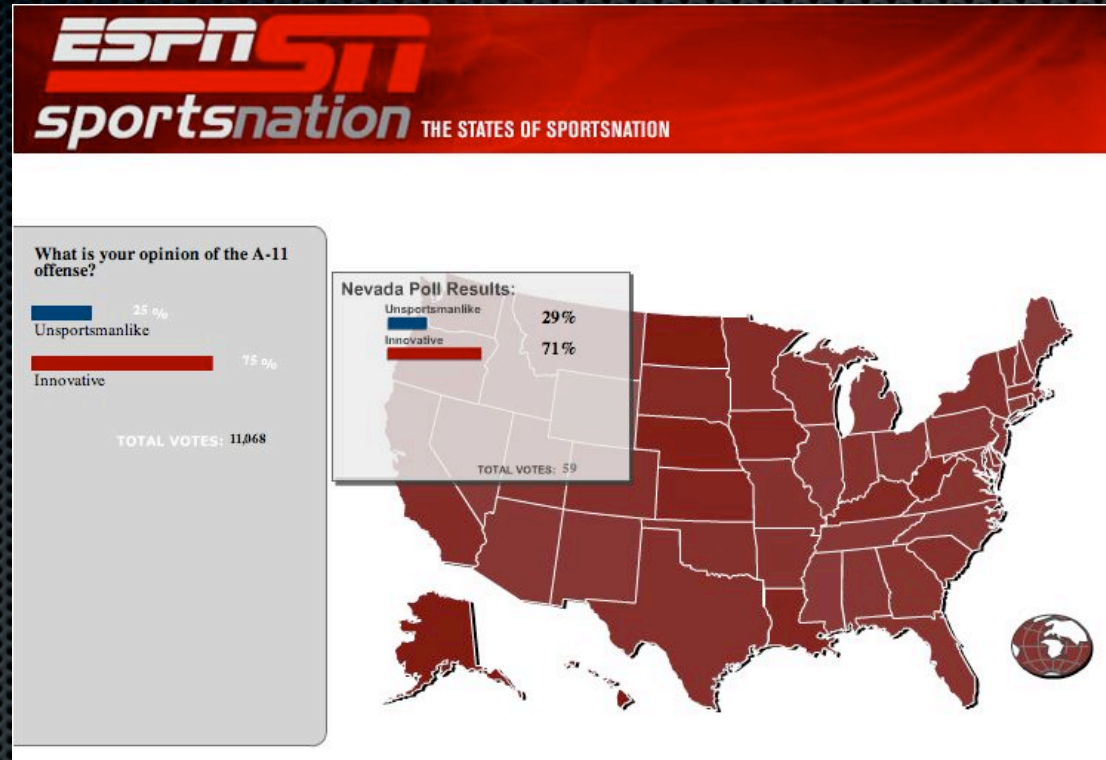
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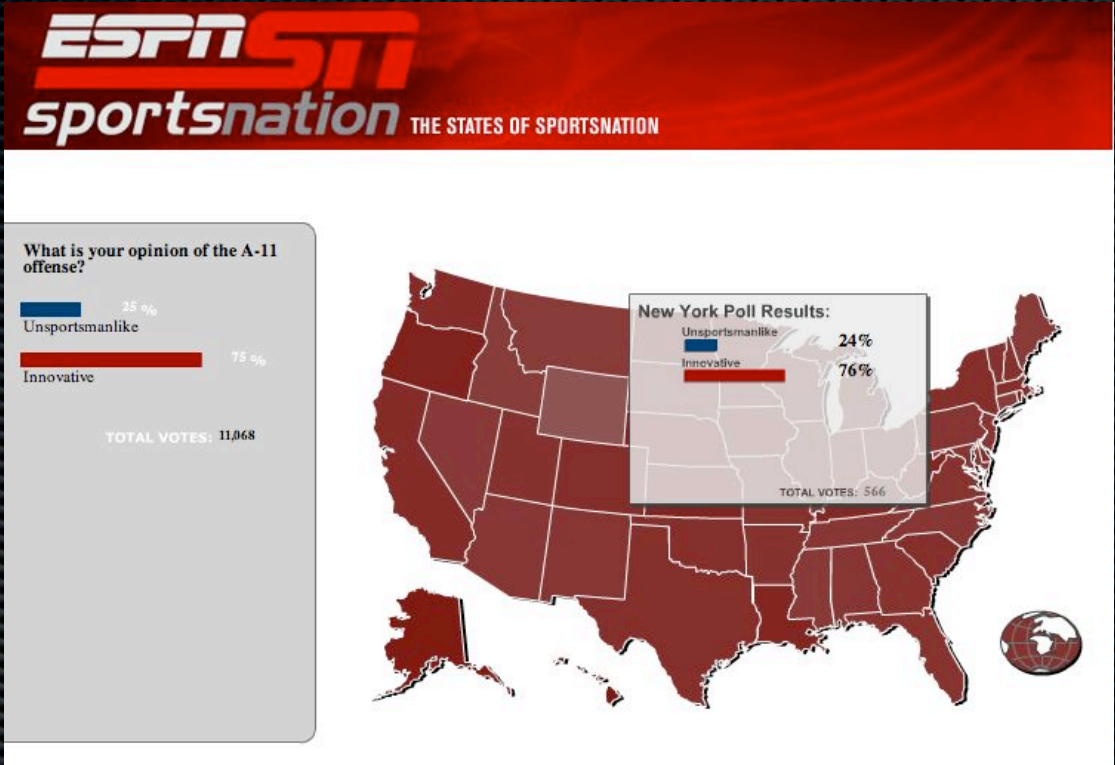
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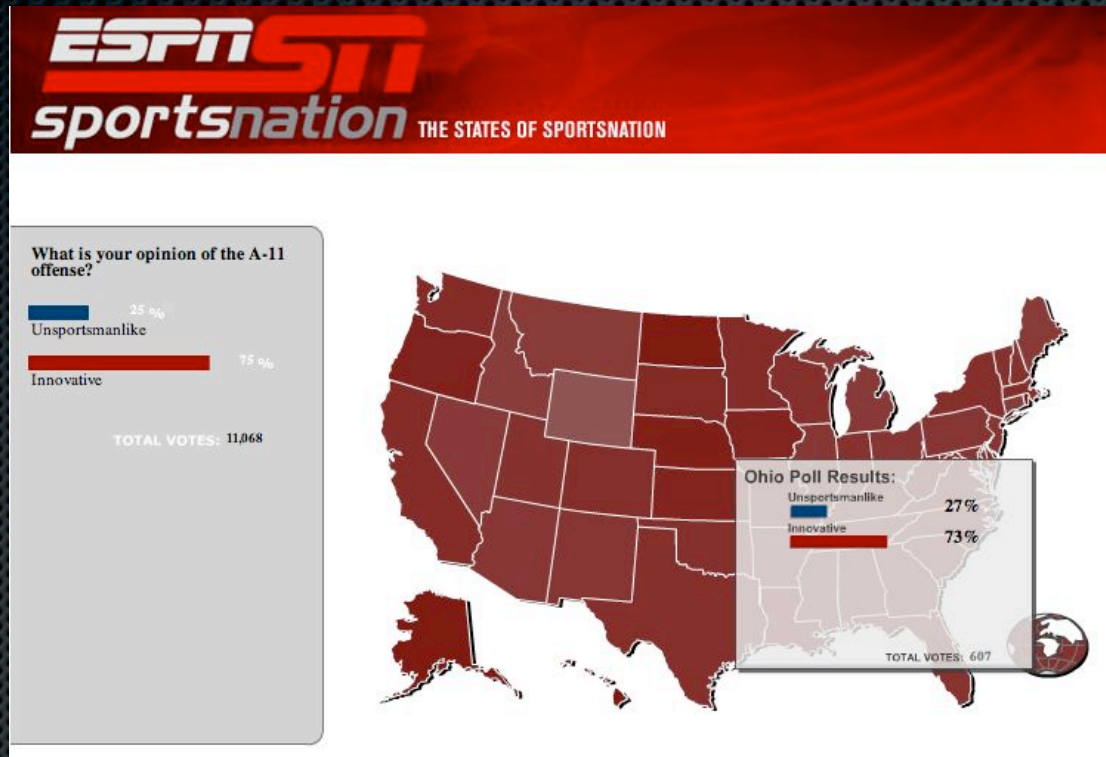
