

**Ability, Motivation, and the Use of Ideology:
Study 1 Instrument**

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GENERAL INTRODUCTION: In this study, we'd like to ask you a number of questions about yourself, your attitudes and beliefs, and your knowledge about the world we live in. Please respond to each of the following questions according to the instructions given. In general, there are two things we want you keep in mind as you answer these questions. First, and above all, be ACCURATE. Don't be in such a hurry to respond that you regret your decision. Second, while being accurate, try to respond as QUICKLY as possible.

We'll start with a few questions about yourself and your attitudes.

NEED TO EVALUATE (2 ITEMS)

(1) Some people have opinions about almost everything; other people have opinions about just some things; and still other people have very few opinions. What about you?

1. ALMOST EVERYTHING
2. ABOUT MANY THINGS
3. ABOUT SOME THINGS
4. ABOUT VERY FEW THINGS
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(2) Compared to the average person, do you have fewer opinions about whether things are good or bad, about the same number of opinions, or more opinions?

1. FEWER OPINIONS --> SKIP TO 2a
3. ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER OF OPINIONS --> SKIP TO 3
5. MORE OPINIONS --> SKIP TO 2b
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(2a) Would you say that you have a lot fewer opinions or just somewhat fewer opinions?

1. A LOT FEWER OPINIONS --> SKIP TO 3
5. SOMEWHAT FEWER OPINIONS --> SKIP TO 3
8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 3
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(2b) Would you say that you have a lot more opinions or just somewhat more opinions?

1. A LOT MORE OPINIONS
5. SOMEWHAT MORE OPINIONS
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

PERSONAL RELEVANCE OF POLITICS (3 ITEMS)

(3) Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government

and public affairs most of the time, some of the time, only now and then, or hardly at all?

1. MOST OF THE TIME
2. SOME OF THE TIME
3. ONLY NOW AND THEN
4. HARDLY AT ALL
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(4) My political attitudes and beliefs are an important reflection of who I am.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. NEITHER DISAGREE NOR AGREE
5. SLIGHTLY AGREE
6. AGREE
7. STRONGLY AGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(5) In general, my political attitudes and beliefs are an important part of my self-image.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. NEITHER DISAGREE NOR AGREE
5. SLIGHTLY AGREE
6. AGREE
7. STRONGLY AGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

NEED FOR CLOSURE (14 ITEMS)

(6) In case of uncertainty, I prefer to make an immediate decision, whatever it may be.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(7) When I find myself facing various, potentially valid, alternatives, I decide in favor of one of them quickly and without hesitation.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE

5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(8) I prefer to decide on the first available solution rather than to ponder at length what decision I should make.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(9) I get very upset when things around me aren't in their place.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(10) Generally, I avoid participating in discussions on ambiguous and controversial problems.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(11) When I need to confront a problem, I do not think about it too much and I decide without hesitation.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(12) When I need to solve a problem, I generally do not waste time in considering diverse points of view about it.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE

2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(13) I prefer to be with people who have the same ideas and tastes as myself.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(14) Generally, I do not search for alternative solutions to problems for which I already have a solution available.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(15) I feel uncomfortable when I do not manage to give a quick response to problems that I face.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(16) Any solution to a problem is better than remaining in a state of uncertainty.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(17) I prefer activities where it is always clear what is to be done and how it need to be done.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(18) After having found a solution to a problem I believe that it is a useless waste of time to take into account diverse possible solutions.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(19) I prefer things to which I am used to those I do not know, and cannot predict.

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. MODERATELY DISAGREE
3. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
4. SLIGHTLY AGREE
5. MODERATELY AGREE
6. STRONGLY AGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

POLITICAL EXPERTISE (8 ITEMS)

INTRODUCTION: Now we have a set of questions concerning the government and various public figures. We want to see how much information about them gets out to the public from television, newspapers, and the like.

[ITEMS 20-27 WILL BE OPEN-ENDED IN FORMAT.]

(20) What job or political office does DICK CHENEY currently hold?

1. CORRECT ANSWER
5. ANSWER IS INCOMPLETE OR WRONG
8. R makes no attempt to guess
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(21) What job or political office does JOHN ROBERTS currently hold?

