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SELF-ADMINISTERED QUESTIONNAIRE

General Social Survey

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

CASE ID: _____

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 circle one number. 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, CIRCLE "2". CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY).

Example B:

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
(PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE.)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
A. It is difficult to raise children.	①	2	3	4	5	8
B. A woman should devote almost all her time to her family	1	2	3	④	5	8

(YOU WOULD CIRCLE "1" IF YOU STRONGLY AGREE WITH THE FIRST STATEMENT, AND "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-B)

General Social Survey

Part 1

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

*PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER
ON EACH LINE*

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a. Private enterprise is the best way to solve America's economic problems.	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes.	1	2	3	4	5	8

2a. 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.

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY
America should...

(√)

Maintain order in the nation

1

Give people more say in government decisions

2

Fight rising prices

3

Protect freedom of speech

4

Can't choose

8

2b. And which **one** do you think should be America's **next highest priority**, the second most important thing it should do?

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY
America should...

(√)

Maintain order in the nation

1

Give people more say in government decisions

2

Fight rising prices

3

Protect freedom of speech

4

Can't choose

8

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

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a. We believe too often in science, and not enough in feelings and faith.	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. Overall, modern science does more harm than good.	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. Modern science will solve our environmental problems with little change to our way of life.	1	2	3	4	5	8

4. And how much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a. We worry too much about the future of the environment and not enough about prices and jobs today.	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. Almost everything we do in modern life harms the environment.	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. People worry too much about human progress harming the environment.	1	2	3	4	5	8

5. And please circle one number for each of **these** statements to show how much you agree or disagree with it.

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a. In order to protect the environment America needs economic growth.	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. It is right to use animals for medical testing if it might save human lives.	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. Economic growth always harms the environment.	1	2	3	4	5	8

d. The earth simply cannot continue to support population growth at its present rate.

1

2

3

4

5

8

6. Please check **one** box to show which statement is closest to your views.

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

	(√)
Nature is sacred because it is created by God	1
Nature is spiritual or sacred in itself	2
Nature is important, but not spiritual or sacred	3
Can't choose	8

7a. How willing would **you** be to pay **much higher prices** in order to protect the environment?

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

	(√)
Very willing	1
Fairly willing	2
Neither willing nor <u>un</u> willing	3
Fairly <u>un</u> willing	4
Very <u>un</u> willing	5
Can't choose	8

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	1
Fairly willing	2
Neither willing nor <u>un</u> willing	3
Fairly <u>un</u> willing	4
Very <u>un</u> willing	5
Can't choose	8

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	1
Fairly willing	2

Neither willing nor unwilling

Fairly unwilling

Very unwilling

Can't choose

3
4
5
8

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

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a. It is just too difficult for someone like me to do much about the environment.	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. I do what is right for the environment, even when it costs more money or takes more time.	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. There are more important things to do in life than protect the environment.	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. There is no point in doing what I can for the environment unless others do the same.	1	2	3	4	5	8
e. Many of the claims about environmental threats are exaggerated.	1	2	3	4	5	8

9. For each statement below, just check the box that comes closest to your opinion of how true it is.

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE

	Definitely true	Probably true	Probably not true	Definitely not true	Can't choose
In your opinion, how true is this?					
a. Antibiotics can kill bacteria but not viruses.	1	2	3	4	8
b. Human beings developed from earlier species of animals.	1	2	3	4	8

c. All man-made chemicals can cause cancer if you eat enough of them.	1	2	3	4	8
d. If someone is exposed to any amount of radioactivity, they are certain to die as a result.	1	2	3	4	8
e. The greenhouse effect is caused by a hole in the earth's atmosphere.	1	2	3	4	8
f. Every time we use coal or oil or gas, we contribute to the greenhouse effect.	1	2	3	4	8

10a. In general, do you think that **air pollution caused by cars** 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

(√)

1
2
3
4
5
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,
- ... very dangerous,
- ... somewhat dangerous,
- ... not very dangerous,
- ... or, not dangerous at all for you and your family?
- Can't choose

(√)

1
2
3
4
5
8

11a. 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

b. And 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

c. And 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

12a. 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,	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 **modifying the genes of certain crops** 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

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

OR

Government should pass laws to make **ordinary people** protect the environment, even if it interferes with people's rights to make their own decisions

Can't choose

b. And which **one** of the following would be 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

OR

Government should pass laws to make **businesses** protect the environment, even if it interferes with businesses' rights to make their own decisions

Can't choose

14. Some countries are doing more to protect the world environment than other countries are.

In general, do you think that America is doing ...