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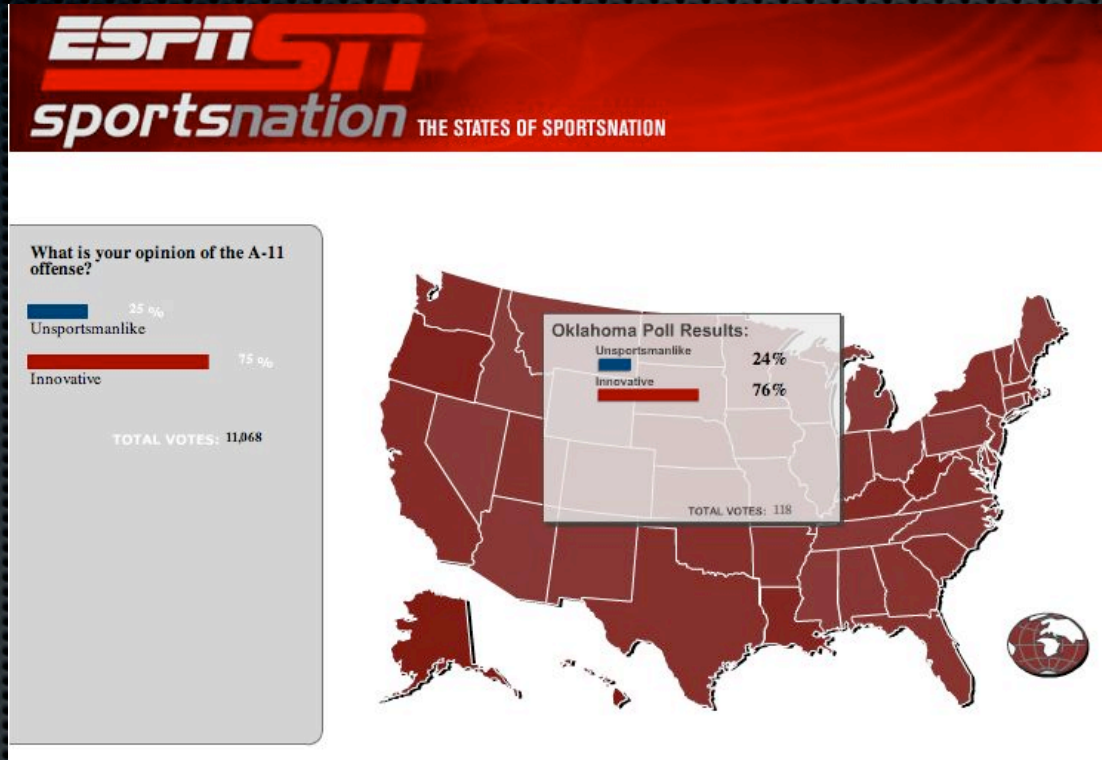
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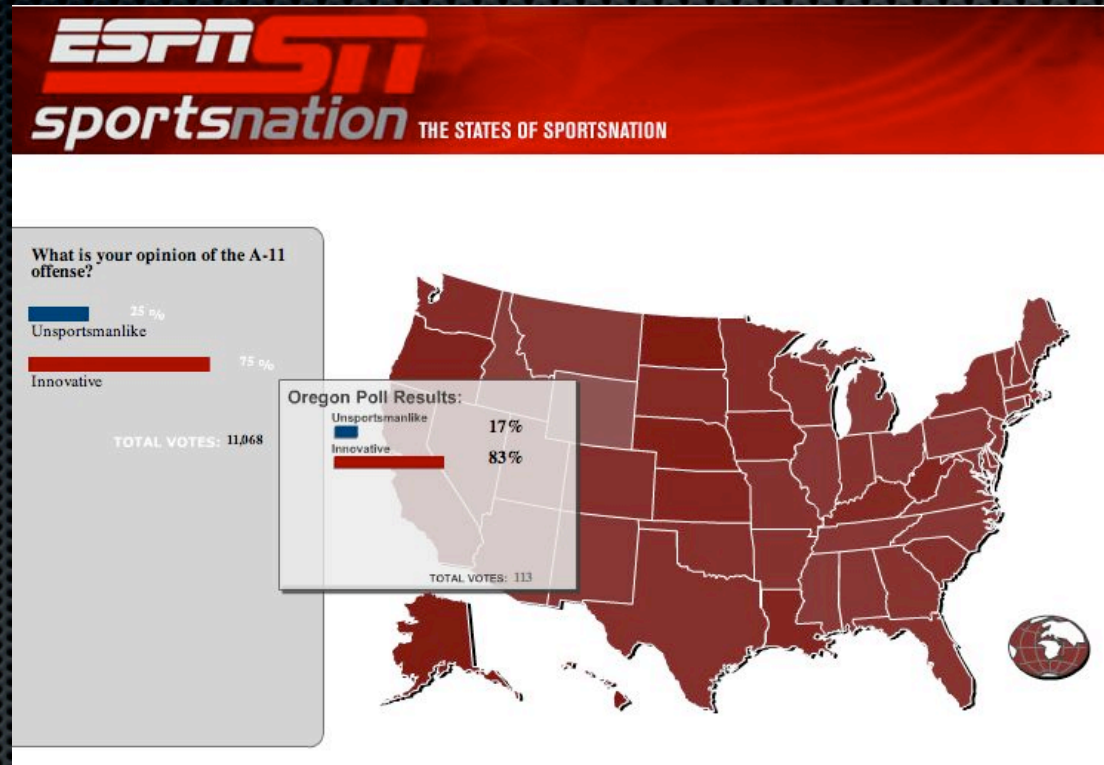