1. CORRECT ANSWER
5. ANSWER IS INCOMPLETE OR WRONG
8. R makes no attempt to guess
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(22) What job or political office does GORDON BROWN currently hold?

1. CORRECT ANSWER
5. ANSWER IS INCOMPLETE OR WRONG
8. R makes no attempt to guess
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(23) What job or political office does NANCY PELOSI currently hold?

1. CORRECT ANSWER
5. ANSWER IS INCOMPLETE OR WRONG
8. R makes no attempt to guess
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(24) Which political party currently has the most members in the Senate in Washington?

1. CORRECT ANSWER
5. ANSWER IS INCOMPLETE OR WRONG
8. R makes no attempt to guess
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(25) Which political party currently has the most members in the House of Representatives in Washington?

1. CORRECT ANSWER
5. ANSWER IS INCOMPLETE OR WRONG
8. R makes no attempt to guess
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(26) How long is the term of office for a U.S. senator?

1. CORRECT ANSWER
5. ANSWER IS INCOMPLETE OR WRONG
8. R makes no attempt to guess
9. REFUSED
0. NA

(27) Whose responsibility is it to nominate judges to the Federal Courts – the President, the Congress, or the Supreme Court?

1. CORRECT ANSWER
5. ANSWER IS INCOMPLETE OR WRONG
8. R makes no attempt to guess
9. REFUSED
0. NA

IDEOLOGY (1 BRANCHING ITEM)

Now, we have a few questions about your general political beliefs.

(28) Generally speaking, would you consider yourself to be a liberal, a conservative, a moderate, or haven't you thought much about this?"

[NOTE: THIS STEM ITEM WILL BE TIMED FOR RESPONSE LATENCY.]

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|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. LIBERAL | --> SKIP TO 28a |
| 3. CONSERVATIVE | --> SKIP TO 28b |
| 5. MODERATE | --> SKIP TO 28c |
| 7. NEITHER [VOL] | --> SKIP TO 28c |
| 8. DON'T KNOW | --> SKIP TO 29 |

- 9. REFUSED
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH [DO NOT PROBE] --> SKIP TO 29

(28a) Would you call yourself a strong liberal or a not very strong liberal?

- 1. STRONG LIBERAL --> SKIP TO 29
- 5. NOT VERY STRONG LIBERAL --> SKIP TO 29
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 29
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 29
- 0. NA --> SKIP TO 29

(28b) Would you call yourself a strong conservative or a not very strong conservative?

- 1. STRONG CONSERVATIVE --> SKIP TO 29
- 5. NOT VERY STRONG CONSERVATIVE --> SKIP TO 29
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 29
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 29
- 0. NA --> SKIP TO 29

(28c) If you had to choose, would you consider yourself a liberal or a conservative?

- 1. LIBERAL
- 3. CONSERVATIVE
- 5. MODERATE [VOL]
- 7. R REFUSES TO CHOOSE [VOL]
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED
- 0. NA

PARTY IDENTIFICATION (1 BRANCHING ITEM)

(29) Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or what?

[NOTE: THIS STEM ITEM WILL BE TIMED FOR RESPONSE LATENCY.]

- 1. REPUBLICAN --> SKIP TO 29a
- 2. DEMOCRAT --> SKIP TO 29b
- 3. INDEPENDENT --> SKIP TO 29c
- 4. OTHER PARTY [SPECIFY] --> SKIP TO 29c
- 5. NO PREFERENCE --> SKIP TO 29c
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 30
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 30
- 0. NA

(29a) Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?

- 1. STRONG --> SKIP TO 30
- 5. NOT VERY STRONG --> SKIP TO 30
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 30
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 30
- 0. NA

(29b) Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

- 1. STRONG --> SKIP TO 30
- 5. NOT VERY STRONG --> SKIP TO 30
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 30
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 30
- 0. NA

(29c) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic party?

1. CLOSER TO REPUBLICAN
3. NEITHER [VOL]
5. CLOSER TO DEMOCRATIC
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED
0. NA

ISSUE PREFERENCES (8 ITEMS)

INTRODUCTION: Next, we'd like you to respond to a series of questions about your views on a number of political and social issues. Please respond to each on the scales provided.

