Appendix A: Questionnaire – Main Survey

Q1a. What race, ethnicity, or nationality would you describe yourself to be?

Q1b. There have been a lot of national and world events and changes over the past 50 or so years – say, from about 1960 right up until today. Which of the following events or changes seems to you to have been the most important?
- The collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War ......................................................... 1
- The September 11, 2001 attacks .......................................................... 2
- The Vietnam War ........................................................................ 3
- The growth of computers and the internet................................................. 4
- Exploration of space and the moon landings .................................................... 5
- The Civil rights movement of the 1960s .................................................. 6
- The Gay rights movement ...................................................................... 7
- The Women’s rights movement ................................................................. 8
- The opening of immigration to the U.S. .................................................. 9
- The election of President Obama in 2008 ................................................. 10
- The economic crash of 2008.................................................................. 11
- The growth of religious fundamentalism in the U.S. ............................... 12
- The election of Ronald Reagan as President in 1980 .............................. 13

Other, please identify: [TEXTBOX] ...................................................... 14

[SP; SHOW SELECTIONS NOT SELECTED IN Q1b. HOWEVER, INSERT “Other, please identify” EVEN IF SELECTED IN Q1b]

Q1c. Which was the second most important event or change since 1960?
- The collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War ......................................................... 1
- The September 11, 2001 attacks .......................................................... 2
- The Vietnam War ........................................................................ 3
- The growth of computers and the internet................................................. 4
- Exploration of space and the moon landings .................................................... 5
- The Civil rights movement of the 1960s .................................................. 6
- The Gay rights movement ...................................................................... 7
- The Women’s rights movement ................................................................. 8
- The opening of immigration to the US .................................................. 9
- The election of President Obama in 2008 ................................................. 10
- The economic crash of 2008.................................................................. 11
- The growth of religious fundamentalism in the US............................... 12
- The election of Ronald Reagan as President in 1980 .............................. 13

Other, please identify: [TEXTBOX] ...................................................... 14

[SP; SHOW SELECTIONS NOT SELECTED IN Q1b OR Q1c. HOWEVER, INSERT “Other, please identify”]
Q1d. And, finally, which was the third most important event or change since 1960?

The collapse of the Soviet Union and
the end of the Cold War ......................... 1
The September 11, 2001 attacks.................. 2
The Vietnam War ...................................... 3
The growth of computers and the
internet................................................... 4
Exploration of space and the moon
landings .................................................. 5
The Civil rights movement of 1960s ............ 6
The Gay rights movement ............................ 7
The Women’s rights movement................... 8
The opening of immigration to the
US .......................................................... 9
The election of President Obama in
2008 ....................................................... 10
The economic crash of 2008 ........................ 11
The growth of religious
fundamentalism in the US....................... 12
The election of Ronald Reagan as
President in 1980 .................................... 13
Other, please identify: [TEXTBOX] ............ 14

Q2a. We are all part of different groups. Some are more important to us than others when we
think of ourselves. In general, which in the following list is most important to you in describing
who you are?
Your current or previous occupation
(or being a homemaker)......................... 1
Your race or ethnic background ............... 2
Your gender (that is, being a
man/woman) ......................................... 3
Your age group (that is, young,
middle age, old) ................................. 4
Your religion (or being agnostic or
atheist)................................................... 5
Your preferred political party,
group, or movement.............................. 6
Your nationality or status as an
immigrant ............................................. 7
Your social class (that is upper,
middle, lower, working, or similar
categories) ............................................ 8
Your family or marital status (that
is, son/daughter, mother/father,
grandfather/grandmother,
husband/wife, widower/widow, not
married, or other similar) ...................... 9
[SP; SHOW SELECTIONS NOT SELECTED IN Q2a]

Q2b. And the second most important?
Your current or previous occupation
(or being a homemaker)......................... 1
Your race or ethnic background ............... 2
Your gender (that is, being a
man/woman) ................................................ 3
Your age group (that is, Young,
Middle age, Old) ................................. 4
Your religion (or being agnostic or
atheist)....................................................... 5
Your preferred political party,
group, or movement.......................... 6
Your nationality or status as an
immigrant..................................................... 7
Your social class (that is upper,
middle, lower, working, or similar
categories) ................................................... 8
Your family or marital status (that
is, son/daughter, mother/father,
grandfather/grandmother,
husband/wife, widower/widow,
nor married, or other similar).................... 9

[SP; SHOW SELECTIONS NOT SELECTED IN Q2a or Q2b]

