

Interviewer Number (last 6 digits of student number) _____

Hello, my name is [FIRST NAME ONLY] , and I'm a student at Louisiana State University, 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. How often do you spend a social evening with relatives? Which of the following answer comes closest?
 1. Almost daily
 2. Several times a week
 3. Several times a month
 4. Once a month
 5. Several times a year
 6. Once a year
 7. Never
 8. DK
 9. NA

2. How successful do you feel at balancing your paid work and your family life? Do you feel...
 1. Not at all successful
 2. Not very successful
 3. Somewhat successful
 4. Very successful
 5. Completely successful
 6. Don't Know
 7. NA

3. Next, I have some questions about raising children in this country today . . . All in all, do you think mothers of children under 18 are now doing a better job as parents than their own mothers did 20 or 30 years ago, a worse job – or about the same job?
 1. Better
 2. Worse
 3. About the same
 4. Don't know

4. Do you approve or disapprove of spanking children?
 1. Approve
 2. Disapprove
 3. No opinion

5. How interested would you say you personally are in politics?
 1. Very interested
 2. Fairly interested
 3. Somewhat interested
 4. Not very interested
 5. Not at all interested
 6. Can't choose
 7. NA

6. 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
- ___ G State government
- ___ H The federal government
- ___ I The news media

- 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?)

7. Do you agree or disagree...The government should provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed.
- 1. Strongly agree
 - 2. Agree
 - 3. Neither
 - 4. Disagree
 - 5. Strongly disagree
 - 6. Can't choose
 - 7. NA
8. Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage, or is that not the responsibility of the federal government?
- 1. Yes, government responsibility
 - 2. No, not government responsibility
 - 3. No opinion

9. 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 Cleaning up Litter and Graffiti
- F 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

10. 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

11. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement about Muslims? Most Muslims around the world are accepting of people of races other than their own.
1. Agree
 2. Disagree
 3. Don't know
 4. Refused
12. There are always some people whose ideas are considered bad or dangerous by other people. For instance, a person who openly states that he is a homosexual? Suppose this person wanted to make a speech in your community. Should he be allowed to speak, or not?
1. Allowed
 2. Not allowed
 3. DK
 4. NA
13. And what about somebody who is against all churches and religion ... If such a person wanted to make a speech in your community against churches and religion, should he be allowed to speak, or not?
1. Allowed
 2. Not allowed
 3. DK
 4. NA
14. Or consider a person who believes that Blacks are genetically inferior. If such a person wanted to make a speech in your community claiming that Blacks are inferior, should he be allowed to speak, or not?
1. Allowed
 2. Not allowed
 3. DK
 4. NA
15. Now consider a Muslim clergyman who preaches hatred of the United States. If such a person wanted to make a speech in your community preaching hatred of the United States, should he be allowed to speak, or not?
1. Yes, allowed
 2. Not allowed
 3. Don't Know
 4. No Answer
16. Do you think blacks and other minorities receive equal treatment as whites in the criminal justice system or not?
1. Receive equal treatment
 2. Do not receive equal treatment
 3. Unsure

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. Do you happen to have in your home any guns or revolvers?
1. Yes
 2. No
 3. Refused
 4. DK
 5. NA
19. Do you favor or oppose a law to ban the sale of assault weapons and semiautomatic rifles?
1. Favor
 2. Oppose
 3. Unsure
 4. NA
20. Thinking about the elementary school shootings in Newtown, Connecticut, recently – would you say this incident has made you more likely to support some forms of gun control, less likely to support some forms of gun control, or made no difference in your opinion on gun control?
1. Much more likely
 2. Somewhat more likely
 3. Somewhat less likely
 4. Much less likely
 5. No difference
 6. DK
 7. NA
21. Suppose a newspaper got hold of confidential government papers about defense plans and wanted to publish them. Should the newspaper be allowed to publish the papers? Or should the government have the power to prevent publication?
1. Allow publication
 2. Stop publication
 3. Can't choose
 4. NA

22. Now suppose the confidential government papers were about economic plans. Should the newspaper be allowed to publish the papers? Or should the government have the power to prevent publication?

1. Allow publication
2. Stop publication
3. Can't choose
4. NA

23. How would you feel if drones were used in media coverage?

1. Very good idea
2. A good idea
3. A bad idea
4. A very bad idea
5. DK

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. Do you have children? How many?

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

33. [If children] 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 40. 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?"

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

1. Male
2. Female

35. 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

36. 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

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

38. 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

39. [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. Other [specify]
7. DK, No Answer

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

40. 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

41. 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] _____

42. 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
43. 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
44. 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
45. 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

46. 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

47. 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

48. 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

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

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

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

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

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

[INTERVIEW IS COMPLETE IF YOU REACH THIS POINT]

52. 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.