Longitudinal Study of American Youth

This questionnaire should be completed by:

Instructions:

This survey will ask you a series of questions about your experiences and thoughts in a number of areas concerning school and your plans for the future. Take your time and think about each question carefully.

This questionnaire will be scanned by a machine to record your answers. For each question, please use the pencil provided for you and darken the oval that best reflects your answer. For example:

Have you ever: (MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY)

- □ driven an automobile?
- played soccer?
- held a job for pay?

In this example, if you have not driven an automobile, you should leave the oval to the left of the question blank, as shown above. If you have played soccer and held a job for pay, you should darken the appropriate ovals. It is important to use the #2 pencil provided for you and to darken all of the area inside the ovals.

In a few places in the survey, you will be asked to write answers directly on the questionnaire. In these cases, please print clearly and try to stay within the boxes provided for each answer. Do not write in other areas of the questionnaire since the optical scanner may mistake stray marks for answers.

If you have any questions about the correct procedure for recording your answers, please ask your monitor for help. When you finish the questionnaire, please return it to your monitor.

Please enter today's date (month/day):

Please list each course you are CURRENTLY ENROLLED in and the teacher's name for that section/course. The first six questions ask you to grade each course: You may use all five letter grades: A, B, C, D, or F. Do not grade lunch, study hall, or free hours.

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TEACHER						**************************************				ect matter of F. F means you hate it.	te teacher in explaining the material? lear at all.	rse challenge you to use your mind? F means that it never challenges you.	USEFULNESS: How useful do you think each course will be to you in your career? A means that it will be very useful; F means that it will be of no use.	TEXTBOOK CLARITY: How clear is the textbook for each course? A means very clear; F means hard to understand. Leave blank if you do not use a textbook.	for you? A means that it is very easy;	if you sometimes use a computer; Nif you never use	HOMEWORK: How many hours of homework do you have for this class in an average week? Write the number of hours in each box.
										SUBJECT MATTER: How much do you like the subject matter of each course? A means you really like the subject; F means you hate it.	ACHER CLARITY: How clear is the teacher in A means very clear; F means not clear at all.		ful do you think each cours e very useful; F means tha	How clear is the textbook for stand. Leave blank if you	icult or easy is each course for you? ry difficult.		iny hours of homework do
HOUR COURSE	2	3	4	ıc	9	7	8	6	10	BJECT MATTER: How each course? A mean	TEACHER CLARITY: How clear is the A means very clear; F means not cl	ALLENGE: How much does each on A means that it challenges you a lot,	SEFULNESS: How useful do you thi A means that it will be very useful;	EXTBOOK CLARITY: How clear is the Fineans hard to understand. Leave	DIFFICULTY: How difficult or easy is F means that it is very difficult.	COMPUTERS: For each course, write Y a computer in that course.	OMEWORK: How many hours of hom Write the number of hours in each box.

