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SELF-ADMINISTERED QUESTIONNAIRE (IS-A)

General Social Survey

NORC
University of Chicago

PART I

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GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY

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

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.

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).

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 "2". 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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It is difficult to raise children  
A woman should devote almost all her time to her family  

(YOU WOULD CHECK BOX "1" IF YOU STRONGLY AGREE WITH THE FIRST STATEMENT, AND BOX 4 IF YOU "DISAGREE" WITH THE SECOND STATEMENT).
1. Which of these would you say is more important in preparing children for life...

**PLEASE Check ONE BOX ONLY**

- [ ] ... to be obedient,
- OR
- [ ] ... to think for themselves?
- [ ] Can’t choose

2. How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

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<th>a. Private enterprise is the best way to solve America's economic problems</th>
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3a. Looking at the list below, please check a box next to the **one** thing you think should be America's **highest priority**, the **most** important thing it should do.

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<td>Fight rising prices</td>
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b. And which **one** do you think should be America's **next highest priority**, the **second** most important thing it should do?

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**AMERICA SHOULD...**

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<td>b. Overall, modern science does more harm than good</td>
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5. And please check one box for each of these statements to show how much you agree or disagree with it.

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<td>c. Animals should have the same moral rights that human beings do</td>
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6. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

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<td>b. Nature would be at peace and in harmony if only human beings would leave it alone</td>
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<td>c. In order to protect the environment, America needs economic growth</td>
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<td>d. It is right to use animals for medical testing if it might save human lives</td>
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<td>e. Nature is really a fierce struggle for survival of the fittest</td>
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<td>f. Economic growth always harms the environment</td>
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7. Please check one box to show which statement is closest to your views.

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- Nature is sacred because it is created by God  
- Nature is spiritual or sacred in itself  
- Nature is important, but not spiritual or sacred  
- Can't choose  

Please continue...
8a. How willing would you be to pay much higher prices in order to protect the environment?

**PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Very willing
- Fairly willing
- Neither willing nor unwilling
- Not very willing
- Not at all willing
- Can't choose

b. And how willing would you be to pay much higher taxes in order to protect the environment?

**PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Very willing
- Fairly willing
- Neither willing nor unwilling
- Not very willing
- Not at all willing
- Can't choose

c. And how willing would you be to accept cuts in your standard of living in order to protect the environment?

**PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Very willing
- Fairly willing
- Neither willing nor unwilling
- Not very willing
- Not at all willing
- Can't choose

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9. How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

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<td>b. I do what is right for the environment, even when it costs more money or takes up more time</td>
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10. For each statement below, just check the box that comes closest to your opinion of how true it is.

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<td>b. 'Antibiotics kill bacteria, but not viruses'</td>
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<td>c. 'Astrology - the study of star signs - has some scientific truth'</td>
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<td>d. 'Human beings developed from earlier species of animals'</td>
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<td>e. 'All man-made chemicals can cause cancer if you eat enough of them'</td>
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11. And for each of these statements, just check the box that comes closest to your opinion of how true it is.

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<td>a. 'If someone is exposed to any amount of radioactivity, they are certain to die as a result'</td>
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<td>b. 'Some radioactive waste from nuclear power stations will stay dangerous for thousands of years'</td>
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<td>c. 'The greenhouse effect is caused by a hole in the earth's atmosphere'</td>
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<td>d. 'Every time we use coal or oil or gas, we contribute to the greenhouse effect'</td>
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<td>e. 'All pesticides and chemicals used on food crops cause cancer in humans'</td>
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<td>f. 'Human beings are the main cause of plant and animal species dying out'</td>
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<td>g. 'Cars are not really an important cause of air pollution in America'</td>
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12. Please check one box for each of the questions below to show what you think.

a. In general, do you think that air pollution caused by cars is ...

   PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

   (✓)
   ... extremely dangerous for the environment, 1
   very dangerous, 2
   somewhat dangerous, 3
   not very dangerous, 4
   or, not dangerous at all for the environment? 5
   Can't choose 8

b. And do you think that air pollution caused by cars is ...

   PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

   (✓)
   ... extremely dangerous for you and your family, 1
   very dangerous, 2
   somewhat dangerous, 4
   not very dangerous, 4
   or, not dangerous at all for you and your family? 5
   Can’t choose 8

c. Within the next ten years, how likely do you think it is that there will be a large increase in ill-health in America’s cities as a result of air pollution caused by cars?

   PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

   (✓)
   Certain to happen 1
   Very likely to happen 2
   Fairly likely to happen 3
   Not very likely to happen 4
   or- Not at all likely to happen? 5
   Can’t choose 8
13a. In general, do you think that nuclear power stations are...

**PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY**

(✓) 

... extremely dangerous for the environment, 1

very dangerous, 2

somewhat dangerous, 3

not very dangerous, 4

or, not dangerous at all for the environment? 5

Can't choose 8

13b. And do you think that nuclear power stations are...

**PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY**

(✓) 

... extremely dangerous for you and your family, 1

very dangerous, 2

somewhat dangerous, 4

not very dangerous, 4

or, not dangerous at all for you and your family? 5

Can't choose 8

Please continue ...
14a. In general, do you think that air pollution caused by industry is ... 

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

(✓)

... extremely dangerous for the environment, 1
very dangerous, 2
somewhat dangerous, 3
not very dangerous, 4
or, not dangerous at all for the environment? 5
Can’t choose 8

14b. And do you think that air pollution caused by industry is ... 

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

(✓)

... extremely dangerous for you and your family, 1
very dangerous, 2
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not very dangerous, 4
or, not dangerous at all for you and your family? 5
Can’t choose 8
15a. In general, do you think that pesticides and chemicals used in farming are ...

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

... extremely dangerous for the environment, 1
very dangerous, 2
somewhat dangerous, 3
not very dangerous, 4
or, not dangerous at all for the environment? 5
Can't choose 8

b. And do you think that pesticides and chemicals used in farming are ...

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

... extremely dangerous for you and your family, 1
very dangerous, 2
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not very dangerous, 4
or, not dangerous at all for you and your family? 5
Can't choose 8

16a. In general, do you think that pollution of America's rivers, lakes, and streams is ...

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

... extremely dangerous for the environment, 1
very dangerous, 2
somewhat dangerous, 3
not very dangerous, 4
or, not dangerous at all for the environment? 5
Can't choose 8

Please continue ...
16b. And do you think that pollution of America's rivers, lakes, and streams is ...

*PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY*

- extremely dangerous for you and your family, [ ]
- very dangerous, [ ]
- somewhat dangerous, [ ]
- not very dangerous, [ ]
- or, not dangerous at all for you and your family? [ ]
- Can't choose [ ]

17a. In general, do you think that a rise in the world's temperature caused by the 'greenhouse effect', is ...

*PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY*

- extremely dangerous for the environment, [ ]
- very dangerous, [ ]
- somewhat dangerous, [ ]
- not very dangerous, [ ]
- or, not dangerous at all for the environment? [ ]
- Can't choose [ ]

h. And do you think that a rise in the world's temperature caused by the 'greenhouse effect', is ...

*PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY*

- extremely dangerous for you and your family, [ ]
- very dangerous, [ ]
- somewhat dangerous, [ ]
- not very dangerous, [ ]
- or, not dangerous at all for you and your family? [ ]
- Can't choose [ ]
13a. If you had to choose, which one of the following would be closest to your views?

**PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Government should let ordinary people decide for themselves how to protect the environment, even if it means they don’t always do the right thing [ ]
- Government should pass laws to make ordinary people protect the environment, even if it interferes with people’s right to make their own decisions [ ]
- Can’t choose [ ]

b. And which one of the following closest to your views?

**PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Government should let businesses decide for themselves how to protect the environment, even if it means they don’t always do the right thing [ ]
- Government should pass laws to make businesses protect the environment, even if it interferes with business’ right to make their own decisions [ ]
- Can’t choose [ ]
19a. How often do you make a special effort to sort glass or cans or plastic or papers and so on for recycling?

*PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY*

- Always [ ]
- Often [ ]
- Sometimes [ ]
- Never [ ]
- Recycling not available where I live [ ]

b. And how often do you make a special effort to buy fruits and vegetables grown without pesticides or chemicals?

*PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY*

- Always [ ]
- Often [ ]
- Sometimes [ ]
- Never [ ]
- Not available where I live [ ]

c. And how often do you refuse to eat meat for moral or environmental reasons?

*PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY*

- Always [ ]
- Often [ ]
- Sometimes [ ]
- Never [ ]
19d. And how often do you cut back on driving a car for environmental reasons?

**PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Always
- Often
- Sometimes
- Never
- I do not have or cannot drive a car

20. Are you a member of any group whose main aim is to preserve or protect the environment?

**PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Yes
- No

21. In the last five years, have you...

**PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE**

- a. ...signed a petition about an environmental issue?
- b. ...given money to an environmental group?
- c. ...taken part in a protest or demonstration about an environmental issue?

Please continue...
22. Please check one box below to show which statement comes closest to expressing what you believe about God.

**PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY**

- I don’t believe in God [ ]
- I don’t know whether there is a God and I don’t believe there is any way to find out [ ]
- I don’t believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a Higher Power of some kind [ ]
- I find myself believing in God some of the time, but not at others [ ]
- While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God [ ]
- I know God really exists and I have no doubts about it [ ]
- Can’t choose [ ]

23. Would you describe the place where you live as...

**PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY**

- ... a big city, [ ]
- the suburbs or outskirts of a big city, [ ]
- a small city or town, [ ]
- a country village, [ ]
- or, a farm or home in the country? [ ]

Please continue ...
SELF-ADMINISTERED QUESTIONNAIRE (S-A)

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PART II
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**

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<th>No partners</th>
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<th>21 - 100 partners</th>
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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 1988, 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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.
PLEASE PLACE FORM IN ENVELOPE, SEAL IT, AND GIVE IT TO THE INTERVIEWER.