

Interviewer Number (last 6 digits of student number) _____

Hello, my name is ____ [FIRST NAME ONLY] ____, and I'm a student at Louisiana State University, LSU, here in Baton Rouge. I'm participating in a survey as part of a class project in sociology...I'm not selling anything. For this survey, I'd like to speak with the person in your household who had the last birthday and who is 18 or older. May I speak to this person?

[IF R IS THIS PERSON, CONTINUE WITH INTRO; IF ANOTHER R COMES TO PHONE, INTRODUCE YOURSELF AGAIN AND CONTINUE]

I'd like to ask you some questions about issues that people have been talking about in Baton Rouge, like jobs, family, safety, and other things. We are conducting this survey for our class work and for academic research. Of course, any answers you give are completely confidential, and you are free to refuse to answer any question or to end the interview at any time.

If you have questions about this survey, you may contact the LSU Sociology Department, at 578-1645. If you have questions about respondents' rights, you may contact Robert C. Mathews, Chairman of the LSU Institutional Review Board, at 578-8692.

May we begin the interview? [RECORD YES ____ OR NO ____]

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1. Please tell me if you think each of the following trends is generally a good thing for our society, a bad thing for our society, or doesn't make much difference?

- ____ A More mothers of young children working outside the home
- ____ B More women not ever having children
- ____ C More gay and lesbian couples raising children
- ____ D More fathers staying home with children so their wives can work full-time

1. Good thing for society
2. Doesn't make much difference
3. Bad thing for society
8. Don't Know
9. NA

2. Do you approve or disapprove of a married woman earning money in business or industry if she has a husband capable of supporting her?
 1. Approve
 2. Disapprove
 3. DK, NA

3. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Because of past discrimination, employers should make special efforts to hire and promote qualified women."
 1. Strongly Agree
 2. Agree
 3. Neither agree nor disagree
 4. Disagree
 5. Strongly disagree
 6. DK, NA

4. Women are more likely than men to take care of children. People have suggested several reasons why this might be so. For example, that women are biologically better-suited to care for children. How important do you think this biological explanation is?
 1. Very important
 2. Important
 3. Somewhat Important
 4. Not at all important
 5. DK, NA

5. When an unmarried man and woman have a child together, how important is it to you that they legally marry - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?
 1. Very important
 2. Somewhat important
 3. Not too important
 4. Not important at all
 5. DK, NA

6. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?
 1. Most people can be trusted
 2. Can't be too careful
 3. Other, depends (Volunteered)
 4. Don't know, No answer

7. Next, we'd like to know how much you trust different groups of people. First, think about (GROUP). Generally speaking, would you say that you can trust them a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?

- A People in your neighborhood
- B (How about) People you work with
- C People at your church or place of worship
- D People who work in the stores where you shop
- E The police in your local community
- F City government

1. Trust them a lot
2. Trust them some
3. Trust them only a little
4. Trust them not at all
5. (VOLUNTEERED) Does not apply
6. Don't Know
7. Refused

(CLARIFY IF NECESSARY: How about in general?)

8. What do you think, does everyone in this country have an opportunity to obtain an education corresponding to their abilities and talents?

1. Yes
2. No
3. DK, NA

9. Now we have some questions about opportunities for getting ahead ... Please tell me for each of these how important you think it is for getting ahead in life.

- A Having well educated parents?
- B Being born a man or a woman?

1. Essential
2. Very important
3. Fairly important
4. Not very important
5. Not important at all
6. DK, NA

10. Is it just or unjust - right or wrong - that people with higher incomes can buy better education for their children than people with lower incomes?
1. Very just, definitely right
 2. Somewhat just, right
 3. Neither just nor unjust, mixed feelings
 4. Somewhat unjust, wrong
 5. Very unjust, definitely wrong
 6. DK, NA
11. As you may know, this year marks the 60th anniversary of the Supreme Court's ruling that required schools to be integrated – that is, that black and white children must be brought together into the same schools. How good a job do you think public schools are doing of serving all children equally, regardless of race?
1. Excellent Job
 2. Good Job
 3. Not-So-Good Job
 4. Poor Job
 5. Not Sure
12. How worried are you about crime in Baton Rouge?
1. Very Worried
 2. Worried
 3. In the Middle
 4. Not very Worried
 5. Not at all Worried
 6. DK/NA
13. Have you ever heard of a crime reduction program in Baton Rouge called "BRAVE?"
1. Yes
 2. No
 3. DK/NA
14. [If YES] How effective do you think the BRAVE program has been in reducing crime?
1. Very effective
 2. Somewhat effective
 3. Not so effective
 4. Not at all effective
 5. DK/NA

15. City-Parish government has limited resources and has to set priorities. All of the following issues are important, but if the city can't do everything, which issues do you think should have the highest priority? Take economic development: should it have the highest priority; high priority; medium priority; or lower priority?

- A Economic Development
- B [How about] Education
- C Reducing Traffic Congestion
- D Fighting Crime
- E Providing Crime Mapping via the Internet
- F Funding the "BRAVE" program, which both targets gang members with stronger law enforcement and also offers them social services
- G Cleaning up Litter and Graffiti
- H Providing free WIFI internet in public places
- I Improving and maintaining infrastructure: roads, sewers, etc.