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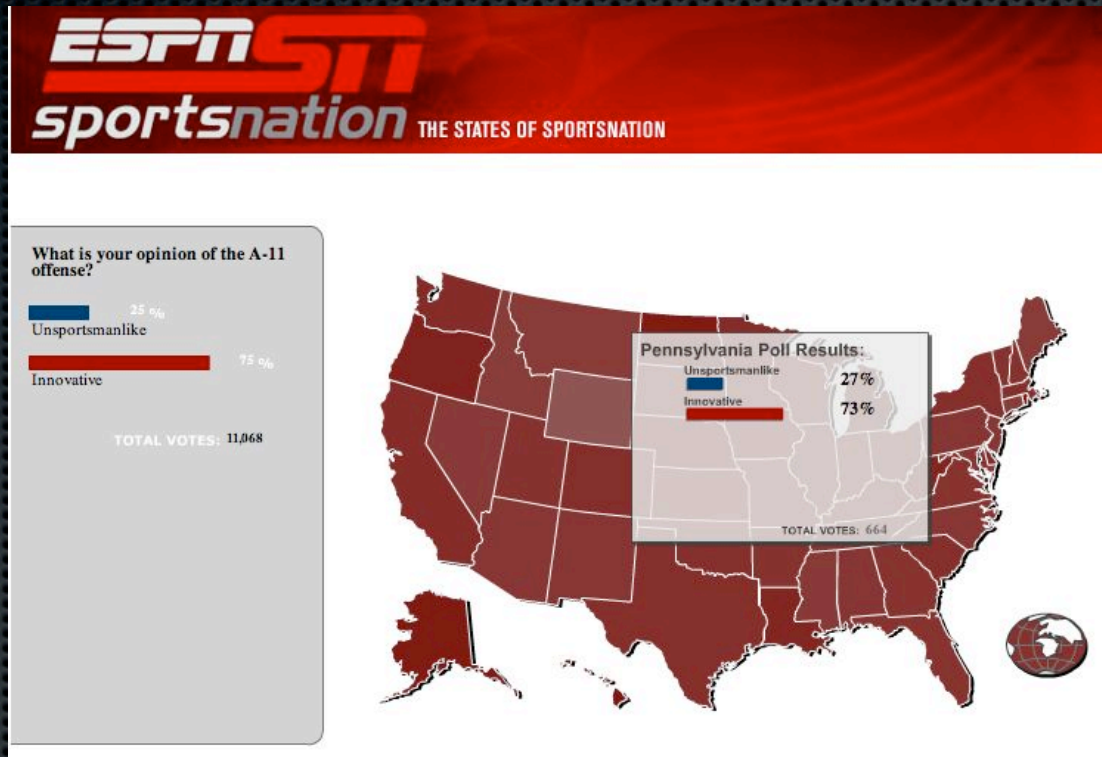
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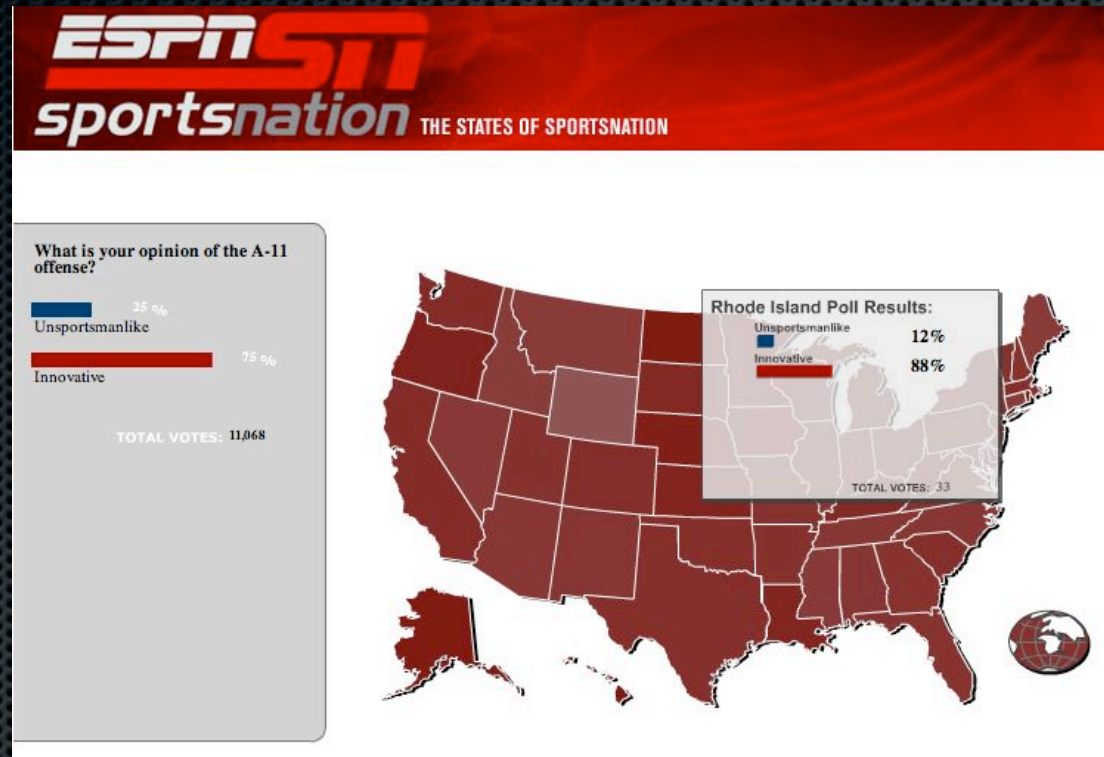
