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**SOCIOLOGY RESEARCH METHODS
QUESTIONNAIRE**

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Instructions: Please answer all questions as truthfully and accurately as possible. Check or mark the appropriate box/space for each question or print an answer in blanks provided. All answers are confidential and complete anonymity is assured. Your participation is voluntary and will help us greatly. Thank you.

Part I: Individual Background and Demographic Information

1. Which is your sex? Male Female

2. What is your class standing in the University?

Fresh Soph Jr Sr Special

3. How old were you at your last birthday? _____ Years

4. What is your major(s)? _____

(If unknown at this time write "Unknown" in space provided)

5. What is your current GPA for all college courses?

<input type="checkbox"/> 3.8 to 4.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.8 to 2.99	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.8 to 1.99
<input type="checkbox"/> 3.6 to 3.79	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.6 to 2.79	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.6 to 1.79
<input type="checkbox"/> 3.4 to 3.59	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.4 to 2.59	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.4 to 1.59
<input type="checkbox"/> 3.2 to 3.39	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.2 to 2.39	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.2 to 1.39
<input type="checkbox"/> 3.0 to 3.19	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.0 to 2.19	<input type="checkbox"/> Below 1.20

If you do not have any idea of what your GPA is check here _____

6. What is your current marital status? Never Married, single
 Divorced/Widowed/Separated Married

7. Do you have any children [adopted or natural or spouses?]
 Yes No

8. What is your birth order? I was an "only child"
 Raised in Institution Oldest of siblings
 Youngest of Siblings In Middle (some siblings older & younger)

9. What race or ethnic heritage do you consider yourself?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/Afro-American/Negroid | <input type="checkbox"/> White/Anglo/Caucasian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow/Asian/Oriental | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American/Red |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown/Hispanic/Chicano | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

10. What kind of area did you grown-up (spend high school years) in?

- Rural.Farm Area
 Village/Small Town (under 10,000 pop)
 Small City (10,000 to 50,000)
 Medium City/Suburbs (50,000 to 300,000)
 Large City (300,000 to 1 million pop.)
 Major Metropolitan Area (Over 1 million)

11. Where us your "hometown"?

- Madison, Wisconsin
 Elsewhere in Wisconsin
 Elsewhere in Midwest
 East Coast/Atlantic Seaboard
 West Coast/Mountain
 South/Southwest
 Outside USA

12. What is your religious affiliation?

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protestant | <input type="checkbox"/> Baptist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> Lutheran |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish | <input type="checkbox"/> Quaker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muslim | <input type="checkbox"/> Atheist |

Part II: Family Background Questions

13. What is your father's occupation?* _____

14. What is your mother's occupation?* _____

* If parent is deceased, retired or unemployed please state that. If parent is homemaker please write "Homemaker" in the space.

15. Do both parents work full time? Yes No

16. What social class would you assign to your family based on income & life style?

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Class | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Class | <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Middle Class |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Middle Class | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Collar/Working Class | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor/Lower Class |

17. About what would you estimate your total family income to be for 1981 before taxes?

- Over \$75,000 per year
 Over \$50,000 but under \$75,000
 Over \$30,000 but under \$50,000
 Over \$20,000 but under \$30,000
 Over \$10,000 but under \$20,000
 Under \$10,000 per year

Part III. Questions About University Courses

18. Which school or college of the University are you in? _____

19. Have you ever taken a statistics course prior to this semester?

- NO (GO TO 23, skip 20, 21, 22)
 YES

20. IF YES: What department was it in? _____

21. What was the number of the course? _____

22. Why did you take it? (Check all that apply)

- Curious, interested
 Required for my degree/major
 Friends recommended it
 Advisor/Prof recommended it
 Wanted to avoid more difficult stat. Course

23. Math Anxiety is an emotional fear or great discomfort, that some people feel when confronted by complex symbols and number manipulation. Do you think that you have math anxiety?

- No (SKIP to #25)
 YES. IF YES: Do you feel that you have it

24. To a very great degree
 To a significant degree
 To a minor degree

24. Have you ever had a course in sociological theory or other social theory where Marx, Weber, Durkheim, Parsons, Compte and similar theorists were discussed for at least two weeks?