(30) Some people think the government should provide fewer services even in areas such as health and education in order to reduce spending. Other people feel it is important for the government to provide many more services even if it means an increase in spending. Which is closer to the way you feel or haven't you thought much about this?

[NOTE: THIS STEM ITEM WILL BE TIMED FOR RESPONSE LATENCY.]

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|--|-----------------|
| 1. FEWER SERVICES; REDUCE SPENDING | --> SKIP TO 30a |
| 5. MORE SERVICES; INCREASE SPENDING | --> SKIP TO 30b |
| 7. SHOULD STAY THE SAME AS IT IS NOW [VOL] | --> SKIP TO 31 |
| 8. DON'T KNOW | --> SKIP TO 31 |
| 9. REFUSED | --> SKIP TO 31 |
| 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH | |

(30a) Should the government reduce services and spending a great deal or (reduce services and spending) only some?

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|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. A GREAT DEAL | --> SKIP TO 31 |
| 5. ONLY SOME | --> SKIP TO 31 |
| 8. DON'T KNOW | --> SKIP TO 31 |
| 9. REFUSED | --> SKIP TO 31 |
| 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH | |

(30b) Should the government increase services and spending a great deal or (increase services and spending) only some?

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. A GREAT DEAL | --> SKIP TO 31 |
| 5. ONLY SOME | --> SKIP TO 31 |
| 8. DON'T KNOW | --> SKIP TO 31 |
| 9. REFUSED | --> SKIP TO 31 |
| 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH | |

(31) Some people believe that we should spend much less money for defense. Others feel that defense spending should be greatly increased. Which is closer to the way you feel or haven't you thought much about this?

[NOTE: THIS STEM ITEM WILL BE TIMED FOR RESPONSE LATENCY.]

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|--|-----------------|
| 1. DECREASE DEFENSE SPENDING | --> SKIP TO 31a |
| 5. INCREASE DEFENSE SPENDING | --> SKIP TO 31b |
| 7. SHOULD STAY THE SAME AS IT IS NOW [VOL] | --> SKIP TO 32 |
| 8. DON'T KNOW | --> SKIP TO 32 |
| 9. REFUSED | --> SKIP TO 32 |

0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(31a) Should the government decrease defense spending a lot or a little?

- 1. A LOT --> SKIP TO 32
- 5. A LITTLE --> SKIP TO 32
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 32
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 32
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(31b) Should the government increase defense spending a lot or a little?

- 1. A LOT --> SKIP TO 32
- 5. A LITTLE --> SKIP TO 32
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 32
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 32
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(32) Some people feel the government in Washington should see to it that every person has a job and a good standard of living. Others think the government should just let each person get ahead on their own. Which is closer to the way you feel or haven't you thought much about this?

[NOTE: THIS STEM ITEM WILL BE TIMED FOR RESPONSE LATENCY.]

- 1. GOVT SHOULD SEE TO JOBS AND STANDARD OF LIVING --> SKIP TO 32a
- 5. GOVT SHOULD LET EACH PERSON GET AHEAD ON OWN --> SKIP TO 32b
- 7. OTHER, IT DEPENDS, NEITHER [VOL] --> SKIP TO 33
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 33
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 33
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(32a) Do you feel strongly that the government should see to it that every person has a job and a good standard of living, or not so strongly?

- 1. STRONGLY --> SKIP TO 33
- 5. NOT STRONGLY --> SKIP TO 33
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 33
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 33
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(32b) Do you feel strongly that the government should just let each person get ahead on their own, or not so strongly?

- 1. STRONGLY --> SKIP TO 33
- 5. NOT STRONGLY --> SKIP TO 33
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 33
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 33
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(33) Some people feel that the government in Washington should make every effort to improve the social and economic position of blacks. Others feel that the government should not make any special effort to help blacks because they should help themselves. Which is closer to the way you feel or haven't you thought much about this?

[NOTE: THIS STEM ITEM WILL BE TIMED FOR RESPONSE LATENCY.]