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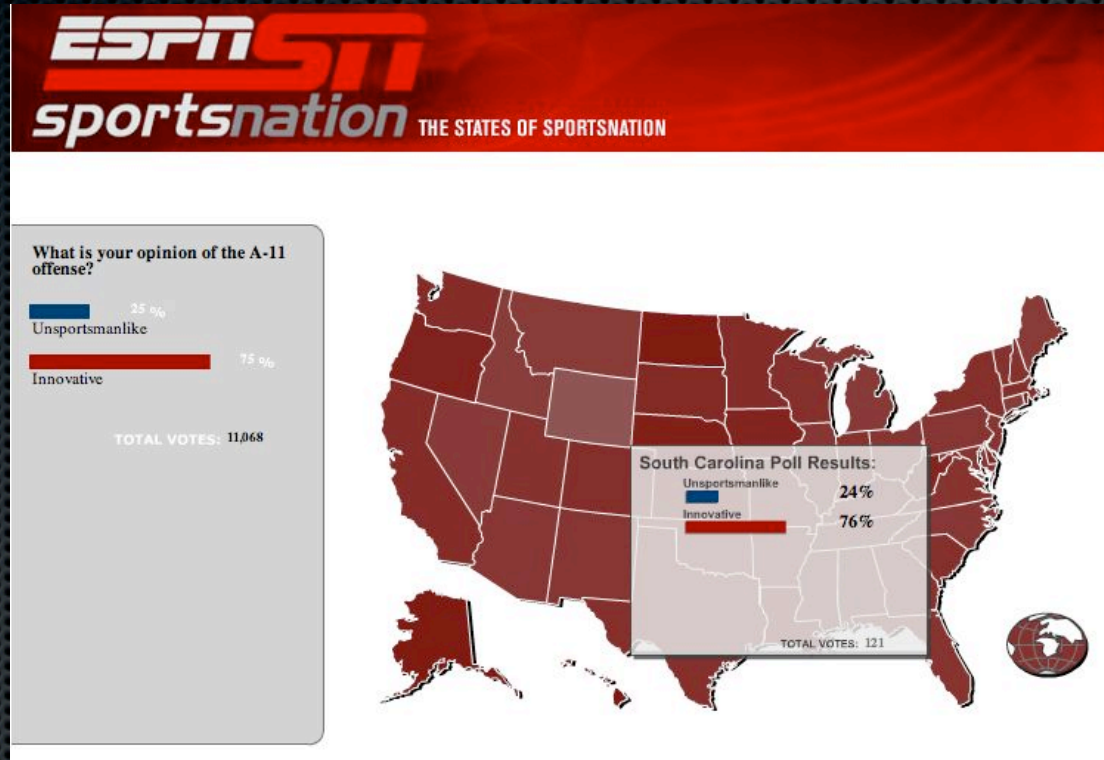
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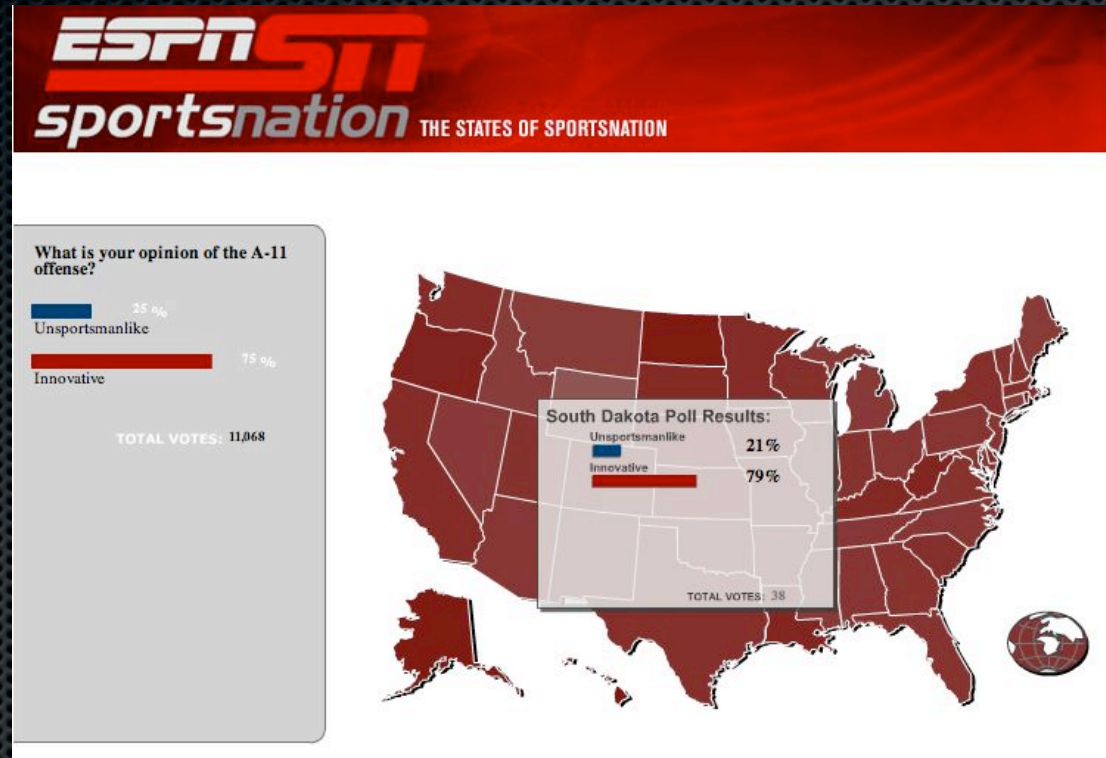
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