

## Questions in Social Capital Community Benchmark Survey Short Form

### Notes:

Our estimate is that this about 7.5 minutes of starred questions (including 2.5 minutes of demographics). The optional questions would add 5 minutes to the survey length.

### Proposed questions:

Hello, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ calling from \_\_\_\_\_. We are conducting an important survey about life in communities across America including yours.

[GENDER: INTERVIEWER: RECORD R's GENDER (IF NECESSARY SAY: I am recording that you are a male/female.)

<GENDER>

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

\*1 We'd like to ask you some questions about how you view other people, groups and institutions.

Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

<TRUST>

- 1 People can be trusted
- 2 You can't be too careful
- 3 (VOLUNTEERED) Depends
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

\*2 Next, we'd like to know how much you trust different groups of people. First, think about (GROUP). Generally speaking, would you say that you can trust them a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?

\*2A People in your neighborhood

(CLARIFY IF NECESSARY: How about in general?)

<TRNEI>

- 1 Trust them a lot
- 2 Trust them some
- 3 Trust them only a little
- 4 Trust them not at all
- 5 (VOLUNTEERED) Does not apply
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

2B (How about) **The police in your local community** (would you say that you can trust them a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?)

<TRCOP>

- 1 Trust them a lot
- 2 Trust them some
- 3 Trust them only a little
- 4 Trust them not at all
- 5 (VOLUNTEERED) Does not apply
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

2C **People who work in the stores where you shop**

<TRSHOP>

- 1 Trust them a lot
- 2 Trust them some
- 3 Trust them only a little
- 4 Trust them not at all
- 5 (VOLUNTEERED) Does not apply
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

\*2D (How about) **White people?**

<TRWHT>

- 1 Trust them a lot
- 2 Trust them some
- 3 Trust them only a little
- 4 Trust them not at all
- 5 (VOLUNTEERED) Does not apply
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

\*2E (How about) **African Americans or Blacks?**

<TRBLK>

- 1 Trust them a lot
- 2 Trust them some
- 3 Trust them only a little
- 4 Trust them not at all
- 5 (VOLUNTEERED) Does not apply
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

\*2F (How about) **Hispanics or Latinos?**

<TRHISP>

- 1 Trust them a lot
- 2 Trust them some
- 3 Trust them only a little
- 4 Trust them not at all
- 5 (VOLUNTEERED) Does not apply
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

3 My next questions are about public affairs. How interested are you in politics and national affairs? Are you very interested, somewhat interested, only slightly interested, or not at all interested?

<POLINT>

- 1 Very interested
- 2 Somewhat interested
- 3 Only slightly interested
- 4 Not at all interested
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

\*4 Are you currently registered to vote

<REGVOTE>

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 (VOLUNTEERED) Not eligible to vote
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

5A How much of the time do you think you can trust the NATIONAL government to do what is right – just about always, most of the time, only some of the time, or hardly ever?

<TGNAT>

- 1 Just about always
- 2 Most of the time
- 3 Some of the time
- 4 Hardly ever
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

5B How about your LOCAL government? How much of the time do you think you can trust the LOCAL government to do what is right? (Would you say just about always, most of the time, only some of the time, or hardly ever?)

<TGLOC>

- 1 Just about always
- 2 Most of the time
- 3 Some of the time
- 4 Hardly ever
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

5C Thinking POLITICALLY AND SOCIALLY, how would you describe your own general outlook--as being very conservative, moderately conservative, middle-of-the-road, moderately liberal or very liberal?

<IDEO>

- 1 Very conservative
- 2 Moderately conservative

- 3 Middle-of-the-road
- 4 Moderately liberal
- 5 Very Liberal
- 6 (VOLUNTEERED) Something else
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

6 Now I'm going to ask you how many times you've done certain things in the past 12 months, if at all. For all of these, I want you just to give me your best guess, and don't worry that you might be off a little. About how many times in the past 12 months have you (ACTIVITY):

RANDOMIZE A-J

Note: for all questions 6A-6J, interviewer probes for an actual number and if respondent can not provide an actual number, the interviewer follows up with: Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that? (IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

6A (How many times in the past twelve months have you) **Worked on a community project?**

<CPROJECT>  
 VALID RANGE 0 to 53  
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- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

- < PROJECT >
- 1 never did this
  - 2 once
  - 3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)
  - 4 2-4 times
  - 5 5-9 times
  - 6 about once a month on average
  - 7 twice a month
  - 8 about once a week on average
  - 9 more than once a week
  - 98 Don't Know
  - 99 Refused

6B (How many times in the past twelve months have you) **Donated blood?**

<CBLOOD>

VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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98 Don't Know

99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

< BLOOD >

1 never did this

2 once

3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)