- 1. GOVT SHOULD HELP BLACKS --> SKIP TO 33a
- 5. BLACKS SHOULD HELP THEMSELVES --> SKIP TO 33b
- 7. OTHER, IT DEPENDS, NEITHER [VOL] --> SKIP TO 34
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 34

- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 34
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(33a) Should the government help blacks to a great extent or only to some extent?

- 1. GREAT EXTENT --> SKIP TO 34
- 5. ONLY SOME --> SKIP TO 34
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 34
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 34
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(33b) Should blacks have to help themselves to a great extent or only to some extent?

- 1. GREAT EXTENT --> SKIP TO 34
- 5. ONLY SOME --> SKIP TO 34
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 34
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 34
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(34) Some people feel that women should have an equal role with men in running business, industry, and government. Others feel that a woman's place is in the home. Which is closer to the way you feel or haven't you thought much about this?

[NOTE: THIS STEM ITEM WILL BE TIMED FOR RESPONSE LATENCY.]

- 1. WOMEN AND MEN SHOULD HAVE EQUAL ROLES --> SKIP TO 34a
- 5. A WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN THE HOME --> SKIP TO 34b
- 7. OTHER, IT DEPENDS, NEITHER[VOL] --> SKIP TO 35
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 35
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 35
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(34a) Do you feel strongly or not strongly that men and women should have equal roles?

- 1. STRONGLY --> SKIP TO 35
- 5. NOT STRONGLY --> SKIP TO 35
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 35
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 35
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(34b) Do you feel strongly or not strongly that a woman's place is in the home?

- 1. STRONGLY --> SKIP TO 35
- 5. NOT STRONGLY --> SKIP TO 35
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 35
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 35
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(35) Some people think we need much tougher government regulations on business in order to protect the environment. Others think that current regulations to protect the environment are already too much of a burden on business. Which is closer to the way you feel or haven't you thought much about this?

[NOTE: THIS STEM ITEM WILL BE TIMED FOR RESPONSE LATENCY.]

- 1. TOUGHER REGULATIONS ON BUSINESS NEEDED TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT --> SKIP TO 35a
- 5. REGULATIONS TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT ALREADY TOO MUCH A BURDEN ON BUSINESS --> SKIP TO 35b
- 7. OTHER, IT DEPENDS, NEITHER[VOL] --> SKIP TO 36
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 36
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 36
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(35a) Do we need to toughen regulations to protect the environment a lot, or just somewhat?

- 1. A LOT --> SKIP TO 36
- 5. SOMEWHAT --> SKIP TO 36
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 36
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 36
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(35b) Are regulations to protect the environment way too much of a burden on business or just somewhat of a burden?

- 1. WAY TOO MUCH --> SKIP TO 36
- 5. SOMEWHAT --> SKIP TO 36
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 36
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 36
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(36) Some people feel that the government should not restrict a woman's right to an abortion, and that women should be able to have them whenever they choose. Others feel that abortion is wrong and should not be allowed under any circumstances. Which is closer to the way you feel or haven't you thought much about this?

[NOTE: THIS STEM ITEM WILL BE TIMED FOR RESPONSE LATENCY.]

- 1. GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT RESTRICT ABORTION RIGHTS --> SKIP TO 36a
- 5. ABORTION SHOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED --> SKIP TO 36b
- 7. OTHER, IT DEPENDS, NEITHER[VOL] --> SKIP TO 37
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 37
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 37
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(36a) Do you feel strongly or not strongly that the government should not restrict a woman's right to an abortion?

- 1. STRONGLY --> SKIP TO 37
- 5. NOT STRONGLY --> SKIP TO 37
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 37
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 37
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(36b) Do you feel strongly or not strongly that abortion is wrong and should not be allowed under any circumstances?

- 1. STRONGLY --> SKIP TO 37
- 5. NOT STRONGLY --> SKIP TO 37
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 37
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 37
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(37) Some people feel that gays and lesbians should be protected from bias and discrimination. Others feel that homosexuality is wrong and that the government should not pass laws protecting gays and lesbians. Which is closer to the way you feel or haven't you thought much about this?

[NOTE: THIS STEM ITEM WILL BE TIMED FOR RESPONSE LATENCY.]

