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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SUBJE each	CT MATTER: How much do course? A means you rea	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.	nate it.				
TEAC! A m	TEACHER CLARITY: How clear is A means very clear; F means not	How clear is the teacher in explaining the material? F means not clear at all.	naterial?				
CHAL A m	CHALLENGE: How much does each A means that it challenges you a la	IALLENGE: How much does each course challenge you to use your mind? A means that it challenges you a lot; F means that it never challenges you	r mind? enges you.				
USEFT A m	JLNESS: How useful do you teans that it will be very use	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.	n your careel use.	رن			
TEXTE	300K CLARITY: How clear ears hard to understand. L	TEXTBOOK CLARITY: How clear is the textbook for each course? A m. F means hard to understand. Leave blank if you do not use a textbook.	A means very clear; book.	y clear;			
DIFFI(DIFFICULTY: How difficult or easy F means that it is very difficult.	sy is each course for you? A means that it is very easy; It.	ns that it is v	very easy;	•		-
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HOM	HOMEWORK: How many hours of hom Write the number of hours in each box.	of homework do you have for this class in an average week? tch box.	class in an a	verage week	ن		

Last summer, I:		Which of the following				
(MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY)		present school progran	n? (MAR	K ONE	ONLY)	
,		General			0	
worked part-time for pay		Academic or college pre			0	
worked 30 hours or more per week for pay		Vocational (occupationa		ation)	_	
participated in an organized sports program		Agricultural occupati			0	
took music or dance lessons		Business or office occ			0	
took a vacation trip with my family		Distributive educatio	n		0	
○ watched a lot of television		Health occupations			0	
read six or more books (not for a class)		Home economics occu			0	1
odid volunteer work in a political campaign		Technical occupation		•	0	
oplayed a lot of sports		Trade or industrial o	ccupatioi	115	0	!
helped my parents fix some things in my home						
visited a science museum, natural history		For each of the scho	ool sub	jects 1	isted be	low,
museum or planetarium		please mark the sta				
visited an art museum		your grades last yea				
visited a zoo, aquarium, or botanical garden		(MARK ONE OVAL FOR E		BECT)	
attended a live concert by a symphony orchestrathought about running away from home		(MARITONE OVAL FOR E	<i>A</i> (C11 OC	DODGI	,	Social
		Ţ	English	Math	Science	Studies
read a science fiction story		Mostly A			Science	
played a musical instrument just for fun sometimesplayed chess, checkers, or a game like that	•	About half A and half B	0	0	0	0
considered suicide		Mostly B	0	0	0	0
☐ did a lot of chores around the house	;	About half B and half C	0	0	0	0
was bored a lot of the time		Mostly C	0	0	0	0
alked with my friends about jobs and plans for the	P	About half C and half D	0	0	0	0
future at least once	_	Mostly D	0	0	0	0
repaired a machine that was broken		Mostly below D	0			0
took a course in science		112000-9 120-0 11				
took a course in mathematics		_				
took a course about computers		By the time I am 40	, I will:	•		
had six or more dates with persons of the opposite	sex	(MARK ALL OVALS THA	T APPLY	7)		:
read a news magazine most weeks		□ be married				
watched three or more TV news shows most weeks	s	□ have three or more cl	hildren			
talked with my parents about some issues in the ne	ews	have only two children	en			
flew in an airplane		□ have only one child				
put together a lot of puzzles		have served at least one	tour in t	he milita	ary	İ
used a computer for 10 hours or more		be a regular voter in loc	al and na	itional el	ections	:
(not in a class)		have been a candidate for the control of the con				
talked with my friends about some issues in the no	ews	□ have a steady full-time				
read a newspaper at least 3 times a week		make relatively more n				e
drove the family car at least once a week		be active in a church/s	ynagogu	e/templ	e	
		own my own home	•			
How often do you talk to your mother or		have a job that challeng	es and ex	cites me	··-	
	T TATE)	be respected by my fello	w worke	ers in my	occupano	n or
father about: (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH	LINE	profession				
SOME-		○ have a part-time job				
OFTEN TIMES		be in charge of several of	otner wo	rkers	t in may 147	vele
how well you are doing in school	0	 have accomplished son 		nportan	tili iliy wo	ЛК
your career and future plans	0	be a leader in my comm	nunity			
homework and school projects	0	own my own business	t nolitical	land coc	ial icense	ļ
dating	0	be well-informed about	t pontical	and soc	.141 155005	
problems you are having at school	0	FOR L	SAY US	E ONLY	7	
international and foreign policy issues	0		ന ന ന	അനാദ	n an	
racial problems in society	0 0					:
the problems of women in society	0					
issues involving science or technology military or defense issues	0					
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the space program conomic issues and business conditions conditions	0					
economic issues and pusiness conditions —————	`==================================					

