

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. 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 gay and lesbian couples raising children
  - \_\_\_ More fathers staying home with children so their wives can work full-time
  - 1. Good Thing for Society
  - 2. Doesn't Make Much Difference
  - 3. Bad Thing for Society
  - 8. Don't Know
  - 9. NA
- 2. Women are more likely than men to take care of children. People have suggested several reasons why this might be so, for example, that women are biologically better-suited to care for children. How important do you think this reason is: very important, important, somewhat important, or not at all important.
  - 1. Very Important
  - 2. Important
  - 3. Somewhat Important
  - 4. Not At All Important
  - 5. Don't Know
  - 6. NA

3. Some people feel there should be a government insurance plan which would cover all medical and hospital expenses for everyone. Others feel that medical expenses should be paid by individuals, and through private insurance plans like Blue Cross or other company paid plans. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this? (7-POINT SCALE SHOWN TO R)
1. Government Insurance Plan
  2. 2
  3. 3
  4. 4
  5. 5
  6. 6
  7. Private Insurance Plan
  8. DK, Haven't Thought about it
4. Do you think there should or should not be adoption rights for gays and lesbians so they can legally adopt children
1. Yes, should
  2. No, should not
  3. No opinion
5. Do you agree or disagree? Homosexual couples should have the right to marry one another.
1. Strongly Agree
  2. Agree
  3. Neither Agree nor Disagree
  4. Disagree
  5. Strongly Disagree
  6. Can't Choose
  7. NA
6. As you may know, Massachusetts and some other states have legalized gay marriage. If a gay or lesbian couple gets married in one of these states, should their marriage be recognized as legal in all 50 states?
1. Yes
  2. No
  3. Unsure
7. Some people say that allowing openly gay men and women to serve in the military would be divisive for the troops and hurt their ability to fight effectively. Do you agree or disagree?
1. Agree
  2. Disagree
  3. Unsure
8. 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
9. 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

10. When the government administrators make serious mistakes in America how likely is it that they will be corrected?
1. Very Likely
  2. Somewhat Likely
  3. Not Very Likely
  4. Not At All Likely
  5. Can't Choose
  6. NA
11. Would you say the government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or that it is run for the benefit of all the people?
1. Few Big Interests
  2. Benefit of All
  3. Don't Know, Depends
12. Do you think that people in the government waste a lot of money we pay in taxes, waste some of it, or don't waste very much of it?
1. A Lot
  2. Some
  3. Not Very Much
  4. Don't Know
13. Do you think that quite a few of the people running the government are crooked, not very many are, or do you think hardly any of them are crooked?
1. Quite a Few
  2. Not Many
  3. Hardly Any
  4. Don't Know
14. How often do you use the internet to listen to music? Please stop me when I get to the most correct answer for you.
1. Every day
  2. Once a week or more
  3. Once a month or more
  4. Sometimes, but less than once a month
  5. I don't use the internet to listen to music
  6. DK/NA
15. [If listen] How do you get music on the internet? Please tell me if you use each of the following.
- Downloading from a paid source
  - Downloading from an unofficial source
  - File sharing
  - Internet radio
  - Other
1. Use
  2. Don't use
16. [If listen] Where and when do you mostly listen to the music you get from the internet?
- At Home
  - At Work
  - At a friend's House
  - On a Smartphone, iPod, iPad, or other mobile device
  - Other
1. A lot
  2. Sometimes
  3. From time to time, but not often
  4. Never
17. What is your opinion about downloading music illegally from the internet?
1. It is a serious offense
  2. It is a minor offense
  3. It is not really wrong
  4. DK/NA
18. 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

19. 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
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 feel that executing people who commit murder deters others from committing murder, or do you think such executions don't have much effect?
1. Deters Others
  2. Not Much Effect
  3. Unsure
22. 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 Improving and maintaining infrastructure: roads, sewers, etc.
1. Highest Priority
  2. High Priority
  3. Medium Priority
  4. Lower Priority
  5. Don't Know
  6. No answer
23. Infrastructure has to be constantly maintained, but it can be expensive. Which of the following infrastructure projects do you think should have the highest priority? Take sewage and water drainage: should it have the highest priority; high priority; medium priority; or lower priority?
- \_\_\_ A Sewage and water drainage
  - \_\_\_ B [How about] Roads and bridges
  - \_\_\_ C Public transportation
  - \_\_\_ D Airports
  - \_\_\_ E Bike Paths
  - \_\_\_ F A passenger railroad between Baton Rouge and New Orleans
  - \_\_\_ G An Interstate loop that goes around Baton Rouge
  - \_\_\_ H The development of alternative energy sources
1. Highest Priority
  2. High Priority
  3. Medium Priority
  4. Lower Priority
  5. Don't Know
  6. No answer

**Next I'd like to ask you a couple questions about where you get information.**

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
26. How many hours per day do you spend accessing the internet on an average weekday, that is Monday through Friday? [IF RESPONSE IS 12 OR GREATER, ENTER 12]
4. \_\_\_\_ [VALID RANGE 0-12]
  5. Don't know
  6. Refused

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

27. First, may I ask, In what year were you born? \_\_\_\_\_
- [RECORD FULL YEAR (e.g., 1967); IF NO ANSWER, ENTER 9999]
28. [IF UNSURE ASK]: Are you male or female?
1. Male
  2. Female
29. Do you consider yourself to be: [READ RESPONSE OPTIONS]
1. White
  2. Black, African American
  3. Asian
  4. American Indian
  5. Other
  6. Don't Know (vol.)
  7. No Answer

30. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
1. Yes
  2. No
  3. No answer/Don't Know

31. 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
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. 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

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. No Answer
- 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 2008 Presidential election?
1. John McCain
  2. Barack Obama
  3. Someone else [Volunteered]
  4. Didn't vote
  5. Don't remember, No Answer, Refused
39. 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
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. 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

42. What is your Zip Code?

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43. What city do you live in?

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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[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 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.**