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SELF-ADMINISTERED QUESTIONNAIRE

General Social Survey

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University of Chicago

This questionnaire is in two parts. When you finish answering, please place this questionnaire in the confidentiality envelope and seal the envelope.

CASE ID: ______________________

GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY
PLEASE READ EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY, REMEMBER THERE ARE NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWERS—WE JUST WANT TO KNOW YOUR OWN PERSONAL OPINION.

We would like you to fill out this questionnaire on your own using a pencil. When you are finished please return the questionnaire to our interviewer (sealed in the envelope provided). If no interviewer is present, please mail using the envelope provided.

HOW TO FILL OUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

To answer most questions you need only check a box. Here are two examples:

Example A:

Do you think the government is doing a good job or a poor job?

A very good job

A fairly good job

A poor job

A very poor job

(IF YOU THINK THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING A "FAIRLY GOOD JOB, CHECK BOX "(✓)"). CHECK ONE BOX ONLY).

Example B:

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX FOR EACH STATEMENT)

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(YOU WOULD CHECK BOX "1" IF YOU STRONGLY AGREE WITH THE FIRST STATEMENT, AND BOX 4 IF YOU "DISAGREE" WITH THE SECOND STATEMENT)

In this part of the survey we are interested in your opinions about politics, social issues and other things that affect our way of life in America.
SELF-ADMINISTERED QUESTIONNAIRE (IS-A)

General Social Survey

Part 1
To begin, we have some questions about where you live: your neighborhood or village, your town or city, your county, and so on. (By “neighborhood” we mean the part of the town/city you live in. If you live in a village, we take this as your “neighborhood.”)

1. How close do you feel to ...

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2. If you could improve your work or living conditions, how willing or unwilling would you be to ...

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3. Which of these two statements comes closer to your own view?

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

(✓)
It is essential that America remains one nation

OR

Parts of America should be allowed to become fully separate nations if they choose to

Can't choose

4. Some people say the following things are important for being truly American. Others say they are not important. How important do you think each of the following is ...

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<td>c. The world would be a better place if people from other countries were more like the Americans</td>
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<td>d. Generally speaking, America is a better country than most other countries</td>
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<td>e. People should support their country even if the country is in the wrong</td>
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<td>f. When my country does well in international sports, it makes me proud to be an American</td>
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<td>d. America should follow its own interests, even if this leads to conflicts with other nations</td>
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<td>e. Foreigners should not be allowed to buy land in America</td>
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Now we would like to ask a few questions about minorities in America.

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<td>b. Ethnic minorities should be given government assistance to preserve their customs and traditions</td>
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9. Some people say that it is better for a country if different racial and ethnic groups maintain their distinct customs and traditions. Others say that it is better if these groups adapt and blend into the larger society. Which of these views comes closer to your own?

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<td>It is better for society if groups maintain their distinct customs and traditions</td>
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10. There are different opinions about immigrants from other countries living in America. (By "immigrants" we mean people who come to settle in America.)

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

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<td>b. Immigrants are generally good for America’s economy</td>
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<td>c. Immigrants take jobs away from people who were born in America</td>
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<td>d. Immigrants make America more open to new ideas and cultures</td>
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11. Do you think the number of immigrants to America nowadays should be...

**PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY**

- ... increased a lot
- ... increased a little
- ... remain the same as it is
- ... reduced a little
- ... reduced a lot
- Can’t choose
12. How much do you agree or disagree that refugees who have suffered political repression in their own country should be allowed to stay in America?

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

 Agree strongly

 Agree

 Neither agree nor disagree

 Disagree

 Disagree strongly

 Can’t choose

13. Where did you spend most of your childhood until age 16?

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

 In this community

 In a different community, but in this state

 In a different state in America

 Outside America

14. How long have you lived in the community where you live now?

 Less than 1 year

 years
15. About how long altogether have you lived in other countries?

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

Never lived in other countries  

Less than 1 year in all  

1 to 4 years in all  

5 years or longer  

(✓)

16a. What language(s) do you speak at home?

PLEASE FILL IN

At home, I speak: ..................................................

..............................................................

16b. What language(s) do you speak well?

PLEASE FILL IN

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17a. Are you a citizen of America?

(✓)

Yes  

No  

1

2
17b. At the time of your birth, were both, one or neither of your parents citizens of America?