Last summer, I:	Did you have a job last summer?						
(MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY)							
	☐ Yes (for pay)						
○ worked part-time for pay	○ Yes (volunteer)						
o worked 30 hours or more per week for pay	○ No - GO TO NEXT PAGE						
participated in an organized sports program							
took music or dance lessons							
took a vacation trip with my family	XXIII						
watched a lot of television	Which of the following best describes your						
read six or more books (not for a class)	summer job(s)?						
odid volunteer work in a political campaign	(MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH JOB YOU HAD)						
played a lot of sports	(MIRITONE OVIET ON ELECTIONS TOO TIES)						
helped my parents fix some things in my home	□ Lawn work, odd jobs						
o visited a science museum, natural history	○ Waiter/waitress or other food service						
museum or planetarium	Newspaper route or other delivery						
visited an art museum	Babysitting or other child care						
ovisited a zoo, aquarium, or botanical garden	Camp/recreation						
attended a live concert by a symphony orchestra	Farm or agricultural work						
thought about running away from home	Factory work						
o read a science fiction story	Other manual labor						
played a musical instrument just for fun sometimes	Store clerk, salesperson						
played chess, checkers, or a game like that	Office or clerical						
oconsidered suicide	Hospital or health						
did a lot of chores around the house	Chores around the house (for pay)						
was bored a lot of the time	Other (Specify:)						
talked with my friends about jobs and plans for the	Cother (openly.						
future at least once							
repaired a machine that was broken	In describing your summer job(s), would						
took a course in science	you say						
took a course in mathematics	(MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY.)						
took a course about computers	(WARR ALL OVALS ITIAL AFFLI.)						
had six or more dates with persons of the opposite sex	☐ It was a place where people goof off alot.						
read a news magazine most weeks	You did this job mostly for the money						
watched three or more TV news shows most weeks	you earned.						
talked with my parents about some issues in the news	☐ It was more enjoyable than school.						
of flew in an airplane	This job encouraged good work habits.						
had six or more alcoholic drinks	This job encouraged good work habits.This job was more important for you than						
used a computer for 10 hours or more	school.						
(not in a class)	You worked very hard at this job.						
talked with my friends about some issues in the news	You enjoyed the job.						
read a newspaper at least 3 times a week	You learned a lot from doing this job.						
o drove the family car at least once a week	You would like to work in this field after						
Citove the family car at least office a week	you finish school.						
	you finish school. □ Working at this job has helped you decide						
	what you might like to do after you finish						
When I finish high school, I will:	school.						
(MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY)	School. ○ Your experience on this job has helped						
(THE COURSE THE PROPERTY OF TH	<u> </u>						
and to a community college	you decide to continue further in school						
go to a community college	than you otherwise might have.						
enroll in a four-year college or university	This job required you to think and solve						
enlist in a military service	problems.						
get married as soon as possible							
ofeel like I've escaped from prison	FOR LSAY USE ONLY						
cleave this community							
continue to live with my parents	00 00 02 03 00 05 05 07 08 05						
get a full-time job	00 07 07 08 08 08 07 08 08						
take a year off, then go to college	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00						
one enroll in a vocational, trade, or business school							

How important is each of the follow (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE)	NOT SOMEWHAT	VERY
Being successful in my line of work Finding the right person to marry and having a happy family life Having lots of money Having strong friendships Being able to find steady work Being a leader in my community Being able to give my children better opportunities than I've had Working to correct social and economic wrongs Having children Having leisure time to enjoy my own interests	IMPORTANT IMPORTANT O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	IMPORTANT 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Keeping up to date with political and social iss Helping other people in my community		0
Now a few questions about what y career	you are thinking about yo	our future job or
(MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE)	Strongly	Strongly
	Agree Agree Disa	
No single occupation appeals strongly to me r I often think about what type of job I will be doing after I finish school I am quite certain about what kinds of jobs I would enjoy doing when I am older I am not sure what jobs I could perform well I am worried about what job I might like to do		
There are a lot of issues discussed is hard to keep up with every area		
For each issue area listed below, please indicate how interested and informed you are about that issue.	How <u>interested</u> are you in each area? (MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)	How <u>well informed</u> are you about each issue area? (MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)
Record your answers in the columns to the right.	Wind Wind Wind Wind Wind Wind Wind Wind	THE THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER
International and foreign policy issues Space exploration Agricultural and farming issues Issues about new scientific discoveries Economic issues and business conditions Minority rights issues Issues about the use of new inventions and technologies Issues about environmental quality Women's rights issues Defense and military issues		
Issues about energy policy	0 0	