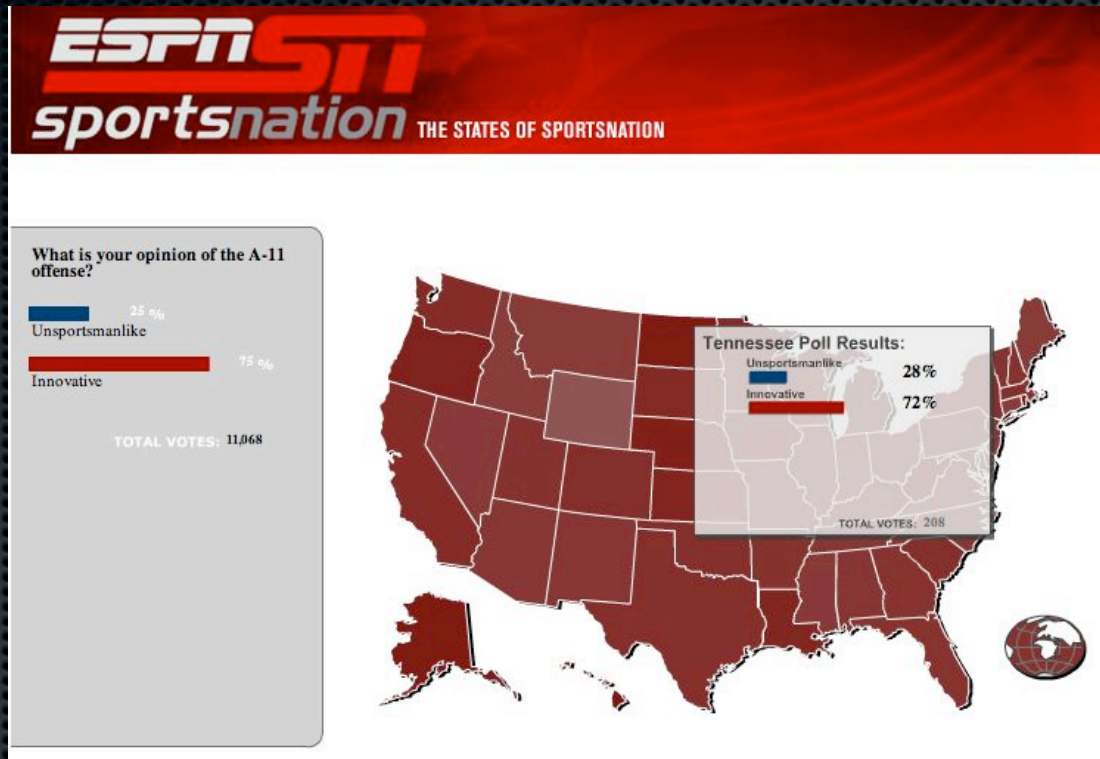
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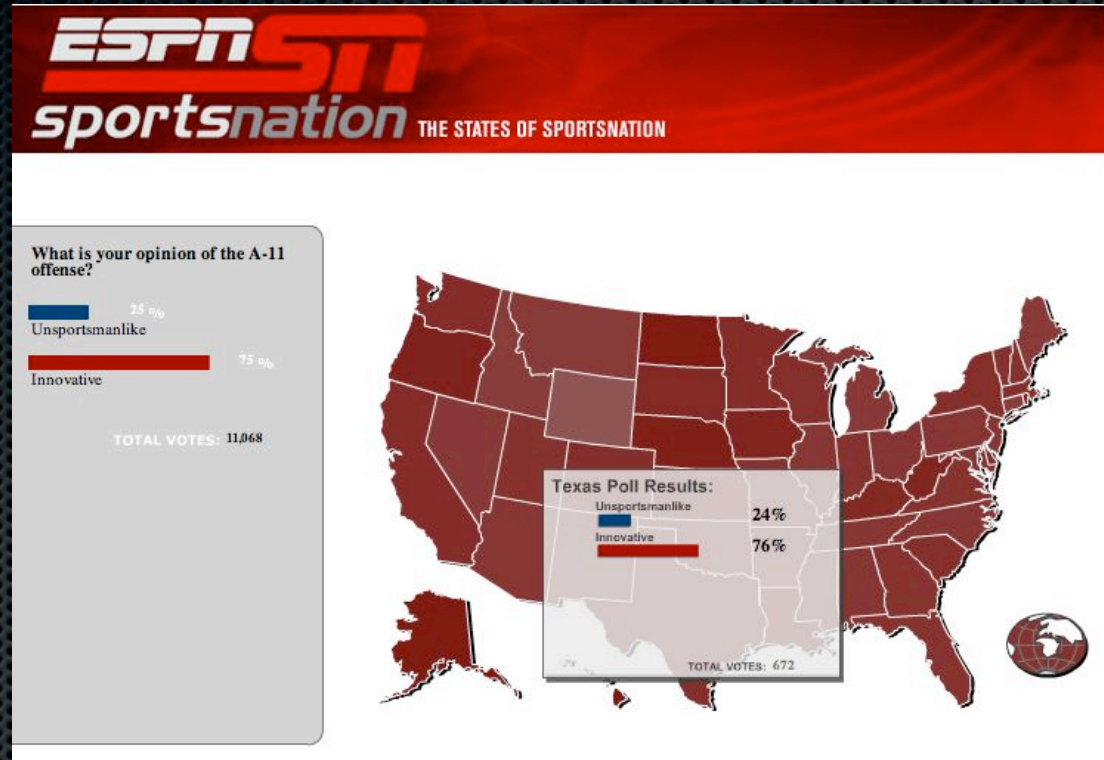
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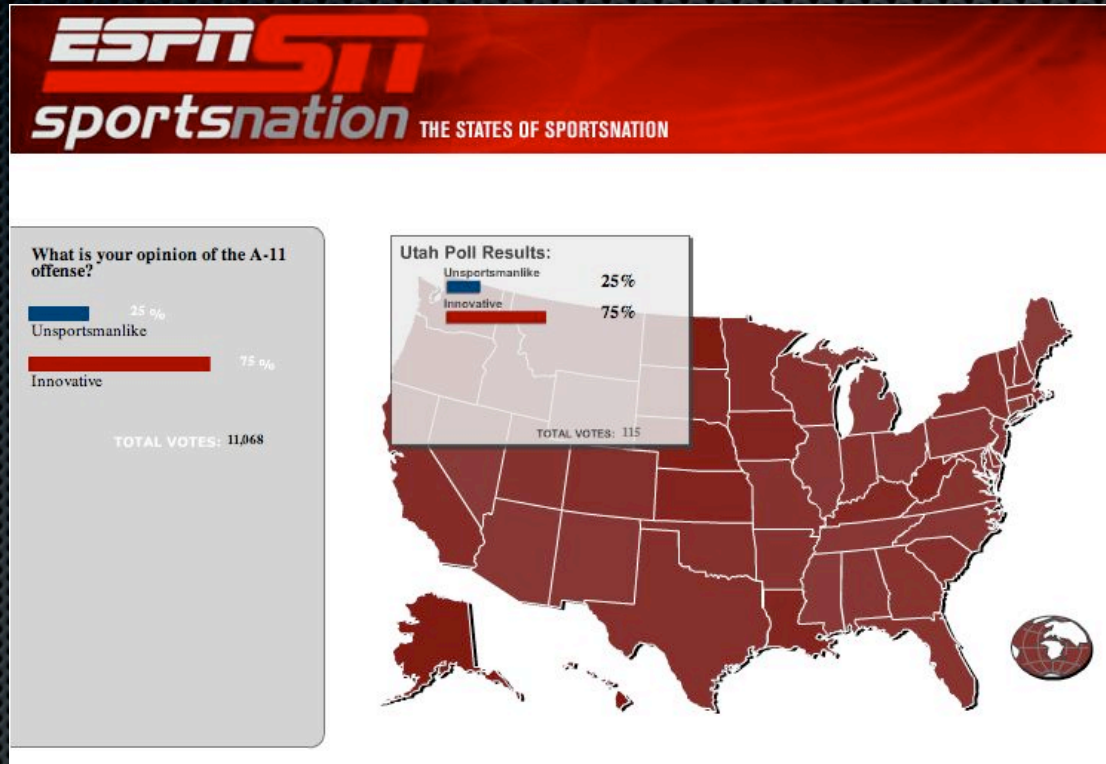