- 1. GOVERNMENT SHOULD PROTECT GAYS AND LESBIANS FROM BIAS --> SKIP TO 37a
- 5. GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT PROTECT GAYS AND LESBIANS FROM BIAS --> SKIP TO 37b
- 7. OTHER, IT DEPENDS, NEITHER[VOL] --> SKIP TO 38
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 38
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 38
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(37a) Do you feel strongly or not strongly that the government should protect gays and lesbians from bias?

- 1. STRONGLY --> SKIP TO 38
- 5. NOT STRONGLY --> SKIP TO 38
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 38
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 38
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

(37b) Do you feel strongly or not strongly that the government should not protect gays and lesbians from bias?

- 1. STRONGLY --> SKIP TO 38
- 5. NOT STRONGLY --> SKIP TO 38
- 8. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 38
- 9. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 38
- 0. HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH

CANDIDATE EVALUATIONS (4 ITEMS)

INTRODUCTION: We'd like to get your feelings toward some of our political leaders and other people who are in the news these days. In these items, we'll show you the name of a person and we'd like you to rate that person using something we call the feeling thermometer. Ratings between 50 degrees and 100 degrees mean that you feel favorable and warm toward the person. Ratings between 0 degrees and 50 degrees mean that you don't feel favorable toward the person and that you don't care too much for that person. You would rate the person at the 50 degree mark if you don't feel particularly warm or cold toward the person. If we come to a person whose name you don't recognize, you don't need to rate that person. Just choose the "Don't recognize" response and we'll move on to the next one.

(38) The first person is GEORGE W. BUSH. Where on the feeling thermometer would you rate GEORGE W. BUSH?

- 0-100
- 997. DON'T RECOGNIZE
- 998. DON'T KNOW WHERE TO RATE
- 999. REFUSED

(39) The second person is DICK CHENEY. Where on the feeling thermometer would you rate DICK CHENEY?

- 0-100
- 997. DON'T RECOGNIZE
- 998. DON'T KNOW WHERE TO RATE
- 999. REFUSED

(40) The third person is JOHN KERRY. Where on the feeling thermometer would you rate JOHN KERRY?

0-100

- 997. DON'T RECOGNIZE
- 998. DON'T KNOW WHERE TO RATE
- 999. REFUSED

(41) The fourth person is HILLARY CLINTON. Where on the feeling thermometer would you rate HILLARY CLINTON?

0-100

- 997. DON'T RECOGNIZE
- 998. DON'T KNOW WHERE TO RATE
- 999. REFUSED

ITEM CONTEXT EXPERIMENT

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[NOTE: AT THIS POINT, RESPONDENTS WILL BE RANDOMLY ASSIGNED TO EITHER THE "LIBERAL" OR THE "CONSERVATIVE" ITEM CONTEXT CONDITION. THE ORDER IN WHICH THE TWO ITEMS SETS - WELFARE VERSUS THE RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED - ARE PRESENTED WILL ALSO BE COUNTERBALANCED.]

WELFARE ITEM SET

IF ASSIGNED TO LIBERAL CONTEXT CONDITION --> SKIP TO 42a-44a
IF ASSIGNED TO CONSERVATIVE CONTEXT CONDITION --> SKIP TO 42b-44b

Welfare context items - LIBERAL condition:

(42a) The federal government has a responsibility to help the poor and needy in America. Do you agree or disagree?

- 1. STRONGLY AGREE
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9. STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 98. DON'T KNOW
- 99. REFUSED
- 0. NA

(43a) Some people in America really need help from the government. Do you agree or disagree?

- 1. STRONGLY AGREE
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9. STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 98. DON'T KNOW
- 99. REFUSED

0. NA

(44a) The percentage of Americans below the poverty line is no longer declining. Do you agree or disagree?

- 1. STRONGLY AGREE --> SKIP TO 45
- 2. --> SKIP TO 45
- 3. --> SKIP TO 45
- 4. --> SKIP TO 46
- 5. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE --> SKIP TO 45
- 6. --> SKIP TO 45
- 7. --> SKIP TO 45
- 8. --> SKIP TO 45
- 9. STRONGLY DISAGREE --> SKIP TO 45
- 98. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 45
- 99. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 45
- 0. NA

Welfare context items - CONSERVATIVE condition:

(42b) Many people who currently live off government benefits could go out and find jobs if they wanted to. Do you agree or disagree?