How many of your friends		(MARK ON	E OVAL FO	R EACH	LINE)		
	None	A few	Some		Most		A11
Are really good students Plan to go to college	00	0	000	4.50	00		00
Really don't like school	0	0	0		0		0
Have decided on what career they want	0	0	0		0		0
Have a weekend curfew set by their parent(s	s) 🔾	O.	0		0		0
Like math	0	0 0	0 0		0 0		0
Do well in math Watch a lot of television	0	0	0		0		0
Are active in school clubs and activities	0	0	0		0		0
Like science	. 0		0		0		0
Do well in science	0	0	0		0		0
Think you are a good student Know how to write computer programs	0	0	0 0		0 0		0
Hope to become scientists, doctors,		—	_				
engineers, or mathematicians	0	0	0		0		0
Are well informed about political and							
social issues Have had a drink of alcohol	0	0	00		0		0
Often discuss current news events	6 .	0			0		0
Will drop out before graduating from	*			***			
high school	0	0	0		0		0
How do you feel about each of the	e following	statements	s?				
(FILL IN ONE OVAL ON EACH LINE)	3	, •••••••	Strongly		Not		Strongl
(FILE IN ONE OVAL ON EACH LINE)			Agree	Agree	Sure	Disagree	
Overall, science and technology have cause			Ö	Ö	Ο.	Ŏ,	Ġ.
A scientific theory is a scientist's best under	erstanding of	how	_	_		_	
something works. All scientific theories change from time to	time os solet	ntiefe	0	0	0	0	0
improve their understanding of nature.		ACLISTO	0	0	0	0	O
There are many things that science will nev	er figure out	because					
humans aren't supposed to know those t			0	0	0	0	0
In science, it is more important to have acc good theories.	urate measu	res than	Ó	_	_	~	-
Some numbers are especially lucky for me.) (0	0	0	0
There are some questions like the origin		se to					
which I will never know the answer in r	ny lifetime.		0	0	0	0	0
		T					
During the school year, how man	V	How mu	ich addit	ional r	eading	g do yo	u do
hours a day do you USUALLY wa			ek on you				
ANSWER BOTH "A" <u>AND</u> "B" BELOW.			nnection				
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(MARK ONE) (MA	ARK ONE)	(Do not co	ount any re	eading	done t	or any	
Α	В	school pu	irpose.)				
	weekends						
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3 - 4 hours	0	3 hours				0	
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Over 5 hours a day	0 0	**************************************	ore per weel	K		0	

Which of the following best describes your present school program? (MARK ONE ONLY) General	By the time I am 40, I will: (MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY) be married have three or more children have only two children have only one child have served at least one tour in the military be a regular voter in local and national elections have been a candidate for office have a steady full-time job make relatively more money than my parents make be active in a church/synagogue/temple own my own home have a job that challenges and excites me be respected by my fellow workers in my occupation or
For each of the school subjects listed below, please mark the statement that best describes your grades last year. (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH SUBJECT) Social English Math Science Studies Mostly A	profession be in charge of several other workers have accomplished something important in my work be a leader in my community own my own business be well-informed about political and social issues
About half A and half B O O O Mostly B O O O About half B and half C O O O Mostly C About half C and half D O O O Mostly D O O O Mostly below D O O O	How often do you talk to your mother or father about: (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE) SOME- OFTEN TIMES NEVER how well you are doing in school O O O your career and future plans
As things stand now, how far in school do you think you will get? (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY) Less than high school graduation High school graduation only Vocational, trade, or business school after high school Less than two years Two years or more	homework and school projects dating problems you are having at school international and foreign policy issues racial problems in society the problems of women in society issues involving science or technology military or defense issues the space program economic issues and business conditions issues about environmental quality
College program Less than two years of college Two or more years of college Finish college (four- or five-year degree) Master's degree or equivalent Ph.D., M.D., or other advanced degree	How often do you read each of the following? (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE) MOST SOME NOT ISSUES TIMES AT ALL A daily newspaper O O O Weekly news magazines O O Women's magazines O O Teenage magazines O O
How sure are you that you will go on for further education after high school? (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY) O Very sure	Science magazines Car magazines Hobby magazines Movie/TV/music magazines
○ Fairly sure○ Not sure	

READ THE FIRST SENTENCE IN EACH OF THE THREE NUMBERED BOXES ON THIS PAGE, THEN ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN THE ONE BOX THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR COLLEGE PLANS.

① If you do not plan to attend college at any time, answer the questions in this box.

In deciding NOT to go to college, how important to you is each of the following reason

(MARK ONE OVAL IN EACH LINE)

I am not interested in going to college.	000
I do not need a college education to do	
what I want to do with my life.	000
I do not think I would be successful	
in college work.	000
I do not think I (or my family) can	
afford the cost of college.	000
I want to get married and start a	4,404.55
family.	000
I am not sure what I want to do with	
my life.	
My parents do not want me to go to	
college.	000
I need to stay home and help my family	v 000
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I am going into my family business	
and I don't need college.	000

② If you plan to attend college eventually, but not the fall after you graduate from high school, answer the questions in this box.