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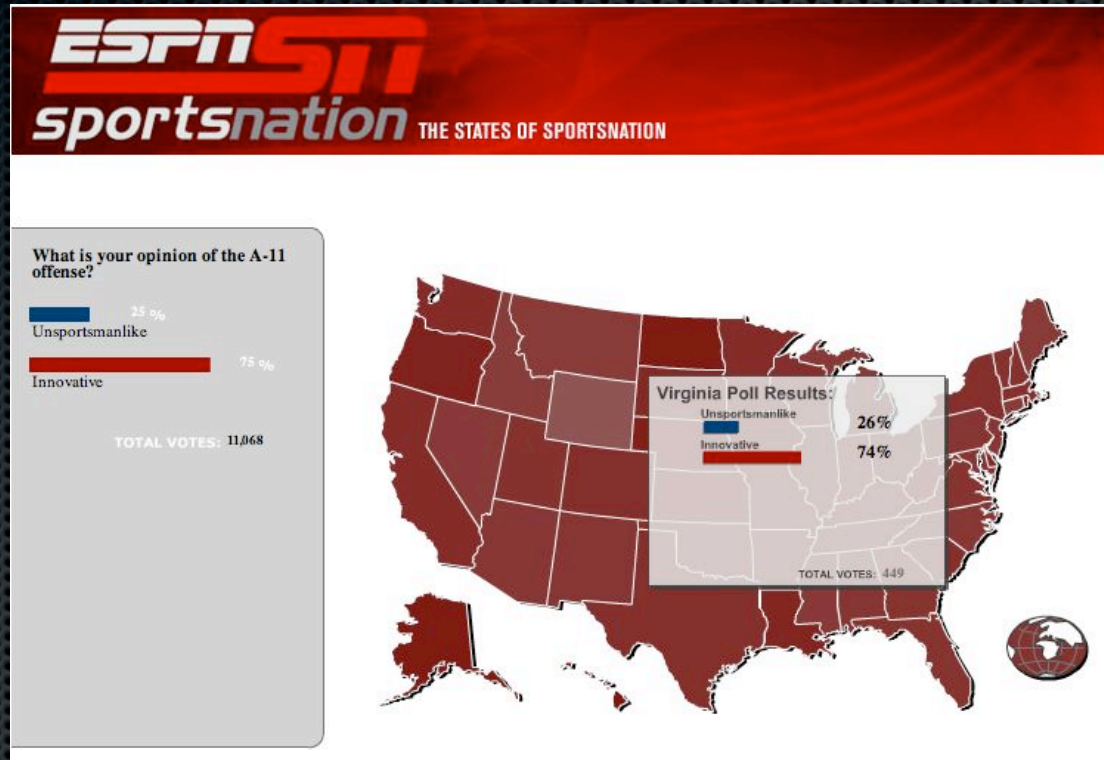
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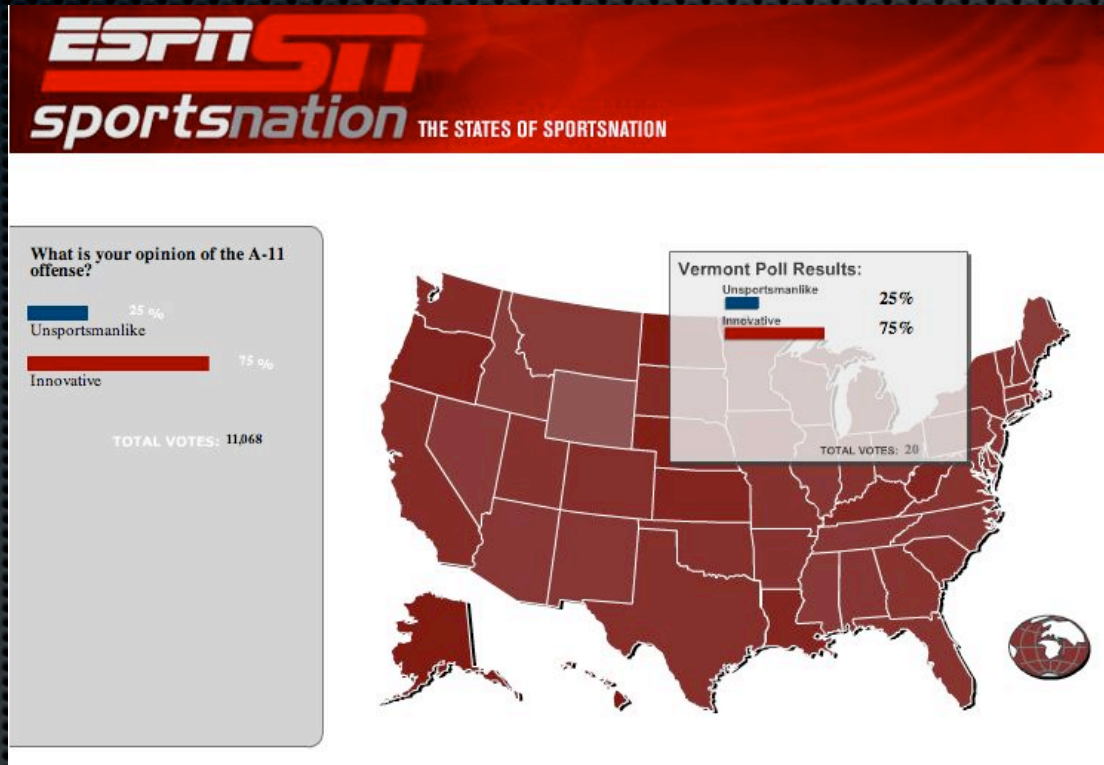
