INTRO [DISPLAY]

In this study, we’d like to ask you a number of questions about yourself, your attitudes and beliefs, and your knowledge about the world we live in. Please respond to each of the following questions according to the instructions given. In general, there are two things we want you keep in mind as you answer these questions. First, and above all, be ACCURATE. Don’t be in such a hurry to respond that you regret your decision. Second, while being accurate, try to respond as QUICKLY as possible. We’ll start with a few questions about yourself and your attitudes.

NEED TO EVALUATE (2 ITEMS)

[SC]
Q1  Some people have opinions about almost everything; other people have opinions about just some things; and still other people have very few opinions. What about you?

1. ALMOST EVERYTHING
2. ABOUT MANY THINGS
3. ABOUT SOME THINGS
4. ABOUT VERY FEW THINGS

Q2  Compared to the average person, do you have fewer opinions about whether things are good or bad, about the same number of opinions, or more opinions?

1. FEWER OPINIONS
2. ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER OF OPINIONS
3. MORE OPINIONS

[SC, IF Q2 = 1]
Q2A  Would you say that you have a lot fewer opinions or just somewhat fewer opinions?

1. A LOT FEWER OPINIONS
2. SOMewhat FEWER OPINIONS
[SC, IF Q2 = 3]

Q2B  Would you say that you have a lot more opinions or just somewhat more opinions?

1. A LOT MORE OPINIONS
2. SOMEWHAT MORE OPINIONS

PERSONAL RELEVANCE OF POLITICS (3 ITEMS)

[SC]

Q3  Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, some of the time, only now and then, or hardly at all?

1. MOST OF THE TIME
2. SOME OF THE TIME
3. ONLY NOW AND THEN
4. HARDLY AT ALL

[SC]

Q4  My political attitudes and beliefs are an important reflection of who I am.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. NEITHER DISAGREE NOR AGREE
5. SLIGHTLY AGREE
6. AGREE
7. STRONGLY AGREE

[SC]

Q5  In general, my political attitudes and beliefs are an important part of my self-image.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. NEITHER DISAGREE NOR AGREE
5. SLIGHTLY AGREE
6. AGREE
7. STRONGLY AGREE
NEED FOR CLOSURE (14 ITEMS)

[SC]  Q6 In case of uncertainty, I prefer to make an immediate decision, whatever it may be.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE

[SC]  Q7 When I find myself facing various, potentially-valid alternatives, I decide in favor of one of them quickly and without hesitation.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE

[SC]  Q8 I prefer to decide on the first available solution rather than to ponder at length what decision I should make.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE

[SC]  Q9 I get very upset when things around me aren't in their place.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE
Q10  Generally, I avoid participating in discussions on ambiguous and controversial problems.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE

Q11  When I need to confront a problem, I do not think about it too much and I decide without hesitation.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE

Q12  When I need to solve a problem, I generally do not waste time in considering diverse points of view about it.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE

Q13  I prefer to be with people who have the same ideas and tastes as myself.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE

Q14  Generally, I do not search for alternative solutions to problems for which I already have a solution available.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE

[SC]
Q15  I feel uncomfortable when I do not manage to give a quick response to problems that I face.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE

[SC]
Q16  Any solution to a problem is better than remaining in a state of uncertainty.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE

[SC]
Q17  I prefer activities where it is always clear what is to be done and how it needs to be done.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE

[SC]
Q18  After having found a solution to a problem I believe that it is a useless waste of time to take into account diverse possible solutions.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE
Q19 I prefer things that I am used to over things I am unfamiliar with.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE

POLITICAL EXPERTISE (8 ITEMS)

INTRO2 [DISPLAY]
Now we have a set of questions concerning the government and various public figures. We want to see how much information about them gets out to the public from television, newspapers, and the like.

Q20 What job or political office does DICK CHENEY currently hold?

1. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
2. WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF
3. VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Q21 What job or political office does JOHN ROBERTS currently hold?

1. ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES
2. CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
3. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

Q22 What job or political office does GORDON BROWN currently hold?

1. PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
2. PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA
3. PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA

Q23 What job or political office does NANCY PELOSI currently hold?

1. SENATE MAJORITY LEADER
2. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3. SECRETARY OF STATE

Q24 Which political party currently has the most members in the Senate in Washington?

1. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY
2. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

[SC]
Q25  Which political party currently has the most members in the House of Representatives in Washington?

1. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY
2. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

[SC]
Q26  How long is the term of office for a U.S. senator?

