

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 Dennis Landin, Chairman of the LSU Institutional Review Board, at 578-8692.

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

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1. 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

2. 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. People outside your neighborhood
 - G. City government
 - H. State government
 - I. The federal 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?)

3. About how often have you ... [INSERT ACTIVITY]? [If necessary probe with categories]

- A. Had friends over to your home?
- B. Visited relatives in person or had them visit you?
- C. Socialized with co-workers outside of work?
- D. Played cards or board games with others?
- E. Attended a club meeting?
- F. Hung out with friends at a park, shopping mall, or other public place?
- G. Attended any public meeting in which there was discussion of town or school affairs?

- 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. Never
- 7. Don't know
- 8. Refused

4. Now I'd like to ask whether you have taken part in activities with different groups and organizations. I'm going to read a list; just answer YES if you have been involved in the past 12 months with this kind of group.

- A. An adult sports club or league, or an outdoor activity club.
- B. (How about) A youth organization like youth sports leagues, the scouts, 4 H clubs, and Boys & Girls Clubs.
- C. (How about) A parents' association, like the PTA or PTO, or other school support or service groups.
- D. Activities at your church or place of worship, other than attending services? This might include teaching Sunday school, serving on a committee, attending choir rehearsal or a retreat. Or working with any organization affiliated with religion, such as the Knights of Columbus or a bible study group?
- E. A neighborhood association, like a block association, a homeowner or tenant association, or a crime watch group.
- F. A charity or social welfare organization that provides services in such fields as health or service to the needy.
- G. A professional, trade, farm, or business association.
- H. Any other hobby, investment, or garden clubs or societies.
- I. And do you belong to any other kinds of clubs or organizations?

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

5. In the past twelve months, have you served as an officer or served on a committee of any local club or organization?
1. Yes
 2. No
 3. Don't know
 4. Refused
6. 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 hospitals and emergency rooms
 - F. Developing more summer and after-school programs for youth
 - G. Providing mental health facilities
 - H. Supporting public art in the community
 - I. Supporting libraries and recreational facilities
 - J. Improving and maintaining infrastructure: roads, sewers, etc.
 - K. Cleaning up litter and graffiti
1. Highest Priority
 2. High Priority
 3. Medium Priority
 4. Lower Priority
 5. Don't Know
 6. No answer
7. 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. Pre-school and elementary school programs to get kids up to grade level
 - 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
8. Some people say we're paying too much in taxes for prisons, especially because of long sentences. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "We should release more prisoners early if they have already served part of their sentences and don't present a danger to society."
1. Strongly agree
 2. Agree
 3. Disagree
 4. Strongly disagree
 5. Don't know
9. 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
10. Some people say that in the fight against terrorism, the government should monitor what people post online. What do you think: does the government monitor and store *too much* of what people post online?
1. Monitors and stores too much
 2. Not too much
 3. Should monitor and store more (volunteered)
 4. DK, refused
11. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following...
- A. Politicians who do not believe in God are unfit for public office.
 - B. Under the First Amendment guaranteeing free speech, people should be allowed to express their own opinions even if they are harmful or offensive to members of other religious or racial groups.
1. Strongly Agree
 2. Agree
 3. Neither Agree Nor Disagree
 4. Disagree
 5. Strongly Disagree
 6. DK
 7. NA
12. In your view, is homosexuality something a person is born with or is homosexuality due to other factors such as upbringing or environment?
1. Born With
 2. Upbringing/ environment
 3. Both (Vol.)
 4. Neither (Vol.)
 5. No opinion

13. Do you support or oppose the recent Supreme Court action that allows gay marriages to go forward in several more states?
1. Support
 2. Oppose
 3. Unsure
14. 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. DK
 4. NA
15. Do you agree or disagree that people who break the law should be given stiffer sentences.
1. Strongly Agree
 2. Agree
 3. Neither Agree Nor Disagree
 4. Disagree
 5. Strongly Disagree
 6. DK
 7. NA
16. Some states have special laws that provide harsher penalties for crimes motivated by hate of certain groups than the penalties for the same crimes if they are not motivated by this kind of hate. Would you favor or oppose this type of hate crime law in your state?
1. Favor
 2. Oppose
 3. Don't know
 4. No Answer
17. 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

18. Was there ever a specific instance when you felt discriminated against by the police because of your race or ethnic background?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Unsure/No answer

19. How often do you volunteer?

1. Less than once a year
2. Once or twice a year
3. 3-4 times a year
4. 5-10 times a year
5. More than that
6. Don't Know
7. No Response

20. What kind of volunteer work have you done, or are you interested in? *[DON'T READ OUT ANSWERS. LET R ANSWER FREELY. CIRCLE ANY ANSWERS MENTIONED.]*

1. Community improvements (e.g., community gardens, clean up)
2. Helping the needy or elderly
3. Mentoring children or youth
4. Building infrastructure (e.g., playgrounds, homes)
5. Working with animals (e.g., fostering, animal shelters)
6. Other [specify]
7. DK, No Answer

If Other: Write down what R said

21. Would you favor or oppose a law that makes it illegal to fire workers from their job ...

- A. Because of their race
- B. Because they wear a religious headscarf
- C. They are an atheist
- D. Having a partner of the same sex
- E. Being transgender

1. Favor
2. Oppose
3. Don't Know
4. No Response

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

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

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

23. 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

24. 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.

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

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

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

1. Male
2. Female

27. 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 (volunteered)
7. No Answer

28. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

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

29. 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

30. Do you have children? How many?

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

31. [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 38. 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?"

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

1. Male
2. Female

33. 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

34. 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

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

36. 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

37. [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

38. 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

39. 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] _____

40. 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
41. 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
42. Would you say that in general your health is –
1. Excellent
 2. Very Good
 3. Good
 4. Fair
 5. Poor
 6. Don't know
 7. Refused
43. 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

44. 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

45. 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

46. 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

47. 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

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

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

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

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

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

51. Just to make sure we understand where that is, what are a couple of the main streets in your subdivision or neighborhood?

[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.