

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, 388-1645, 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 ____]

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First, I have a few quick questions about you and your background.

1. In what year were you born?
[RECORD YEAR; IF NO ANSWER, ENTER 99] _____
2. [IF UNSURE ASK]: Are you male or female?
 - a. Male
 - b. Female
3. Do you consider yourself to be: [READ RESPONSE OPTIONS]
 - a. White
 - b. Black
 - c. Asian
 - d. American Indian
 - e. Other

 - f. Don't Know (vol.)
 - g. NA

Now I have some questions about our community.

4. In a time of crisis, such as a natural disaster or economic trouble, who would you trust most to help you? [READ EACH ANSWER]
 - a. The government
 - b. Your church
 - c. Family and friends
 - d. Find means within yourself
 - e. Other (vol.)
 - f. DK
 - g. NA

5. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?
 - a. Most people can be trusted
 - b. You can't be too careful
 - c. Other, depends (vol.)
 - d. DK
 - e. NA

6. I am going to name some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them? READ EACH ITEM; CODE ONE FOR EACH.
 - a. Organized religion
 - (1) A great deal
 - (2) Only some
 - (3) Hardly any
 - (4) DK
 - (5) NA

 - b. Education
 - (1) A great deal
 - (2) Only some
 - (3) Hardly any
 - (4) DK
 - (5) NA

 - c. Congress
 - (1) A great deal
 - (2) Only some
 - (3) Hardly any
 - (4) DK
 - (5) NA

- d. Press
 - (1) A great deal
 - (2) Only some
 - (3) Hardly any
 - (4) DK
 - (5) NA

- 7. Are you satisfied with the job the local police perform in your area?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Not sure
 - d. NA

- 8. Overall, do you feel more threatened by crime today than you did five years ago?
 - a. More threatened
 - b. Less threatened
 - c. Same
 - d. No opinion

- 9. Is there any area right around here - that is, within a mile - where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. DK
 - d. NA

- 10. What do you think the chances are these days that a woman won't get a job or promotion while an equally or less qualified man gets one instead? Is this very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely these days?
 - a. Very likely
 - b. Somewhat likely
 - c. Somewhat unlikely
 - d. Very unlikely
 - e. DK
 - f. NA

- 11. Tell me if you agree or disagree with this statement: Most men are better suited emotionally for politics than are most women.
 - a. Agree
 - b. Disagree
 - c. Not sure
 - d. NA

12. If both a man and a woman living in the same house are working full-time, who ends up doing more of the chores and work around the house? Do you think...
- The man generally does more
 - The woman generally does more
 - Or that both do the same amount?
13. On the average blacks have worse jobs, income, and housing than white people. Do you think these differences are . . .
- Because most blacks don't have the chance for education that it takes to rise out of poverty?
 - Yes
 - No
 - DK
 - NA
 - Not applicable
 - Because most blacks just don't have the motivation or will power to pull themselves up out of poverty?
 - Yes
 - No
 - DK
 - NA
 - Not applicable
14. Within the last few years, do you feel that racism in the U.S. has decreased, increased, or remained the same?
- Decreased
 - Increased
 - Stayed the same
 - DK
 - NA
15. SPLIT BALLOT: ASK BLACKS & WHITES APPROPRIATE VERSION:
- [ASK WHITES ONLY:] Do you think only a few black people dislike whites, many black people dislike whites, or almost all black people dislike whites?
 - Only a few
 - Many
 - Almost all
 - None (vol.)
 - No opinion

