

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 would like to verify that this really is a class project, I can give you my professor's phone number at LSU.

[IF RESPONDENT WANTS PHONE NUMBER, GIVE RESPONDENT SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBER, 578-1645, AND TELL THEM THAT THE SURVEY IS FOR SOCIOLOGY 2211, SECTION 1. DO NOT VOLUNTEER THIS INFORMATION UNLESS RESPONDENT REQUESTS IT, BUT MOVE ON WITH THE SURVEY.]

May we begin the interview? [RECORD YES____ OR NO____]

+++++

1. First, may I ask, In what year were you born?
[RECORD FULL YEAR (e.g., 1967); IF NO ANSWER, ENTER 9999]_____
[Note: must be 1987 or earlier for them to be over age 18]
2. [IF UNSURE ASK]: Are you male or female?
 1. Male
 2. Female
3. Do you think your being a (man/woman) makes your promotion opportunities better or worse?
 1. Better
 2. Worse
 3. Has no effect
 8. Don't Know
 9. No answer

4. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement: A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work.

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Disagree
- 4. Strongly disagree
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. No answer

5. In general, do you think it is easier to be a mother today than it was 20 or 30 years ago, more difficult, or about the same?

- 1. Easier
- 2. More difficult
- 3. About the same
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. No answer

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 The police in your local community
- ___ B (How about)The local news media
- ___ C City government
- ___ D Congressmen
- ___ E Clergy
- ___ F (How about) White people
- ___ G What about African Americans or Blacks?
- ___ H What about Asian people?
- ___ I How about Arabs?
- ___ J What about Hispanics or Latinos?

- 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
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

(CLARIFY IF NECESSARY: How about in general?)

7. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right - just about always, most of the time or only some of the time?
1. None of the Time
 2. Some of the Time
 3. Most of the Time
 4. Just About Always
 8. Don't Know, Depends
 9. No answer
8. Now I am going to read you a series of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. For each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly disagree with it or completely disagree with it. The first one is... (READ ITEMS, IN ORDER. DO NOT ROTATE)
- ___ A People like me don't have any say about what the government does
- ___ B Generally speaking, elected officials in Washington lose touch with the people pretty quickly
- ___ C Most elected officials care what people like me think
- ___ D Voting gives people like me some say about how government runs things
1. Completely Agree
 2. Mostly Agree
 3. Mostly Disagree
 4. Completely Disagree
 8. Don't Know
 9. No answer
9. If your party nominated a woman for President, would you vote for her if she were qualified for the job?
1. Yes
 2. No
 3. Wouldn't vote
 8. Don't Know
 9. No answer
10. Over the past year, would you say that the economic policies of the federal government have made the nation's economy better, worse, or haven't they made much difference either way?" (IF BETTER/WORSE:) "Would you say the economy is much better/worse or somewhat better/worse?"
1. Made Much Better
 2. Made Better
 3. No Difference

4. Made Worse
 5. Made Much Worse
 8. Don't Know
 9. No answer
11. Some people have suggested allowing individuals to invest portions of their Social Security taxes on their own, which might allow them to make more money for their retirement, but would involve greater risk. Do you think allowing individuals to invest a portion of their Social Security taxes on their own is a good idea or a bad idea?
1. Good idea
 2. Bad idea
 8. Don't Know
 9. No answer
12. What effect would allowing individuals to invest a portion of their Social Security taxes on their own have on the financial situation of the Social Security program itself — would it make the program's financial situation better, make it worse, or would it not have much impact on the Social Security program's financial situation?
1. Better
 2. Worse
 3. No impact
 8. Don't Know
 9. No answer
13. All systems of justice make mistakes, but which do you think is worse? To convict an innocent person or to let a guilty person go free
1. Convict innocent
 2. Guilty go free
 8. Can't choose
 9. No answer
14. Is there any area right around here - that is, within a mile - where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?
1. Yes
 2. No
 8. Don't Know
 9. No answer
15. How about at home at night--do you feel safe and secure, or not?
1. Yes, safe
 2. No
 8. Don't Know
 9. No answer

16. Do you think having a gun in the house makes it a safer place to be or a more dangerous place to be?

1. Safer
2. More Dangerous
3. Depends (vol.)
8. No Opinion
9. No answer

17. How would you rate the Baton Rouge Police department on attacking crime?

1. Very Good
2. Pretty Good
3. Pretty Bad
4. Very Bad
8. Don't Know
9. No answer

18. About how often would you say the police patrol your neighborhood? Would you say

1. At least once a day
2. At least once a week
3. At least once a month
4. Almost never
8. Don't Know
9. No answer

19. How likely do you think it is that your house may be burglarized in the next 12 months. Would you say it is

1. Very likely
2. Somewhat likely
3. Somewhat unlikely
4. Very unlikely
8. Don't Know
9. No answer

20. How likely do you think it is that you may be the victim of a violent crime such as an assault or a robbery in the next 12 months? Would you say it is

