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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.

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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.

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. Suppose you could change the way you spend your time, spending more time on some things and less time on others.

Which of the things on the following list would you like to spend **more** time on, which would you like to spend **less** time on and which would you like to spend the **same** amount of time on as now?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE

	Much more time	A bit more time	Same time as now	A bit less time	Much less time	Can't choose/ Doesn't apply
a. Time in a paid?	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. Time doing household work?	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. Time with your family?	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. Time with your friends?	1	2	3	4	5	8
e. Time in leisure activities?	1	2	3	4	5	8

2. Please check one box for each statement below to show how much you agree or disagree with it, **thinking of work in general**.

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a. A job is just a way of earning money - no more.	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. I would enjoy having a paid job even if I did not need the money.	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. Work is a person's most important activity.	1	2	3	4	5	8

Are you the person responsible for doing the general domestic duties - like cleaning, cooking washing and so on - in your household?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER

Yes, I am mainly responsible	1
Yes, I am equally responsible with someone else	2
No, someone else is mainly responsible	3

From the following list, please check one box for each item to show how important you personally think it is in a job.

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE

How important is ...	Very important	Important	Neither important nor unimportant	Not important	Not important at all	Can't choose
a. job security?	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. high income?	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. good opportunities for advancement?	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. an interesting job?	1	2	3	4	5	8
e. a job that allows someone to work independently?	1	2	3	4	5	8
f. a job that allows someone to help other people?	1	2	3	4	5	8
g. a job that is useful to society?	1	2	3	4	5	8
h. a job that allows someone to decide their times or days of work?	1	2	3	4	5	8

5. In deciding on pay for two people doing the same kind of work, how important should be ...

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE

	Essential	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not important at all	Can't choose
a. how well the person does the job?	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. the person's family responsibilities?	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. the person's education and formal qualifications?	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. how long the person has been with the firm?	1	2	3	4	5	8

New kinds of technology are being introduced more and more in the United States: computers, robots, and so on.

Do you think these new technologies will over the next few years...

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

- ...greatly increase the number of jobs? 1
- ...slightly increase the number of jobs? 2
- ...make no difference to the number of jobs? 3
- ...slightly reduce the number of jobs? 4
- ...greatly reduce the number of jobs? 5
- Can't choose 8

Do you think that the introduction of new technologies in the United States over the next few years will make work...

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

- ...much more interesting? 1
- ...a little more interesting? 2
- ...neither more nor less interesting? 3
- ...a little less interesting? 4
- ...much less interesting? 5
- Can't choose 8

Suppose you were working and could choose between different kinds of jobs.
Which of the following would you **personally** choose?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

a. I would choose...

- ...being an employee 1
- ...being self-employed 2
- Can't choose 8

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

b. I would choose...

- ...working in a small firm 1
- ...working in a large firm 2
- Can't choose 8

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

c. I would choose...

- ...working in a private business 1
- ...working for the government or civil service 2
- Can't choose 8

9. Suppose you could decide on your work situation at **present**. Which of the following would you prefer? Which of the following would you prefer?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

- A full-time job [30 hours or more per week] 1
- A part-time job [10 - 29 hours per week] 2
- A job with **less than [10] hours a week** 3
- No paid job at all 4

10. If you were looking actively, how easy or difficult do you think it would be for you to find an acceptable job?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

- Very easy 1
- Fairly easy 2
- Neither easy nor difficult 3
- Fairly difficult 4
- Very difficult 5
- Can't choose 8

11. Are you currently working for pay?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

- Yes (Please answer Q.12) 1
- No (Please go to Q.27) 2

PLEASE ANSWER Q.12 - Q.26 ABOUT YOUR MAIN JOB.

2. Which of the following statements **best** describes your feelings about your job?
PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

In my job...

- I only work as hard as I have to 1
I work hard, but not so that it interferes with the
rest of my life 2
I make a point of doing the best work I can, even if it
sometimes does interfere with the rest of my life 3
Can't choose 8

3. Think of the number of hours you work, and the money you earn in your main job, including any regular overtime.

If you had only **one of these three choices**, which of the following would you prefer?
PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

- Work **longer** hours and earn **more money** 1
Work the **same** number of hours and earn the **same money** 2
Work **fewer** hours and earn **less money** 3
Can't choose 8

4. For each of these statements about your (main) job, please circle one number to show how much you agree or disagree that it applies to **your job**.

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a. My job is secure.	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. My income is high.	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. My opportunities for advancement are high.	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. My job is interesting.	1	2	3	4	5	8
e. I can work independently.	1	2	3	4	5	8
f. In my job, I can help other people.	1	2	3	4	5	8
g. My job is useful to society.	1	2	3	4	5	8

15. Now some more questions about your working conditions.

Please circle one number for **each** item below to show **how often** it applies to your work.
PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Hardly ever	Never	Can't choose
How often...						
a. do you come home from work exhausted?	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. do you have to do hard physical work?	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. do you find your work stressful?	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. do you work in dangerous conditions?	1	2	3	4	5	8

16. Which of the following statements **best** describes how your working hours are decided? (By working hours we mean here the times you **start** and **finish** work, and **not** the total hours you work per week or month.)