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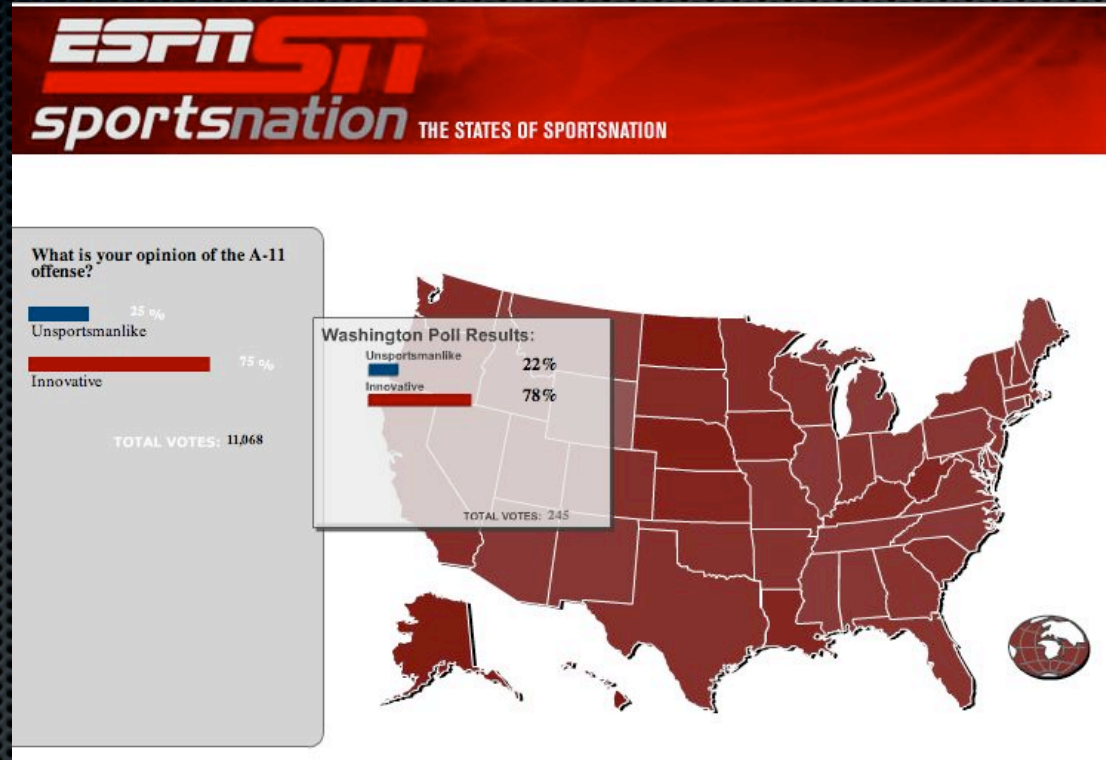
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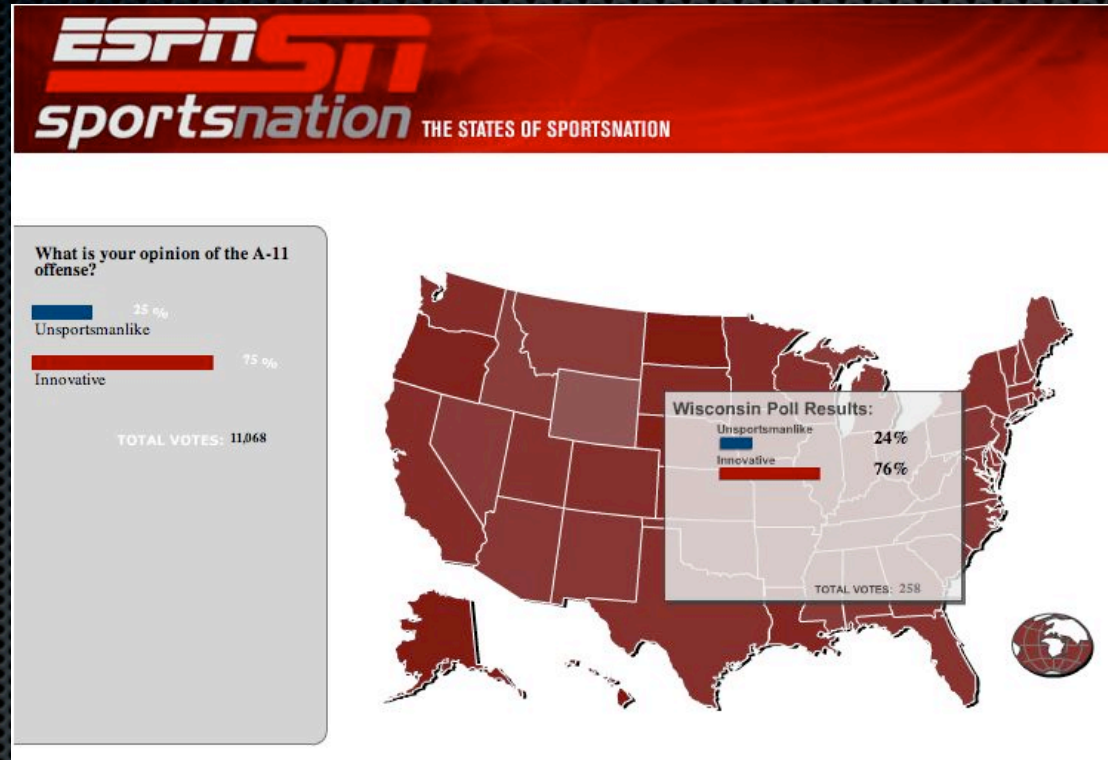