How important is each of the follow	ving to you in	your life?		
(MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE)	NOT IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	
Being successful in my line of work	0	0	0	
Finding the right person to marry and				
having a happy family life	0	0	0	
Having lots of money	0	0	0	
Having strong friendships	0	0	0	
Being able to find steady work	0	0	0	
Being a leader in my community	0	0	0	
Being able to give my children better				
opportunities than I've had	0 0	0 0	0	
Working to correct social and economic wrongs Having children	0	0	0	
Having leisure time to enjoy my own interests	0	0	0	
Keeping up to date with political and social issu		0	0	
Helping other people in my community	cs	0	0	
rielping other people in my community				Appel 10 Text
Now a few questions about what yo career	ou are thinkin	g about yo	our future j	ob or
(MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE)	Canon also		Ctman alve	
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NT of other constitution and the standard of the same at	Agree	U	agree Disagree	
No single occupation appeals strongly to me rig I often think about what type of job I	ght now	0 (
will be doing after I finish school		0		
I am quite certain about what kinds of jobs	_	-		
I would enjoy doing when I am older	0	0		
I am not sure what jobs I could perform well	0			
I am worried about what job I might like to do	0	0		
There are a lot of issues discussed in	n the news an	d it		
is hard to keep up with every area.				
1 or each issue area listed below,	How interested	are you	How well	informed are
please indicate how interested and	in each area?		1 /	t each issue area?
informed you are about that issue.	(MARK ONE ON	EACH LINE)	(MARK ON	E ON EACH LINE)
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Record your answers in the	/ 4		TI SA COMBION OF TO VOICE TO V	
columns to the right.	72 / E	? / <i>2</i> ?	1 20	/ RO / NO
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International and foreign policy issues	0 0		. 0	<u> </u>
Space exploration	0 0	0		0 0
Agricultural and farming issues	0 0	0	0	0 0
Issues about new scientific discoveries	0	0		0 0
Economic issues and business conditions	0 0	0	0	0 0
Minority rights issues	0 0	0	0	
Issues about the use of new inventions and				
technologies	0 0	0	0	
Women's rights issues		0		
Defense and military issues	\smile	$\overline{}$, —	
Issues about energy policy	0 0	0		0 0

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How many of your friends		(MARK ONE	OVAL FOR EA	ACH LINE)	
Are really good students Plan to go to college Really don't like school Have decided on what career they want Have a weekend curfew set by their parent(s) Like math Do well in math Watch a lot of television Are active in school clubs and activities Like science Do well in science Think you are a good student Know how to write computer programs	None 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	A few 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Some 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Most 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	All 0 I 0 I 0 0 0 0 0 0
Hope to become scientists, doctors, engineers, or mathematicians Are well informed about political and		0	0	0	0 1
social issues Often discuss current news events Will drop out before graduating from high school	0 0 0		0 0	0 0	0 1
Since you started the 1st grade, how (excluding summer schools)? 1 2 3 4 5	MARK ON 6 cs do	Since the b	eginning of	attended Tlast summe	ent(s)
doing homework? watching TV? listening to music? working for pay? doing household chores? dating? out with friends (not on dates)? playing sports? reading magazines and books (other homework)?	than	together? Atter Built Visite Parti	(WRIT	event? something tog zoo, aquarium or botanical ga me recreation livinming?	BOXES) e? ether? rden ke tennis,