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

Both were citizens of America

Only father was a citizen of America

Only mother was a citizen of America

Neither parent was a citizen of America

18. How close do you feel to your ethnic or racial group?

Very close

Close

Not very close

Not close at all

Can’t choose

19. How much have you heard or read about the North American Free Trade Agreement or NAFTA?

A lot

Quite a bit

Not much

Nothing at all
20. Generally speaking, would you say that America benefits or does not benefit from being a member of NAFTA?

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

Benefits

Does not benefit

Don’t know

Have never heard of NAFTA

21. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

America should take stronger measures to exclude illegal immigrants.

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

Agree strongly

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Disagree strongly

Can’t choose

End of Section 1

Please pause for interviewer to read introduction to Part 2 of SAQ. If no interviewer is present, please proceed with Part 2.
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Part 2
There is a great deal of concern today about the AIDS epidemic and how to deal with it. Because of the grave nature of this problem, we are going to ask you some personal questions and we need your frank and honest responses. Your answers are confidential and will be used only for statistical reports.

The Past 12 Months

1. How many sex partners have you had in the last 12 months?

   PLEASE CIRCLE ONE ANSWER

   No partners ..................................... 00
   1 partner ...................................... 01
   2 partners ...................................... 02
   3 partners ...................................... 03
   4 partners ...................................... 04
   5 - 10 partners ................................. 05
   11 - 20 partners ............................... 06
   21 - 100 partners .............................. 07
   More than 100 partners ....................... 08

2. Was one of the partners your husband or wife or regular sexual partner?

   Yes ................................................ 1
   No .................................................. 2

3. If you had NO other partners beside your husband or wife or regular sexual partner, PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 4.

   If you had other partners, please indicate all categories that apply to them.

   CIRCLE ALL THE ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

   Close personal friend .......................... 1
   Neighbor, co-worker, or long-term acquaintance .................. 2
   Casual date or pick-up ........................... 3
   Person you paid or paid you for sex .................... 4
   Other (PLEASE SPECIFY) ........................ 5

4. Have your sex partners in the last 12 months been...

   PLEASE CIRCLE ONE ANSWER.

   Exclusively male ................................ 1
   Both male and female ............................ 2
   Exclusively female ............................... 3
5. About how often did you have sex during the past 12 months?

- Not at all .............................................. 0
- Once or twice ........................................ 1
- About once a month ............................... 2
- Two or three times a month .................... 3
- About once a week ................................. 4
- Two or three times a week ..................... 5
- Four or more times a week ..................... 6

The Past 5 Years

6. Now thinking about the past five years—the time since February/March 1991, and including the past 12 months. How many sex partners have you had in that five year period?

- No partners ........ (Skip to Question 8) ........ 00
- 1 partner ............................................. 01
- 2 partners .......................................... 02
- 3 partners .......................................... 03
- 4 partners .......................................... 04
- 5 - 10 partners .................................... 05
- 11 - 20 partners ................................... 06
- 21 - 100 partners ................................. 07
- More than 100 partners ......................... 08

7. Have your sex partners in the last five years been...

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE ANSWER.

- Exclusively male .................................... 1
- Both male and female ............................ 2
- Exclusively female ............................... 3

Since Your 18th Birthday

8. Now thinking about the time since your 18th birthday, (again, including the recent past that you have already told us about) how many female partners have you ever had sex with?

___________ Female Partners.

9. Again, thinking about the time since your 18th birthday, (including the recent past that you have already told us about) how many male partners have you ever had sex with?

___________ Male Partners.

10. Thinking about the time since your 18th birthday, have you ever had sex with a person you paid or who paid you for sex?

- Yes .................................................... 1
- No .................................................... 2
**While Married**

11. Have you ever had sex with someone other than your husband or wife while you were married?

Yes ......................................................... 1  
No ........................................................... 2  
Never Married ........................................... 3

**Most Recent Sexual Experience**

12. The last time you had sex, was a condom used? By "sex" we mean vaginal, oral, or anal sex.

Yes, the last time I had sex, 
a condom was used ....................... 1  

No, the last time I had sex, 
a condom was not used ................... 2

13. The last time you had sex, was it with someone you were in an on-going relationship with, or was it with someone else? Remember that by "sex" we mean only vaginal, oral, or anal sex.

Yes, the last time I had sex,  
it was with someone I was in  
an on-going relationship with .................. 1  

No, the last time I had sex,  
it was not with someone I was  
in an on-going relationship with .................. 2

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION. PLEASE PLACE FORM IN ENVELOPE, SEAL IT, AND GIVE IT TO THE INTERVIEWER. IF NO INTERVIEWER IS PRESENT WHEN SAQ IS COMPLETED, PLEASE DROP SEALED ENVELOPE IN A MAILBOX.