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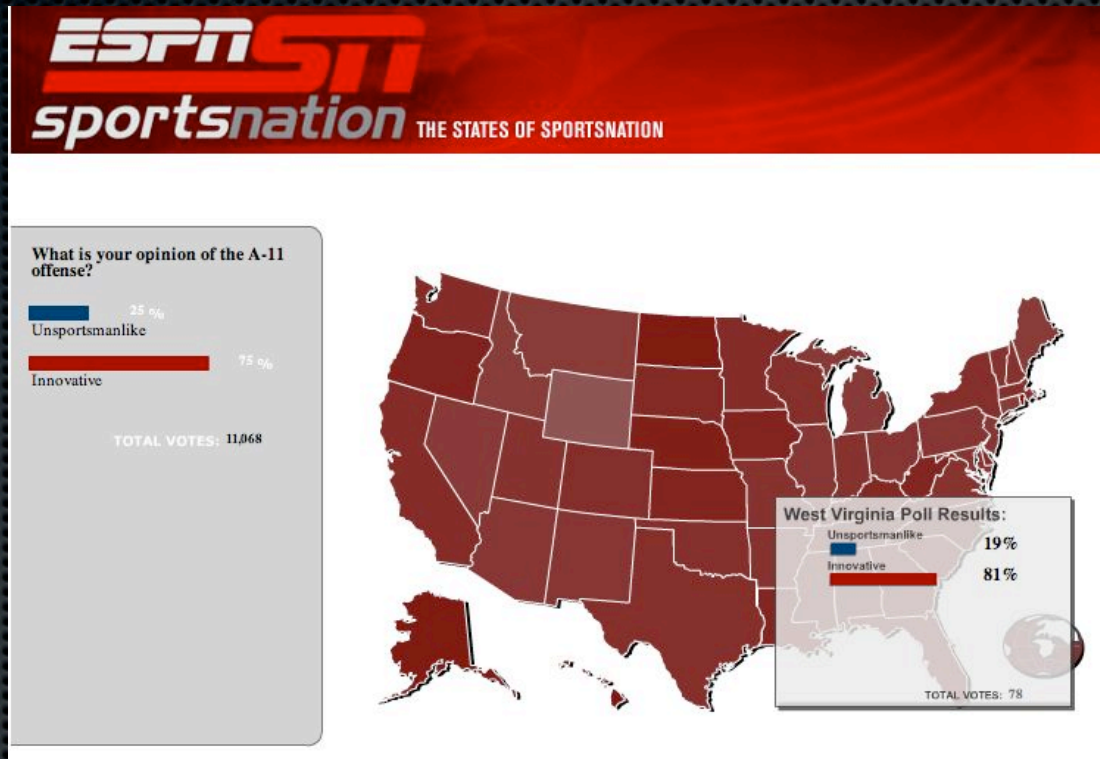
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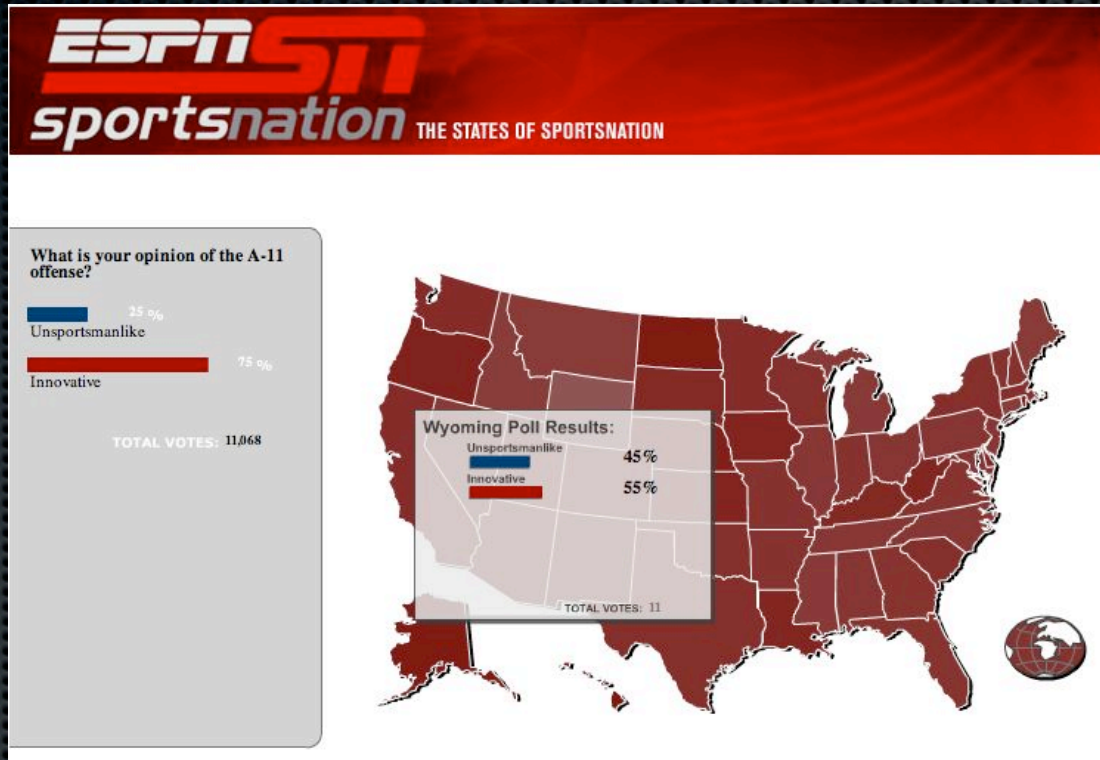
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