When I finish high scl	nool, I v	vill:	
(MARK ALL OVALS THAT			
 go to a community college enroll in a four-year college 	ge or unive	ersity	
enlist in a military serviceget married as soon as pos	ssible		
ofeel like I've escaped from			
o leave this community			·
continue to live with my pget a full-time job	arents		
take a year off, then go to			
control in a vocational, trace	de, or bus	iness sch	ool
As things stand now, I do you think you will (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY)		in scho	pol
☐ Less than high school grad	luation		
○High school graduation or	aly		
Vocational, trade, or business Less than two years Two years or more	school aft	er high sc	hool
College program Less than two years of coll Two or more years of colle			
Finish college (four- or five	, .	ree)	
Master's degree or equivalPh.D., M.D., or other adva		ee	
How sure are you that	you will	go on	for
further education after (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY)	high so	chool?	
○ Very sure○ Fairly sure○ Not sure			
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Have you taken any of do you plan to take any school year?			
(MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH I	INE)		
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	have taken	this year	No
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College Board SAT Test

Armed Services Vocational

Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

ACT Test

In deciding NOT to go to college, how important to you is each of the following reasons? (MARK ONE OVAL IN EACH LINE) I am not interested in going to college. 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. 000I do not think I (or my family) can afford the cost of college. 000 I want to get married and start a family. 000 I am not sure what I want to do with my life. 000 My parents do not want me to go to college. 000

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

box and then go to page 7.

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I need to stay home and help my family.

I am going into my family business and I don't need college.

If you plan to attend college eventually, but not next fall, please answer the questions in this box and then go to page 7.

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

I need to save money to attend of	conege	Э,
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- 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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If you plan to attend college next fall (September, 1990), please answer the questions on this page. The college I expect to attend is (If you are not sure, write in your best guess): In deciding to go to college, how important (Please enter name of college, city, and to you is each of the following reasons? state.) (MARK ONE ANSWER FOR EACH POSSIBLE REASON) How sure are you that you will attend the college listed above: covery sure o fairly sure To be able to get a better job. o not sure To gain education and appreciation of ideas. 0 Somewhat important To improve my reading and study skills. 000 How important are each of the There is nothing better to do. 000 following to you in choosing a To make me a more cultured person. $\bigcirc\bigcirc\bigcirc$ college to attend: To be able to make more money. 00 To learn more about things 000 that interest me. To prepare myself for graduate College expenses (tuition, 000 or professional school. books, room and board) 000 My parents want me to go. 00 Availability of financial aid 000 Probably could not find a job. such as a school loan, Want to get away from home. 000 scholarship, or grant 000 Availability of specific courses or curriculum 00 Reputation of the college in In preparation for college, I academic areas 000 (MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY) Reputation of the college in athletic programs 000 ☐ Have looked at some college catalogues Social life at the college 000 Visited one or more college campuses. Able to live at home and ☐ Have decided which college I want to attend attend the college 000 ☐ Have decided on my major field of study in college. ☐ Have talked to one or more college representatives. Many of my friends are attending the college 000 Have talked to some college students about their Other members of my family campus. have attended the college. ○ Am still looking for more information about 000 college. How much influence have each of the following had in your selection of a college to attend: A lot Some None I expect my major field of study in college \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc My mother to be (If you are not sure, write in your My father \bigcirc \bigcirc best guess): My brother or sister Another relative \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc A teacher \bigcirc A school counselor \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc My friends \bigcirc What I have read \bigcirc