Q2c. And the third most important?
Your current or previous occupation
(or being a homemaker)......................... 1
Your race or ethnic background ................. 2
Your gender (that is, being a
man/woman) ................................................ 3
Your age group (that is, Young,
Middle age, Old) ................................. 4
Your religion (or being agnostic or
atheist)....................................................... 5
Your preferred political party,
group, or movement.......................... 6
Your nationality or status as an
immigrant..................................................... 7
Your social class (that is upper,
middle, lower, working, or similar
categories) ................................................... 8
Your family or marital status (that
is, son/daughter, mother/father,
grandfather/grandmother,
husband/wife, widower/widow,
nor married, or other similar).................... 9

[SP]
Q3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that President Obama is handling his job as
President?
Strongly approve .............................................. 1
Approve not strongly ....................................... 2
Disapprove not strongly................................. 3
Strongly disapprove ......................................... 4

[SP]
Q4. Please tell me which one of the opinions best agrees with your view.
By law, abortion should never be permitted............................................. 1
The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest, or when
the woman's life is in danger. ......................... 2
The law should permit abortion for reasons other than rape, incest, or danger to the woman's life, but
only after the need for the abortion has been clearly
established................................................... 3
By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a
matter of personal choice......................... 4

[SP]
Q5. Should same-sex couples be ALLOWED to marry, or do you think they should NOT BE
ALLOWED to marry?
Should be allowed........................................ 1
Should not be allowed ............................ 2
Should not be allowed to marry but should be allowed to legally form
a civil union............................................ 3

[SP]
Q6. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “In America anyone who works hard
and plays by the rules can succeed in life.”
Strongly agree........................................... 1
Somewhat agree...................................... 2
Somewhat disagree............................... 3
Strongly disagree ............................... 4

[SP]
Q7. What kind of standard of living do you think that your children (or the children of your
generation) will be able to have?
Much higher than mine............................ 1
Somewhat higher than mine.................... 2
About the same as mine.......................... 3
Somewhat lower than mine...................... 4
Much lower than mine............................ 5

[SP]
Q8. As you may know, Barack Obama’s mother was a white woman from Kansas and his father
was a black man from Africa. How would you describe Barack’s Obama’s race:
White...................................................... 1
Black ..................................................... 2
Mixed ..................................................... 3

[SP; IF XSPLIT1=1]
Q9a. President Obama is a member of what religion?
Christian............................................. 1
Jewish............................................... 2
Muslim............................................ 3
Other............................................... 4

[SP; IF XSPLIT1=2]
Q9b. President Obama is a member of what religion?
Christian............................................. 1
Jewish............................................... 2
Other............................................... 3

[GRID, SP ACROSS; RANDOMIZE ATTRIBUTES AND RECORD. SPLIT INTO 2 PAGES]
Q10. Please read the following list of conditions. Please indicate whether we should make it
easier for people with these conditions to immigrate to the United States, less easy for them to
immigrate to the U.S., or if these conditions shouldn’t make a difference one way or another.
Make it easier for people with this condition to immigrate to the U.S.
Make it less easy for people with this condition to immigrate to the U.S.
This condition shouldn’t make a difference one way or another
1 2 3
1. They come from a country that has experienced a major natural disaster, like an
earthquake or flood.
2. They come from a country that is experiencing a major war or genocide.
3. They come from a country ruled by a brutal dictator.
4. They come from a country experiencing a terrible famine.
5. They come from a country that oppresses women.
6. They are an unskilled laborer.
7. They have AIDS.
8. They are elderly.
9. They can speak and write English.
10. They come from a country that oppresses gays and lesbians.
11. They come from a country with extreme poverty.
12. They have an advanced education.
13. They have specialized job skills.
14. They have family members in the US.
15. They come from the Middle East.
16. They come from Western Europe.
17. They come from Mexico or Latin America.
18. They come from Asia.
19. They are wealthy.

Q11. Data from the Census show that in 2010, most of the babies born in the U.S. were nonwhites or minorities. As a result, as soon as 20 years from now, the majority of the U.S. population will be non-whites or members of current minority groups. What impact do you think this change will have on the United States?
Very positive .................................................... 1
Somewhat positive ............................................ 2
No change......................................................... 3
Somewhat negative............................................... 4
Very negative ..................................................... 5

Q12. What kind of impact do you think that recent immigrants have had on your community?
Very positive .................................................... 1
Somewhat positive ............................................. 2
No impact one way or another............................ 3
Somewhat negative............................................ 4
Very negative ..................................................... 5

Q13. What kind of impact do you think that recent immigrants have had on the United States?
Very positive .................................................... 1
Somewhat positive ............................................. 2
No impact one way or another............................ 3
Somewhat negative............................................ 4
Very negative ..................................................... 5

