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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 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)

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

(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-B)

General Social Survey

Part 1

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?

PLEASE Check **ONE BOX 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 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.

PLEASE Check ONE BOX ONLY

AMERICA SHOULD...

	Highest priority (✓)
Maintain order in the nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Give people more say in government decisions	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Fight rising prices	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Protect freedom of speech	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

- b. 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...

	Next highest priority (✓)
Maintain order in the nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Give people more say in government decisions	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Fight rising prices	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Protect freedom of speech	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

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

PLEASE Check ONE BOX 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	<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. Overall, modern science does more harm than good	<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. Any change humans cause in nature - no matter how scientific - is likely to make things worse	<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. Modern science will solve our environmental problems with little change to our way of life	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

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

PLEASE Check ONE BOX 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	<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. Almost everything we do in modern life harms the environment	<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. Animals should have the same moral rights that human beings do	<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. Human beings should respect nature because it was created by God	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

6. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

PLEASE Check ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a. People worry too much about human progress harming the environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="2"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="3"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="4"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="5"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Nature would be at peace and in harmony if only human beings would leave it alone	<input type="checkbox" value="1"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="2"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="3"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="5"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="8"/>
c. In order to protect the environment, America needs economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="2"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="3"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="5"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="8"/>
d. It is right to use animals for medical testing if it might save human lives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="2"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="3"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="5"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Nature is really a fierce struggle for survival of the fittest	<input type="checkbox" value="1"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="4"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="5"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="8"/>
f. Economic growth always harms the environment	<input type="checkbox" value="1"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="4"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="8"/>

7. 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	<input type="checkbox" value="1"/>
Nature is spiritual or sacred in itself	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nature is important, but not spiritual or sacred	<input type="checkbox" value="3"/>
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox" value="8"/>

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

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

	(✓)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Very willing		1
Fairly willing		2
Neither willing nor unwilling		3
Not very willing		4
Not at all 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

	(✓)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Very willing		1
Fairly willing		2
Neither willing nor unwilling		3
Not very willing		4
Not at all 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

	(✓)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Very willing		1
Fairly willing		2
Neither willing nor unwilling		3
Not very willing		4
Not at all willing		5
Can't choose		8

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

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX 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	<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. I do what is right for the environment, even when it costs more money or takes up more time	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

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

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Definitely true	Probably true	Probably not true	Definitely not true	Can't choose
In your opinion, how true is this?					
a. 'All radioactivity is made by humans'	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
b. 'Antibiotics kill bacteria, but not viruses'	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
In your opinion, how true is this?					
c. 'Astrology - the study of star signs - has some scientific truth'	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
d. 'Human beings developed from earlier species of animals'	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
e. 'All man-made chemicals can cause cancer if you eat enough of them'	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

11. And for each of **these** statements, just check the box that comes closest to your opinion of how true it is.

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Definitely true	Probably true	Probably not true	Definitely not true	Can't choose
In your opinion, how true is this?					
a. 'If someone is exposed to any amount of radioactivity, they are certain to die as a result'	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
b. 'Some radioactive waste from nuclear power stations will stay dangerous for thousands of years'	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
c. 'The greenhouse effect is caused by a hole in the earth's atmosphere'	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
In your opinion, how true is this?					
d. 'Every time we use coal or oil or gas, we contribute to the greenhouse effect'	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
e. 'All pesticides and chemicals used on food crops cause cancer in humans'	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
f. 'Human beings are the main cause of plant and animal species dying out'	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
g. 'Cars are not really an important cause of air pollution in America'	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

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,

somewhat dangerous,

3

not very dangerous,

4

or, not dangerous at all for the environment?

5

Can't choose

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,

somewhat dangerous,

3

not very dangerous,

4

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

Can't choose

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

Fairly likely to happen

Not very likely to happen

4

or- Not at all likely to happen?

5

Can't choose

6

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 6

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, 3
- not very dangerous, 4
- or, not dangerous at all for you and your family? 5
- Can't choose 6

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
- somewhat dangerous, 3
- 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

somewhat dangerous, 3

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

- 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, 1
- very dangerous, 2
- somewhat dangerous, 3
- not very dangerous, 4
- or, not dangerous at all for you and your family? 5
- Can't choose 8

- 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, 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 **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, 1
- very dangerous, 2
- somewhat dangerous, 3
- not very dangerous, 4
- or, not dangerous at all for you and your family? 5
- Can't choose 8

18a. 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 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

OR

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 1

Often 2

Sometimes 3

Never 4

Recycling not available where I live 5

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 1

Often 2

Sometimes 3

Never 4

Not available where I live 5

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

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

(✓)

Always 1

Often 2

Sometimes 3

Never 4

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

PLEASE CHECK **ONE** BOX ONLY

	(✓)
Always	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Often	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Never	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
I do not have or cannot drive a car	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
No	<input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
b. ...given money to an environmental group?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
c. ...taken part in a protest or demonstration about an environmental issue?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 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, 2
- a small city or town, 3
- a country village, 4
- or, a farm or home in the country? 5

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) 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 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. IF NO INTERVIEWER IS PRESENT, PLEASE DROP SEALED ENVELOPE IN A MAIL BOX.