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	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) Very pleased with this choice Doesn't care what job I choose Doesn't want me to do this kind of work Doesn'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) Very pleased with this choice Doesn't care what job I choose Doesn't want me to do this kind of work	If you are not taking any mathematics classes this semester, which of the following best indicate your reasons for this decision? (MARK ALL THAT APPLY.) I have taken the highest level math course available here. I will not need advanced math for what I plan to do in the future. I do not like math. I did not think I would do well in more advanced math classes. I was advised I did not need to take more math. There were other courses I wanted to take. I did not want to work that hard during my senior year.
Doesn't know about this choice I don't know what he thinks How much encouragement have you received from the following on your FIRST CHOICE of job? (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE) ALOT SOME NONE My mother My father My brother or sister Another relative A teacher A school counselor My friends	If you are <u>not</u> taking any <u>science</u> classes this semester, which of the following best indicate your reasons for this decision? (MARK ALL THAT APPLY.) I have taken the highest level science course available here. I will not need advanced science for what I plan to do in the future. I do not like science. I did not think I would do well in more advanced science classes. I was advised I did not need to take more science. There were other courses I wanted to take. I did not want to work that hard during my senior year.
What I have read Which one of the following has had the MOST influence on your FIRST CHOICE of job? (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY) My mother My father My brother or sister Another relative A teacher A school counselor My friends What I have read	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

How do you feel about each of the following stateme	nts?					
(FILL IN ONE OVAL ON EACH LINE)						
	Strongly		Not	D'	Strongly	
To 5 (4) (4) 5 (4) 1 10	Agree	Agree	Sure	Disagree	Disagree	
I take a positive attitude toward myself	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	
Good luck is more important than hard work for success I feel I am a person of worth, on an equal plane with others) (0	0	0	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	\circ		\bigcirc	0		
Generally speaking, I am a good student.						
Planning only makes a person unhappy, since plans hardly ever work						
out anyway	0	0	0	\bigcirc		
People who accept their condition in life are happier than those who						
try to change things	0		0	0	0	
On the whole, I am satisfied with myself	0	0	0	0	0	
I wish I could have more respect for myself	0		0	0	0	
It is best to live each day to its fullest and let tomorrow take care of itself	0	0	0	0	0	
All in all, I am inclined to feel that I am a failure	0	0	0	0	0	
I like to figure things out for myself without anybody else's help	0	0	0	0	0	
This working on tough problems until I get the answer right		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		
I like to solve puzzles and riddles	0	0			\circ	
Hike to play games like chess and checkers that require logic						
and strategy	0	0	0	0	0	
Given a choice, most days I would come to school rather than					_	
stay at home	0	0	0	0	0	
						THE RESERVE ASSESSMENT OF THE PERSON OF THE
How important are each of the following to you:						
(MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE)	V	ery	Son	newhat	ז	Not
		ortant		portant		ortant
Getting good grades in school	· · · · · ·		****			
Completing your homework every night		0		0		0
Paying close attention to what your teachers are saying		0		0		0
Learning everything your teachers are trying to teach you in so	hool			0		\bigcirc
Attending school every day and not missing any classes		0		0		\bigcirc
Graduating from high school		\bigcirc		\circ		\bigcirc
How often do you do each of the following? (MARK C	ONE OV	AL FOR E	ACH LI	NE)		
-			Some-	·		
	Never	Rarely	times	Often	Always	
Ask the teacher or a friend for help as soon as you run into a						
problem at school	\circ				0	
Give up when you don't understand a problem right away	0	\bigcirc	0	\circ	<u> </u>	
Goof off in school	0	0	0	0	0	
Put off studying as long as you can	0	0	0	0	0	
Discuss serious things with your friends rather		_	_			
than fool around	0 (0	0	0	0	
Try hard to do your best in school	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	0	0	
Try harder if you get bad grades	0	0	0	0	0	
Try marcier if you get bad grades	_	_	_			• 0 0

How do you feel about each of the following statements?