4 2-4 times

5 5-9 times

6 about once a month on average

7 twice a month

8 about once a week on average

9 more than once a week

98 Don't Know

99 Refused

\*6C (How many times in the past twelve months have you) **Attended any public meeting in which there was discussion of town or school affairs?**

<CPUBMEET>

VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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98 Don't Know

99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

< PUBMEET >

1 never did this

2 once

3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)

4 2-4 times

- 5 5-9 times
- 6 about once a month on average
- 7 twice a month
- 8 about once a week on average
- 9 more than once a week
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

6D (How many times in the past twelve months have you) **Attended a political meeting or rally?**

<CRALLY>  
VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

- < RALLY >
- 1 never did this
  - 2 once
  - 3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)
  - 4 2-4 times
  - 5 5-9 times
  - 6 about once a month on average
  - 7 twice a month
  - 8 about once a week on average
  - 9 more than once a week
  - 98 Don't Know
  - 99 Refused

\*6E (How many times in the past twelve months have you) **Attended any club or organizational meeting** (not including meetings for work)?

<CORGMTG>  
VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

< ORGMTG >

- 1 never did this
- 2 once
- 3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)
- 4 2-4 times
- 5 5-9 times
- 6 about once a month on average
- 7 twice a month
- 8 about once a week on average
- 9 more than once a week
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

\*6F (How many times in the past twelve months have you) **had friends over to your home?**

<CFRDVIS>

VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

< FRDVIS >

- 1 never did this
- 2 once
- 3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)
- 4 2-4 times
- 5 5-9 times
- 6 about once a month on average
- 7 twice a month
- 8 about once a week on average
- 9 more than once a week
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

\*6G (How many times in the past twelve months have you) **been in the home of a friend of a different race or had them in your home?**

<CFRDRAC>

VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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98 Don't Know

99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

< FRDRAC >

1 never did this

2 once

3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)

4 2-4 times

5 5-9 times

6 about once a month on average

7 twice a month

8 about once a week on average

9 more than once a week

98 Don't Know

99 Refused

\*6H (How many times in the past twelve months have you) **been in the home of someone of a different neighborhood or had them in your home?**

<CFRDXNEI>

VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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98 Don't Know

99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

< FRDXNEI >

1 never did this

2 once

3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)

4 2-4 times

5 5-9 times

6 about once a month on average

7 twice a month

- 8 about once a week on average
- 9 more than once a week
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

\*6I (How many times in the past twelve months have you) **been in the home of someone you consider to be a community leader or had one in your home?**

<CLDRHOM>  
VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

- <LDRHOM>
- 1 never did this
  - 2 once
  - 3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)
  - 4 2-4 times
  - 5 5-9 times
  - 6 about once a month on average
  - 7 twice a month
  - 8 about once a week on average
  - 9 more than once a week
  - 98 Don't Know
  - 99 Refused

\*6J (How many times in the past twelve months have you) **volunteered?**

<CVOLTIM>  
VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

< VOLTIM >

- 1 never did this
- 2 once
- 3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)
- 4 2-4 times
- 5 5-9 times
- 6 about once a month on average
- 7 twice a month
- 8 about once a week on average
- 9 more than once a week
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

- 7 In the past twelve months, have you served as an officer or served on a committee of any local club or organization?

<OFFICER>

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

- \*8 Not including weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services? (IF NECESSARY PROBE WITH CATEGORIES) (Every week (or more often)/Almost every week/Once or twice a month/A few times per year/Less often than that/Don't know/Refused)

<RELATEND>

- 1 Every week (or more often)
- 2 Almost every week
- 3 Once or twice a month
- 4 A few times per year
- 5 Less often than that
- 6 Never
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

- 9 People and families contribute money, property or other assets for a wide variety of charitable purposes. During the past 12 months, approximately how much money did you and the other family members in your household contribute to all secular causes and all religious causes, including your local religious congregation

(IF NECESSARY: By contribution, I mean a voluntary contribution with no intention of making a profit or obtaining goods or services for yourself.)

(IF NECESSARY: REPEAT ASSURANCES OF CONFIDENTIALITY)

<GIVE>

- 1 None
- 2 Less than \$100
- 3 \$100 to less than \$500

- 4 \$500 to less than \$1000
- 5 \$1000 to less than \$5000
- 6 More than \$5000
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

\*10 All things considered, would you say you are very happy, happy, not very happy, or not happy at all?