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My reason(s) for waiting to attend college are: (MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY.)

- □ I need to save money to attend college.
- □ I am not ready to attend college.
- I am afraid that I will not be able to do the required college work.
- I need time to make up courses before I attend college.
- My parents need me to help at home.
- My family needs financial help from me.
- □ I do not want to leave the area right now.
- □ I need time to decide what I want to do.
- I plan to travel for a year before I attend college.
- I plan to participate in an activity such as music, dance, or competitive sports before
 I begin college.

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③ If you plan to attend college the fall after you graduate from high school, answer the questions in this box.

In deciding to go to college, how important to you is each of the following reasons?

(MARK ONE OVAL IN EACH LINE)

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To be able to get a better job.	000
To gain education and	
appreciation of ideas.	000
To improve my reading and	
study skills.	
There is nothing better to do.	000
To make me a more cultured perso	n. ooo
To be able to make more money.	000
To learn more about things	
that interest me.	000
To prepare myself for graduate	
or professional school.	000
My parents want me to go.	0.0.0
Probably could not find a job.	000
Want to get away from home.	000

I expect my major field of study in college will be (If you are not sure, write in your best guess.):

Do you have any concern about your ability to finance your college education?

(MARK ONE)

- None (I am confident that I will have sufficient funds)
- Some concern (but I will probably have enough funds)
- Major concern (not sure I will have enough funds to complete college)

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Write in here the names of the two jobs or	What is the highest level of education you
occupations that you think you are most	will need to qualify for your FIRST CHOICE
likely to have when you are 40 years old.	of job? (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY)
Even if you are not at all sure write in your	
best guesses. DO NOT WRITE OUTSIDE BOXES	Less than high school graduation
First Choice:	High school graduation only Vocational or trade school
Second Choice:	after high school College
	some college, but no degree
How sure are you of your FIRST CHOICE of job?	2-yr (Associate) degree □
○ Very sure	4-yr college degree
○ Fairly sure	Master's degree or equivalent
○ Not sure	Ph.D., M.D., or other advanced degree
What is your mother's reaction to your	I am not sure
FIRST CHOICE of job? (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY)	
○ Very pleased with this choice	
Doesn't care what job I choose	
Doesn't want me to do this kind of work	
Doesn't want me to do this kind of work Doesn't know about this choice	9771 1 - C /1 - C-11 1
○ I don't know what she thinks	Which of the following high school math
_ I don't know what she thinks	courses will you need to take to qualify for
What is your father's reaction to your	your FIRST CHOICE of job? (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)
FIRST CHOICE of job? (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY)	Geometry
○ Very pleased with this choice	Algebra
Doesn't care what job I choose	Trigonometry
Doesn't want me to do this kind of work	Calculus
○ Doesn't know about this choice	None, I don't need any math for this job
○ I don't know what he thinks	I am not sure
How much encouragement have you	
received from the following on your FIRST	
CHOICE of job? (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE)	
A LOT SOME NONE My mother	Which of the following high school science
My father	courses will you need to take to qualify
My brother or sister	for your FIRST CHOICE of job?
Another relative	(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)
A teacher	Biology
A school counselor	Chemistry
My friends	Physics
What I have read	None, I don't need any science for this job
	I am not sure
Which one of the following has had the	
MOST influence on your FIRST CHOICE	
of job? (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY)	
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O My mother	CO TO STANDA STANDA
○ My father	
○ My brother or sister	
Another relative	
○ A teacher	
○ A school counselor	
O My friends	
○ My friends○ What I have read	

