

**NATIONAL CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SURVEY I  
SPRING 2002**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ (first and last name). I'm taking a national public opinion survey for Rutgers University. I'd like your views on some topics currently in the news. We are not selling anything, not asking for money and all your answers will be completely confidential. I would like to speak to an adult 18 years of age or older living in the household.

**IF RESPONDENT DECLINES TO PARTICIPATE, POSSIBLE PROBES:**

- X Your participation is very important because only 3,000 people throughout the country have been randomly selected for this survey and your views will represent many other people.
  
- X **IF DON=T KNOW ENOUGH:** There are no right or wrong answers. We are only interested in your opinions. They are just as important as anybody else=s.
  
- X **IF NOT INTERESTED/DON=T WANT TO:** Please help me; we could really use your cooperation and we are interested in what you think.

**[IF SAMPLE TYPE=1 (CROSS-SECTION) ASK A. ELSE SKIP TO OS-1]**

**CROSS-SECTION SAMPLE SCREENING:**

- A. In order to randomly select a member in your household, which member of your household age 15 or over had the last birthday?
  - 1. Adult respondent on Phone had last birthday (CONTINUE WITH Q. INT 1)
  - 2. Some other member had last birthday
  - 3. Refused (**Thank and Terminate: Refused Birthday Information at Q.A**)
  
- B. Just so we can reference this person, may I have the age of this person please?  
\_\_\_\_\_(Range 15-97)  
**(Don't know=98, Refused=99: THANK & TERMINATE: REFUSED AGE INFO AT Q.B)**
  
- C. And the gender of this person?
  - 1. Male
  - 2. Female

**[IF B=15-16 ASK D ELSE SKIP TO Q.G]**

- D. Are you the parent or guardian of this [AGE] year old [GENDER]?
  - 1. Yes (SKIP TO Q.F)
  - 2. No
  - 3. Refused (**THANK & TERMINATE: REFUSED INFO. AT Q.D**)

- E. May I please speak to the parent or guardian of [AGE] year old [GENDER]?
1. Respondent coming on phone (**RE-INTRODUCE, CONTINUE WITH Q.F**)
  2. Schedule Callback
  3. Refusal (**THANK & TERMINATE: REFUSAL FOR PARENT Q.F**)

F. As you know this is a research study conducted for researchers at Rutgers University about some topics currently in the news. Based on our random selection, I would like to ask a few questions to [AGE IN B] year old [GENDER IN C] member of your household? Most of the questions will be about the Community, and general issues that affect all of us. Your child doesn't have to answer any questions he/she is not comfortable answering.

Do I have your permission to speak to [him/her]?

(INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF THE RESPONDENT NEEDS FURTHER INFORMATION, OR NEEDS TO AUTHENTICATE THE SURVEY, PROVIDE THE NAME OF [CONTACT NAME AND PHONE# AT RUTGERS])

1. YES, gave permission, youth coming to phone (**SKIP TO Q.H**)
  2. No, Refused child interview (**THANK & TERM: PARENTAL REFUSAL AT Q.F**)
  3. Schedule Callback
- G. Based on our random selection we have selected [AGE IN B] year old [GENDER IN C] member of your household?

May I please speak to [him/her]?

1. Respondent coming to phone (**REINTRODUCE, CONTINUE WITH INT 1**)
2. Refusal (**THANK & TERM: REFUSAL AT Q.G**)
3. Schedule Callback

**YOUTH 15-16 INTRODUCTION:**

H. Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ from SRBI. I'm taking a national public opinion survey for Rutgers University. I'd like your views on some topics currently in the news. I will ask you some questions about community, politics and general issues that affect all of us. Everything you tell me will be kept confidential – that is, no one will be able to find out what answers you give us. And you don't have to answer any questions you don't want to answer.

1. CONTINUE INTERVIEW (**CONTINUE WITH INT 1**)
2. SCHEDULE CALLBACK (**CONTINUE WITH INT 1**)
3. YOUTH REFUSED TO DO INTERVIEW (**THANK & TERM: YOUTH REFUSAL Q.H**)

**OVERSAMPLE SCREENING (SAMPLE TYPE =2 OVER SAMLE)**

OS-1. How many people between age 15-25 currently live in this household?

(RANGE 0-7, 7 OR MORE=7, 8=Don't know, 9=Refused)

OS-2. How many people between age 26-37 currently live in this household?

(RANGE 0-7, 7 OR MORE=7, 8=Don't know, 9=Refused)

OS-3. How many people age 57 or over currently live in this household?

(RANGE 0-7, 7 OR MORE=7, 8=Don't know, 9=Refused)

**[If Q.OS-1=0,8,9 AND OS-2=0,8,9 AND OS-3=0,8,9 – THANK & TERMINATE: S/O INELIGIBLE AGE]**

**[If Q.OS-1=1-7 AND quota for 15-25 not filled, ask OS-4, else skip to OS-5]**

OS-4. You mentioned that you had [OS-1] members between the ages of 15-25 in this household. In order to randomly select a member between the ages of 15-25, thinking of all members between the ages of 15-25 and currently living in this household, who would be the person who last had a birthday?