1. TWO YEARS
2. FOUR YEARS
3. SIX YEARS

[SC]
Q27  Whose responsibility is it to nominate judges to the Federal Courts — the President, the Congress, or the Supreme Court?

1. THE PRESIDENT
2. THE CONGRESS
3. THE SUPREME COURT

IDEOLOGY (1 BRANCHING ITEM)

[USE PARTYID7 AND IDEO HERE]

[SC, TIMING]
Q28  Now, we have a few questions about your general political beliefs.

Generally speaking, would you consider yourself to be a liberal, a conservative, a moderate, or haven’t you thought much about this?

1. LIBERAL
2. CONSERVATIVE
3. MODERATE
4. NEITHER

[SC, IF Q28 = 1]
Q28A  Would you call yourself a strong liberal or a not very strong liberal?

1. STRONG LIBERAL
2. NOT VERY STRONG LIBERAL

[SC, IF Q28 = 2]
Q28B  Would you call yourself a strong conservative or a not very strong conservative?

1. STRONG CONSERVATIVE
2. NOT VERY STRONG CONSERVATIVE

[SC, IF Q28 = 3, 4]
Q28C  If you had to choose, would you consider yourself a liberal or a conservative?
1. LIBERAL
3. CONSERVATIVE
4. MODERATE

PARTY IDENTIFICATION (1 BRANCHING ITEM)

[SC, TIMING]
Q29  Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or what?
1. REPUBLICAN
2. DEMOCRAT
3. INDEPENDENT
4. OTHER PARTY [SPECIFY]
5. NO PREFERENCE

[SC, IF Q29 = 1]
Q29A  Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?
1. STRONG
2. NOT VERY STRONG

[SC, IF Q29 = 2]
Q29B  Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?
1. STRONG
2. NOT VERY STRONG

[SC, IF Q29 = 3, 4, 5]
Q29C  Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic party?
1. CLOSER TO REPUBLICAN
2. NEITHER
3. CLOSER TO DEMOCRATIC

ISSUE PREFERENCES (8 ITEMS)
Next, we’d like you to respond to a series of questions about your views on a number of political and social issues. Please respond to each of the scales provided.

[SC, RECORD TIMING]

Q30  Some people think the government should provide fewer services even in areas such as health and education in order to reduce spending. Other people feel it is important for the government to provide many more services even if it means an increase in spending. Which is closer to the way you feel or haven’t you thought much about this?

1. FEWER SERVICES; REDUCE SPENDING
2. SHOULD STAY THE SAME AS IT IS NOW
3. MORE SERVICES; INCREASE SPENDING

[SC, IF Q30 = 1]

Q30a  Should the government reduce services and spending a great deal or (reduce services and spending) only some?

1. A GREAT DEAL
2. ONLY SOME

[SC, IF Q30 = 3]

Q30b  Should the government increase services and spending a great deal or (increase services and spending) only some?

1. A GREAT DEAL
2. ONLY SOME

[SC, RECORD TIMING]

Q31  Some people believe that we should spend much less money for defense. Others feel that defense spending should be greatly increased. Which is closer to the way you feel or haven’t you thought much about this?

1. DECREASE DEFENSE SPENDING
2. SHOULD STAY THE SAME AS IT IS NOW
3. INCREASE DEFENSE SPENDING

[SC, IF Q31 = 1]

Q31a  Should the government decrease defense spending a lot or a little?

1. A LOT
2. A LITTLE
[SC, IF Q31 = 3]
Q31b Should the government increase defense spending a lot or a little?

1. A LOT
2. A LITTLE

[SC, RECORD TIMING]
Q32 Some people feel the government in Washington should see to it that every person has a job and a good standard of living. Others think the government should just let each person get ahead on their own. Which is closer to the way you feel or haven't you thought much about this?

1. GOVERNMENT SHOULD SEE TO JOBS AND STANDARD OF LIVING
2. IT DEPENDS
3. GOVERNMENT SHOULD LET EACH PERSON GET AHEAD ON OWN

[SC, IF Q32 = 1]
Q32a Do you feel strongly that the government should see to it that every person has a job and a good standard of living, or not so strongly?

1. STRONGLY
5. NOT STRONGLY

[SC, IF Q32 = 3]
Q32b Do you feel strongly that the government should just let each person get ahead on their own, or not so strongly?

1. STRONGLY
2. NOT STRONGLY

[SC, RECORD TIMING]
Q33 Some people feel that the government in Washington should make every effort to improve the social and economic position of blacks. Others feel that the government should not make any special effort to help blacks because they should help themselves. Which is closer to the way you feel or haven't you thought much about this?

