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.

STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Your answers to all of the questions will be held in strict confidence. Your responses will be merged with those of other respondents from across the country, and the answers you give will never be identified as yours.

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Please list each course in which you are CURRENTLY ENROLLED. Write in the teacher's name for your math, science and computer courses. 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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am a member of an intramural sports team	expects me to do my best all the time	0	0	0
oran for an office in student government	encourages me to do extra work when			
am having a lot of trouble keeping up with my classes	I don't understand something		\circ	0
am active in band or orchestra	expects me to work hard on science	0	0	0
owork on the school newspaper, yearbook magazine, or	expects me to complete my homework			
other publication	every night	0	0	0
am an active member of a vocational education club	is a very good teacher	0	0	0
am active in debate, speech, or drama	has talked to me about the kind of job			
am active in chorus or dance	I might want to do		\circ	0
□ am an active member of a church or religious group	expects me to go to college	0	0	0
belong to a science club	often treats boys differently than girls			
belong to a math club	in class		0	0
belong to a computer club	often makes me feel dumb in class	0	0	0
□ have talked to a teacher about my career plans	gives me extra help when I don't			
□ have talked to my mother about my career plans	understand something in science	0	0	0
□ have talked to my father about my career plans	really seems to like me		0	0
□ have talked to a school counselor about my career plans	has encouraged me to take all the			
am bored with school	science I can get in school	0	0	0
☐ use the school library at least once a week	has encouraged me to think about a			
use a public library at least once a week	career in math or science	0	0	0
could not get into all the courses that I originally	pays more attention to the boys than			
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Write in here the names of the two jobs or occupations that you think you are most likely to have when you are 40 years old. Even if you are not at all sure write in your best guesses. DO NOT WRITE OUTSIDE BOXES First Choice: Second Choice: How sure are you of your FIRST CHOICE of job? Very sure Fairly sure Not sure	What is the highest level of education you will need to qualify for your FIRST CHOICE of job? (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY). Less than high school graduation High school graduation only Vocational or trade school after high school College some college, but no degree 2-yr (Associate) degree 4-yr college degree Master's degree or equivalent Ph.D., M.D., or other advanced degree
What is your mother's reaction to your FIRST CHOICE of job? (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY) Overy pleased with this choice Obesn't care what job I choose Obesn't want me to do this kind of work Obesn't know about this choice I don't know what she thinks What is your father's reaction to your FIRST CHOICE of job? (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY)	Which of the following high school math courses will you need to take to qualify for your FIRST CHOICE of job? (MARK ALL THAT APPLY) None, I don't any for this job Geometry Algebra Trigonometry Calculus I am not sure
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What I have read	please mark below the one you consider the most important part of your background.) (MARK ONE) HISPANIC OR SPANISH: Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano Cuban, Cubano Puerto Rican, Puertorriqueno or Boricua Other Latin American, Latino, Hispanic or Spanish descent (WRITE IN) NON-HISPANIC
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