1. Adult respondent on Phone had last birthday **(CONTINUE WITH Q. OS-8)**
2. Some other member had last birthday
3. Refused **(Thank and Terminate: Refused Birthday Information at OS-4)**

OS-4B. Just so we can reference this person, may I have the age of this person please?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Range 15-25, 98=DON'T KNOW, 99=REFUSED)

**(DK=98, Refused=99: THANK & TERMINATE: REFUSED AGE INFO AT Q.OS-4B)**

OS-4C. And the gender of this person?

1. Male
2. Female

**[IF OS-4B=15-16 ASK OS-4D ELSE SKIP TO Q.OS-4G]**

OS-4D. Are you the parent or guardian of this [AGE] year old [GENDER]?

1. Yes **(SKIP TO Q.OS4-F)**
2. No
3. Refused **(THANK & TERMINATE: REFUSED INFO. AT Q.OS-4D)**

OS-4E. May I please speak to the parent or guardian of [AGE] year old [GENDER]?

1. Respondent coming on phone **(RE-INTRODUCE, CONTINUE WITH Q.OS-4F)**
2. Schedule Callback
3. Refusal **(THANK & TERMINATE: REFUSAL FOR PARENT Q.OS-4E)**

OS-4F. As you know this is a research study conducted for researchers at Rutgers University about some topics currently in the news. Based on our random selection, I would like to ask a few questions to [AGE IN OS-4B] year old [GENDER IN OS-4C] member of your household? Most of the questions will be about the Community, and general issues that affect all of us. Your child doesn't have to answer any questions he/she is not comfortable answering.

Do I have your permission to speak to [him/her]?

(INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF THE RESPONDENT NEEDS FURTHER INFORMATION, OR NEEDS TO AUTHENTICATE THE SURVEY, PROVIDE THE NAME OF [CONTACT NAME AND PHONE# AT RUTGERS])

1. YES, gave permission, youth coming to phone (**SKIP TO Q.OS-4H**)
2. No, Refused child interview (**THANK & TERM: PARENTAL REFUSAL AT Q.OS-4F**)
3. Schedule Callback (**CONTINUE WITH OS-4H**)

OS-4G. Based on our random selection we have selected [AGE IN B] year old [GENDER IN C] member of your household?

May I please speak to [him/her]?

1. Respondent coming to phone (**REINTRODUCE, CONTINUE WITH OS-8**)
2. Refusal (**THANK & TERM: REFUSAL AT Q.OS-4G**)
3. Schedule Callback

#### **YOUTH 15-16 INTRODUCTION:**

OS-4H. Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ from SRBI. I'm taking a national public opinion survey for Rutgers University. I'd like your views on some topics currently in the news. I will ask you some questions about community, politics and general issues that affect all of us. Everything you tell me will be kept confidential – that is, no one will be able to find out what answers you give us. And you don't have to answer any questions you don't want to answer.

1. CONTINUE INTERVIEW (**CONTINUE WITH Q.OS-8**)
2. SCHEDULE CALLBACK (**CONTINUE WITH Q.OS-8**)
3. YOUTH REFUSED TO DO INTERVIEW (**THANK & TERM: YOUTH REFUSAL Q.OS-4H**)

**[If OS-2=1-7 AND quota for 26-37 not filled, Ask OS-5, Else skip to OS-6]**

OS-5. **[If Q.OS-2=2-7, Start with the following text]**

We want to randomly select the person in your household that I should speak with so that all people are represented in our survey. Thinking of ALL the members who are between the ages of 26-37 and currently living in this household, who would be the person who last had a birthday? May I please speak to that person?

**[If Q.OS-2=1, Start with the following text]**

May I please speak to the person between the ages of 26-37?

1. Respondent on phone (CONTINUE WITH OS-8)
2. Respondent coming to phone (REINTRODUCE, CONTINUE WITH OS-8)
3. Refusal (THANK & TERM: REFUSAL AT OS-5)
4. Schedule Callback

**[IF OS-3=1-7 and quota for 57+ not filled ask OS-6 ELSE THANK & TERMINATE: Q/O AGE]**

**OS-6. [If Q.OS-3=2-7, Start with the following text]**

We want to randomly select the person in your household that I should speak with so that all people are represented in our survey. Thinking of ALL the members who are between age 57 or over and currently living in this household, who would be the person who last had a birthday? May I please speak to that person?

**[If Q.OS-3=1, Start with the following text]**

May I please speak to the person ages 57 or over?

1. Respondent on phone (CONTINUE WITH OS-8)
2. Respondent coming to phone (REINTRODUCE, CONTINUE WITH OS-8)
3. Refusal (THANK & TERM: REFUSAL AT OS-6)
4. Schedule Callback

OS-8: And what was your age on your last birthday?

/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/ (RANGE 15-96, 97 = 97 or more; 98 = Don't Know; 99 = Refused)

OS-9: AGE QUOTA: CREATE DUMMY VARIABLE FOR AGE RANGE:

1. 15-25 (QUOTA=791)
2. 26-37 (QUOTA=637)
3. 38-56
4. 57-97 (QUOTA=142)
5. DK/REF AGE (THANK & TERMINATE: REFUSED AGE INFO)

**VALIDITY CHECK:**

**IF OS-4=1,2,4 AND OS-9 NOT 1 OR**

**IF OS-5=1,2,4 AND OS-9 NOT 2 OR**

**IF OS-6=1,2,4 AND OS-9 NOT 4**

**THEN READ:**

**“I am sorry the age you just provided falls outside the age range we have from prior questions. Let me make sure I have entered the information correctly.” RESCREEN STARTING OS-1.**

**CONTINUE WITH INT 1**

**FORM A**

**FORM B**

INTERVIEWER: RECORD RESPONDENT GENDER BY OBSERVATION:

1. MALE
2. FEMALE

INT1 To begin with, for how many years have you lived in the community or town where you now reside, or have you lived here all of your life?

