

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. First, may I ask, In what year were you born?
 [RECORD FULL YEAR (e.g., 1967); IF NO ANSWER, ENTER 9999]
 [Note: must be 1987 or earlier for them to be over age 18]

2. In general, do you think it is easier to be a mother today than it was 20 or 30 years ago, more difficult, or about the same?

1. Easier
2. More difficult
3. About the same
8. Don't Know
9. NA

3. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement: A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work.

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly disagree
8. Don't Know
9. NA

4. Next, please tell me if you think each of the following trends is generally a good thing for our society, a bad thing for our society, or doesn't make much difference?

- More mothers of young children working outside the home
- More women not ever having children
- More women having their first child after age
- More single women deciding to have children without a male partner to help raise them
- More UNmarried couples deciding to have children
- More gay and lesbian couples raising children
- More fathers staying home with children so their wives can work full-time
- More people who were adopted as children searching for and finding their birth mothers

1. Good Thing for Society
2. Doesn't Make Much Difference
3. Bad Thing for Society
8. Don't Know
9. NA

5. Next, we have a question about the kind of relationship you would like with a spouse or partner. It doesn't matter whether you are now married or living with someone. Would you prefer...

1. A relationship where the man has the main responsibility for providing the household income and the woman has the main responsibility for taking care of the home and family
 2. A relationship where the man and woman equally share responsibility for providing the household income and taking care of the home and family
 8. Don't Know
 9. NA
6. How successful do you feel at balancing your paid work and your family life? Do you feel...
1. Not at all successful
 2. Not very successful
 3. Somewhat successful
 4. Very successful
 5. Completely successful
 6. Don't Work [vol.]
 8. Don't Know
 9. NA
7. Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?
1. Favor
 2. Oppose
 8. Don't Know
 9. NA

We'd also like to know how you feel about safety and crime in your neighborhood, and in Baton Rouge in general.

8. 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
 8. Don't Know
 9. NA
9. As far as crime is concerned, how safe do you feel in Baton Rouge, outside your neighborhood? Would you say you feel very safe, fairly safe, not very safe, or not safe at all?

1. Very safe
2. Fairly safe
3. Not very safe
4. Not safe at all
8. Don't Know
9. NA

10. How about your neighborhood? How safe do you feel it is? Would you say you feel very safe, fairly safe, not very safe, or not safe at all?

1. Very safe
2. Fairly safe
3. Not very safe
4. Not safe at all
5. Don't Know
6. No answer

11. Have you been a victim of crime in the last year?

1. No
2. Yes
8. Don't Know
9. NA

12. Have any of your close friends in Baton Rouge been a victim of crime in the last year?

1. No
2. Yes
8. Don't Know
9. NA

13. 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
 8. Don't Know
 9. NA
14. Which comes closer to your view about evaluating students for admission into a college or university?
1. Applicants should be admitted solely on the basis of merit, even if that results in few minority students being admitted.
 2. An applicant's racial and ethnic background should be considered to help promote diversity on college campuses, even if that means admitting some minority students who otherwise would not be admitted.
 8. Don't Know
 9. NA
15. Some people say that 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. Do you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree?
1. Strongly agree
 2. Agree
 3. Neither agree nor disagree
 4. Disagree
 5. Strongly disagree
 8. Don't Know
 9. NA
16. 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 Cleaning up Litter and Graffiti
 - ___ F Dealing with the aftermath of the Hurricanes
1. Highest Priority

2. High Priority
3. Medium Priority
4. Lower Priority
8. Don't Know
9. No answer

17. Do you think [see below] has/have done a great, good, neither good nor bad, bad, or terrible job in the recovery from the Hurricanes and subsequent flooding? How about ... [go down list]

- ___ A The state government
- ___ B The local governments
- ___ C The U.S. government
- ___ D President Bush
- ___ E Religious and Faith-based organizations
- ___ F Other nonprofit organizations
- ___ G Business and Industry

1. Great
2. Good
3. Neither Good Nor Bad
4. Bad
5. Terrible
8. Don't Know
9. NA

18. As you may know, New Orleans is a poor city. Do you think the federal government's recovery program there would be moving faster if it had been a wealthier city, or do you think poverty has not affected the recovery effort?

1. Would be Moving Faster
2. Have Not Affected Effort
8. Don't Know
9. NA

19. New Orleans is also a city with a large African-American population. Do you think the federal government's recovery program there would be moving faster if it had been a city with more whites, or do you think race has not affected the recovery effort?

1. Would be Moving Faster
2. Have Not Affected Effort
8. Don't Know

9. NA

20. How likely is it that there will be further acts of terrorism in the United States over the next several weeks: 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
8. Don't Know
9. NA

21. 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?

___ [VALID RANGE 0-7]
8 Don't know
9 Refused

22. 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]

___ [VALID RANGE 0-12]
98 Don't know
99 Refused

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

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

1. Male
2. Female

24. 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

25. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

1. Yes
2. No
- 9 No answer/Don't Know

26. 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

27. Do you have children? How many?

- 0 None
1. One
2. Two
3. Three
4. Four or more
5. Other answer
6. NA

28. 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

29. 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 TO Question 39]
8. Don't Know
9. NA

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

B [RECORD OTHER] _____

30. Are you a member of a local church, synagogue, or other religious or spiritual community?

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

31. 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
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

32. 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

33. 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
9. Don't remember, No Answer, Refused

34. 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?

- o John McCain (R)
- o Hillary Clinton (D)
- o Other (vol.)
- o Unsure

- o John McCain (R)
- o Barack Obama (D)
- o Other (vol.)
- o Unsure

- o Rudy Giuliani (R)
- o Hillary Clinton (D)
- o Other (vol.)
- o Unsure

- o Rudy Giuliani (R)
- o Barack Obama (D)
- o Other (vol.)
- o Unsure

35. 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

36. What is your Zip Code?

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

[INTERVIEW IS COMPLETE IF YOU REACH THIS POINT]

38. 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.

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