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)

- odriven 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.

Birthdate:		
Please write your date o	f birth in th	e boxes below.
Month	Day	Year

FALL 1987

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

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HOMEWORK: How many hours of homework do you have for this class in an average week? Write the number of hours in each box.	COMPUTERS: For each course, write Y if you sometimes use a computer; N if you never use a computer in that course.	DIFFICULTY: How difficult or easy is each course for you? A means that it is very easy; F means that it is very difficult.	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.	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.	CHALLENGE: 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.	TEACHER CLARITY: How clear is the teacher in explaining the material? A means very clear; F means not clear at all.	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.										COURSE
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As things stand now, how far in school do you think you will get?

\bigcirc	Less	than	high	school	graduation
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High school graduation only

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

How important is each of the following to you in your life?
(MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE)

(MARK OND OVAL FOR EACH EEVE)	NOT IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT
Being successful in my line of work	0		0
Finding the right person to marry and		0000 00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Andrew (CONTENTION CO.). CONTENTION (CO.).
having a happy family life	0	0	0
Having lots of money	. 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	O	O.
Working to correct social and economic wrongs	0	0	0
Having children	0	0	0
Having leisure time to enjoy my own interests	0	0	0
Keeping up to date with political and social issues	0	0	0

Now a few questions about what you are thinking about your future job or career (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE)

	Strongly			Strongly
	Agree	Agree	Disagree	Disagree
No single occupation appeals strongly to me right now.	0	0	0	0
I often think about what type of job I	700 Teepeelesso 4 Ca 2		.7000900000 -97009000000 - 90000000000	
will be doing after I finish school.	0	0	0	0
I am quite certain about what kinds of jobs				
I would enjoy doing when I am older.	0	0	0	
I am not sure what jobs I could perform well.	0	0	0	0
I am worried about what job I might like to do.	0	0	0	0



THIS SEMESTER, I: (MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY)

- am on a varsity sports team
 am a member of an intramural sports team
 ran for an office in student government
 am having a lot of trouble keeping up with my classes
 am active in band or orchestra
 work on the school newspaper, yearbook magazine, or
- work on the school newspaper, yearbook magazine, or other publication
- am an active member of a vocational education club
- am active in debate, speech, or drama
- am active in chorus or dance
- am an active member of a church or religious group
- belong to a science, math, or computer club
- am going steady with someone
- ogo to a movie at least once a week
- have talked to a teacher about my career plans
- have talked to my mother about my career plans
- have talked to my father about my career plans
- have talked to a school counselor about my career plans
- am bored with school
- ouse the school library at least once a week
- ouse a public library at least once a week
- could not get into all the courses that I originally wanted
- am active in cheerleading, pep club, or majorettes

HAVE YOU EVER: (MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY)

- traveled outside the United States?
- owritten a poem that was not required for a class?
- oplayed on a competitive sports team?
- been expelled or suspended from school?
- oflown in an airplane?
- been a member of a scouting troop or group like that?
- owritten a computer program?
- taken a drink of alcohol?
- given a speech before a group of people other than in class?
- prepaired a machine that was broken?
- been picked up or arrested by the police?
- owon an award for something you have written?
- thought about running away from home?
- □ had an outstanding teacher who changed your mind about what you want to do in your life?
- attended a live concert by a symphony orchestra?
- oconsidered suicide?
- ovisited a science museum?
- ovisited an art museum?
- had a date with a member of the opposite sex?
- odone volunteer work in a political campaign?
- thought seriously about dropping out of school?
- been a patient in a hospital?
- talked to a scientist or engineer?
- oentered a project in a science fair?

LAST SUMMER, I: (MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY)

- oworked part-time for pay
- o worked full-time for pay
- oparticipated in an organized sports program
- took music or dance lessons
- took a vacation trip with my family
- watched a lot of television
- read six or more books (not for a class)
- oplayed a lot of sports
- helped my parents fix some things in my home
- visited a science museum, natural history museum or planetarium
- ovisited an art museum
- o visited a zoo, aquarium, or botanical garden
- had six or more dates with persons of the opposite sex
- oread a news magazine most weeks
- o watched three or more TV news shows most weeks
- talked with my parents about some issues in the news
- had six or more alcoholic drinks
- read a science fiction story
- oplayed a musical instrument just for fun sometimes
- played chess, checkers, or a game like that
- took a course in science or mathematics
- took a course about computers
- o was picked up or arrested by the police
- odid a lot of chores around the house
- owas bored a lot of the time
- talked with my friends about jobs and plans for the future at least once
- oput together a lot of puzzles
- used a computer for 10 hours or more (other than in a class)
- talked with my friends about some issues in the news
- read a newspaper at least 3 times a week