/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/ Code actual number:1-97, 98 = all my life; 99= don't know/refused  
Less than 1 year = 0

INT2 And how would you rate your community or town as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Only Fair
- 4 Poor
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

INT3 Thinking about the problems you see in your community, how much difference do you believe YOU can personally make in working to solve problems you see - a great deal of difference, some difference, a little difference, or no difference at all?

- 1 Great deal of difference
- 2 Some difference
- 3 A little difference
- 4 No difference at all
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

INT4 Have you ever worked together informally with someone or some group to solve a problem in the community where you live? IF YES, Was this in the last 12 months or not?

- 1 Yes, within last 12 months
- 2 Yes, but not within last 12 months
- 3 No, haven't done it
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

I need to ask you a couple of questions right now so I will know which questions to ask you later.

NET First, Do you use the Internet either from home, school or work? IF YES, Thinking back over the last week, how many of the 7 days did you use the Internet?

- 0 No, did not use
- /\_\_\_/ Code number 1 through 7
- 8 DOES NOT USE THE INTERNET
- 9 Don't Know/Refused

AGE: What was your age on your last birthday?

/ \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / (RANGE 15-96, 97 = 97 or more; 98 = Don't Know; 99 = Refused)

- 1 15-25
- 2 26-37
- 3 38-56
- 4 57-97
- 9 98-99 DK/REF AGE

EDUC What is the last grade or class that you completed in school? **(DO NOT READ. PROBE FOR DEGREE OBTAINED)**

- 1 None, or grade 1-8
- 2 High school incomplete (Grades 9-11)
- 3 High school graduate (Grade 12 or GED certificate)
- 4 Business, Technical, or vocational school AFTER high school
- 5 Some college, no 4-year degree
- 6 College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other 4-year degree)
- 7 Some post-graduate training or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a master's Degree or Ph.D.; law or medical school)
- 8 Post-graduate degree (Master's, Ph.D, law, medical or other prof degree)
- 9 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**SCHL [Ask if AGE CAT = 1 (15-25)] OTHERWISE GO TO V1**

Are you currently enrolled in school?

**(PROBE IF ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL, OR A COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE OR IN GRADUATE SCHOOL)**

- 1 Yes, in High School
- 2 Yes, in College (Undergraduate)
- 3 Yes, in Graduate School
- 4 No GO TO SCHL.2
- 8 (VOL) Don't Know GO TO SCHL.2
- 9 (VOL) Refused GO TO SCHL.2

**SCHL.1 IF AGE CAT=1 AND CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN SCHOOL AT ANY LEVEL (EXCEPT GRAD SCHOOL)**

**SCHL = 1 OR 2 ask:**

How much further in school do you plan to go?

- 1 Some high school
- 2 High school
- 3 Some college
- 4 College graduate
- 5 Graduate or professional school or degree
- 6 No further
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

SCHL.2 IF AGE CAT=1 AND CURRENTLY NOT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL

Do you ever plan to return to school to finish a degree or seek another degree?

- 1 Yes - Ask SCHL.2a
- 2 No -
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

SCHL.2a How much further in school do you plan to go?

- 1 Some high school
- 2 High school
- 3 Some college
- 4 College graduate
- 5 Graduate or professional school or degree
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

V1 Have you ever spent time participating in any community service or volunteer activity, or haven't you had time to do this? By volunteer activity, I mean actually working in some way to help others for no pay.

{If YES} Have you done this in the last 12 months?

- 1 YES, Have done it in last 12 months
- 2 YES, But have not done it in last 12 months - GO TO V8
- 3 No, Have not done it in last few of years - GO TO V8
- 8 Don't know if have done it in last few-of years - GO TO V8
- 9 Refused - GO TO V8

V2 I'm going to read a list of different groups that people sometimes volunteer for. As I read each one, can you tell me if you have volunteered for this type of group or organization within the last 12 months? [Random, with OTHER (ITEM F) always last]

**{PROGRAMMING NOTE: FOR ITEM "D", DO NOT INCLUDE SECOND SENTENCE IN FOLLOW UP QUESTION.}**

- A A religious group
- B A political organization or candidates running for office
- C An environmental organization
- D A civic or community organization involved in health or social services. This could be an organization to help the poor, elderly, homeless, or a hospital.
- E An organization involved with youth, children, or education
- F Is there any other type of group I haven't mentioned that you have volunteered for in the last 12 months

[IF YES] Specify: What group would that be?\_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Yes, has volunteered within the last 12 months
- 2 No, has not volunteered within the last 12 months
- 8 Don't know if volunteered within the last 12 months
- 9 Refused



