

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, or if you have any questions about respondents' rights, I can give you contact information at LSU.

*Do not volunteer the following information unless Respondent requests it, but move on with the survey.*

*If Respondent wants professor's number, give them Sociology Department phone number, 578-1645, and tell them that the survey is for Sociology 2211, section 1.*

*If Respondent has questions about respondents' rights, tell them to contact Robert C. Mathews, chairman of the Institutional Review Board at LSU, at 203 B-1 David Boyd Hall, tel. 225-578-8692.*

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

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1. If the husband in a family wants children, but the wife decides that she does not want any children, is it all right for the wife to refuse to have children?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

3. DK/NA
2. And if the wife in a family wants children, but the husband decides that he does not want any children, is it all right for the husband to refuse to have children?
  1. Yes
  2. No
  3. DK/NA
3. How much confidence do you have in the ability of the U.S. government to respond to natural disasters: a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?
  1. A Great Deal
  2. A Fair Amount
  3. Not Very Much
  4. None at All
4. Do you think the federal government should continue to provide housing for all people left homeless by Hurricane Katrina, or is this no longer the responsibility of the federal government?
  1. Should Continue to Provide
  2. No Longer Federal Responsibility
  3. Unsure
5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
  - It's a good idea for a couple who intend to get married to live together first.
  - The U.S. would be a better country if religion had less influence.
  - When the experience of a racial or ethnic minority group is taught in high school or college, it should be taught by a teacher from that group.
  1. Strongly Agree
  2. Agree
  3. Neither Agree nor Disagree
  4. Disagree
  5. Strongly Disagree
  6. Don't Know
  7. NA
6. Generally speaking, would you say that you personally care a good deal who wins the presidential election this fall, or don't you care very much who wins?

1. Don't Care
  2. Care a Good Deal
  3. Don't Know
7. If your party nominated ... [go down list] for President, would you vote for him if he were qualified for the job?
- An African-American?
  - A Woman?
  - A Latino or Hispanic?
  - An Asian-American?
  - How about a Gay or Lesbian?
  - What about a Catholic?
  - A Jew?
  - A Muslim?
1. Yes
  2. No
  3. Don't Know
  4. NA
8. Does a candidate's religious beliefs affect your decision to support the candidate?
1. Yes, Definitely
  2. Probably
  3. Probably Not
  4. Definitely Not
  5. DK, NA
9. At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on American life or losing its influence?
1. Increasing Influence
  2. Losing Influence
  3. Same (VOL)
  4. No Opinion [SKIP NEXT QUESTION]
- IF GAVE RESPONSE (1,2,3), ASK:
10. All in all, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?
1. Good thing
  2. Bad thing
  3. Both/Neither/Depends (VOL)

4. Don't know/Refused
11. At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on government leaders and institutions such as the President, Congress, and the Supreme Court, or losing its influence?
1. Increasing influence
  2. Losing influence
  3. Same (VOL)
  4. No opinion [SKIP NEXT QUESTION]
- IF GAVE RESPONSE (1,2,3), ASK:
12. All in all, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?
1. Good thing
  2. Bad thing
  3. Both/Neither/Depends (VOL)
  4. Don't know/Refused
13. How would you rate the state of race relations in the United States these days? Would you say they are excellent, good, only fair, or poor?
1. Excellent
  2. Good
  3. Only fair
  4. Poor
  5. Unsure
14. How serious a problem do you think racial discrimination against blacks is where you live: a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, not too serious, or not at all serious?
1. Very Serious
  2. Somewhat Serious
  3. Not Too Serious
  4. Not at All Serious
  5. Unsure
15. Some religious and business groups have set up programs to encourage Black people to buy houses in white suburbs. Do you Favor or oppose these voluntary programs to integrate white suburbs?
1. Favor
  2. Oppose

3. DK/NA
16. Which of the following best represents your views about abortion? The choice on abortion should be left up to the woman and her doctor. Abortion should be legal only in cases in which pregnancy results from rape or incest or when the life of the woman is at risk. OR, Abortion should be illegal in all circumstances.
  1. Woman and Doctor
  2. Rape, Incest, Life of Woman
  3. Always Illegal
  4. Unsure
17. As you may know, under the current military policy, no one in the military is asked whether or not they are homosexual. But if they reveal that they are homosexual and they engage in homosexual activity, they will be discharged from the military. Do you personally think -- gays should be allowed to serve openly in the military, gays should be allowed to serve under the current policy, or gays should not be allowed to serve in the military under any circumstances?
  1. Serve openly
  2. Serve under current policy
  3. Not serve under any circumstances
  4. No opinion
18. In general, would you say that people should obey the law without exception, or are there exceptional occasions on which people should follow their consciences even if it means breaking the law?
  1. Always Obey Law
  2. Follow Conscience
  3. Can't Choose
  4. NA
19. 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
  3. Don't Know
  4. NA
20. Do you Favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?
  1. Favor
  2. Oppose

3. Don't Know/No Answer

21. Do you Favor or oppose the death penalty for -- ? How about for -- [INSERT NEXT ITEM]?

- Women
- The mentally ill
- The Mentally retarded
- Juveniles

1. Favor
2. Oppose
3. No opinion

22. Have rumors about crime and social unrest in Baton Rouge since Hurricane Katrina made you feel more concerned about your own safety?

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

23. How did the events of and immediately following Hurricane Katrina, especially the trends in violent crime, affect your views on the private ownership of firearms for the purpose of self defense? [Read categories]

1. Already kept a gun for self-defense purposes; or if not:
2. Purchased a gun after the storm
3. Considered purchasing a gun
4. No change
5. Less likely to keep a gun for self defense

24. 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?

1. \_\_\_\_ [VALID RANGE 0 7]
2. Don't know
3. Refused

25. 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

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

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

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

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

1. Male
2. Female

28. 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

29. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

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

30. 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. NA

31. Do you have children? How many?

0. None

1. One
2. Two
3. Three
4. Four or more
5. Other answer
6. NA

33. 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

34. 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. NA

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

B. [RECORD OTHER] \_\_\_\_\_

35. 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



36. 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

37. 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

38. 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
5. Don't remember, No Answer, Refused

39. Thinking ahead to the next presidential election, if the 2008 general election were held today and the candidates were [see below] and [see below], for whom would you vote?

1. John McCain (R)
2. Hillary Clinton (D)
3. Other (vol.)
4. Unsure

1. John McCain (R)
2. Barack Obama (D)
3. Other (vol.)
4. Unsure

40. 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

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

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

42. 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

43. What is your Zip Code?

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

*[INTERVIEW IS COMPLETE IF YOU REACH THIS POINT]*

45. 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 2006, 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 \$100,000
7. More than \$100,000
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.

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