This questionnaire should be completed by:

## Longitudinal Study of American Youth

## **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?

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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 list each course in which you are CURRENTLY ENROLLED. Write the teacher's name for your math, science and computer courses. Please write the number of hours of homework you have for each class in an average week in the shaded box to the right.

HOUR	COURSE	TEACHER	HOURS OF HOMEWORK		
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2					
3			1212		
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					

Last summer, I:	If you had a job last summer, whether volunteer					
(MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY)	or for pay, please answer the following questions about your summer job(s): Which of the					
○ worked part-time for pay	following best describes your summer job(s)?					
☐ worked 30 hours or more per week for pay	(MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH JOB YOU HAD)					
<ul> <li>participated in an organized sports program</li> </ul>	(MINING ONE OVIET OF LEGITORS TOO THE)					
─ took music or dance lessons	□ Lawn work, odd jobs					
took a vacation trip with my family	Waiter/waitress or other food service					
□ watched a lot of television	Newspaper route or other delivery					
read six or more books (not for a class)	Babysitting or other child care					
─ did volunteer work in a political campaign	○ Camp/recreation					
□ played a lot of sports	Farm or agricultural work					
□ helped my parents fix some things in my home	□ Factory work					
visited a science museum, natural history	<ul> <li>Other manual labor</li> </ul>					
museum or planetarium	<ul> <li>Store clerk, salesperson</li> </ul>					
ovisited an art museum	Office or clerical					
ovisited a zoo, aquarium, or botanical garden	Hospital or health					
attended a live concert by a symphony orchestra	Chores around the house (for pay)					
thought about running away from home	Other (Specify:)					
read a science fiction story						
<ul> <li>played a musical instrument just for fun sometimes</li> </ul>	How much did you earn from your					
played chess, checkers, or a game like that	summer job(s)?					
oconsidered suicide	(MARK ONE OVAL INDICATING TOTAL EARNED)					
☐ did a lot of chores around the house	□ Less than \$100					
	□ \$100 - \$499					
talked with my friends about jobs and plans for the	<b>\$500 - \$999</b>					
future at least once	□ \$1,000 or more					
repaired a machine that was broken						
□ took a course in science	In describing your summer job(s), would					
	you say					
	(MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY.)					
had six or more dates with persons of the opposite sex	☐ It was a place where people goof off a lot.					
read a news magazine most weeks	<ul> <li>You did this job mostly for the money</li> </ul>					
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.					
☐ flew in an airplane	This job encouraged good work habits.					
oput together a lot of puzzles	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.					
odrove the family car at least once a week	○ You would like to work in this field after					
	you finish school.					
	Working at this job has helped you decide					
When I finish high school I will	what you might like to do after you finish					
When I finish high school, I will:	school.					
(MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY)	Your experience on this job has helped					
	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					
onlist in a military service	problems.					
get married as soon as possible	•					
feel like I've escaped from prison	EOD I CAN HOE ONLY					
cleave this community	FOR LSAY USE ONLY					
continue to live with my parents	OD OD OD OD OD OD OD OD					
get a full-time job	OD OD OD OD OD OD OD					
take a year off, then go to college	OD OD OD OD OD OD OD OD					
enroll in a vocational, trade, or business school	OD OD OD OD OD OD OD OD					
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How important is each of the following to you in your life?  (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE)						
	NOT SOMEWHAT	VERY				
Being successful in my line of work	IMPORTANT IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT				
Finding the right person to marry and						
having a happy family life	0 0	0				
Having lots of money						
Having strong friendships	0 0	0				
Being able to find steady work		# 10 m				
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		0 20 0				
Having leisure time to enjoy my own interests						
Keeping up to date with political and social issu		0				
Helping other people in my community	0	0				
Now a few questions about what y career (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE)	Strongly	Strongly				
No single occupation appeals strongly to movie	-	gree Disagree				
No single occupation appeals strongly to me ri I often think about what type of job I	gnt now — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					
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						
I am not sure what jobs I could perform well	0 0					
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	n the news and it					
For each issue area listed below,	How <u>interested</u> are you in each area.	How <u>well informed</u> are you about each issue area.				
please indicate how interested and	(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)	(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)				
informed you are about that issue.	(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)	(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)				
Record your answers in the	/ , /	Time de la company de la compa				
columns to the right.	~2					
International and foreign policy issues		- 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1				
Space exploration						
Agricultural and farming issues Issues about new scientific discoveries		0 0 0				
Economic issues and business conditions						
Minority rights issues						
Issues about the use of new inventions and						
technologies	0 0 0					
Women's rights issues						
Defense and military issues		0 0				
Issues about energy policy	0 0	O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O				
The 1988 Presidential election						