WHEN I FINISH HIGH SCHOOL, I WILL: (MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY)

- ogo to a community college
- enroll in a four-year college or university
- oenlist in a military service
- oget married as soon as possible
- feel like I've escaped from prison
- leave this community
- ocontinue to live with my parents
- get a full-time job



BY THE TIME I AM 40, I WILL: (MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY)

○be married
□ have at least one child
○ have three or more children
□ 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
now
○ be active in church affairs
own my own home
have a job that challenges and excites me
be respected by my fellow workers in my occupation or
profession
○ have a part-time job
○ 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
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MOST OF MY FRIENDS: (MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY)

○ like matn	
□ like science	
□ do well in math □	
do well in science	
□ plan to go to college	
are really good students	
□ have already decided on the career they want	
 hope to become scientists, doctors, engineers, or 	
mathematicians	
often help me with my homework	
think I am a good student	
know how to write computer programs	
often discuss current news events with me	
oplay a lot of sports	
oplay a musical instrument	
have had a drink of alcohol	
are active in school clubs and activities	
□ watch a lot of television	
are well-informed about political and social issues	3

MY PARENTS: (MARK ALL OVALS THAT APPLY)

☐ insist I do my homework
tell me how proud they are when I make good grades.
always find time to talk to me when I want to talk
about something
owant me to learn about computers
□ have always encouraged me to work hard on math
have always encouraged me to work hard on science
complete college
□ buy me math and science games and books
tell me how confident they are in my ability
encourage me to participate in sports
often help me understand my homework
reward me for getting good grades
are very busy and don't spend much time with me
concepted me to do well in science
concepted me to do well in math
often don't understand how I feel about things
think that math is a very important subject
think that science is a very important subject
ask me a lot of questions about what I'm doing in school
owould like for me to have a career in science, medicine,
or engineering
are well-informed about political and social issues
are active in community affairs
ovote in most local and national elections
are good at math
read a lot of newspapers and magazines
read a lot of books
really enjoy doing things with me

What is the highest level of education your mother and your father completed?
(MARK ONE OVAL IN EACH COLUMN)

