

FAQs: Frequently Asked Questions - and Answers - for Sociology 2211 Survey

WHY IS THIS SURVEY BEING DONE?

This survey is being done so that students in a sociology class at LSU can learn how to do social research and how to analyze survey data. We students chose questions about society that we thought would be interesting. The results may also be reported to the press and community leaders and may be further analyzed for academic research.

WHO IS SPONSORING THIS STUDY?

This study is conducted by a sociology class at LSU. The class is studying methods of social research.

WHY SHOULD I TAKE PART IN THIS STUDY?

Different people have different opinions, so it is important that we include everyone so that everyone's opinions are represented.

WHAT WILL BE DONE WITH THE STUDY RESULTS?

The survey results will be used by the students in a sociology class at LSU to learn how to collect opinion data and analyze them. In about a month, the results will be available on the LSU sociology department website (<http://www.lsu.edu/sociology>). The results may also be reported to the press and community leaders and may be further analyzed for academic research. No results will ever be reported so that it can be seen what individual people said who were interviewed.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SURVEY? MAY I TALK WITH HIM OR HER?

Call the professor of the class at LSU, and he will be happy to talk to you. Call the sociology department at 578-1645 and ask for the professor who teaches sociology 2211, section 5.

HOW WAS I SELECTED? HOW DID YOU GET MY TELEPHONE NUMBER?

Random telephone numbers were chosen from the telephone exchanges in East Baton Rouge Parish.

HOW CAN I BE SURE THIS IS AUTHENTIC?

You may call the Survey Research Lab and speak to my supervisor; the number is 578-9038 OR if this is not acceptable

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IS THIS CONFIDENTIAL?

Yes, definitely! All information that is collected is kept in protected computer files that only authorized study personnel can see. Later all identifying information is removed and the information is combined with that of other participants in the study to produce statistics for the study. No individual responses can ever be identified from this.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO COMPLETE?

Approximately 10 to 12 minutes.