As things stand now, how far in school do you think you will get? (MARK ONE OVAL)	If you plan to attend college after you graduate from high school, please answer the questions in this				
□ Less than high school graduation	column:				
☐ High school graduation only	In deciding to go to college, how important to you is each of the following reasons?				
Vocational, trade, or business school after high school  ☐ Less than two years  ☐ Two years or more	_				
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	(MARK ONE ANSWER FOR EACH POSSIBLE REASON)  To be able to get a better job.				
How sure are you that you will graduate from high school? (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY)	To gain education and appreciation of ideas.  To improve my reading and study skills.  There is nothing better to do.				
<ul><li>○ Very sure</li><li>○ Fairly sure</li><li>○ Not sure</li></ul>	To make me a more cultured person.  To be able to make more money.  To learn more about things that interest me.  To prepare myself for graduate or professional school.				
How sure are you that you will go on for further education after high school? (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY)	My parents want me to go.  Probably could not find a job.  Want to get away from home.				
<ul><li>○ Very sure</li><li>○ Fairly sure</li><li>○ Not sure</li></ul>	,				
If you do not plan to go to college, please answer the	Do you have any concern about your ability to finance your college education?				
questions in this box and then skip to the next page.	(MARK ONE)				
How important are each of the following reasons for not planning to go to college?  (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE)	None (I am confident that     I will have sufficient funds)				
Very Somewhat Not Important Important Important	□ Some concern (but I will probably have enough funds)				
I wouldn't be able to afford the costs.	<ul> <li>Major concern (not sure I will have enough funds to complete college)</li> </ul>				
I don't think I would be able to do work at that level.					
I don't need college for the kind of work I want to do					