Mother Father
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 \bigcirc \bigcirc
Ph.D., M.D., or other advanced
degree 🗅 🗅
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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:	Which of the categories below comes closest to describing the jobs you named in the column to the left? (MARK ONE OVAL FOR FIRST CHOICE AND ONE OVAL FOR SECOND CHOICE) First Second Choice Choice CLERICAL such as bank teller, bookkeeper, secretary, typist, mail carrier, ticket agent
How sure are you of your FIRST CHOICE of job? O Very sure O Fairly sure	CRAFTSMAN such as baker, automobile mechanic, machinist, painter, plumber, carpenter
○ Not sure	FARMER, FARM MANAGER
What is your mother's reaction to your FIRST CHOICE of job? (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY)	○ ○ HOMEMAKER or housewife only
Very pleased with this choiceDoesn't care what job I choose	 LABORER such as construction worker, car washer, sanitary worker, farm laborer
 Doesn't want me to do this kind of work Doesn't know about this choice I don't know what she thinks 	 MANAGER, ADMINISTRATOR such as sales manager, office manager, government official
What is your father's reaction to your FIRST CHOICE of job? (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY)	 MILITARY such as career officer, enlisted man or woman in the Armed Forces
 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 he thinks 	 OPERATIVE such as meat cutter, assembler, machine operator, welder, taxicab, bus or truck driver PROFESSIONAL such as scientist, mathematician, statistician, or engineer
How much encouragement have you received from the following on your FIRST CHOICE of job? (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE)	PROFESSIONAL such as accountant, artist, registered nurse, librarian, writer, social worker, but not including school teacher
My mother	PROFESSIONAL such as clergyman, dentist, physician, lawyer, college teacher
My brother or sister O O O Another relative O O O A teacher O O O A school counselor O O	PROPRIETOR OR OWNER such as owner of a small business, contractor, restaurant owner
My friends	 PROTECTIVE SERVICE such as detective, police officer or guard, sheriff, fire fighter
Which one of the following has had the MOST influence on your FIRST CHOICE of job? (MARK ONE OVAL ONLY)	 SALES such as salesperson, advertising or insurance agent, real estate broker
☐ My mother ☐ My father	 SCHOOL TEACHER such as elementary or secondary
 ○ My brother or sister ○ Another relative ○ A teacher 	 SERVICE such as barber, beautician, practical nurse, private household worker, janitor, waiter
□ A school counselor□ My friends	TECHNICAL such as draftsman, medical or dental technician, computer programmer
○ What I have read	O I DON'T KNOW
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In a TYPICAL WEEK, how many hours do you spend: (WRITE NUMBERS IN BOXES)	How often do you talk to your mother or father about: (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE)
doing homework watching TV listening to music working for pay doing household chores dating	rather about: (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE) SOME-OFTEN TIMES NEVER how well you are doing in school your career and future plans 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
playing sports reading magazines and books (other than homework)	How often do you read each of the following? (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE) MOST SOME NOT
Since the beginning of last summer, how many times have you and your parent(s) done each of the following activities together? (WRITE NUMBERS IN BOXES) Attended a play, concert, or movie?	A daily newspaper Weekly news magazines Women's magazines Teenage magazines Science magazines Car magazines Hobby magazines Movie/TV/music magazines
Attended a sports event?	Which of the following best describes your present school program? (MARK ONE)
Built or worked on something together? Visited a museum, zoo, aquarium, planetarium, or botanical garden together?	○ General○ Academic or college preparatoryVocational (occupational preparation)
Participated in some recreation like tennis, skating, or swimming?	 ○ Agricultural occupations ○ Business or office occupations ○ Distributive education
Sang or played music together? Attended a church or religious service?	 ☐ Health occupations ☐ Home economics occupations ☐ Technical occupations ☐ Trade or industrial occupations
Are you: (MARK ONE ONLY)	Which of the following best describes your grades last year? (MARK ONE)
□ Female □ Male	 Mostly A (a numerical average of 90-100) About half A and half B (85-89) Mostly B (80-84) About half B and half C (75-79) Mostly C (70-74) About half C and half D (65-69) Mostly D (60-64)
÷	O Mostly D (60-64) Mostly below D (below 60)

There are a lot of issues discussed in the news and it 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.	in	nterested each are NE ON E		you abo	out each ONE ON I	rmed are issue area.
Record your answers in the columns to the right.	4-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0		Part Part Part Part Part Part Part Part	THE SHAPE OF THE STATE OF THE S		
International and foreign policy issues	0	0	0			
Space exploration		0	0	0	0	0
Agricultural and farming issues	. 0	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0
Issues about new scientific discoveries	. 0	0	0	0	0	0
Economic issues and business conditions	0	. 0	O.	0	0	0
Minority rights issues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Issues about the use of new inventions and technologies	0	6	O	. 0	0	
Women's rights issues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defense and military issues	0	O	. 0	Ο.	. 0	0
Issues about energy policy	0	0	0	0	0	0
The 1988 Presidential election	0	(C)	0	0	. O .	
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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
Overall, science and technology have caused more good than harm.	, Φ	O	Ο.	0	Ο.
A scientific theory is a scientist's best understanding of how					
something works.	0	0	0	0	0
All scientific theories change from time to time as scientists improve their understanding of nature.	0	0	0	0	Φ.
There are many things that science will never figure out because					
humans aren't supposed to know those things.	0	0	0	0	0
In science, it is more important to have accurate measures than good theories.	l 	0	0	0	O
Some numbers are especially lucky for me.	0	0	0	0	0
There are some questions — like the origin of the universe — to which will never know the answer in my lifetime.	hL O	O	O	0	Q