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

- Starting and finishing times are decided by my employer
and I cannot change them on my own 1
I can decide the time I start and finish work,
within certain limits 2
I am **entirely free** to decide when I start and finish work 3

17. Which of the following statements best describes **where** you work?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

- I usually work in one place away from home (e.g., office or factory) 1
I usually work at home 2
I usually work part of the week at home
and part at one place away from home 3
I usually work in a variety of places 4

18. Which of the following describes your present job situation?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

- It is a job with no written contract 1
- It is a fixed-term job lasting less than 12 months 2
- It is a fixed-term job lasting for one year or more 3
- It is a job with no set time limit 4
- Can't choose 8

19. How much of your past work experience and/or job skills can you make use of in your present job?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

- Almost none 1
- A little 2
- A lot 3
- Almost all 4
- Can't choose 8

20. Now think about the **skills that you actually use** in your job.

How important would you say each of the following was in developing these skills?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE

	Very important	Important	Neither important nor unimportant	Not important	Not important at all	Can't choose
a. School, college, or university	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. Training or experience gained in my present or a previous job	1	2	3	4	5	8

21. In general, how would you describe relations at your workplace...

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE

	Very good	Quite good	Neither good nor bad	Quite bad	Very bad	Can't Choose
a. between management and employees?	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. between co-workers/colleagues?	1	2	3	4	5	8

22. How satisfied are you in your (main) job?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

- Completely satisfied 1
- Very satisfied 2
- Fairly satisfied 3
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4
- Fairly dissatisfied 5
- Very dissatisfied 6
- Completely dissatisfied 7
- Can't choose 8

23. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't Choose
a. I am willing to work harder than I have to in order to help the firm or organization I work for succeed.	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. I am proud to be working for my firm or organization.	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. Given the chance, I would change my present type of work for something different.	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. I would turn down another job that I was offered quite a bit more pay in order to stay with this organization.	1	2	3	4	5	8
e. I am proud of the type of work I do.	1	2	3	4	5	8

24. About how many days have you been absent from work in the last 6 months (not counting vacation)?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

More than 20 days	1
11 to 20 days	2
6 to 10 days	3
1 to 5 days	4
None	5
Can't choose	8

25. All in all, how likely is it that you will try to find a job with another firm or organization within the next 12 months?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

Very likely	1
Likely	2
Unlikely	3
Very unlikely	4
Can't choose	8

26. To what extent, if at all, do you worry about the possibility of losing your job?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

I worry a great deal	1
I worry to some extent	2
I worry a little	3
I don't worry at all	4

PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 35.

PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 27-34 IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY.

27. Have you ever had a paid job for one year or more?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

Yes (Please answer Q.28) 1
No (Please go to Q.30) 2

28. When did your last paid job end?

In 19 _____

29. What was the main reason that your job ended?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

I reached retirement age 1
I retired early, by choice 2
I retired early, not by choice 3
I became (permanently) disabled 4
My place of work shut down 5
I was dismissed 6
My term of employment/contract ended 7
Family responsibilities 8
I got married 9

30. Would you like to have a paid job, either now or in the future?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

Yes 1
No 2

31. How likely do you think it is that you would find a job?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

Very likely 1
Likely 2
Unlikely 3
Very unlikely 4
Can't choose 8

32. Are you currently looking for a job?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

Yes 1
No 2

33. Thinking about the last 12 months, have you done any of the following in order to find a job?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE

	No	Yes, once or twice	Yes, more than twice
a. Registered at a public employment agency?	1	2	3
b. Registered at a private employment agency?	1	2	3
c. Answered advertisements for jobs?	1	2	3
d. Advertised for a job in newspapers or journals?	1	2	3
e. Applied directly to employers?	1	2	3
f. Asked relatives, friends, or colleagues to help you find a job?	1	2	3

34. What is your **main** source of economic support?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY

- Pension (private or state or social security) 1
- Unemployment benefits 2
- Spouse/partner 3
- Other family members 4
- Social assistance/welfare 5
- Occasional work 6
- Other 7

SELF-ADMINISTERED QUESTIONNAIRE (S-B)

General Social Survey

Part 2

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.

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
- Neighbour, 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 1993, 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

<p>THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION. PLEASE PLACE FORM IN ENVELOPE, SEAL IT, AND GIVE IT TO THE INTERVIEWER. IF NO INTERVIEWER IS PRESENT, PLEASE DROP SEALED ENVELOPE IN A MAILBOX.</p>
