

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 2.

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. 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
 5. No answer

2. Please tell me how you would rate the honesty and ethical standards of people in these different fields Very High, High, Average, Low, or Very Low? First, ... Next, ...
- A. Advertising Practitioners
 - B. Bankers
 - C. Business Executives
 - D. Car Salesmen
 - E. Clergy
 - F. Congressmen
 - G. How about your own Congressman?
 - H. Lawyers
 - I. Medical Doctors
 - J. Nurses
 - K. Policemen
 - L. Building Contractors
 - M. Journalists
 - N. Labor Union Leaders
- 1. Very high
 - 2. High
 - 3. Average
 - 4. Very Low
 - 5. Low
 - 6. No opinion
3. Suppose you had some problem to take up with an important local official, such as the mayor or local council member, but you did not personally know this official. Do you feel that you would have to find someone who could contact the official FOR you, or could you contact the official directly?
- 1. Would have to go through connection
 - 2. Could approach directly
 - 3. Depends on the problem (*volunteered*)
 - 4. Don't know
 - 5. Refused
4. 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... (*READ ITEMS, IN ORDER. DO NOT ROTATE*)
- 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
5. 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
 5. Don't Know, Depends
 6. No answer
6. How about State government? How of much of the time do you think you can trust the State of Louisiana government 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
 5. Don't Know, Depends
 6. No answer
7. And the local East Baton Rouge government? How of much of the time do you think you can trust City-Parish government 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
 5. Don't Know, Depends
 6. No answer
8. How much confidence do you have in the ability of the police to protect you from violent crime: a great deal, quite a lot, not very much, or none at all?
1. A great deal
 2. Quite lot
 3. Not very much
 4. None at all
 5. No opinion
9. 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
 5. No opinion
10. I'd like to ask you some questions about what has happened since Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf area. Do you think the federal government has responded adequately, or could it have done much better?
1. Adequately
 2. Could have done better
 3. Unsure
11. How about state government? Do you think the Louisiana state government responded adequately to Hurricane Katrina or could it have done much better?
1. Adequately
 2. Could have done better
 3. Unsure
12. And local governments? Do you think the Local governments responded adequately to Hurricane Katrina or could they have done much better?
1. Adequately
 2. Could have done better
 3. Unsure
13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is responding to the needs of people affected by Hurricane Katrina?
1. Approve
 2. Disapprove
 3. Unsure
14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush responded to the needs of people affected by Hurricane Katrina, during his term in office?
1. Approve
 2. Disapprove
 3. Unsure
15. Would you be willing or not willing to pay more in taxes to help with the recovery from Hurricane Katrina?
1. Willing
 2. Not Willing
 3. Don't Know
 4. No answer

16. 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
17. In the past 30 days, how often have you visited a web site for -
- A. News and current events
 - B. Political information
 - C. Financial information
 - D. Social Networking
 - E. Shopping
 - F. Music/Concerts
 - G. Sports
 - H. Humor
 - I. Health and Fitness
 - J. Religion/Church related
1. Never
 2. 1-2 Times
 3. 3-5 Times
 4. More Than 5 Times
 5. Don't Know
 6. No Answer
18. Thinking about songs people copy from their CDs onto their computers, do you think it should be legal or illegal to trade these songs with other people on the Internet?
1. Legal
 2. Illegal
 3. No opinion
19. What about movies that people copy from their DVDs onto their computers, do you think it should be legal or illegal to trade these movies with other people on the Internet?
1. Legal
 2. Illegal
 3. No opinion
20. How likely is it that you would download songs from an Internet site if you could do so quickly and easily - very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?
1. Very likely
 2. Somewhat likely
 3. Not too likely

4. Not at all likely
 5. No opinion
21. How about movies - how likely is it that you would download movies from an Internet site if you could do so quickly and easily - very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?
1. Very likely
 2. Somewhat likely
 3. Not too likely
 4. Not at all likely
 5. No opinion
22. All systems of justice make mistakes, but which do you think is worse?
1. To convict an innocent person
 2. To let a guilty person go free
 3. Can't Choose
 4. No Answer
23. 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
24. 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. No Answer
25. Do you think having a gun in the house makes it a safer place to be or a more dangerous place to be?
1. Safer
 2. More Dangerous
 3. Depends (vol.)
 4. Unsure
26. Do you Favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?
1. Favor
 2. Oppose
 3. Don't Know/No Answer

Next I'd like to ask you a couple questions about television and newspapers.

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

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

28. 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.

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

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

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

1. Male
2. Female

31. 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. No Answer

32. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

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

33. 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

34. Do you have children? How many?

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

35. 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

36. 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] _____

37. 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

38. 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

39. 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

40. 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

41. 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

42. 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

43. 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

44. What is your Zip Code?

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

[INTERVIEW IS COMPLETE IF YOU REACH THIS POINT]

46. 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.

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