1. GOVERNMENT SHOULD HELP BLACKS
2. IT DEPENDS
3. BLACKS SHOULD HELP THEMSELVES
[SC, IF Q33 = 1]
Q33a  Should the government help blacks to a great extent or only to some extent?
1. GREAT EXTENT
5. ONLY SOME

[SC, IF Q33 = 3]
Q33b  Should blacks have to help themselves to a great extent or only to some extent?
1. GREAT EXTENT
2. ONLY SOME

[SC, RECORD TIMING]
Q34  Some people feel that women should have an equal role with men in running business, industry, and government. Others feel that a woman's place is in the home. Which is closer to the way you feel or haven't you thought much about this?
1. WOMEN AND MEN SHOULD HAVE EQUAL ROLES
2. IT DEPENDS
3. A WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN THE HOME

[SC, IF Q34 = 1]
Q34a  Do you feel strongly or not strongly that men and women should have equal roles?
1. STRONGLY
2. NOT STRONGLY

[SC, IF Q34 = 3]
Q34b  Do you feel strongly or not strongly that a woman's place is in the home?
1. STRONGLY
2. NOT STRONGLY

[SC, RECORD TIMING]
Q35  Some people think we need much tougher government regulations on business in order to protect the environment. Others think that current regulations to protect the environment are already too much of a burden on business. Which is closer to the way you feel or haven't you thought much about this?
1. TOUGHER REGULATIONS ON BUSINESS NEEDED TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT
2. IT DEPENDS
3. REGULATIONS TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT ALREADY TOO MUCH A BURDEN ON BUSINESS

[SC, IF Q35 = 1]
Q35a  Do we need to toughen regulations to protect the environment a lot, or just somewhat?
1. A LOT
2. SOMEWHAT

[SC, IF Q35 = 3]
Q35b  Are regulations to protect the environment way too much of a burden on business or just somewhat of a burden?
1. WAY TOO MUCH
2. SOMEWHAT

[SC, RECORD TIMING]
Q36  Some people feel that the government should not restrict a woman’s right to an abortion, and that women should be able to have them whenever they choose. Others feel that abortion is wrong and should not be allowed under any circumstances. Which is closer to the way you feel or haven't you thought much about this?
1. GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT RESTRICT ABORTION RIGHTS
2. IT DEPENDS
3. ABORTION SHOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED

[SC, IF Q36 = 1]
Q36a  Do you feel strongly or not strongly that the government should not restrict a woman’s right to an abortion?
1. STRONGLY
2. NOT STRONGLY

[SC, IF Q36 = 3]
Q36b  Do you feel strongly or not strongly that abortion is wrong and should not be allowed under any circumstances?
1. STRONGLY
2. NOT STRONGLY

[SC, RECORD TIMING]
Q37  Some people feel that gays and lesbians should be protected from bias and discrimination. Others feel that homosexuality is wrong and that the government should not pass laws protecting gays and lesbians. Which is closer to the way you feel or haven't you thought much about this?
1. GOVERNMENT SHOULD PROTECT GAYS AND LESBIANS FROM BIAS
2. IT DEPENDS
3. GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT PROTECT GAYS AND LESBIANS FROM BIAS

[SC, IF Q37 = 1]
Q37a  Do you feel strongly or not strongly that the government should protect gays and lesbians from bias?
1. STRONGLY
2. NOT STRONGLY

[SC, IF Q37 = 3]
Q37b  Do you feel strongly or not strongly that the government should not protect gays and lesbians from bias?
1. STRONGLY
5. NOT STRONGLY

INTRO4  [DISPLAY]
We'd like to get your feelings toward some of our political leaders and other people who are in the news these days. In these items, we'll show you the name of a person and we'd like you to rate that person using something we call the feeling thermometer. Ratings between 50 degrees and 100 degrees mean that you feel favorable and warm toward the person. Ratings between 0 degrees and 50 degrees mean that you don't feel favorable toward the person and that you don't care too much for that person. You would rate the person at the 50 degree mark if you don't feel particularly warm or cold toward the person. If we come to a person whose name you don't recognize, you don't need to rate that person. Just choose the “Don't recognize” response and we'll move on to the next one.

[THERMOMETER, NUM, RANGE 0-100]
[NOTE: YOU CAN COPY THE CODE FROM SNO 11988]
Q38  The first person is GEORGE W. BUSH. Where on the feeling thermometer would you rate GEORGE W. BUSH?

997. DON'T RECOGNIZE

[THERMOMETER, NUM, RANGE 0-100]
[NOTE: YOU CAN COPY THE CODE FROM SNO 11988]
Q39  The second person is DICK CHENEY. Where on the feeling thermometer would you rate DICK CHENEY?