Q14. Do you personally think that immigrants threaten your job or economic well-being?
Yes................................................................... 1
No .................................................................... 2

Q15a. Immigrants are more likely to commit crimes.
Strongly Agree Agree Agree Strongly Agree
1 2 3 4

Q15b. Immigrants are more likely to follow the law.
Strongly Agree Agree Agree Strongly Agree
1 2 3 4

Q15c. We will give you a series of paired statements. Even if neither statement is exactly right, choose the one that comes closer to your views, and identify whether you feel strongly about that issue, or not so strongly.
Q15a. Immigrants are more likely to commit crimes.
Strongly Agree Agree Agree Strongly Agree
1 2 3 4

Q15b. Immigrants are more likely to contribute to the economy by working hard and starting businesses. Immigrants are more likely to hurt the economy by driving down wages and taking jobs from people born in the United States. Strongly Agree Agree Agree Strongly Agree
1 2 3 4
Q15c. Immigrants are more likely to go on welfare and take advantage of public services. Immigrants are more likely to pay taxes and be responsible for themselves and their families. Strongly Agree Agree Agree Strongly Agree
1 2 3 4
Q15d. Immigrants are more likely to believe in traditional American values. Immigrants are more likely to believe in dangerous political and religious ideas. Strongly Agree Agree Agree Strongly Agree
1 2 3 4

[RANDOMLY ASSIGN AND RECORD HALF OF RESPONDENTS TO “Muslim mosque” AND OTHER HALF TO “Christian church”]

Q16. How would you feel about a plan to build a (Muslim mosque/Christian Church) in your neighborhood:
Strongly support ............................................... 1
Somewhat support ........................................... 2
Somewhat oppose ............................................ 3
Strongly oppose ............................................... 4

[GRID, SP ACROSS]
Q17. Which of these statements comes closest to your own view:
A person’s race is determined by biology and genetics.
A person’s race is determined by culture and tradition.
1 2 3 4 5
Strongly agree Agree Agree Strongly agree

[GRID, SP ACROSS]
Q18. What types of things are important for a successful marriage?
Very important Somewhat important Not important at all
1 2 3
Same racial or ethnic background
Same level of education
Same religion
Same economic class
Same political party
Same age
[NUMBER BOX, 0-100]
Q19. About what percentage of marriages in the U.S. these days would you say are between people of different races:

%  

[MP]
Q20. What are the biggest problems facing couples in interracial marriages, beyond those found in any marriage:
Disapproval of family and in-laws
Problems and confusion for their children
Disapproval of the general public
Spouses have different cultural values
No special problems/Not that different from other marriages [SP]  
[SP]
Q21a. In your community, how well would you say that whites and nonwhites get along?
Very well .......................................................... 1
Well.................................................................. 2
Not well ............................................................ 3
Very badly ....................................................... 4

[IF Q21a=3, 4]
[SP]
Q21b. Who do you believe is responsible for whites and nonwhites not getting along in your community?
Whites.............................................................. 1
Nonwhites ........................................................ 2
Both ............................................................... 3
Neither ................................................................ 4

[SP]
Q22. Should U.S. policy toward illegal immigrants focus on integrating them into American society or should it more strictly enforce laws against illegal immigration?
Should focus on integrating illegal immigrants into American society. ............................................... 1
Should focus on more strictly enforcing laws against illegal immigrants. ......................................... 2

[SP]
Q23. Do you think that the federal government is spending too much, too little, or the right amount to stop illegal immigration?
Too much.......................................................... 1
Too little ............................................................ 2
Right amount..................................................... 3

[SP]
Q24a. When do you think that illegal immigrants should be allowed to become American citizens:
Illegal immigrants should be able to become American citizens under the same conditions as legal immigrants. ................................................. 1
Illegal immigrants can become American citizens, but only if they meet certain conditions. ................. 2
Illegal immigrants should never be allowed to become American citizens. ........................................... 3

[IF Q24a=2]
[GRID, SP ACROSS; RANDOMIZE AND RECORD]

Q24b. I’m going to list some conditions that illegal immigrants might have to meet in order to become American citizens. Tell me whether you agree that illegal immigrants should meet these conditions before they can become a U.S. citizen.
Yes No
1 2
Pay a fee of $5,000
Speak English
Hold a steady job and pay taxes
Have a clean criminal record
Pass a United States Citizenship test

[SP]
Q25. Do you believe that English should be made the official language of the United States, so that all government forms like driver’s tests, election ballots, and tax forms would only be available in English?
Yes................................................................... 1
No .................................................................... 2
Q26. Currently, the U.S. Constitution says that any person born in the United States is a citizen of this country. This means that children born in this country to illegal immigrant parents are automatically U.S. citizens. Would you support or oppose amending the Constitution so that only the children of U.S. citizens or legal immigrants would automatically become U.S. citizens?