**PROGRAMMING NOTE: ASK THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE (V3 - V7C) OF QUESTIONS FOR EACH GROUP MENTIONED IN V2 THE RESPONDENT IDENTIFIES AS THOSE THEY ARE ACTIVE IN, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 3 GROUPS. IF MORE THAN 3 GROUPS SELECTED, CHOOSE RANDOMLY, BUT ALWAYS INCLUDE 'A political organization or candidates for office', IF MENTIONED BY RESPONDENT.**

NOTE: WHEN FILLING IN THE TYPE OF GROUP IN V3 AND V4, SHORTEN THE FILL ON ITEM "D" TO "A CIVIC OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION"

- V3 Thinking about your work for (type of group) over the last 12 months-- Is this something you do on a regular basis, or just once in a while?
- 1 Do on a regular basis - GO TO V4
  - 2 Do just once in a while - GO TO V4
  - 8 Don't know - GO TO V7INST
  - 9 Refused - GO TO V7INST
- V4 Have you worked for this group in the last month or not, or can't you remember?
- 1 In the last month
  - 2 Longer than one month ago
  - 8 Don't know/can't remember
  - 9 Refused
- V5 What is the main reason why you volunteer for this group: to address a social or political problem, to help other people, or some other reason?
- 1 Address a social or political problem
  - 2 To help other people
  - 3 Some other reason (NOT SPECIFIED)
  - 8 Don't know
  - 9 Refused
- V6 When you initially got involved, who made the first contact - did they contact you, you contact them, someone else put you together, or can't you recall?
- 1 They contacted me
  - 2 I contacted them
  - 3 Someone else put us together
  - 8 Don't remember/Don't Know
  - 9 Refused

**V7 INST IF RESPONDENT IS A STUDENT (SCHL = 1,2 or 3) ASK V7: {IF NOT A STUDENT, GO TO INSTRUCTIONS AFTER V7C}**

V7 Was your work with [group] arranged or organized by school, or not?

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

V7A Have you talked about your service experience or volunteer work in class or in a group session with other students, or not?

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

V7B Has your service activity contributed toward your grade in any class, or not?

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

V7C Has your service activity or volunteer work been required, or not?

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

**REPEAT SEQUENCE V3-V7C FOR EACH OF 3 GROUPS MENTIONED IN V2**

V8 Besides volunteering time with organized groups, have you ever volunteered some of your time to help others on your own? Please do not include help given to people living in your household or activities you may have already mentioned. {IF YES}: Have you done this in the last 12 months?

**{PROGRAMMING NOTE: IF NO TO V1 AND INT4 (V1 = 3 AND INT4 = 3), SUBSTITUTE "Please do not include help given to people living in your household." FOR THE LONGER SECOND SENTENCE ABOVE.}**

- 1 YES, Have done it in last 12 months - GO TO V9A
- 2 YES, But have not done it in last 12 months -- GO TO PR1
- 3 No, Have not done it in last few years - GO TO PR1
- 8 Don't know if have done it in last few years - GO TO PR1
- 9 Refused -GO TO PR1

V9A The last time you did this, whom did you help?

**CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY**

- 1 Family member/relative
- 2 Friend
- 3 Neighbor
- 4 Stranger
- 5 Cause
- 6 Other
- 8 (VOL) Don't Know
- 9 (VOL) Refused

**(Form split A,B,C,D, V9B asked of new form A only (25% of cases))**

V9B And what was it that you did? **PROBE FOR SPECIFICITY**

**ASK ALL:**

People disagree about which problems are really serious today for the country as a whole. We want to know what YOU PERSONALLY think. If you aren't sure about a topic, just say so and we'll move on to the next one.

**PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE PR1-PR7**

First, what about ... Do you think that it is NOT REALLY A PROBLEM, a SMALL problem, a SERIOUS problem, or an EXTREMELY serious problem for the U.S. TODAY -- or aren't you sure? Next, what about ...

- PR1 pollution in the environment?
- PR2 the number of people who have to pay the government too much in taxes?
- PR3 discrimination against black people in hiring and promotion?
- PR4 the number of abortions that take place in the United States?
- PR5 the number of people who cannot afford health insurance?
- PR6 the future financial condition of Social Security?
- PR7 the quality of public education?

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES FOR PR1-PR7**

- 1 Not really a problem
- 2 A small problem
- 3 A serious problem
- 4 An extremely serious problem
- 8 Not sure, don't know
- 9 Refused

**FILTER OUT PEOPLE TOO YOUNG TO BE REGISTERED (IF AGE =15, 16, OR 17 SKIP TO VP3A)**

VP1. In talking to people, we find that many are not registered to vote because they are too busy or move around often. Would official state records show that you are now registered to vote in your election district, or not?

- 1 Registered
- 2 Not registered - GO TO CONDITIONAL BEFORE VP3
- 8 Don't know / not sure - GO TO CONDITONAL BEFORE VP3
- 9 Refused - GO TO CONDITIONAL BEFORE VP3

**FILTER OUT PEOPLE TOO YOUNG TO HAVE VOTED**

VP2. Can you recall if you voted in the 2000 election between Al Gore and George W. Bush, or did something prevent you from voting?