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?	This is a presidential election year. Some young people become involved in political campaigns; others do not. Please indicate how often you have done each of the following activities during the last year. (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE)  Several Once or Times Twice Never Wore a candidate button Stuffed envelopes ONE ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE
○ Very sure	Listened to a candidate on TV
	Read an article about a
○ Fairly sure	l l
○ Not sure	candidate or the election
What is your mother's reaction to your	
FIRST CHOICE of job? (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY)	If I could vote this year, I would vote for: (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY)
○ Very pleased with this choice	,
Doesn't care what job I choose	○ George Bush
Doesn't want me to do this kind of work	O Michael Dukakis
Doesn't know about this choice	○ Someone else
○ I don't know what she thinks	○ I wouldn't vote
What is your father's reaction to your	
FIRST CHOICE of job? (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY)	Normally, I consider myself to be: (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY)
○ Very pleased with this choice	(Mildi ONE ONE ONE)
	○ a Democrat
<ul> <li>Doesn't care what job I choose</li> <li>Doesn't want me to do this kind of work</li> </ul>	a Republican
O Doesn't know about this choice	o an Independent
☐ I don't know what he thinks	□ a member of some other party
	o none of the above
How much encouragement have you	
received from the following on your FIRST	By the time I am 40, I will:
	(MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY)
CHOICE of job? (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE)  A LOT SOME NONE	(WARTER OVALO HAT ATTEL)
My mother O O O	obe married
My father O O	have at least one child
My brother or sister	have three or more children
Another relative O O	have served at least one tour in the military
A teacher	be a regular voter in local and national elections
	have been a candidate for office
My friends	have a steady full-time job
What I have read	omake relatively more money than my parents make now
	□ be active in a church/synagogue/temple
Which one of the following has had the MOST	own my own home
influence on your FIRST CHOICE of job?	have a job that challenges and excites me
(MARK ONE OVAL ONLY)	be respected by my fellow workers in my occupation or
Carrier Cream Creams	profession
○ My mother	have a part-time job
○ My father	be in charge of several other workers
	have accomplished something important in my work
My brother or sister     Another relative	
Another relative	be a leader in my community
○ A teacher	own my own business
○ A school counselor	be well-informed about political and social issues
O My friends	
○ What I have read	
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How do you feel about each of the following statement	nts?					
(FILL IN ONE OVAL ON EACH LINE)	Cr 1		<b>N.</b> T. 4		Ctara an allan	
	Strongly	Δοτοο	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
I take a maritime attitude toward murcalf	Agree	Agree				
I take a positive attitude toward myself Good luck is more important than hard work for success	0		0	0		
I feel I am a person of worth, on an equal plane with others	0		<i>_</i>		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		ing the second				
stops me	0		0	0	0	
Generally speaking, I am a good student.		2 22				
Planning only makes a person unhappy, since plans hardly ever work out anyway		0	0		0	
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	
I wish I could have more respect for myself					0	
It is best to live each day to its fullest and let tomorrow take	0	0	0		0	
care of itself 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	
I like 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	
I would rather keep struggling with a problem than give up						
on it before I get the answer right	0 0	0	0	0 0	0 0	
I like to solve puzzles and riddles I like to play games like chess and checkers that require logic		Ψ,	-	_		
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	
How important are each of the following to you:						
(MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE)	Ve	ery	Sot	newhat	1	Not
		ortant		portant		ortant
Getting good grades in school	Ö		· 0		•	
Completing your homework every night	(	0		0		0
Paying close attention to what your teachers are saying		0			0	
Learning everything your teachers are trying to teach you in so				0		0
Attending school every day and not missing any classes		0				0
Graduating from high school	`	_				
Harry often do your do each of the following? (MADIZ)	ONIE OXA	I EOD E	A ()	(ID)		-
How often do you do each of the following? (MARK of	JNE OVA	L FOR E	_	NE)		
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	Never	Rarely	Some- times	Often	Always	
Ask the teacher or a friend for help as soon as you run into a	Never	Rarely		Often	Always	
Ask the teacher or a friend for help as soon as you run into a problem at school	Never	Rarely		Often	Always	
problem at school Give up when you don't understand a problem right away		0	times	0 0	0 0	
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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)

F	English	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
Mostly A (a numerical average of 90-100)	0		0	0
About half A and half B (85-89)	0		0	0
Mostly B (80-84)	0		0	
About half B and half C (75-79)	0		0	
Mostly C (70-74)	0	0		
About half C and half D (65-69)	0			
Mostly D (60-64)	0	0		0
Mostly below D (below 60)	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				• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
I am good at math	0	0	0		0
I usually understand what we are doing in math	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	0	0	0	0
I worry about how well I will do on math tests	0	0	0	0	
I often get scared when I open my math book and see					
a page of problems	0	9	0	0	0
Math is useful in everyday problems	0			0	
Math helps a person think logically	0	0	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	0	40 <u>9</u> / 14 - 4 - 1
I will use math in many ways as an adult	0	0	0	0	0
I enjoy science	0		0	0	
I am good at science		0			0
I usually understand what we are doing in science	0	0	0		0
Science is more useful for boys than for girls	0	0		0	
Doing science often makes me nervous or upset	0	0	0	0	0
I worry about how well I will do on science tests		0	0	0	
I often get scared when I open my science book and see a	10 July 10 10		. A supplied		
page of problems	0	0	0	0	0
Science is useful in everyday problems	0	0	0	0	0
Science helps a person think logically	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			
I will use science in many ways as an adult	0	0	0	0	

