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**SELF-ADMINISTERED QUESTIONNAIRE**

**General Social Survey**

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**CASE ID:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY**

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## CONFIDENTIAL

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  1

A fairly good job  2

A poor job  3

A very poor job  4

(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)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
It is difficult to raise children	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
A woman should devote almost all her time to her family	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

(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 ...

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Very close	Close	Not very close	Not close at all	Can't choose
a. your neighborhood (or village)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
b. your town or city	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
c. your state	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
d. America	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
e. North America	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

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

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Very willing	Fairly willing	Neither willing nor unwilling	Fairly unwilling	Very unwilling	Can't choose
a. move to another neighborhood (or village)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
b. move to another town or city within this state	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
c. move to another state	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
d. move outside America	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
e. move outside North America	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

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 ...

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not important at all	Can't choose
a. to have been born in America	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>
b. to have American citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>
c. to have lived in America for most of one's life	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>
d. to be able to speak English	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>
e. to be a Christian	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>
f. to respect America's political institutions and laws	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>
g. to feel American	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>

5. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose
a. I would rather be a citizen of America than of any other country in the world	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>
b. There are some things about America today that make me feel ashamed of America	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>
c. The world would be a better place if people from other countries were more like the Americans	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>
d. Generally speaking, America is a better country than most other countries	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>
e. People should support their country even if the country is in the wrong	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>
f. When my country does well in international sports, it makes me proud to be an American	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>

6. How proud are you of America in each of the following?

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Very proud	Somewhat proud	Not very proud	Not proud at all	Can't choose
a. the way democracy works	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. its political influence in the world	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. America's economic achievements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. its social security system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. its scientific and technological achievements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. its achievements in sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. its achievements in the arts and literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. America's armed forces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. its history	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. its fair and equal treatment of all groups in society	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Now we would like to ask a few questions about relations between America and other countries.

7. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose
a. America should limit the import of foreign products in order to protect its national economy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. For certain problems, like environmental pollution, international bodies should have the right to enforce solutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. American schools should make much more effort to teach foreign languages properly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. America should follow its own interests, even if this leads to conflicts with other nations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Foreigners should not be allowed to buy land in America	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. American television should give preference to American films and programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Now we would like to ask a few questions about minorities in America.

8. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose
a. It is impossible for people who do not share American customs and traditions to become fully American	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
b. Ethnic minorities should be given government assistance to preserve their customs and traditions	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

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?

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

(✓)

It is better for society if groups maintain their distinct customs and traditions

 1

It is better if groups adapt and blend into the larger society

 2

Don't know

 8

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?

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose
a. Immigrants increase crime rates	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
b. Immigrants are generally good for America's economy	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
c. Immigrants take jobs away from people who were born in America	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
d. Immigrants make America more open to new ideas and cultures	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

11. Do you think the number of immigrants to America nowadays should be ...

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

... increased a lot	(✓) <input type="checkbox"/> 1
... increased a little	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
... remain the same as it is	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
... reduced a little	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
... reduced a lot	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

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

(✓)  
 1

Less than 1 year in all

2

1 to 4 years in all

3

5 years or longer

4

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

.....

.....

.....

17a. Are you a citizen of America?

Yes

(✓)  
 1

No

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  1
- Only father was a citizen of America  2
- Only mother was a citizen of America  3
- Neither parent was a citizen of America  4
- 

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

- (✓)
- Very close  1
- Close  2
- Not very close  3
- Not close at all  4
- Can't choose  8
- 

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

- (✓)
- A lot  1
- Quite a bit  2
- Not much  3
- Nothing at all  4
-

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.**

**SELF-ADMINISTERED QUESTIONNAIRE (S-A)**

**General Social Survey**

**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 ..... (Skip to Question 5) ..... 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.**