

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 have questions about this survey, you may contact the LSU Sociology Department, at 578-1645. If you have questions about respondents' rights, you may contact Robert C. Mathews, Chairman of the LSU Institutional Review Board, at 578-8692.

May we begin the interview? [RECORD YES_____ OR NO_____]

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1. How long have you lived in Baton Rouge?

[Record answer in years, if less than one year record 0.]

- _____
97. All my life
98. Don't Know
99. No answer

2. How likely is it that you will move away from Baton Rouge within the next two years?

1. Very likely
2. Somewhat likely
3. Somewhat unlikely
4. Very unlikely
5. Haven't decided

3. 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, No answer

4. 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

5. 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

6. 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
7. Do you have one or more computers at your home?
1. Yes
 2. No
 3. DK, NA
8. In the past 30 days, how often have you visited a web site for?
- A. News and current events.
B. Humor
C. Financial information
D. Political information
E. Sports
F. Music/concerts
G. Health and fitness
H. Religion/church related
I. Social Networking
J. Shopping
1. Never
 2. 1-2 Times
 3. 3-5 Times
 4. More Than 5 Times
 5. Don't Know
 6. No Answer
9. How often do you, yourself, use the Internet to do the following -- frequently, occasionally, rarely or never? How about for...?
- A. Sending and reading e-mail
B. Paying bills online
C. Budgeting personal finances
D. Reading "blogs" or Web logs
1. Frequently
 2. Occasionally
 3. Rarely
 4. Never
 5. No opinion
10. The federal government has a lot of different pieces of information about people which computers can bring together very quickly. Is this a very serious threat to individual privacy, a fairly serious threat, not a serious threat, or not a threat at all to individual privacy?
1. Very Serious Threat
 2. Fairly Serious
 3. Not Serious
 4. Not A Threat At All
 5. Can't Choose
 6. NA
11. The city of Baton Rouge has been installing surveillance video cameras in high crime areas. Do you think this process is increasing the safety of these areas?
1. Yes
 2. Somewhat
 3. No
 4. No opinion
12. Do you feel this increase of public surveillance is an invasion of privacy
1. Yes
 2. Somewhat
 3. No
 4. No opinion

13. 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?
- ___ Economic Development
 ___ [How about] Education
 ___ Reducing Traffic Congestion
 ___ Fighting Crime
 ___ Cleaning up Litter and Graffiti
 ___ Developing the Downtown area with more entertainment, restaurants, and shopping
 ___ Dealing with the aftermath of the Hurricanes
1. Highest Priority
 2. High Priority
 3. Medium Priority
 4. Lower Priority
 5. Don't Know
 6. No answer
14. If you had some complaint about a local government activity and took that complaint to a member of the local government council, would you expect him or her to pay a lot of attention to what you say, some attention, very little attention, or none at all?
1. Lot of Attention
 2. Some
 3. Very Little
 4. None
 5. DK, NA
15. How confident are you that City-Parish government uses my tax money wisely in:
- ___ Reducing traffic
 ___ Promoting downtown development
 ___ Fighting crime
 ___ Keeping Baton Rouge economically competitive
1. Very confident
 2. Confident
 3. Not very confident
 4. Not at all confident
 5. Don't know
16. How willing would you be to help fund a new interstate loop, either through a temporary tax or a toll?
1. Very willing
 2. Willing
 3. Not very willing
 4. Not at all willing
 5. Don't know
17. Do you approve or disapprove of the Supreme Court's decision that allows corporations to spend on behalf of candidates in elections?
1. Approve
 2. Disapprove
 3. Unsure
18. What are your feelings about East Baton Rouge expanding the jail system?
- ___ It is a deterrent to crime
 ___ It is necessary
 ___ I would be willing to pay higher taxes for this
1. Yes
 2. No
 3. Don't know
19. Do you favor or oppose a law to ban the sale of assault weapons and semiautomatic rifles?
1. Favor
 2. Oppose
 3. Unsure
20. 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, No answer

21. Next, I'm going to read some things people do because of their concern over crime. Please tell me which, if any, of these things you, yourself, do or have done. First, ... Next, ...

- A. Keep a dog for protection
 - B. Bought a gun for protection of yourself or your home
 - C. Carry a gun for defense
 - D. Carry a knife for defense
 - E. Had a burglar alarm installed in your home
 - F. Carry mace or pepper spray
 - G. Avoid going to certain places or neighborhoods you might otherwise want to go to
1. Yes
 2. No
 3. No opinion

22. In general, do you think the courts in this area deal too harshly or not harshly enough with criminals?

1. Too Harsh
2. Not Harsh Enough
3. About Right
4. DK, NA

23. 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.

24. 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. No Answer

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. No Answer

31. [If Ever Married] How old were you when you first married?

1. Not applicable
2. DK, NA

32. Do you have children? How many?

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

33. [If Children] How old were you when your first child was born?
1. Not applicable
 2. DK, NA
34. [If school-aged Children] Have any of your school-aged children expressed any worry or concern about feeling unsafe at their school when they go back to school this fall?
1. Yes
 2. No
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]
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- B. [RECORD OTHER]
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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. Would you favor or oppose having a third political party that would run candidates for president, Congress and state offices against the Republican and Democratic candidates?
1. Favor
 2. Oppose
 3. Unsure
41. 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

42. 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
43. 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
44. To what extent do you agree with the following statement: I trust Mayor Holden to look out for the interests of people like me.
1. Agree
 2. Somewhat agree
 3. Somewhat disagree
 4. Disagree
 5. Don't know
45. 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
46. What is your Zip Code?

47. What city do you live in?

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

- [INTERVIEW IS COMPLETE IF YOU REACH THIS POINT]**
49. 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 last year, from all sources.
1. Under \$25,000
 2. Under \$35,000
 3. Under \$50,000
 4. Under \$75,000
 5. Under \$100,000
 6. Under \$200,000
 7. More than \$200,000
 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.