How do you feel about each of the following state	ments?				
(FILL IN ONE OVAL ON EACH LINE)	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I take a positive attitude toward myself	0	O	O	O.	· •
Good luck is more important than hard work for success I feel I am a person of worth, on an equal plane with others	00	0 0	00	00	0
I am able to do things as well as most other people	0	0	0 (0 (0
Every time I try to get ahead, it seems that something or somebody stops me	0	Ö	O	O	O
Generally speaking, I am a good student. Planning only makes a person unhappy, since plans hardly ever work	•	0	0	0	0
out anyway	` o	0	0	0	0
People who accept their condition in life are happier than those who					
try to change things On the whole, I am satisfied with myself	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
I wish I could have more respect for myself	0	0	0	0	0
It is best to live each day to its fullest and let tomorrow take care of itself	0	O .	0	(a) (a)	
All in all, I am inclined to feel that I am a failure I like to figure things out for myself without anybody else's help	0	0	0 0	0 0	0
I like working on tough problems until I get the answer right	0	0	0	0	0
I don't like to do any more school work than I have to	0	0	0	0	0
I would rather keep struggling with a problem than give up on it before I get the answer right	0	0	0	0	0
I like to play games like chess and checkers that require logic					
and strategy Given a choice, most days I would come to school rather than	0	0	O ·	Ο.	: Q), , , ,
stay at home	0	0	0	0	0
How important are each of the following to you:		<u></u>			
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(MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE)	Ve	•		newhat	Not
Getting good grades in school	шро	rtant ⊃	ımţ	ortant	Important
Completing your homework every night	C	_ ⊃		0	0
Paying close attention to what your teachers are saying		?	•	0	9
Learning everything your teachers are trying to teach you in so Attending school every day and not missing any classes	Contract Service Contract Cont	⊃ 3		0	
Graduating from high school	C	\supset		0	0
How often do you do each of the following? (MARK	ONE OVA	L FOR EA		E)	
	Never	Rarely	Some- times	Often	Always
Ask the teacher or a friend for help as soon as you run into a problem at school	0	0	O	0	Ó
Give up when you don't understand a problem right away	0	0	0	0	
Goof off in school Put off studying as long as you can	0	0 0	00	0	
Discuss serious things with your friends rather than fool around	0	0	Ö	Q	0
Try hard to do your best in school Do the things you want to do first and leave your studying	0	0	0	0	
Do the things you want to do first and leave your studying and other work to the last minute					
	0	0	0	•	•
Try harder if you get bad grades	0 0	0	0 0	0 0	

Now we would like you to tell us how you feel about math and science. Please indicate how you feel about each of the following statements.

(FILL IN ONE OVAL ON EACH LINE)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I enjoy math	0	0	0	Ο.	
I am good at math	0	0	0	0	0
I usually understand what we are doing in math	0-	0	0	0	0
Math is more useful for boys than for girls	0	0	0	0	0
Doing math often makes me nervous or upset	0		\circ	0	O
I worry about how well I will do on math tests	0	0	0	0	0
I often get scared when I open my math book and see a page of problems	0	O	0	0	Ö
Math is useful in everyday problems					
Math helps a person think logically	0	0	0	0	O
Boys are generally better at math than are girls					
It is important to know math to get a good job	Toff	0	0	0	6
I will use math in many ways as an adult	0		0	0	
I enjoy science	0	0	- O	- O	
I am good at science	0	0	0	0	0
I usually understand what we are doing in science	0	O -	0	. .	O
Science is more useful for boys than for girls	0	0	0	0	
Doing science often makes me nervous or upset	0	0		0	
I worry about how well I will do on science tests	0	0	0	0	
I often get scared when I open my science book and see a page of problems	0	0	O	0	O
Science is useful in everyday problems	0	0	0	0	0
Science helps a person think logically	0	0 =	0	0	0
Boys are generally better at science than are girls	0	0	0	0	
It is important to know science to get a good job	0	0	0	0 -	0
I will use science in many ways as an adult	0	0	0	0	

Approximately	what is the average	amount of time	you spend on	homework a week?
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(MARK ONE)

No homework is ever assigned
I have homework, but I don't do it
Less than 1 hour a week
Between 1 and 3 hours a week
More than 3 hours, less than 5 hours a week
5 hours or more, but less than 10 hours a week
10 hours or more, but less than 15 hours a week
15 hours or more a week

How do you feel about each of the following statements? (FILL IN ONE OVAL ON EACH LINE)

Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
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	Agree	Agree Agree O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	Agree Agree Sure O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	Agree Agree Sure Disagree O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O

You have completed the questionnaire.

Thank you for your help.

Please return the questionnaire to your monitor.