## How many of your friends..... (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE) Some Most All None A few Are really good students $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ Plan to go to college $\Box$ Really don't like school $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ Have decided on what career they want 0 0 $\circ$ $\bigcirc$ Have a weekend curfew set by their parent(s) $\circ$ $\bigcirc$ Like math $\bigcirc$ $\circ$ $\bigcirc$ $\circ$ $\circ$ $\bigcirc$ Do well in math 0 Watch a lot of television 0 $\circ$ $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ $\circ$ Are active in school clubs and activities $\circ$ 0 Like science $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ $\circ$ Do well in science 0 $\bigcirc$ $\circ$ Think you are a good student $\bigcirc$ Know how to write computer programs $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ $\circ$ Hope to become scientists, doctors, $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ engineers, or mathematicians Are well informed about political and $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ $\circ$ social issues $\overline{\phantom{a}}$ Often discuss current news events Have worked for a candidate in the 1988 0 $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ presidential election Will drop out before graduating from 0 0 0 high school Which of the following best describes your How often do you read each of the present school program? (MARK ONE ONLY) following? (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE) General MOST SOME NOT Academic or college preparatory ISSUES TIMES AT ALL Vocational (occupational preparation) A daily newspaper Agricultural occupations Weekly news magazines $\bigcirc$ 0 $\Box$ Business or office occupations Women's magazines $\circ$ 0 Distributive education Teenage magazines Health occupations Science magazines $\circ$ $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ Home economics occupations 0 Car magazines Technical occupations $\bigcirc$ Hobby magazines Movie/TV/music magazines Trade or industrial occupations How often do you talk to your mother or father about: (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE) How often do you watch each of the following television shows? SOME-OFTEN TIMES NEVER (MARK ONE OVAL ON EACH LINE) how well you are doing in school Some- $\bigcirc$ Often Never your career and future plans times homework and school projects $\bigcirc$ $\circ$ A television news show NOVA (PBS science show) 0 0 problems you are having at school $\bigcirc$ National Geographic Specials $\bigcirc$ $\circ$ international and foreign policy issues 0 0 A sports event/game racial problems in society $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ A religious show $\circ$ $\circ$ the problems of women in society A late night talk show issues involving science or technology $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ 3-2-1 Contact $\bigcirc$ 0 $\bigcirc$ military or defense issues Square One 0 $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ the space program $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ Nickelodeon economic issues and business conditions the 1988 Presidential election $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$

## 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
There are still major unanswered questions about the safety of nuclear power plants	0	0	0	0	0
Solar energy is the best single long-term solution to our energy problem	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	O
Most of the people on unemployment could find jobs if they really wanted to	0	0	0	0	0
Rocket launchings and other space activities have caused changes in our weather			0		0
Human beings as we know them today developed from earlier species of animals	0	0	0	0	0
Smoking causes serious health problems	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
Because of their knowledge, scientific researchers have a power					
that makes them dangerous The United States should try to land astronauts on	0	0			
Mars in the next decade.	0	0	0	0	0
Scientific researchers are dedicated people who work for the					
good of humanity  One trouble with science is that it makes our way of life change	0	0	0	0	
too fast			0		
It is likely that some of the unidentified flying objects that have					
been reported are really space vehicles from other civilizations		0			
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	0	0	0	0	0
New inventions will always be found to counteract any harmful consequences of technological development	0				
If we don't automate our factories, American products will be too					
expensive to compete successfully against products made in					
automated factories in Japan and Europe One of the main reasons why there is high unemployment in this		<b>(3)</b>			in dip <b>(ii)</b> spirit
country is that technological developments have put many Americans out of work	0	0	0	0	0
On balance, computers and factory automation will create more jobs than they will eliminate		0	0	0	0

You have completed the questionnaire.

Thank you for your help.

Please return the questionnaire to your monitor.