1. Highest Priority
2. High Priority
3. Medium Priority
4. Lower Priority
5. Don't Know
6. No answer

16. City Services and Infrastructure have to be constantly maintained, but they can be expensive. Which of the following projects do you think should have the highest priority, even if they required higher taxes to pay for them? Take sewage and water drainage: should it have the highest priority; high priority; medium priority; or lower priority?

- A Sewage and water drainage
- B [How about] Roads and bridges
- C Public transportation
- D An Interstate loop that goes around Baton Rouge
- E The development of alternative energy sources
- F Surveillance video cameras in high crime areas
- G Expanding the jail system
- H Drug rehabilitation programs
- I Downtown development
- J Bike Paths

1. Highest Priority
2. High Priority
3. Medium Priority
4. Lower Priority
5. Don't Know
6. No answer

17. Is there any area near where you live – that is, within a mile – where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?
 1. Yes
 2. No
 3. Don't know, No answer

18. Would you favor or oppose a law which would require a person to obtain a police permit before he or she could buy a gun?
 1. Favor
 2. Oppose
 3. DK, NA

19. Neighborhoods in some cities around the country have voted to create special districts that hire off-duty police officers to patrol them, and they tax themselves extra to pay for it. Would you favor or oppose a special patrol district in your neighborhood, even if you had to pay extra taxes to pay for it?
 1. Favor
 2. Oppose
 3. DK, NA

20. Some states have a law that says a person is legally entitled to fight back with deadly force if they feel threatened, even if they could retreat instead. Do you support or oppose this law for your state?
 1. Support
 2. Oppose
 3. Unsure

21. As you may have heard, the unincorporated southeastern portion of East Baton Rouge Parish is considering incorporating itself as a city called St. George. Are you in favor or against the incorporation of St. George as a separate city?
 1. In Favor
 2. Against
 3. DK, NA

22. In your opinion, why do supporters of the proposal want to incorporate a city called St. George? What do you think their main reason is? *[DON'T READ OUT ANSWERS. LET R ANSWER FREELY. CIRCLE ANY ANSWERS MENTIONED, BUT IF THERE ARE MULTIPLE ANSWERS, ASK WHICH IS MOST IMPORTANT & INDICATE BELOW.]*

1. For better schools
2. For local control
3. For lower taxes
4. To attract more business, improve economic growth
5. Racial/racist reasons
6. To get political power
7. Other [specify]
8. DK, No Answer

NOTE: Write down what R said

23. Do you think it would help or hurt the rest of East Baton Rouge Parish, if St. George incorporated as a city? *[DON'T READ OUT ANSWERS]*

1. Help
2. Make no difference
3. Hurt
4. DK, NA

Next I'd like to ask you a couple questions about where you get information.

24. How many days in the past week did you read a daily newspaper?

1. ____ [VALID RANGE 0-7]
2. Don't know
3. Refused

25. How many hours per day do you spend watching TV (television) on an average weekday, that is Monday through Friday? [IF RESPONSE IS 12 OR GREATER, ENTER 12]

1. ____ [VALID RANGE 0-12]
2. Don't know
3. Refused

26. How many hours per day do you spend accessing the internet on an average weekday, that is Monday through Friday? [IF RESPONSE IS 12 OR GREATER, ENTER 12]

1. ____ [VALID RANGE 0-12]
2. Don't know
3. Refused

Now I just have a few questions about your household and your background.

27. First, may I ask, In what year were you born? _____

[RECORD FULL YEAR (e.g., 1967); IF NO ANSWER, ENTER 9999]

28. [IF UNSURE ASK]: Are you male or female?

1. Male
2. Female

29. Do you consider yourself to be: [READ RESPONSE OPTIONS]

1. White
2. Black, African American
3. Asian
4. American Indian
5. Other
6. Don't Know (vol.)
7. No Answer

30. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

1. Yes
2. No
3. No answer/Don't Know

31. Are you currently married, living with a partner, separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never been married?

1. Married
2. Living with partner
3. Separated
4. Divorced
5. Widowed
6. Single, never married
7. Don't Know
8. No Answer

32. [If married, separated, divorced, or widowed] How old were you when you first married?

33. Do you have children? How many?

- 0. None
- 1. One
- 2. Two
- 3. Three
- 4. Four or more
- 5. Other answer
- 6. No Answer

34. [If children] How old were you when your first child was born?

35. [If children] And how old is your [oldest] child?

Interviewer: Try to find a "reference child" age 8-14. It's okay to improvise slightly here. If oldest child is 7 or younger, skip to Q 42. If oldest child is 8-14, simply continue. If oldest child is 15 or older, say "I have a couple questions about middle school children, children aged about 8-14. Do you happen to have a child age 8-14? [If no] Then could you answer a couple questions about your [oldest] child when s/he was about 8-14?"

