Longitudinal Study of American Life

2019 Study

Please read each item and mark the box or write your answer. When you have finished the questionnaire, please put it in the postage-paid return envelope and mail it. If you have any questions or concerns about this questionnaire, please call us directly at any time at 844-764-4699. Thank you for your kind assistance in this study.

Jon D. Miller

The first set of questions asks about your current work status and about changes in your life since you completed the previous LSAL questionnaire in [MONTH], [YEAR]. Please pay careful attention to the directional instructions in green.

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	☐ Mostly part-time			
	Sometimes full-tin	ne, sometimes part-	time	
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	The quality of my aca	ademic program in 1	my major field	
	The accessibility of fa	aculty in my major	field	
	The quality of prepara	ation for my current	t occupation	
	The quality of my pro	ogram as preparation	n for additional study	
	The opportunity to m	eet and work with o	other students in my major field	
11.	Are you currently enrol	lled in any education	nal program that you have not compl	eted yet?
	☐ No Please go to (☐ Yes	Question 17 on the	next page.	
12.	Please enter the name of	of the school and the	e city and state in which it is located	in the boxes below.
	Name of institution			
	City			
	State			
13.	Are you enrolled as a fe	ull-time student or a	a part-time student in this program?	
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	I do not expect to go	et a degree from thi	s program or institution	

	What is your major field or area in this program?
	When you complete this program, do you think that you will: [Check only one box]
	Stay in your current job
	Stay with your current employer but seek promotion to a better jobTry to get a new job to use your new skills
	Too early to tell – not sure
	I do not think that I will complete this program
•	What is your current marital status? [Check only one box]
	First marriage or union
	Second or subsequent marriage or union
	Divorced
	☐ Separated☐ Spouse or partner deceased
	Never been married
	Has there been any change in the number of children in your family since [MONTH], [YEAR]?
	☐ No Please go to Question 19 below.
	Yes. Please continue.
	To update your record, please describe any changes in the number of children in your family in the box below.
	Have you joined a military service or completed military service since [MONTH],[YEAR]?
	No Please go to Question 20 on the next page.
	Yes
	To update your record, please describe any changes in the box below. ▼

20.	Has there been any	y change ir	n your he	alth statu	is since [MONTH], [YEAR	2]?			
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Next most often			
Other			
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Used the Internet to get a sports score.	
Used the Internet to look for directions or for a map.	
Used the Internet to look for medical or health information.	
Used the Internet to read movie or theatre reviews.	
Used the Internet to buy a book.	
Used the Internet to buy an item of clothing.	
Watched a video report on an Internet news site.	
Received a video by email from someone else.	
Sent a digital picture or pictures to someone else.	
Printed information from the Internet.	
Sent an email to other members of your family or good personal friends.	
Sent an email to other persons for business or work-related reasons.	
Sent an email to a company or corporation to complain about a product or	r service.
Sent an email to a public official about a public policy issue.	
Now, for a different type of question. All things considered, would you say worse off because of science? Better off Worse off	y that the world is better off
Why do you think so? Please share your thoughts in the box below.	

36. Please look at this image. Using the box below, please describe what you believe this image to be.



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37.	Would you say that this image is: Please check	one box.				
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38.	Please read the statements below and, for each on true, probably true, probably false, or definitely false. Not Sure box and go to the next item.					
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	The atmosphere around Earth helps protect it by absorbing dangerous solar radiation.					
	Burning fossil fuels thins the atmosphere and increases the risks of solar radiation.					
	Most planets in our solar system have a similar kind of atmosphere, except Mars.					
	Earth's atmosphere protects life by creating pressure to allow liquid water to exist.					
	Some scientists think that Mars once had an atmosphere like ours but lost it.					
	Earth's atmosphere stays in place due to gravity.					
	The majority of the atmosphere is made up of oxygen.					
39.	Now, please think about science. During this year any science information from any source? Yes No Please go to Question 46. Not sure Please go to Question 46.	· (since Jan	uary, 2019 _,), have you	looked for	
40.	About how many times in 2019 have you looked	for science	e informatio	on from an	y source?	
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To help me understand a public p	policy issue			
Curiosity – I just wanted to know	more about it			
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A science report on network television news (ABC, CBS, NBC).		
A science report in a weekly news magazine (Time, etc.).		
A science report on a cable newscast on CNN or MSNBC.		
A science report on a cable newscast on the Fox Network.		
A report from the Environmental Protection Agency.		
An article in the New York Times or the Wall Street Journal		
A Wikipedia article on science on the Internet.		
Information from a group like the National Academy of Sciences.		
Information on the National Science Foundation web site.		
A science report on National Public Radio (NPR).		
A PBS/NOVA or Discovery Channel science show.		
A program or exhibit in a science museum or planetarium.		
A podcast about science.		
A science report on Google news or Yahoo news.		
A science report in your local newspaper.		
A television interview with a science professor from a university.		
regard to science matters, would you say that you are: Substantially better informed than most of your friends Slightly better informed than most of your friends About as informed as most of your friends Slightly less well informed than most of your friends Substantially less well informed than most of your friends I'm not sure		
How often do your friends or family ask you for information or advice	e on science matters?	
☐ Frequently☐ Occasionally		
Rarely		
Never		

Please respond in box below. ▼			
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51.	The first American astronauts landed on the Moon on July 20, 1969 – 50 years ago. Thinking back over this period, what do you think is the most important result of the space program?
	Please respond in box below. ▼
52.	What would you say is the second most important result of the space program?
	Please respond in box below. ▼

53. Last summer, there were numerous celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the first Moon landing. Please look at the list of activities and events below and indicate how many times you did each of the following activities during the 3 months before and the 3 months after the anniversary of the Moon landing and related space activities.