- b. [ASK BLACKS ONLY:] Do you think only a few white people dislike blacks, many white people dislike blacks, or almost all white people dislike blacks?
- (1) Only a few
 - (2) Many
 - (3) Almost all
 - (4) None (vol.)
 - (5) No opinion
16. Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?
- a. Favor
 - b. Oppose
 - c. DK
 - d. NA
17. In general, do you think the courts in this area deal too harshly or not harshly enough with criminals?
- a. Too harshly
 - b. Not harshly enough
 - c. About right (vol.)
 - d. DK
 - e. NA
18. Do you feel that laws covering the sale of firearms should be stricter?
- a. Stricter
 - b. Less strict
 - c. Keep as they are
 - d. DK
 - e. NA
19. How often do you think innocent suspects are wrongfully convicted in court? [READ CHOICES]
- a. Frequently
 - b. Only some of the time
 - c. Almost never
 - d. Not sure
 - e. NA
20. Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if the woman wants it for any reason?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Don't Know
 - d. NA

21. [ASK WHITES ONLY:] Suppose there is a community-wide vote on the general housing issue. There are two possible laws to vote on (READ CATEGORIES A & B). Which law would you vote for?
- One law says that a homeowner can decide for himself whom to sell his house to, even if he prefers not to sell to blacks
 - The second law says that a homeowner cannot refuse to sell to someone because of their race or color
 - Neither (vol.)
 - Don't Know
 - NA
 - Not applicable (Black)

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

22. Are you currently married, living with a partner, separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never been married?
- Married
 - Living with partner
 - Separated
 - Divorced
 - Widowed
 - Single, never married
 - Don't Know
 - NA
23. Do you have children? How many?
- None
 - One
 - Two
 - Three
 - Four or more
 - Other answer
 - NA
24. What is the highest grade of schooling that you have completed? [READ RESPONSES IF NECESSARY]
- 8th Grade or less
 - Some high school
 - High School Diploma
 - Vocational/Technical school
 - Some College
 - College degree
 - Some graduate school
 - Graduate degree
 - Don't Know
 - NA

25. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or what?
- a. Republican [ASK f]
 - b. Democrat [ASK f]
 - c. Independent [ASK g]
 - d. Other [SPECIFY AND ASK g]
 - e. No Preference [ASK g]

 - f. [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

 - g. [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
26. We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. Would you call yourself [READ ANSWER CATEGORIES]:
- a. Extremely Liberal
 - b. Liberal
 - c. Slightly Liberal
 - d. Moderate, middle of the road
 - e. Slightly Conservative
 - f. Conservative
 - g. Extremely Conservative
 - h. Don't Know
 - i. NA
27. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?
- a. Protestant [ASK h]
 - b. Catholic
 - c. Jewish
 - d. Other [SPECIFY IN i]
 - e. None [SKIP TO Question 29]
 - f. Don't Know
 - g. NA

 - h. What specific denomination is that, if any? [PROBE FOR EXACT DENOMINATION]

 - i. [RECORD OTHER] _____

28. Would you call yourself a strong (PREFERENCE NAMED FOR RELIGION) or a not very strong (PREFERENCE NAMED FOR RELIGION)?
- Strong
 - Not very strong
 - Somewhat strong (vol.)
 - No religion
 - Don't Know
 - NA

[INTERVIEW IS COMPLETE IF YOU REACH THIS POINT]

29. 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 1999, from all sources.
- Under \$5,000
 - Under \$10,000
 - Under \$15,000
 - Under \$25,000
 - Under \$35,000
 - Under \$50,000
 - Under \$75,000
 - More than \$75,000
 - Don't Know
 - No Response

This concludes the interview. Thank you for participating in this survey and giving so generously of your time.

30. Was the respondent cooperative?
- No
 - Yes
31. Did the respondent seem to answer all of the questions in a satisfactory manner?
- No
 - Yes
32. Were there any questions the respondent had any trouble understanding?
- No
 - Yes
- [BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PROBLEM]

33. Did the respondent seem to be impaired?

- a. No
- b. Yes

34. Respondent's city (from sample form) _____

35. Respondent's FIPS code (from sample form) _____

Check here when you have recorded on the sample form that the interview is complete _____

[ENTER ANY EXTRA COMMENTS IF NECESSARY]