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

	(√)
... more than enough,	1
... about the right amount,	2
... or, too little?	3
Can't choose	8

15a. On balance, which of these two do you think is making more effort to look after the environment...

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

	(√)
Business and industry,	1
or people in general?	2
Both equally	3
Can't choose	8

b. And which of these two groups do you think is making more effort to look after the environment...

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

	(√)
Government,	1
or business and industry?	2
Both equally	3
Can't choose	8

c. And which of these two groups is making more effort to look after the environment...

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

	(√)
People in general,	1

or government?

2
3
8

Both equally

Can't choose

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

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a. For environmental problems, there should be international agreements that America and other countries should be made to follow	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. Poorer countries should be expected to make less effort than richer countries to protect the environment	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. Economic progress in America will slow down unless we look after the environment better	1	2	3	4	5	8

17. Within the next five years, how likely is it that an accident at a nuclear power station will cause long-term environmental damage across many countries?

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

Very likely
 Likely
 Unlikely
 Very unlikely
 Can't choose

(√)

1
2
3
4
8

18. How much trust do you have in each of the following groups to give you correct information about **causes of pollution**?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE

	A great deal of trust	Quite a lot of trust	Some trust	Not much trust	Hardly any trust	Can't choose
a. Business and industry	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. Environmental groups	1	2	3	4	5	8
a. Government departments	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. Newspapers	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. Radio or TV programs	1	2	3	4	5	8
f. University research centers	1	2	3	4	5	8

19a. How often do you make a special effort to **sort glass or tins or plastic or newspapers and so on** for recycling?

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

	(√)
Always	1
Often	2
Sometimes	3
Never	4
(Recycling not available where I live)	5

19b. And how often do you **cut back on driving a car for environmental reasons?**

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

	(√)
Always	1
Often	2
Sometimes	3
Never	4
(I do not have or cannot drive a car)	5

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

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

		(√)	
Yes		1
No		2

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

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Yes I have	No I have not
a. ... signed a petition about an environmental issue?	1	2
b. ... given money to an environmental group?	1	2
c. ... taken part in a protest or demonstration about an environmental issue?	1	2

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	1
I don't know whether there is a God and I don't believe there is any way to find out	2
I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a Higher Power of some kind	3
I find myself believing in God some of the time, but not at others	4
While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God	5
I know God really exists and I have no doubts about it	6
Can't choose	8

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

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

	(√)	
... a big city,		1

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

2
3
4
5

24. Which of these statements applies to you? **CODE ONE ONLY.**

- A. I am married and living in the same household
 as my husband or wife 1
- B. I am living as married and my partner and I
 together live in the same household 2
- C. I have a husband or wife or steady partner
 but we don't live in the same household 3
- D. I don't have a steady partner 4

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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SELF-ADMINISTERED QUESTIONNAIRE (S-B)

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) 0
- 1 partner 1
- 2 partners 2
- 3 partners 3
- 4 partners 4
- 5 - 10 partners 5
- 11 - 20 partners 6
- 21 - 100 partners 7
- More than 100 partners 8

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 1995, and including the past 12 months. How many sex partners have you had in that five year period?

- No partners (Skip to Question 8) 0
- 1 partner 1
- 2 partners 2
- 3 partners 3
- 4 partners 4
- 5 - 10 partners 5
- 11 - 20 partners 6
- 21 - 100 partners 7
- More than 100 partners 8

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

14. Have you ever, even once, taken any drugs by injection with a needle (like heroin, cocaine, amphetamines, or steroids) . . . DO NOT include anything you took under a doctor's orders.

Yes 1 → [GO TO Q. 15]

No 2 → [GO TO Q. 16]

15. How long has it been since you last used a needle to inject drugs?

Within the past 30 days 1

More than 30 days ago but within the past 12 months 2

More than 12 months ago but within the past 3 years 3

More than 3 years ago 4

Don't know 8

16. Have you ever, even once used 'crack' cocaine in chunk or rock form?

Yes 1 → [GO TO Q. 17]

No 2 → [DONE]

17. How long has it been since you last used 'crack' cocaine in chunk or rock form?

Within the past 30 days 1

More than 30 days ago but within the past 12 months 2

More than 12 months ago but within the past 3 years 3

More than 3 years ago 4
Don't know 8

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION. PLEASE PLACE FORM IN ENVELOPE,
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PRESENT, PLEASE DROP SEALED ENVELOPE IN A MAILBOX.**

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