(FIEL IN ONE OVAL ON LACITEMEL)	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
Overall, science and technology have caused more good than harm	. 0	0	0	0	\circ	١
A scientific theory is a scientist's best understanding of how						
something works.	\circ	0		\circ	\bigcirc	
All scientific theories change from time to time as scientists						
improve their understanding of nature.	0	\circ	0	0	0	
There are many things that science will never figure out because						
humans aren't supposed to know those things.		\circ		0	\circ	
In science, it is more important to have accurate measures than						
good theories.	0	0	0	0	0	
Some numbers are especially lucky for me.	\circ				0	
There are some questions like the origin of the universe to						
which I will never know the answer in my lifetime.	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	0
I am good at math	0	\circ		0	0
I usually understand what we are doing in math	0		0	0	\circ
Math is more useful for boys than for girls		\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ
Doing math often makes me nervous or upset	\circ	0	\circ	0	0
I worry about how well I will do on math tests	\circ			\circ	0
I often get scared when I open my math book and see					
a page of problems		0	0	0	0
Math is useful in everyday problems					0
Math helps a person think logically	0	\circ	0	0	0
Boys are generally better at math than are girls	0			0	
It is important to know math to get a good job			0	0	0
I will use math in many ways as an adult	0	0	0	0	0
I enjoy science	0	0	0	0	0
I am good at science	\circ	\circ			
I usually understand what we are doing in science	\circ	\circ		0	0
Science is more useful for boys than for girls	\circ				0
Doing science often makes me nervous or upset		\bigcirc	0	0	0
I worry about how well I will do on science tests	\circ			\circ	0
I often get scared when I open my science book and see a					
page of problems	0	0	0	0	
Science is useful in everyday problems				\circ	\circ
Science helps a person think logically	\circ		0	0	0
Boys are generally better at science than are girls				\circ	0
It is important to know science to get a good job	\bigcirc	0	0	0	0
I will use science in many ways as an adult	0	0	0	0	\bigcirc
I will use science in many ways as an adult					_

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
Scientific invention is largely responsible for our standard of living in the United States	0	0	0	0	0
There are still major unanswered questions about the safety					
of nuclear power plants	\circ	0			
Solar energy is the best single long-term solution to our					
energy problem	0	0		0	0
The United States should build a space station large					
enough to house scientific and manufacturing					
experiments.	0	0	0	0	0
The risk involved in generating nuclear power is relatively					
minor and should not block the construction of new	_				
nuclear power plants	0	0	0	0	0
Most of the people on unemployment could find jobs if they				0	0
really wanted to	0	0	0		
Rocket launchings and other space activities have caused	0	0	0	0	, O
changes in our weather	\bigcirc				
Human beings as we know them today developed from	0	0	0	0	
earlier species of animals Smoking causes serious health problems	0	0	0	0	0
In the entire universe, it is likely that there are thousands of		_			
planets like our own on which life could have developed	0	0	0	0	0
The continents on which we live have been moving their location					
for millions of years and will continue to move in the future	0	0	0	0	0
Because of their knowledge, scientific researchers have a power					
that makes them dangerous		0		\circ	
The United States should try to land astronauts on					
Mars in the next decade.	0	0	0	0	0
Scientific researchers are dedicated people who work for the					
good of humanity	0	\circ	0	0	0
One trouble with science is that it makes our way of life change			_	_	
too fast	0	0	0	0	0
It is likely that some of the unidentified flying objects that have	_				0
been reported are really space vehicles from other civilizations	S \bigcirc	0	0	0	
In this complicated world of ours, the only way we can know wha	. 0	0	0	0	0
is going on is to rely on leaders and experts who can be trusted	\bigcirc				
New inventions will always be found to counteract any harmful consequences of technological development	0	0	0	0	
If we don't automate our factories, American products will be too	0		_		
expensive to compete successfully against products made in					
automated factories in Japan and Europe	0	0		0	0
One of the main reasons why there is high unemployment in this					
country is that technological developments have put many					
Americans out of work	\circ	\circ		0	0
On balance, computers and factory automation will create more					
jobs than they will eliminate	0	0		0	0
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You have completed the questionnaire.

Thank you for your help.

Please return the questionnaire to your monitor.