	Number of times
Talked to my friends or co-workers about the Moon landing and space exploration.	
Looked for information about the landing in a public library (in-person or online).	
Read a newspaper or magazine article (print or online) about the Moon landing.	
Looked for information about the Moon landing or space on the Internet.	
Printed or saved an Internet article or report about the Moon landing or space.	
Talked to my children about the Moon landing or space activities. (If you do not have minor children living in your home, please enter "0" in the box.)	
Talked to other members of my family about the Moon landing or space events.	
Watched a television show about the Moon landing and space exploration.	
Watched a video on YouTube about the Moon landing and related space activities.	
Visited a museum or planetarium to learn more about the Moon landing or space exploration.	
Read or contributed to a blog on the Moon landing or space exploration.	
Listened to a podcast about the Moon landing or space exploration.	
Read a book (print or electronic) about the Moon landing or space exploration.	
Attended or streamed a lecture about the Moon landing or space exploration.	
Sent a letter or email to a public official about space exploration.	

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Stron Disag
Science and technology are making our lives healthier, easier, and more comfortable.				
Human beings were created by God as whole persons and did not evolve from earlier forms of life.				
Because of science and technology, there will be more opportunities for the next generation.				Γ
The United States should begin planning for a manned mission to Mars in the next 25 years.				
We are already in the first stages of global warming and climate change.				
One of the bad effects of science is that it breaks down people's ideas of right and wrong.				
Even if it brings no immediate benefits, scientific research which advances the frontiers of knowledge is necessary and should be supported by the federal government.				
New inventions will always be found to counteract any harmful consequences of technological development.				
If the present rate of coal and oil use continues, serious long-term environmental damage will occur.				
Most scientists want to work on things that will make life better for the average person.				
The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally.				
Some of the unidentified flying objects that have been reported are really space vehicles from other civilizations.				
We depend too much on science and not enough on faith.				
In this complicated world of ours, the only way we can know what is going on is to rely on leaders and experts who can be trusted.				
Science makes our way of life change too fast.				
There is a personal God who hears the prayers of individual men and women.				
The primary human activity that causes global warming is the burning of fossil fuels such as coal and oil.				
It is not important for me to know about science in my daily life.				
On balance, the space program has paid for itself through the creation of new technologies and scientific discoveries.				
The dangers of global warming are being overemphasized for political reasons.				
The United States should begin planning for the placement of a scientific or mining colony on the Moon.				

55.	conseque	ave frequently noted that scientific research has produced both beneficial and harmful ences. How would you assess the balance between the beneficial and harmful results of research?
		Beneficial results substantially greater than harms
		Beneficial results slightly greater than harms
		Beneficial and harmful results about equal
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		Harmful results slightly greater than benefits
		Harmful results substantially greater than benefits
56.	How con	cerned are you about global climate change?
		Very concerned
		Concerned
		Mildly Concerned
	$\overline{\sqcap}$	Largely unconcerned
	$\overline{\Box}$	Totally unconcerned
		Not sure
57.	Generally or what?	speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent,
		Democrat
		Republican
	\Box	Independent
	\Box	Other party
	\Box	No preference
	\Box	Don't know
58.	of a scale	g about politics, the expressions "liberal" and "conservative" are often used. Please think from 0 to 10 where 0 means very liberal and 10 means very conservative. Where would you urself? If you are not sure, you may check the "Not Sure" box.
	Libera	Conservative
	0	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
	i	Not our
		☐ Not sure

	Number of ho	Number of hours in a typical week	
	Self	Spouse/Partner	
Working (for pay or self-employed)			
Commuting to and from work			
Exercising (including walking for exercise)			
Reading a newspaper, magazine, or book			
Using the Internet at home			
Watching television at home			
Food shopping, cooking, cleaning, laundry			
Yard and garden work			
Playing a musical instrument			
Doing volunteer work in your community			

If you do not do an activity, please enter zero in the box.

in a typical week Visit a friend or relative who does not live with you normally. Talk on the phone with a friend or relative who does not live with you. Pray Attend a church or religious meeting or activity Attend a group or organization meeting other than religious Use public transportation. Buy a meal at a fast-food restaurant.

Number of times

61. **During the last year**, approximately how many times – if any – did **you** do each of the following activities? If you did not do an activity, please enter 0 in the response box.

Number of times per year Visited an art museum Visited an art gallery or shop that is not a part of a museum Visited a natural history museum Visited a zoo or aquarium Visited a science center or museum Visited a botanical garden or arboretum Visited a planetarium Attended a professional sports game or event. Attended a high school, college, or amateur sports game or event. Attended a play or musical play. Attended a symphony or opera performance. Attended a ballet or dance performance. Attended other live music performances (jazz, blues, rock, etc.) Watched a movie in a theatre Watched a movie on your television or other device Streamed a talk or lecture (a TED talk or similar event) Streamed a live sports event (game, fight, etc.) Used Skype, Facetime, or similar software to make calls.

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