Strongly support ............................................... 1
Support somewhat ........................................... 2
Oppose somewhat ........................................... 3
Strongly oppose ........................................... 4

Q27. Would you support a law that requires people to prove to police officers that they are citizens or legal immigrants?

Strongly support ............................................... 1
Somewhat support ........................................... 2
Somewhat oppose ........................................... 3
Strongly oppose ........................................... 4

Q28. Do you think illegal immigrants who have served in the U.S. military should be allowed to become citizens?

Yes................................................................... 1
No .................................................................... 2

Q29. Some people say that since legal immigrants pay taxes, they should be allowed to vote in local elections, such as for city council, mayor, or school board, so that they can have a say in the policies that affect them. Other people say that voting is a right that should be limited to U.S. citizens only. Would you support or oppose allowing immigrants who are in the U.S. legally to vote in local elections, such as for city council, mayor, or school boards?

Strongly support ............................................... 1
Somewhat support ........................................... 2
Somewhat oppose ........................................... 3
Strongly oppose ........................................... 4

Q30. Do you think that what happens to [Black people, Hispanics, Asian Americans, White People, multiracial people, other people who are the same race as you] in this country will have something to do with what happens in your life?

Yes................................................................. 1
No ................................................................. 2
Depends .......................................................... 3
Don't know ...................................................... 4

Q30_1. How much will it affect you – a lot, some, or not very much at all?

A lot................................................................. 1
Some .............................................................. 2
Not very much at all.......................................... 3
Don't know ...................................................... 4

Q30a. Do you think that what happens to [if ppgender=1 “men”; if ppgender=2 “women”] in this
country will have something to do with what happens in your life?
Yes................................................................... 1
No ................................................................... 2
Depends .......................................................... 3
Don't know ...................................................... 4

[IF Q30a=1]
Q30a_1. How much will it affect you – a lot, some, or not very much at all?
A lot.................................................................. 1
Some ............................................................... 2
Not very much at all.......................................... 3
Don't know ....................................................... 4

[IF xSPLIT2=2]
[if xppa0070=2 insert “Protestants”; if xppa0070=3 insert “Catholics”; if xppa0070=13 insert “nonreligious people”; if xppa0070=1,4-12 insert “people of your own religion”]
Q30b. Do you think that what happens to [Protestants, Catholics, non-religious people, people of your own religion] in this country will have something to do with what happens in your life?
Yes................................................................... 1
No ................................................................... 2
Depends .......................................................... 3
Don't know ...................................................... 4

[IF Q30b=1]
[SP]
Q30b_1. How much will it affect you – a lot, some, or not very much at all?
A lot.................................................................. 1
Some ............................................................... 2
Not very much at all.......................................... 3
Don't know ....................................................... 4

[SP]
QCLASS. Please select what class you consider yourself to be.
Lower class ...................................................... 1
Working class .................................................... 2
Middle class ..................................................... 3
Upper class ...................................................... 4

[IF xSPLIT2=3]
[IF QCLASS=1 INSERT “the lower class”; IF QCLASS=2 INSERT “the working class”; IF QCLASS=3 INSERT “the middle class”; IF QCLASS=4 INSERT “the upper class”]
Q30c. Do you think that what happens to [the lower class, the working class, the middle class, the upper class] in this country will have something to do with what happens in your life?
Yes................................................................... 1
No ................................................................... 2
Depends .......................................................... 3
Don't know ...................................................... 4

[IF Q30c=1]
Q30c_1. How much will it affect you – a lot, some, or not very much at all?
A lot.................................................................. 1
Some ............................................................... 2
Not very much at all.......................................... 3
Don't know ....................................................... 4

[RANDOMLY ASSIGN AND RECORD RESPONDENT TO ONE OF THE 2 INSERTS]
[SP]
Q30d. Do you think that what happens to [other immigrants to the United States and their children / people whose families have lived in the United States for many generations] will have something to do with what happens in your life?
Yes................................................................... 1
No ................................................................................. 2
Depends ................................................................................. 3
Don't know ................................................................................. 4

[IF Q30d=1]

Q30d_1. How much will it affect you – a lot, some, or not very much at all?
A lot......................................................................................... 1
Some ......................................................................................... 2
Not very much at all............................................................. 3
Don't know ................................................................................. 4