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
I take a positive attitude toward myself.		0	O'	. 🔿	. O
Good luck is more important than hard work for success.	0	0	0	0	0
I feel I am a person of worth, on an equal plane with others.	0	0		Ο,	. O.
I am able to do things as well as most other people.	0	0	0		0
Every time I try to get ahead, it seems that something or somebody stops me.	O.	O	0	ø	0
Planning only makes a person unhappy, since plans hardly ever work					
out anyway.		0	0	0	0
People who accept their condition in life are happier than those who try to change things.	0	0	Ö	o.	Θ
On the whole, I am satisfied with myself.	0		0	0	0
I wish I could have more respect for myself.	Ο ,,	O		, Φ.	. O
It is best to live each day to its fullest and let tomorrow take care of itself.	0	0	0	0	O
All in all, I am inclined to feel that I am a failure.	0	0	· O	, O	Ο .
I like to figure things out for myself without anybody else's help.	0	0	0	0	0
I like working on tough problems until I get the answer right.	0	0	0	. •	Φ,
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	O	Ö	à	Ö
I like to solve puzzles and riddles.	0	0	0	0	0
I like to play games like chess and checkers that require logic and strategy.	Φ.	О.,		G.	Ö
Given a choice, most days I would come to school rather than stay at home.	0	0	0	0	0

How often do you do each of the following? (MARK ONE OVAL FOR EACH LINE)

	Never	Rarely	Some- times	Often	Always
Ask the teacher or a friend for help as soon as I run into a problem at school	O	Ō,	Ο	Ö	O
Give up when I don't understand a problem right away	0	0	0	0	
Goof off in school	0	0	0	⇔ ⇔	\circ
Put off studying as long as I can	0	0	0	0	0
Discuss serious things with my friends rather					
than fool around	0	0	. 0	0	\circ
Try hard to do my best in school	0	0	0	0	O .
Do the things I want to do first and leave my studying and other work to the last minute	0	0	0 -	0,	D.
Try harder if I get bad grades	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		Not		Strongly
	Agree	Agree	Sure	Disagree	Disagree
I enjoy math	0	(,O)	0	. O	· O.
I am good at math	0	0	0	0	
I usually understand what we are doing in math.	e,	.0	Ο.	0	· O
Math is more useful for boys than for girls.	0	0	0	0	0
Doing math often makes me nervous or upset.	· O · ·	Ο.	\mathcal{C}	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	Ο	. О	· , O		<u> </u>
Math is useful in everyday problems.		0		0	0
Math helps a person think logically.	. O	. · О · · .	· O	0	; .'O
Boys are generally better at math than are girls.	<u> </u>	0		0	
It is important to know math to get a good job	Ψ.	· O	. O		_ <u>C</u>
I will use math in many ways as an adult.	0	0	0	C	\circ
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l'enjoy science .				~	
I am good at science.					
I usually understand what we are doing in science.					
Science is more useful for boys than for girls.					
Doing science often makes me nervous or upoet.					
I worry about how well I will do on science tests.					
I often get scared when I open my science book and see a		_		· •	-
page of problems					<u> </u>
Science is useful in everyday problems.					
Science helps a person think logically.					
Boys are generally better at science than are girls.		<u> </u>	· +D :	· · · ·	
It is important to know science to get a good job:		0		C	
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		Not		Strongly
	Agree	Agree	Sure	Disagree	Disagree
Scientific invention is largely responsible for our standard					
of living in the United States.	Ò	0	. 0	0	0
There are still major unanswered questions about the safety					
of nuclear power plants.	0			. 0	0
Solar energy is the best single long-term solution to our energy problem.	0	0	0		O
The risk involved in generating nuclear power is relatively					
minor and should not block the construction of new					
nuclear power plants.	0		0		0
Most of the people on unemployment could find jobs if they really wanted to.	0	`O'	0	0	Ó
Rocket launchings and other space activities have caused					
changes in our weather.	0	0	0	0	
Human beings as we know them today developed from					
earlier species of animals.	\circ	. •	O		O.
Smoking causes serious health problems.	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	Ο.	O.	ď
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
Because of their knowledge, scientific researchers have a power			27		
that makes them dangerous.	0	. 0	. O	0	Φ.
Scientific researchers are dedicated people who work for the					
good of humanity.	0	0	0	0	0
One trouble with science is that it makes our way of life change					
too fast.	0	· .O	. O	O 2	Ω
It is likely that some of the unidentified flying objects that have	ALCO TO HAND ADMINISTRATION OF MANY THE PROPERTY OF MANY		and an area of the second of the second		
been reported are really space vehicles from other civilizations	. 0	0	0	0	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	Ο.	Ο.,	O
New inventions will always be found to counteract any harmful consequences of technological development.	0	0	0	0	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	a	a	_ O `	.0.	Ġ.
One of the main reasons why there is high unemployment in this					
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	d	0		0	· (C)

You have completed the questionnaire.

Thank you for your help.

Please return the questionnaire to your monitor.