- 1 Voted
- 2 Did not vote
- 3 Not eligible in 2000 (vol.) SKIP TO PP1
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

**FILTER OUT PEOPLE TOO YOUNG TO HAVE VOTED (IF AGE =15, 16, 17, 18 or 19) GO TO VP3A**

VP3 We know that most people don't vote in all elections. Usually between one-quarter to one-half of those eligible actually come out to vote. Can you tell me how often you vote in local and national elections? Always, sometimes, rarely, or never?

- 1 Always
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Rarely
- 4 Never
- 5 Other (eligibility problems)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

**GO TO PP1**

VP3A We know that most people don't vote in all elections. Usually between one-quarter to one-half of those eligible actually come out to vote. As an adult, how often do you think you will vote in local and national elections? Always, sometimes, rarely or never?

- 1 Always
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Rarely
- 4 Never
- 5 (VOL) Other (eligibility problems)
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

PP1 When there is an election taking place do you generally talk to any people and try to show them why they should vote for or against one of the parties or candidates, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

PP2 Do you wear a campaign button, put a sticker on your car, or place a sign in front of your house, or aren't these things you do?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

PP5 During the past 12 months, have you been contacted by someone personally to work for or contribute money to a candidate, political party, or any other organization that supports candidates?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 DK
- 9 Refused

PP6 In the past twelve months, did you contribute money to a candidate, a political party or any organization that supported candidates?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 DK
- 9 Refused

Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements to see how you feel about some matters. Please tell me which you agree with more, even if neither is exactly how you feel. **READ STATEMENTS A AND B (RANDOMIZE ITEMS, ROTATE PAIRS WITHIN, STARTING WITH FIRST...(READ FIRST OF ROTATED PAIRS); SECOND.. (READ SECOND OF ROTATED PAIRS)**

ATA1 Most of the time people try to be helpful OR  
Most of the time people are just looking out for themselves

ATA2 There are generally clear guidelines to what is right and wrong OR  
What's right for one person doesn't mean it's right for everybody.

ATA3 It is my RESPONSIBILITY to get involved to make things better for society  
It is my CHOICE to get involved to make things better for society

ATA4 A person who wants to make a speech saying women are inferior to men should be allowed to do so  
OR  
A person who wants to make a speech saying women are inferior to men should be prevented from doing so

- ATA6 Government should do more to solve problems OR  
Government does too many things better left to businesses and individuals
- ATA7 Politics is a way for the powerful to keep power to themselves OR  
Politics is a way for the less powerful to compete on equal footing with the powerful
- ATA8 The political system is filled with unnecessary conflict OR  
There are so many competing groups in politics that conflict is unavoidable
- ATA9 Being a good citizen means having some special obligations OR  
Simply being a good person is enough to make someone a good citizen

RESPONSE OPTIONS ATA1-9

- 1 First statement
- 2 Second statement
- 3 Depends/Both/Neither (Vol)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

- ATA10 How much difference does it make whether the Democrats control the government or the Republicans do--A lot, some, a little, or no real difference?

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some difference
- 3 A little difference
- 4 No real difference
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

- A11 On the whole, would you say the political system in this country IS or is NOT responsive to the genuine needs of the public, or haven't you thought much about it?

- 1 Is Responsive
- 2 Is NOT Responsive
- 3 Haven't thought much about it
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

- A12 Thinking about problems in your community, how much difference do you believe that people working together as a group can make in solving problems you see – a great deal of difference, some difference, a little difference, or no difference at all?

- 1 Great deal of difference
- 2 Some difference
- 3 A little difference
- 4 No difference at all
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

MI1 Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. Do you follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, some of the time, rarely or never?

- 1 Most of the time Go to MI2
- 2 Some of the time Ask MI1a
- 3 Rarely Ask MI1a
- 4 Never Ask MI1a
- 8 Don't know/Depends
- 9 Refused

MI1a Do you not follow it more often because you dislike politics and government, because it's not very important to you, or some other reason?

- 1 Actively dislike/Dislike politics/just dislike it/dislike government
- 2 Not very important/Just not interested/Not into it
- 3 Other, Specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 (VOL) No Time/Too Busy
- 5 (VOL) Can't follow it/don't understand it/don't know enough about it
- 6 (VOL) Can't affect government/Feel powerless/Can't change things
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

MI2 How often do you talk about current events or things you have heard about in the news with your family and friends -- Very often, sometimes, rarely or never?

- 1 Very often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Rarely
- 4 Never (skip to M14)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

MI3 When you do talk about current events and the news, how often does that include items about politics or government --Very often, sometimes, rarely or never?

- 1 Very often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Rarely
- 4 Never
- 8 Don't know/Depends
- 9 Refused

**{PROGRAMMING NOTE: IF AGE=18+, ASK MI4, AGES 15-17 ASK MI4A}**

MI4 When you were growing up, how often was politics discussed around your house: Very often, sometimes, rarely, or never?

- 1 Very often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Rarely
- 4 Never
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

**GO TO MI5**

**{PROGRAMMING NOTE: IF AGE=15-17, ASK MI4A}:**

MI4a How often is politics discussed around your house – Very often, sometimes, rarely, or never?

- 1 Very often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Rarely
- 4 Never
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

**{PROGRAMMING NOTE: IF AGE=18+, ASK MI5, AGES 15-17 ASK MI5A}**

MI5 From what you remember growing up, did anyone in your household spend time volunteering, or not?