<HAPPY>

- 1 Very happy
- 2 Happy
- 3 Not very Happy
- 4 Not happy at all
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

\*11 And how would you describe your overall state of health these days? Would you say it is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

<HEALTH>

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Very Good
- 3 Good
- 4 Fair
- 5 Poor
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

12 Please tell me for the following statement whether you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly. Television is my primary form of entertainment

<TVONE>

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree somewhat
- 3 (VOLUNTEERED) Neither/depends
- 4 Disagree somewhat
- 5 Disagree strongly
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

\*13 Our last questions are used to ensure that our sample for this survey accurately reflects the population as a whole. First, we'd like to know if you are working now, temporarily laid off, or if you are unemployed, retired, permanently disabled, a homemaker, a student, or what?  
(INTERVIEWER: IF MULTIPLE RESPONSES ARE GIVEN, ENTER THE ONE WITH THE LOWEST CODE NUMBER.)

<LABOR>

- 1 Working
- 2 Temporarily laid off
- 3 Unemployed

- 4 Retired
- 5 Permanently Disabled
- 6 Homemaker
- 7 Student
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

\*14 . Next, in what year were you born?

<BYEAR>  
VALID RANGE 1880-1982

\*15 What is the highest grade of school or year of college you have completed?

- <EDUC>
- 1 Less than high school (Grade 11 or less)
  - 2 High school diploma (including GED) SKIP TO 16
  - 3 Some college SKIP TO 16
  - 4 Assoc. degree (2 year) or specialized technical training SKIP TO 16
  - 5 Bachelor's degree SKIP TO 16
  - 6 Some graduate training SKIP TO 16
  - 7 Graduate or professional degree SKIP TO 16
  - 8 Don't know SKIP TO 16
  - 9 Refused SKIP TO 16

\*15A Do you have a GED or high school equivalency?

- <EDUC2>
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 8 Don't know
  - 9 Refused

\*16 Do you consider yourself Hispanic or Latino?

- <HISPAN>
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No SKIP TO 17
  - 8 Don't know SKIP TO 17
  - 9 Refused SKIP TO 17

\*16A Would you say your background is Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or something else?

- <HISPNAT>
- 1 Mexican 2
  - Puerto Rican 3
  - Cuban
  - 4 Other
  - 8 Don't know
  - 9 Refused

\*16B Do you consider yourself to be White or Black?

<HISPRACE>

- 1 White
- 2 Black
- 3 Other
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

ALL SKIP TO 18

\*17 Do you consider yourself to be White, Black or African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, Native American, or some other race?

<RACE>

- 1 White SKIP TO 18
- 2 African American or Black SKIP TO 18
- 3 Asian or Pacific Islander SKIP TO 17B
- 4 Alaskan Native/Native American SKIP TO 18
- 5 Other
- 8 Don't know SKIP TO 18
- 9 Refused SKIP TO 18

\*17A Specify:

<RACEO> [STRING]

SKIP TO 18

\*17B Would you say your background is Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Filipino, or something else?

<ASNNAT>

- 1 Chinese
- 2 Korean
- 3 Japanese
- 4 Filipino
- 5 Asian Indian
- 6 Vietnamese
- 7 Cambodian
- 8 Other
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Refused

\*18 Are you an American citizen?

<CITIZ>

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

\*19 How many different telephone numbers does your household have, not counting those dedicated to a fax machine or computer?

<PHONES>  
VALID RANGE 1-9

\*20A If you added together the yearly incomes, before taxes, of all the members of your household for last year, 2001, would the total be: (READ LIST)

<YP\_1>  
1 Less than \$30,000 or  
2 \$30,000 or more  
---DO NOT READ BELOW---  
8 Don't Know  
9 Refused

IF <YP\_1> = 2, SKIP TO 20C.  
IF <YP\_1> = 8 or 9, REPEAT ASSURANCES OF CONFIDENTIALITY

\*20B Would that be: (READ LIST)

<YP\_2>  
1 \$20,000 or less SKIP TO 21  
2 Over \$20,000 but less than \$30,000 SKIP TO 21  
---DO NOT READ BELOW---  
8 Don't Know SKIP TO 21  
9 Refused SKIP TO 21

\*20C Would that be: (READ LIST)

<YP\_3>  
1 \$30,000 but less than \$50,000  
2 \$50,000 but less than \$75,000  
3 \$75,000 but less than \$100,000  
4 \$100,000 or more  
---DO NOT READ BELOW---  
8 Don't Know  
9 Refused

21 And what city or town do you live in? (RECORD VERBATIM)

<CITY\_STR> [STRING]

22 Are you currently married, separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never married?

<MARITAL>

- 1 Currently married
- 2 Separated
- 3 Divorced
- 4 Widowed
- 5 Never Married
- 9 Refused

23 How many children, aged 17 or younger, live in your household?

<KIDS>

VALID RANGE 0-20

- 
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Refused

\*24 Do you or your family own the place where you are living now, or do you rent?

<OWN>

- 1 Own
- 2 Rent
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