- 1. STRONGLY AGREE
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9. STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 98. DON'T KNOW
- 99. REFUSED
- 0. NA

(43b) In America, any person who is willing to work hard has a good chance of succeeding. Do you agree or disagree?

- 1. STRONGLY AGREE
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9. STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 98. DON'T KNOW
- 99. REFUSED
- 0. NA

(44b) People are responsible for their own well-being and they have an obligation to take care of themselves. Do you agree or disagree?

- 1. STRONGLY AGREE --> SKIP TO 45
- 2. --> SKIP TO 45
- 3. --> SKIP TO 45
- 4. --> SKIP TO 45
- 5. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE --> SKIP TO 45
- 6. --> SKIP TO 45
- 7. --> SKIP TO 45
- 8. --> SKIP TO 45
- 9. STRONGLY DISAGREE --> SKIP TO 45

- 98. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 45
- 99. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 45
- 0. NA

Welfare target item:

(45) Do you favor or oppose increased spending on welfare?

- 1. STRONGLY FAVOR
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5. NEITHER FAVOR NOR OPPOSE
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9. STRONGLY OPPOSE
- 98. DON'T KNOW
- 99. REFUSED
- 0. NA

RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED ITEM SET

- IF ASSIGNED TO LIBERAL CONTEXT CONDITION --> SKIP TO 46a-48a
- IF ASSIGNED TO CONSERVATIVE CONTEXT CONDITION --> SKIP TO 46b-48b

Rights of the accused context items - LIBERAL condition:

(46a) In enforcing the law, the authorities should stick to the rules if they want other people to respect the law. Do you agree or disagree?

- 1. STRONGLY AGREE
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9. STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 98. DON'T KNOW
- 99. REFUSED
- 0. NA

(47a) Would say that the accused's "right to remain silent" is needed to protect individuals from forced confessions, or has it harmed the country by giving criminals too much protection?

- 1. RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT IS NEEDED
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5. NEITHER
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9. RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT HAS GIVEN CRIMINALS TOO MUCH PROTECTION
- 98. DON'T KNOW
- 99. REFUSED
- 0. NA

(48a) Keeping people in prison for long periods of time before bringing them to trial should not be allowed, no matter what the crime. Do you agree or disagree?

- 1. STRONGLY AGREE --> SKIP TO 49
- 2. --> SKIP TO 49
- 3. --> SKIP TO 49
- 4. --> SKIP TO 49
- 5. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE --> SKIP TO 49
- 6. --> SKIP TO 49
- 7. --> SKIP TO 49
- 8. --> SKIP TO 49
- 9. STRONGLY DISAGREE --> SKIP TO 49
- 98. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 49
- 99. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 49
- 0. NA

Rights of the accused context items - CONSERVATIVE condition:

(46b) Have you ever been threatened with a gun or shot at?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED
- 0. NA

(47b) Is there any area around your house - that is, within a mile - where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED
- 0. NA

(48b) Do you think we are spending too much money, just about the right amount of money, or too little money on halting the rising crime rate?

- 1. STRONGLY AGREE --> SKIP TO 49
- 2. --> SKIP TO 49
- 3. --> SKIP TO 49
- 4. --> SKIP TO 49
- 5. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE --> SKIP TO 49
- 6. --> SKIP TO 49
- 7. --> SKIP TO 49
- 8. --> SKIP TO 49
- 9. STRONGLY DISAGREE --> SKIP TO 49
- 98. DON'T KNOW --> SKIP TO 49
- 99. REFUSED --> SKIP TO 49
- 0. NA

Rights of the accused target item:

(49) Do you think the Supreme Court has gone too far in protecting the rights of people accused of crimes, or do you think it has generally done what is necessary to see that the accused are fairly treated?

- 1. THE SUPREME COURT HAS GONE TOO FAR...
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5. NEITHER
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9. THE SUPREME COURT HAS TAKEN NECESSARY STEPS...

- 98. DON'T KNOW
- 99. REFUSED
- 0. NA