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

**{PROGRAMMING NOTE: IF AGE= 15-17 ASK MI5A}**

MI5A Over the past several years, has anyone in your household spent time volunteering, or not?

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

**ASK ALL:**

MI6 How many close friends do you have these days - these are people you feel at ease with, can talk to about private matters or call on for help. Would you say that you have no close friends, one or two, three to five, six to ten, or more than that?

- 1 None
- 2 One or two
- 3 Three to five
- 4 Six to 10
- 5 More than 10
- 6 Depends (VOL)
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused



MI7 I'm going to read you some ways that people get news and information. Over the past seven days, please tell me on how many days you have done each of the following....

- A Read a newspaper
- B Read magazines like Newsweek, Time, or U.S. News and World Report
- C Watch the national news on television
- D Listen to the news on radio
- E Read news on the Internet [**IF NET = 8, AUTOPUNCH "0"**]

0 No, did not do

/\_\_\_/ Code days number 1 through 7; couple=2; few=3; everyday=7

8 Don't know

9 Refused

MI8 Thinking about everything you watch on television -- not just the news -- , about how many hours per day do you spend watching TV?

Code Hours /\_\_\_\_/ plus decimal .25, .50, etc.

**{PROGRAMMING NOTE: ROTATE, BUT KEEP THE FOLLOWING BLOCKS TOGETHER: E and F;  
G and H; I and J}**

PP7 Now I'm going to read you a quick list of things that some people have done to express their views. For each one I read, please just tell me whether you have ever done it or not. **(FOR EACH YES, PROBE: And have you done this in the last 12 months, or not?)**

- A Contacted or visited a public official - at any level of government - to ask for assistance or to express your opinion?
- B Contacted a newspaper or magazine to express your opinion on an issue?
- C Called in to a radio or television talk show to express your opinion on a political issue, even if you did not get on the air?
- D Taken part in a protest, march, or demonstration
- E Signed an e-mail petition about a social or political issue?
- F And have you ever signed a written petition about a political or social issue?
- G NOT bought something because of conditions under which the product is made, or because you dislike the conduct of the company that produces it?
- H Bought a certain product or service because you like the social or political values of the company that produces or provides it
- I Personally walked, ran, or bicycled for a charitable cause -this is separate from sponsoring or giving money to this type of event?
- J Besides donating money have you ever done anything else to help raise money for a charitable cause?
- K Have you worked as a canvasser - having gone door to door for a political or social group or candidate.

Response Options PP7A-K

- 1 No. Have not done it.
- 2 Yes, Have done it, but not in last 12 months
- 3 Yes, Have done it, and within last 12 months
- 8 Have done it, DK whether in last 12 months or not
- 9 Don't know if have done it./Refused

I'm going to read you some more pairs of statements. Please tell me which you agree with more, even if neither is exactly how you feel. **READ STATEMENTS A AND B (RANDOMIZE ITEMS, ROTATE PAIRS WITHIN, STARTING WITH FIRST..(READ FIRST OF ROTATED PAIRS); SECOND... (READ SECOND OF ROTATED PAIRS)**

- ATB1 Most people try to take advantage of others if given the chance OR  
Most people try to be fair in their dealings with others
- ATB2 I do things out of duty - because I'm supposed to do them OR  
I do things only when I want to do them
- ATB3 Government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest OR  
Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good
- ATB4 The political system works to ensure equal opportunity for everyone OR  
The political system works to give special favors to some at the expense of others
- ATB5 Homosexuality is a way of life that should be accepted by society OR  
Homosexuality is a way of life that should be discouraged by society.
- ATB6 Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents OR  
Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health care.
- ATB7 My age group is unique and distinct from other generations OR  
There is nothing particularly unique or distinct about my age group.
- ATB8 Government is almost always wasteful and inefficient OR  
Government often does a better job than people give it credit for.

RESPONSE OPTIONS ATB1-8

- 1 First statement
- 2 Second statement
- 3 Depends/Both/Neither (Vol)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

**(ASK S1 THROUGH S5 IF AGE <26; AGE CAT=1, ELSE SKIP TO GP1)**

**IF SCHL=1 (CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL) ASK:**

- S1. Are you currently participating in any organized groups or clubs in high school such as sports teams, band or chorus, language clubs, or the like?
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No **GO TO S4**
  - 8 Don't know **GO TO S4**
  - 9 Refused **GO TO S4**

S2. IF YES: About how many organized groups or clubs are you currently participating in?  
**INTERVIEWER: IF R SAYS NOT SURE, PROBE: "Just your best guess."**

Code number of groups

- 88 Don't know
- 99 Refused

S3. Do any of these groups include student government or organizations concerned with social or political issues?

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

**GO TO S4**

**IF SCHL NE 1 (NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL) ASK:**

S1a. When you were in high school, did you participate in any organized groups or clubs in high school such as sports teams, band or chorus, language clubs, or the like?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No **GO TO S4**
- 8 Don't know **GO TO S4**
- 9 Refused **GO TO S4**

S2a. IF YES: About how many organized groups or clubs did you participate in?  
**INTERVIEWER: IF R SAYS NOT SURE, PROBE: "Just your best guess."**

Code number

- 88 Don't know
- 99 Refused

S3a. Were any of these groups student government or organizations concerned with social or political issues?