997. DON'T RECOGNIZE
Q40  The third person is BARACK OBAMA. Where on the feeling thermometer would you rate BARACK OBAMA?

997. DON'T RECOGNIZE

Q41  The fourth person is HILLARY CLINTON. Where on the feeling thermometer would you rate HILLARY CLINTON?

997. DON'T RECOGNIZE

ITEM CONTEXT EXPERIMENT

INTRO5 [DISPLAY]
Next, we'd like you to respond to a series of questions about your views on a number of political and social issues. Please respond to each on the scales provided.

ORDER [DATA ONLY, RANDOM]

1 – LIBERAL  [SHOW Q42A-Q44A ONLY]
2 – CONSERVATIVE  [SHOW Q42B-Q44B ONLY]

[SC, IF ORDER = 1, SHOW, IF ORDER = 2 SKIP TO Q42B]
Q42A  The federal government has a responsibility to help the poor and needy in America. Do you agree or disagree?

1. STRONGLY AGREE
2.
3.
4.
5. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
6.
7.
8.
9. STRONGLY DISAGREE

Q43A  Some people in America really need help from the government. Do you agree or disagree?

1. STRONGLY AGREE
2.
3.
4.
5. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
6.
7.
8.
9. STRONGLY DISAGREE

Q44A  The percentage of Americans below the poverty line is no longer declining. Do you agree or disagree?

1. STRONGLY AGREE
2.
3.
4.
5. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
6.
7.
8.
9. STRONGLY DISAGREE

[SC, IF ORDER = 2, SHOW, IF ORDER = 1 SKIP TO Q45]

Q42B  Many people who currently live off government benefits could go out and find jobs if they wanted to. Do you agree or disagree?

1. STRONGLY AGREE
2.
3.
4.
5. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
6.
7.
8.
9. STRONGLY DISAGREE

Q43B  In America, any person who is willing to work hard has a good chance of succeeding. Do you agree or disagree?

1. STRONGLY AGREE
2.
3.
4.
5. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
6.
7.
8.
9. STRONGLY DISAGREE

Q44B  People are responsible for their own well-being and they have an obligation to take care of themselves. Do you agree or disagree?

1. STRONGLY AGREE
2.
3.
4.
5. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
6.
7.
8.
9. STRONGLY DISAGREE

Welfare target item:

Q45  Do you favor or oppose increased spending on welfare?

1. STRONGLY FAVOR
2.
3.
4.
5. NEITHER FAVOR NOR OPPOSE
6.
7.
8.
9. STRONGLY OPPOSE

RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED ITEM SET

[SC, IF ORDER = 1, SHOW, IF ORDER = 2 SKIP TO Q46B]

Q46A  In enforcing the law, the authorities should stick to the rules if they want other people to respect the law. Do you agree or disagree?

1. STRONGLY AGREE
2.
3.
4.
5. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
6.
7.
8.
9. STRONGLY DISAGREE

Q47A  Would say that the accused’s “right to remain silent” is needed to protect individuals from forced confessions, or has it harmed the country by giving criminals too much protection?

1. RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT IS NEEDED
2.
3.
4.
5. NEITHER
6.
7.
8.
9. RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT HAS GIVEN CRIMINALS TOO MUCH PROTECTION

Q48A  Keeping people in prison for long periods of time before bringing them to trial should not be allowed, no matter what the crime. Do you agree or disagree?

1. STRONGLY AGREE
2.
3.
4.
5. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
6.
7.
8.
9. STRONGLY DISAGREE

[SC, IF ORDER = 2, SHOW, IF ORDER = 1 SKIP TO Q49]

Q46B  Have you ever been threatened with a gun or shot at?

1. YES
2. NO

Q47B  Is there any area around your house – that is, within a mile – where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?

1. YES
2. NO

Q48B  Do you think we are spending too much money, just about the right amount of money, or too little money on halting the rising crime rate?

1. SPENDING TOO MUCH MONEY
2.
3.
4.
5. JUST THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF MONEY
6.
7.
8.
9. TOO LITTLE MONEY

Rights of the accused target item:

Q49  Do you think the Supreme Court has gone too far in protecting the rights of people accused of crimes, or do you think it has generally done what is necessary to see that the accused are fairly treated?

1. THE SUPREME COURT HAS GONE TOO FAR...
2.
3.
4.
5. NEITHER
6.
7.
8.
9. THE SUPREME COURT HAS TAKEN NECESSARY STEPS...