



Who is sponsoring the study?

The study is being done by researchers at Stanford University and the University of Michigan, with funding from the National Science Foundation. We are not part of any political or media group.

Why are you asking me to do this?

Your household was scientifically selected as part of a major effort to learn more about American society.

Why did you send me \$5 in the mail?

The cash is a very cost-effective way to help make sure that people read our letters, know we are serious, and take the survey.

What is the purpose of the study?
Are you selling anything?

We are not selling anything. The purpose of the study is research. It is funded by the National Science Foundation. We want to learn more about what Americans are doing and thinking. The study mainly asks about current affairs and issues.

How will this research be used?

The results are mainly used by researchers and students. Researchers from Stanford University, the University of Michigan, and others will publish the study results online and in professional journals, books, and possibly magazines. Your participation is essential to make sure your voice is included.

Is the information confidential?

Yes. It is very important to us to protect your privacy. The [REDACTED] project has interviewed more than 50,000 people over the last 65 years and has never revealed anyone’s personal information. All information that you or anyone in your household provides will be kept in strict confidence. You or your household will never be identified in any analysis, reports, or publications based on your responses, and no one outside of a small number of researchers working on the study will ever be able to know your household participated.

What is Westat?

Westat is a nationally known survey research firm based in Rockville, Maryland, that has completed hundreds of important research studies. Westat was carefully selected and is conducting this study for Stanford University and the University of Michigan. Visit their website to learn more: www.westat.com.

What are my rights as a research participant?

Your participation is completely voluntary and you may keep the \$5 whether you return the questionnaire or not. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the Stanford University Institutional Review Board (IRB) at 1-866-680-2906, or you may write the Stanford IRB, Administrative Panels Office, Stanford, CA 94305-5401.



Your participation in this research study is voluntary. You may choose not to take the survey. If you do, you may stop responding at any time or you may skip any questions that you do not want to answer. The information you provide will be kept confidential and will be used by the research team only to determine if someone in your household is eligible for a follow up survey. Your personal information will not be released and other information you provide will only be reported in aggregate, with responses of other participants. Questions regarding the study should be directed to [REDACTED NAME AND ADDRESS].

This survey should be filled out by an adult member of the household.

↓ Start Here

1. In the last year, have you done any volunteer activities through or for an organization?

☐ Yes

☐ No
2. How many of the people in your neighborhood do you trust?

☐ All

☐ Most

☐ About half

☐ A few

☐ None
3. How much litter or trash is there on the sidewalks and streets in your neighborhood?

☐ None

☐ A little

☐ A moderate amount

☐ A lot

☐ A great deal
4. In general, how safe would you say you are from crime when walking in your neighborhood after dark?

☐ Very safe

☐ Somewhat safe

☐ Not too safe

☐ Not at all safe
5. Which category best describes the telephone service for you and members of the household?

☐ Regular or landline phone only

☐ Cellular phone only

☐ Both landline and cellular phone

☐ No working phone service
6. Which of the following best describes this house, apartment, or mobile home?

☐ Owned with a mortgage or loan

☐ Owned (without a mortgage)

☐ Rented

☐ Occupied without payment or rent
7. How long have you lived at this address?

☐ 1 year or less

☐ Less than 5 years, more than 1 year

☐ 5 years or more
8. How many people, including all adults and children, live in this household?

Number of people
9. How do you and the members of your household access the internet, at home? MARK ALL THAT APPLY

☐ On a computer: desktop, laptop, or netbook

☐ On a tablet or iPad

☐ On a Smartphone, such as Android phone or iPhone

☐ Other

☐ No one uses internet at home

Please answer the next section for each person 17 or older, who lives in this household. If there are more than 4 people 17 or older living there, answer for the 4 oldest (even if that does not include you).

Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
10. What is this person's name? _____	10. What is this person's name? _____	10. What is this person's name? _____	10. What is this person's name? _____
11. What is this person's gender? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Male</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Female</div>	11. What is this person's gender? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Male</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Female</div>	11. What is this person's gender? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Male</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Female</div>	11. What is this person's gender? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Male</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Female</div>
12. How old is this person? <div><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Age in years</div>	12. How old is this person? <div><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Age in years</div>	12. How old is this person? <div><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Age in years</div>	12. How old is this person? <div><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Age in years</div>
13. Is this person a citizen of the United States? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	13. Is this person a citizen of the United States? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	13. Is this person a citizen of the United States? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	13. Is this person a citizen of the United States? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> No</div>
14. Is this person registered to vote? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	14. Is this person registered to vote? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	14. Is this person registered to vote? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	14. Is this person registered to vote? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> No</div>
15. What is the highest level of education that this person completed? <div><input type="checkbox"/> High School or less</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Some College</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> College degree</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Post-Graduate degree</div>	15. What is the highest level of education that this person completed? <div><input type="checkbox"/> High School or less</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Some College</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> College degree</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Post-Graduate degree</div>	15. What is the highest level of education that this person completed? <div><input type="checkbox"/> High School or less</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Some College</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> College degree</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Post-Graduate degree</div>	15. What is the highest level of education that this person completed? <div><input type="checkbox"/> High School or less</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Some College</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> College degree</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Post-Graduate degree</div>
16. How often does this person use the Internet, at home? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Daily</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Less than every day</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Never</div>	16. How often does this person use the Internet, at home? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Daily</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Less than every day</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Never</div>	16. How often does this person use the Internet, at home? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Daily</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Less than every day</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Never</div>	16. How often does this person use the Internet, at home? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Daily</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Less than every day</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Never</div>

Thank you. Please complete and return this form in the enclosed envelope, or mail it to:

[REDACTED ADDRESS]