36. [Ask about "reference child"] Is that a boy or a girl [man or woman, if that age]

- 1. Male
- 2. Female

37. What does/did s/he do most days after school, before dinnertime? *[DON'T READ OUT ANSWERS. LET R ANSWER FREELY. CIRCLE ANY ANSWERS MENTIONED, BUT IF THERE ARE MULTIPLE ANSWERS, ASK WHICH IS MOST FREQUENT & INDICATE BELOW.]*

- 1. After school sports program at school
- 2. Other after school program at school
- 3. After school sports program NOT at school
- 4. Other after school program NOT at school
- 5. Does/did homework at home
- 6. Watched TV or visited with friends at home or at friend's home
- 7. Hung out in public place or on street, with or without friends
- 8. Other [specify]
- 9. DK, No Answer

NOTE: Write down what R said

38. How much education do/did you think s/he will/would get? How far do/did you think s/he will/would stay in school? *[DON'T READ OUT ANSWERS]*

1. Less than High School Diploma
2. High School Diploma
3. Vocational/Technical school, Community College
4. Learned a Trade
5. Some College
6. College degree
7. Some graduate school
8. Graduate degree
9. Other [specify]
10. DK, No Answer

NOTE: Write down what R said; note any multiple answers

39. What kind of job do/did you think s/he will/would get?

40. Does/did s/he have a mentor of some kind, I mean an adult other than his/her parents who tries to help him/her in life?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

41. [If yes] What does/did the mentor do? I mean, is/was it a school teacher, a neighbor, a relative, a coach, a music teacher, or what? *[DON'T READ OUT ANSWERS]*

1. School teacher
2. Neighbor
3. Relative
4. A Coach
5. A Music teacher
6. Clergy or religious leader
7. Other [specify]
8. DK, No Answer

NOTE: Write down what R said; note any multiple answers

42. What is the highest grade of schooling that *you yourself* have completed? [READ RESPONSES IF NECESSARY]

1. 8th Grade or less
2. Some high school
3. High School Diploma
4. Vocational/Technical school
5. Some College
6. College degree
7. Some graduate school
8. Graduate degree
9. Don't Know
10. No Answer

43. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1. Protestant [ASK A]
2. Catholic
3. Jewish
4. Other [SPECIFY IN B]
5. None [SKIP NEXT QUESTION]
6. Don't Know
7. No Answer

A. What specific denomination is that, if any? [PROBE FOR EXACT DENOMINATION] _____

B. [RECORD OTHER] _____

44. Are you a member of a local church, synagogue, or other religious or spiritual community?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. Refused

45. Not including weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services? [IF NECESSARY PROBE WITH CATEGORIES]

1. Every week (or more often)
2. Almost every week
3. Once or twice a month
4. A few times per year
5. Less often than that
6. Don't know
7. Refused

46. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or what?

1. Republican [ASK B]
2. Democrat [ASK B]
3. Independent [ASK C]
4. Other [SPECIFY AND ASK C]
5. No Preference [ASK C]

B. [IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT] Would you call yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or not a very strong (Republican/Democrat)?

1. Strong
2. Not very strong

C. [IF INDEPENDENT, NO PREFERENCE, OR OTHER] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

1. Republican
2. Democratic
3. Neither

47. Who did you vote for in the 2012 Presidential election?

1. Barack Obama (D)
2. Mitt Romney (R)
3. Someone else [Volunteered]
4. Didn't vote
5. Don't remember
6. No Answer, Refused

48. Who did you vote for in the 2012 election for Mayor of Baton Rouge? Did you vote for [Read four candidate names...]

1. Kip Holden
2. Mike Walker
3. Steve Myers
4. Gordon Mese
5. Someone else [Volunteered]
6. Didn't vote
7. Don't remember, No Answer, Refused

49. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kip Holden is handling his job as Mayor of Baton Rouge?

1. Approve
2. Disapprove
3. Unsure

50. If Kip Holden ran for Lieutenant Governor, do you think you would vote for him?

[DON'T READ ANSWERS]

1. Yes
2. Probably
3. Probably Not
4. No
5. Don't know, Refused
6. Other [pls specify]

51. We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. Would you call yourself [READ ANSWER CATEGORIES]:

1. Extremely Liberal
2. Liberal
3. Slightly Liberal
4. Moderate, middle of the road
5. Slightly Conservative
6. Conservative
7. Extremely Conservative
8. Don't Know
9. No Answer

52. [Ask Respondent:] What is your Zip Code?

_____ [DON'T ASK: Enter Zip code from sample (phone) sheet, if available]

53. [Ask Respondent:] What city do you live in?

_____ [DON'T ASK: Enter City from sample (phone) sheet, if available]

54. What is the name of the subdivision or neighborhood you live in?

[INTERVIEW IS COMPLETE IF YOU REACH THIS POINT]

55. Just one more question: I'm going to read you a series of income categories. Please stop me when I get to the category that includes the total income that you and all other members of your household earned before taxes last year, from all sources.

1. Under \$25,000
2. Under \$35,000
3. Under \$50,000
4. Under \$75,000
5. Under \$100,000
6. Under \$200,000
7. More than \$200,000
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

This concludes the interview. Thank you for participating in this survey and giving so generously of your time.