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

**GO TO S4**

**(IF SCHL = 1, 2 or 3 ASK S4, S5, AND S6, ELSE SKIP TO GP1 (RESPONDENT CURRENTLY A STUDENT IN HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE )**

S4. Do any of your classes require you to keep up with politics or government, either by reading the newspaper, watching TV, or going onto the Internet, or not?

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

S5. In classes that deal with history, government, social studies, or related subjects, how often do teachers encourage the class to discuss political and social issues in which people have different opinions - - never, rarely, sometimes or often?

- 1 Never
- 2 Rarely
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Often
- 5 (VOL) DON'T TAKE ANY CLASSES LIKE THIS
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

S6 And how often are students encouraged to make up their own minds about issues - never, rarely, sometimes or often?

- 1 Never
- 2 Rarely
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Often
- 5 (VOL) DON'T TAKE ANY CLASSES LIKE THIS
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

**(CREATE VARIABLE FOR OPEN SAMPLE REPLICATES AND NON DIALED REPLICATES, OPEN SAMPLE REPLICATES CONTINUE WITH GP1 THROUGH GP9 NON-DIALED REPLICATES GOTO TEXT BEFORE QUESTION GPA)**

You've been very patient, and we're getting near the end. I'd like to ask about groups and organizations some people belong to. Just tell me YES or NO if you have been involved with each in the past 12 months. First, (RANDOMIZE GP1-8) Yes or No?

**NOTE TO PROGRAMMER: If YES to ANY of GP1 through GP9, ask GXa & GXb AT THE END OF THE SEQUENCE. DO NOT ask GXa and GXb for every YES response to GP1 through GP9**

- GP1. National or local charities such as the United Way, the Red Cross, the March of Dimes, or any similar organization.
- GP2. Labor unions or employee associations.
- GP3. A business or professional association.
- GP4. Any association that looks after the interests of some kinds of people, such as the veterans, the elderly, the handicapped, children, or some other similar group.
- GP5. Any association that is concerned with social or political issues, such as reducing taxes, protecting the environment, promoting prayer in the schools, or any other causes.
- GP6. Sports, recreation, community, neighborhood, school, or youth organizations.
- GP8. Cultural, literary, or art organizations.

**Put last; do not rotate GP9**

GP9. Any other groups we haven't mentioned?

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

**IF RESPONDENT BELONGS TO ANY GROUPS IN A CATEGORY (IF ANY of GP1 To GP9 EQ 1, ASK GXA and GXB), ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ONLY ONCE:**

(4/17 ADDED FOR NON-DIALED SAMPLE TO REPLACE GP1-GP9 SERIES

GPA. Now we would like to know about the groups and organizations you might belong to. I'm interested in knowing about groups you're a member of, or donate money to. I'm talking about charities, labor unions, professional associations, political or social groups, sports and youth groups, and so forth. Do you belong to or donate money to any groups or associations, either locally or nationally?

- 1 Yes - ASK GPB
- 2 No - GO TO K1
- 8 Don't Know - GO TO K1
- 9 Refused - GO TO K1

GPB. About how many groups would you say you belong to or donate money to? Take your time and think about it.

[RANGE 1-97, DK=98, Refused = 99]

CONTINUE WITH GXA

GXa. Are you an active member (IF GPB = 1 "of this group", IF GPB>1 "any of these groups"), a member but not active, or have you given money only?

- 1 Active member of at least one of them
- 2 Member but not active in at least one of them
- 3 Given money only
- 4 (VOL) Given money and active member
- 5 (VOL) Given money but INactive member
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

GXb. (IF GPB = 1 "Does this group", IF GPB>1 "Do any of these groups") take stands on or discuss public issues, or try to influence governmental actions?

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

Here are a few questions about things that have been in the news. Not everyone will know the answers.

K1. As far as you know, does the federal government spend more on Social Security or on foreign aid?

- 1 Social Security
- 2 Foreign aid
- 3 Same/other response
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

K2. Would you say that one of the parties is more conservative than the other on the national level? IF yes: Which party is more conservative?

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democratic
- 3 Other
- 4 No, one party is not more conservative
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

K4. How much of a majority is required for the U.S. Senate and House to override a Presidential veto?

- 1 Two thirds, 67%
- 2 Any other substantive answer
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

D1 In politics today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

- 1 Democrat Ask D1a
- 2 Republican Ask D1a
- 3 Independent
- 4 Something Else/Other
- 8 Don't Know/No opinion
- 9 Refused

D1a Do you consider yourself a strong [insert party] or not so strong [insert party]?

- 1 Strong Go to D2
- 2 Not so strong Go to D2
- 8 Don't know Go to D2
- 9 Refused Go to D2

**(IF #3,4, 8 OR 9 TO D1, ASK)**

D1b Do you lean more toward the Democratic Party or more toward the Republican Party?

- 1 Democratic party
- 2 Republican party
- 3 Other party
- 4 Neither
- 8 Don't know/no opinion
- 9 Refused

D2 In general, would you describe your political views as... **(READ OPTIONS 1 THROUGH 5)**

- 1 Very conservative
- 2 Conservative
- 3 Moderate
- 4 Liberal, OR
- 5 Very Liberal?
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

YOU'VE BEEN VERY PATIENT. NOW JUST A FINAL FEW QUESTIONS FOR US TO CLASSIFY YOUR ANSWERS:

D3 Are you of Latino or Hispanic origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?