- NO
 YES

25. Do you know about the Sociological Department's program "Concentration in Analysis and Research?"

No A little Yes, fully

Part IV. Personal Behavior, Attitudes and Beliefs Questions

26. How happy are you? Very Happy
 Moderately Happy
 Unhappy

27. On a seven point scale, where would you place your beliefs regarding Abortion?

Very Pro-Choice				Completely Neutral			Very Pro-Life
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>							

28. Which label best describe your current political beliefs/attitudes?

Very Conservative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very Leftist/Radical	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moderately Conservative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate Left/Liberal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Libertarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Political at All	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middle of Road/Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

29. What is your opinion of President Reagan's Policies? Do you:

Strongly Approve	Moderately Approve	Moderately Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No Opinion or Don't Know
<input type="checkbox"/>				

30. Which statement best describes your opinion on the Nuclear Freeze Campaign?

I support President Reagan and oppose any campaign that would weaken our defenses,
 I am willing to permit our defenses to weaken relative to the Soviets and support the extremist Anti-Nuclear campaign.

31. Do you do coke? Yes No

32. Most experts note that young adults begin having sexual intercourse between the ages of 15 and 17 without any ill effects and recommend no change. At what age do you think it is appropriate for young adults to begin to engage in sexual intercourse? Years

33. How frequently do you attend religious services?

More than once a week
 About once a week
 Less than once a week

34. Do you support the murder of unborn children by Abortionists?

Yes No Undecided

35. Check the statement that expresses your level of comfort with homosexuals:

- I feel uncomfortable around homosexuals. I would not enter a "gay bar" and would feel better if fewer homosexuals were on Madison's sidewalks.
- I feel slightly uncomfortable around homosexuals. While I tolerate them as a minority group I would not have a close personal friend who was a homosexual.
- I am not bothered by homosexuals. If I was at a party where there were homosexual couples or if I had a known homosexual as a co-worker it would not disturb me.
- I am completely comfortable around homosexuals. I would like to have some "gay" friends and would not be upset if I was assigned a homosexual as a roommate in the dorms.

36. What is your opinion about the civil war in Ethiopia?

Support Ethiopia Support Rebels

37. Which statement describe your attitudes regarding feminism?

- I strongly support feminism and oppose all sexism
- I moderately support feminist values
- I don't care one way or the other
- I moderately oppose feminism
- I strongly oppose feminism and support traditional values

38. Do you think most politicians are dishonest or are they like other people?

Yes No

39. Don't you agree with our President and think that we should increase military aid to governments that fight communists and terrorists?

Yes No

40. State whether you Agree Or Disagree With the following statement:

I don't think that it is an unwise policy to continue sending food aid to Poland.

41. Do you think that it is wise to cut spending on social programs and increase military spending?

Yes No

42. Identify which of the following six occupational groups you would choose to entry if you had to choose among them based on work conditions, tasks involved and all forms of reward involved:

- Writer or Artist
- Top manager or Corp. Executive
- Engineer or Chemist
- Forest Ranger or Sailor
- Teacher or Counselor
- Leader of a Movement for Social Change

43. Eleven career or life goals are listed below, choose the three which are most important to you. Rank your choices 1, 2, and 3.

- Help others, especially the less advantaged
- Make a large income and accumulate wealth
- Achieve a position of importance and power in a large organization
- Care for my family and those close to me
- Get a secure job without fear of unemployment or layoffs
- Live in a place where I will be happy and content
- Make an important contribution to humankind
- Be independent and control my life without having a boss
- Become well-known and popular among a large number of people
- Advance quickly and become a success in my field
- Have a chance to be creative and explore new ways of doing things

44. Do you favor the legalization of “pot” and similar harmful drugs that young people abuse and increase drug addiction?

- Yes
- No

45. This last question is about friends of yours, think of your 4-5 closest friends when answering it. Check the space that best represents how your friends think, or the type of friends you have.

MY FRIENDS ARE

- | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Conservative | <input type="checkbox"/> | Liberal |
| Athletic | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Athletic |
| Noisy | <input type="checkbox"/> | Quiet |
| Studious | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not very studious |
| Neat in Dress/
Appearance | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sloppy in dress/
Appearance |
| Like Classical
Music | <input type="checkbox"/> | Like Rock
Music |

***** END OF QUESTIONNAIRE, THANK YOU *****