

ANES 2024 Time Series Study, Face-to-Face: Screening Interview Specifications

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User note: This document provides programming specifications for the ANES screening interview, or screener, for the sample selected for face-to-face interviewing. The purpose of the screener is to randomly select one eligible person from among all eligible members of the household. The selected person (SP) will become the ANES respondent. The screening interview is conducted in-person by an interviewer, typically on the doorstep or in the home at the sampled address, often immediately prior to conducting the main pre-election ANES interview. Any knowledgeable adult (age 18 or older) household member may answer the screener. We refer to this person as the informant.

Programming notes:

Delivery variables include all variables named in the screener specifications; any constructed variables used by the system; any randomization seeds used by the system; elapsed time for each item or screen; date and time stamps for interview start and finish.

Preload the case ID, address, and applicable incentive amount (which will escalate during the field period).

Do not allow item nonresponse (don't know, refused, blanks) unless specified.

INTRO3.

(IF NECESSARY: Hello, my name is [INTERVIEWER FIRST AND LAST NAME] and I work for the University of Michigan. The University of Michigan is conducting a nationwide study.)

We are interested in talking to people about their opinions on many aspects of their lives and the lives of people around them.

You should have received a letter telling you about this study. (SHOW LETTER, IF NECESSARY.) Your household was selected scientifically as part of the study's national sample, and I may need to interview someone here. If someone in your household is found to be eligible, we will offer that person \${25/50/100} as a thank you for completing the interview.

In order to determine whom to interview, I need to know who lives at this address. Let me assure you that your participation is voluntary and the information you provide is strictly confidential. No one outside of our small research staff will be told that someone living here has completed the interview.

I need to find out a few pieces of information for everyone living or staying at this address who is age 18 or older.

1. CONTINUE

[GO TO S2]

S2.

So I can choose the right person to speak with, I need to ask: how many adults – 18 years and older – live here, including you?

IF ASKED WHO TO INCLUDE: Include anyone who usually lives here but is away now, traveling, at school, or in a hospital, or anyone else whose regular home is here.

1. JUST INFORMANT
2. 2 PEOPLE
- ...
20. 20 PEOPLE

SCRN_CIT_1.

Are you now a United States citizen or not a U.S. citizen?

1. U.S. CITIZEN
2. NON-CITIZEN

SCRN_NAME_1.

What is your first name or initials?

[TEXT BOX 30 CHARACTERS]

SCRN_SEX_1.

CODE RESPONDENT'S GENDER.

IF NEEDED: What is your gender?

1. MALE
2. FEMALE
3. NONBINARY
4. SOMETHING ELSE, DK OR REFUSED

SCRN_AGE_1.

How old are you?

[PULLDOWN/SCROLL RANGE 18-120; DK, REF]

SCRN_AGE18_1.

IF SCR_N_AGE_1=DK, REF:

Are you at least 18 years old, or older?

1. YES, 18 OR OLDER [GO TO SCR_N_EDUC_1]
2. NO [STOP. SCREEN AN ADULT]

SCRN_EDUC_1.

What is the highest level of school you have completed?

1. LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL

2. HIGH SCHOOL
3. MORE THAN HIGH SCHOOL
7. REFUSED

S3.

IF S2 > 1 PERSON:

Now I have a few questions about the other (person living here who is age 18 or older / (S2-1) people living here who are age 18 or older).

[CONTINUE TO ROSTER.]

ROSTER.

IF S2 > 1 PERSON:

[ROSTER DISPLAY: Display a grid at the top of the screen with a number of blank rows equal to S2-1, starting from 2, and columns labeled "NAME" (with data from SCR_N_NAME_#), "RESIDENT" (SCR_N_RES_#), "GENDER" (SCR_N_GEND_#), "AGE" (SCR_N_AGE_#), "AGE18+" (AGECONFIRM_#), "CITIZEN" (SCR_N_CIT_# 1="Yes" 2="No"), "EDUCATION" (SCR_N_EDUC_#). For example, in a 6-person household, after completing the roster for one person, the display could appear as:

	NAME	RESIDENT	GENDER	AGE	AGE18+	CITIZEN	EDUCATION
2	Jane	Yes	F	40	Yes	Yes	High school
3							
4							
5							
6							

[ROSTER DISPLAY AND INPUT FORMAT, CONTINUED: Below this roster grid, display the relevant roster questions one at a time, from SCR_N_NAME_# through CONFIRM1. When a question is answered, add the relevant data to the roster grid and display the next roster question. The number of persons entered is not constrained by the response to S2 or the number of remaining blank rows in the grid display.]

SCR_N_NAME_#

What is the next person's first name or initials? [TEXT BOX]

SCR_N_RES_#

Is this where {SCR_N_NAME_#'s} lives?

IF R SAYS DK, ASK: If you had to choose Yes or No, would you say that this is (SCR_N_NAME_#)'s usual place of residence?

1. YES [GO TO SCR_N_GEND_#]
2. NO [GO TO ROSTER_NEXT]

SCR_N_GEND_#

What is {SCRN_NAME_#}'s gender?

1. MALE
2. FEMALE
3. NONBINARY
4. SOMETHING ELSE, DK/REF

SCRN_AGE_#: How old is {SCRN_NAME_#}?

[PULLDOWN 18-120, DK/REF]

[IF ANSWERED 18-120 SET SCR_N_AGE18_# = Yes AND GO TO SCR_N_CIT_#; IF DK/REF GO TO CONFIRM2_#]

CONFIRM2_#.