1. Very likely
2. Somewhat likely
3. Somewhat unlikely
4. Very unlikely
8. Don't Know
9. No answer

21. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

- The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word
 - The Bible is the inspired word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word
 - The Bible is an ancient book of fables, legends, history, and moral precepts recorded by men
1. Actual word
 2. Inspired word
 3. Ancient book
 4. Other (Volunteered)
 8. Don't Know
 9. No answer
22. In general, do you approve or disapprove of elected officials making references to God and religion at public events?
1. Approve
 2. Disapprove
 8. Unsure
 9. No answer
23. Do you believe that it is proper or improper for political parties to ask church members for lists of people who attend their church so the parties can encourage them to register and vote?
1. Proper
 2. Improper
 8. Unsure
 9. No answer
24. Consider an artist--like a painter, sculptor, or photographer--whose art works mock or demean religions or religious figures. If such a person wanted to exhibit these works in your community, should the exhibit be allowed, or not?
1. Yes
 2. No
 8. Don't Know
 9. No answer
- 24A. If a patient has been in what doctors call a 'persistent vegetative' or a coma-like state with no higher brain activity for a significant amount of time, who do you think should make the decision whether the patient should be kept alive or not - the person's family or the government?
1. The person's family
 2. The government
 3. The person's doctor (vol.)

- 8. Not sure
- 9. No answer

24B. And what if the patient left no written instructions about what to do and family members disagree with each other about what to do. Do you think there should be a law that such a patient must be kept alive or are you against such a law?

- 1. Favor such a law
- 2. Against such a law
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. No answer

25. Do you think we should return to a military draft at this time, or should we continue to rely on volunteers?

- 1. Draft
- 2. Volunteers
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. No answer

26. 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

- 1. Highest Priority
- 2. High Priority
- 3. Medium Priority
- 4. Lower Priority
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. No answer

27. Do you feel that the public schools in Baton Rouge are adequately funded?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. No answer

28. Do you feel that the police department of Baton Rouge needed a pay raise?

- 1. Yes

- 2. No
 - 8. Don't Know
 - 9. No answer
29. Do you feel that people are best represented in politics by leaders from their own racial or ethnic background, or doesn't the leader's background make very much difference?
- 1. Leaders from their own racial and ethnic background
 - 2. Leader's background does not matter
 - 8. Don't Know
 - 9. No answer
30. Next I'd like to ask you a couple questions about television and newspapers. How many days in the past week did you read a daily newspaper?
- ___ [VALID RANGE 0-7]
- 8 Don't know
 - 9 Refused
31. 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]
- ___ [VALID RANGE 0-12]
- 98 Don't know
 - 99 Refused

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

32. Do you consider yourself to be: [READ RESPONSE OPTIONS]
- 1. White
 - 2. Black
 - 3. Asian
 - 4. American Indian
 - 5. Other
 - 6. Don't Know (vol.)
 - 7. NA
33. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
- 1. Yes
 - 2. No
 - 9. No answer/Don't know
34. Are you currently married, living with a partner, separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never been married?
- 1. Married [\[go to next question\]](#)
 - 2. Living with partner [\[go to next question\]](#)
 - 3. Separated [\[skip next question\]](#)
 - 4. Divorced [\[skip next question\]](#)

5. Widowed [skip next question]
 6. Single, never married [skip next question]
 7. Don't Know
 8. NA
35. How fair do you feel the division of work around the house is in your household? Would you say that it is fair to both you and your spouse or partner, unfair to you, or unfair to your spouse or partner?
1. Fair to both me and my spouse or partner
 2. Unfair to me
 3. Unfair to my spouse or partner
 8. Don't Know
 9. No answer
36. Do you have children? How many?
0. None
 1. One
 2. Two
 3. Three
 4. Four or more
 5. Other answer
 6. NA
37. What is the highest grade of schooling that you 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. NA
38. 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 TO Question 39]
 8. Don't Know
 9. NA

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

B [RECORD OTHER]_____

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

1. Yes
2. No
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

40. 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
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

41. During the last seven days did you do the following:

- ___ A Watch a religious program on television or listen to a religious program on the radio?
- ___ B Attend some other type of religious event or meeting (e.g. prayer breakfasts, Bible study groups, choir practices, church sponsored lectures, adult fellowship meetings)?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't Know
9. No answer

42. 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

43. Who did you vote for in the 2004 Presidential election?

1. George W. Bush
2. John Kerry
3. Someone else [Volunteered]
4. Didn't vote
9. Don't remember, No Answer, Refused

44. And who did you vote for in the 2004 Mayoral runoff election?

1. Bobby Simpson
2. Melvin L. "Kip" Holden
3. Someone else [Volunteered]
4. Didn't vote
9. Don't remember, No Answer, Refused

45. 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. NA

46. What is your Zip Code?

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

[INTERVIEW IS COMPLETE IF YOU REACH THIS POINT]

48. 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 during 2004, from all sources.

1. Under \$15,000
2. Under \$25,000
3. Under \$35,000
4. Under \$50,000
5. Under \$75,000

6. Under \$90,000
7. More than \$90,000

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.

[INTERVIEWER: Please answer the following questions]

49. Was the respondent cooperative
 1. No
 2. Yes

50. Did the respondent seem to answer all of the questions in a satisfactory manner?
 1. No
 2. Yes

51. Were there any questions the respondent had any trouble understanding?
 1. No
 2. Yes

[BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PROBLEM]

52. Did the respondent seem to be impaired?
 1. No
 2. Yes

[ENTER ANY EXTRA COMMENTS IF NECESSARY]

53. Respondent's city (should be automatically entered from sample form)