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



D4 Are you white, black or of Asian origin?

- 1 White
- 2 Black
- 3 Asian
- 4 Other (VOL/SPECIFY: )
- 8 Not determined/Don't know
- 9 Refused

D5 Were you born in the United States, or in another country?

- 1 Born in US
- 2 Born somewhere else
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

D6 Do you consider yourself to be Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, atheist or agnostic?

- 1 Catholic [GOTO D7]
- 2 Protestant (include Baptist, Episcopal, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Pentecostal, Church of Christ, etc) [GOTO D7]
- 3 Jewish [GOTO D8]
- 4 Muslim [GOTO D8]
- 5 Other GO TO D6A
- 6 Atheist/Agnostic [GOTO D8]
- 8 Don't Know [GO TO D8]
- 9 Refused [GOTO D8]

D6A. Do you consider yourself a Christian, or not?

- 1 Yes GO TO D7
- 2 No GO TO D8
- 8 Don't Know GO TO D8
- 9 Refused GO TO D8

D7 Would you describe yourself as a born again or evangelical Christian, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

D8 Aside from weddings and funerals how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

- 1 More than once a week
- 2 Once a week
- 3 Once or twice a month
- 4 A few times a year
- 5 Seldom
- 6 Never
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

D9 How important would you say religion is in your own life - very important, fairly important, or not very important?

- 1 Very important
- 2 Fairly important
- 3 Not very important
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

D10 Do you think of yourself as belonging to the working class, the middle class, or the upper class?

- 1 Working
- 2 Middle
- 3 Upper
- 4 No class
- 5 Lower (VOL)
- 6 Other
- 8 DK/NA/Other (refused to accept idea of class)
- 9 Refused

D11 Are you married, living as married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

- 1 Married
- 2 Living as married
- 3 Widowed
- 4 Divorced
- 5 Separated
- 6 Never been married
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

D12 What was the last year of school your mother completed? If you were raised by a stepmother or some other female relative, please answer for that person.

- 1 No high school
- 2 Some high school
- 3 High school
- 4 Some college
- 5 College graduate
- 6 Graduate or professional school or degree
- 8 Don't Know go to D12a
- 9 Refused

D12a Did she finish high school?

- 1 Yes go to D12b
- 2 No go to D13
- 3 Didn't go to HS (vol) go to D13
- 8 Don't know go to D13
- 9 Refused go to D13

- D12b Did she attend college?
- 1 Yes go to D12c
  - 2 No go to D13
  - 8 Don't know go to D13
  - 9 Refused go to D13

- D12c Did she graduate from college?
- 1 Yes
  - 2 NO
  - 8 Don't know
  - 9 Refused

D13 Are you now employed full-time, part-time, not employed, or retired?

- 1 Full-time
- 2 Part-Time
- 3 Not Employed
- 4 Retired
- 8 (VOL) Don't Know
- 9 (VOL) Refused

D14 Were your parents born in the United States or in another country?

- 1 Both in U.S.
- 2 One in U.S./one in another country
- 3 Both in another country
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

D15 Which of the following best describes where you are currently living: I own my home, I rent my home or apartment, I live in college or university housing, I live with my parents.

- 1 Own
- 2 Rent
- 3 College or university housing
- 4 Live w/ parents
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

D16 Is anyone in your household a member of a union?

- 1 Yes go to D16a
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

D16a Is that yourself, someone else, or both?

- 1 Myself
- 2 Someone else
- 3 Both
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Finally, we want to ask you about the composition of your household.

D17 How many people, including yourself, live in your home?  
(Includes all adults and children)

/ \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / (ENTER number: 15=15+, 98=DK, 99 = REFUSED)

IF D17=1, 98 OR 99 GO TO D18

SHOW SCREEN WITH AGE CATEGORIES AVAILABLE SO THAT INTERVIEWER CAN ENTER NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN EACH AGE CATEGORY.

Of the \_\_\_ people, including yourself living in your household. I would like to know how many of these people are in each of the following:

IF D17=2+ ASK: D17a-D17e. Including yourself, how many are:

D17a	14 YEARS OR UNDER	_____
D17b	15-25	_____
D17c	26-37	_____
D17d	38-56	_____
D17e	57+	_____
	DK/REF (ENTER "99"	_____

(VALIDITY CHECK - TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS ENTERED IN D17A MUST EQUAL NUMBER IN D17)

(GO TO D18)

D18 So that we can group all answers, is your total annual family income before taxes: **READ RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 THROUGH 8**

- 1 Under \$20,000
- 2 \$20,000 to just under 30,000
- 3 \$30 to just under 40,000
- 4 \$40,000 to just under 50,000
- 5 \$50,000 to just under 64,000
- 6 \$65,000 to just under 80,000
- 7 \$80,000 to just under 100,000
- 8 OR OVER \$100,000
- 9 REFUSED/DON'T KNOW

D19 Thanks. You've been very helpful. Sometimes we need to recontact people to verify that this interview took place, or someone writing up the results may want to know more about how you feel. Would it be okay for us to recontact you if necessary? (IF YES, ASK: Could I please have just your first name?)

1. YES -----> RECORD NAME:
2. NO