

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 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. Just About Always
 2. Most of the Time
 3. Some of the Time
 4. None of the Time (vol.)
 5. Don't Know, Depends

2. How about state government. How much of the time do you think you can trust the Louisiana state government to do what is right -- just about always, most of the time, only some of the time, or almost never?
 1. Just About Always
 2. Most of the Time
 3. Some of the Time
 4. None of the Time (vol.)

5. Don't Know, Depends
3. How much of the time do you think you can trust the local government here in Baton Rouge to do what is right -- just about always, most of the time, only some of the time, or almost never?
 1. Just About Always
 2. Most of the Time
 3. Some of the Time
 4. None of the Time (vol.)
 5. Don't Know, Depends
4. To what extent do you agree with the following statement: I trust Mayor Holden to look out for the interests of people like me.
 1. Agree
 2. Somewhat agree
 3. Somewhat disagree
 4. Disagree
 5. Don't know
 6. (NA)
5. 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...
 - 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
 5. Don't Know
 6. NA
6. We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. Do you think we're spending too much money on law enforcement, too little money, or about the right amount?
 1. Too Little
 2. About Right
 3. Too Much

4. DK
 5. NA
7. 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
8. What one type of crime occurs most in your area? (DO NOT READ OUT)
1. Theft of motor vehicle
 2. Theft of property
 3. Crop theft
 4. Livestock theft
 5. Pick pocketing / bag snatching
 6. House breaking
 7. Murder
 8. Sexual assault / Rape
 9. Robbery
 10. Assault
 11. Land grabbing / Land disputes
 12. Kidnapping
 13. Hijacking
 14. Other (specify)
9. Next, I'm going to read some things people do because of their concern over crime. Please tell me which, if any, of these things you, yourself, do or have done. First, ... Next, ...
- A. Keep a dog for protection
 - B. Bought a gun for protection of yourself or your home
 - C. Carry a gun for defense
 - D. Carry a knife for defense
 - E. Had a burglar alarm installed in your home
 - F. Carry mace or pepper spray
 - G. Avoid going to certain places or neighborhoods you might otherwise want to go to
1. Yes
 2. No
 3. No opinion

10. 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

11. Do you favor or oppose passing a constitutional amendment which would make it illegal to burn the American flag?

1. Favor
2. Oppose
3. Unsure

12. Do you agree or disagree? Homosexual couples should have the right to marry one another.

1. Strongly Agree
2. Agree
3. Neither Agree Nor Disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly Disagree
6. Can't Choose
7. NA

13. Do you think the law should allow marriages between blacks and whites?

1. Allow Marriage
2. Not Allow Marriage
3. DK
4. NA

14. As you may know, there has been considerable discussion in the news regarding the rights of homosexual men and women. In general, do you think homosexuals should or should not have equal rights in terms of job opportunities?

1. Yes, should
2. No, should not
3. No opinion

15. How much of a role, if any, do you think the government should have in trying to improve the social and economic position of blacks and other minority groups in this country -- a major role, a minor role, or no role at all?

1. Major role
2. Minor role
3. No role
4. No opinion

16. Generally speaking, how often do you think our health care system treats people unfairly based on what their race or ethnic background is? Very often, somewhat often, not too often or never?

1. Very often
2. Somewhat often
3. Not too often
4. Never
5. (Don't know)
6. (Refused)

17. 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

18. 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

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

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

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

20. 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

21. 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]

4. ___ [VALID RANGE 0-12]
5. Don't know
6. Refused

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

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

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

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

1. Male
2. Female

24. 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

25. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

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

26. 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

27. Do you have children? How many?

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

28. 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. No Answer

29. 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] _____

30. 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

31. Do (African-Americans/Whites) attend the church that you, yourself, attend most often, or not? [Ask in terms of opposite race.]

1. Yes
2. No
3. No Church
4. DK
5. NA

32. 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

33. 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
34. Who did you vote for in the 2008 Presidential election?
1. John McCain
 2. Barack Obama
 3. Someone else [Volunteered]
 4. Didn't vote
 5. Don't remember, No Answer, Refused
35. Thinking ahead to the next presidential election, if the 2012 general election were held today and the candidates were [see below] and [see below], for whom would you vote?
1. Barack Obama (D)
 2. Mitt Romney (R)
 3. Other (vol.)
 4. Unsure
1. Barack Obama (D)
 2. Rick Santorum (R)
 3. Other (vol.)
 4. Unsure
36. Who did you vote for in the 2008 election for Mayor of Baton Rouge? Did you vote for [Read four candidate names...]
1. Wayne Carter
 2. Kip Holden
 3. Ron Johnson
 4. Dan Kyle
 5. Someone else [Volunteered]
 6. Didn't vote

7. Don't remember, No Answer, Refused

37. 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

38. Do you think Kip Holden should be re-elected Mayor of Baton Rouge?

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

39. 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

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

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

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

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

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

[INTERVIEW IS COMPLETE IF YOU REACH THIS POINT]

43. 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.