IF SCR_N_AGE = DK/RF:

Will {SCRN_NAME_#} be age 18 or older on November 5?

IF NEEDED, PROBE: I need to know if they are 18 or older to determine if they are eligible for the study.

1. YES [SET SCR_N_AGE18_# = Yes, GO TO SCR_N_CIT_#]
2. NO [SET SCR_N_AGE18_# = No, GO TO ROSTER_NEXT]
7. DK/REFUSED [GO TO ELIG_CHKAGE_#]

ELIG_CHKAGE_#

IF AGE IS STILL DK OR REFUSED ASK:

IWR: HAVE YOU OBSERVED THAT {SCRN_NAME_#} CLEARLY APPEARS TO BE 18 OR OLDER?

1. YES [SET SCR_N_AGE18_# = Yes; GO TO SCR_N_CIT_#]
2. NO/DK [SCR_N_AGE18_# = No; GO TO ROSTER_NEXT]

SCRN_CIT_#

Is {SCRN_NAME_#} now a United States citizen or not a U.S. citizen?

1. U.S. CITIZEN
2. NON-CITIZEN
7. DK/REFUSED

SCRN_EDUC_#

What is the highest level of school {SCRN_NAME_#} has completed?

1. LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL
2. HIGH SCHOOL
3. MORE THAN HIGH SCHOOL
7. DK/RF

ROSTER_NEXT

IF NUMBER OF COMPLETE ROSTER ENTRIES < S2:

IWR CHECKPOINT: ARE YOU READY TO ADD THE NEXT PERSON OR EXIT THE ROSTER?

(YOU CAN ALSO BACK UP TO EDIT THE LAST ROSTER ENTRY.)

1. ADD THE NEXT PERSON [GO TO SCR_N_NAME_# FOR NEXT #]
2. EXIT THE ROSTER [GO TO CONFIRM1]

CONFIRM1

I have listed {{NUMBER}} people besides you / you as the only person} in your household age 18 or older. Have I missed anyone who usually lives here but is away now, traveling, at school, or in a hospital, or anyone else whose regular home is here?

1. ROSTER CORRECT [GO TO SCREENER_HIDDENHH]
2. SOMEONE ELSE LIVES HERE [RETURN TO ROSTER, GO TO SCR_N_NAME_# FOR NEXT #]

Screener_HiddenHH

We want to be sure that every household in this area has been given a chance to participate in this study.

Is there any other person or group of people you haven't already told me about who lives and can receive mail here at this address?

1. YES [GO TO SCREENER_NEWHHADDRESS]
2. NO [GO TO ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION LOGIC]

Screener_NewHHAddress

ENTER ADDRESS OF HIDDEN HOUSEHOLD [TBD FORM], THEN CONTINUE.

1. CONTINUE (GO TO ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION LOGIC)

ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION LOGIC.

IF S2=1 THEN SET NUMADULTS=1, ELSE SET NUMADULTS=TOTAL NUMBER OF ADULTS LISTED IN ROSTER

FLAG PERSONS "ELIGIBLE" FOR MAIN STUDY: Create an eligibility flag variable, ELIG_#, for each person in the household. Set ELIG_2=2 (no), ELSE IF THIS IS USUAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE (SCRN_RES_#=1) AND THEY ARE US CITIZEN (SCRN_CIT_#=1) AND AGE 18 BY ELECTION DAY (SCRN_AGE_#=18+ OR CONFIRM2_#=1 or ELIG_CKAGE_#=1 OR PERSON IS #1) THEN SET ELIG_#=1 (yes).

RANDOMLY SELECT ONE PERSON FROM AMONG THOSE ELIGIBLE AND SET WHS=1 (within-household selection complete). SET SPNAME=Sampled person's name, SPAGE=Sampled person's age. IF SAMPLED ADULT IS PERSON 1, GO TO ADULT1. ELSE, GO TO ADULT2.

IF NO ELIGIBLE SPs, GO TO NOELIGIBLE.

NOELIGIBLE.

As it turns out, there is no one here who is eligible to be interviewed. We appreciate your help. Thank you for your time.

1. EXIT SCREENER [GO TO SCREENER_LANG]

ADULT1

The computer has selected you for the interview. Are you available to continue with the interview now?

1. YES, PROCEED WITH INTERVIEW (GO TO SCREENER_ LANG)
2. NO, SP NOT AVAILABLE (GO TO SCREENER_PHONE)

ADULT2.

The computer has selected (SCRN_NAME_#) for the survey. The rest of my questions are for (SCRN_NAME_#). Is (SCRN_NAME_#) available now?

1. YES, PROCEED WITH SP (GO TO SCREENER_ LANG)
2. NO, SP NOT AVAILABLE (GO TO SCREENER_PHONE)

SCREENER_PHONE

For data quality and validation purposes, I'd like to collect {your/SP's} phone number.

What is the best telephone number to reach {you/SP NAME}?

ENTER THE NUMBERS ONLY. DO NOT ENTER HYPHENS OR OTHER SYMBOLS.

[TEN-DIGIT PHONE NUMBER ____ - ____ - ____] [GO TO SCREENER_CELL]

1. DK/RF [GO TO SCREENER_SPLANGENG]

Display: If ADULT 1=2, display "your/you"; else display "SP's/SP NAME".

[PROGRAMMING: A valid response to this item should populate a "Phone Number" field in the sample management system.]

SCREENER_CELL

Is this a cell phone number?

1. YES (GO TO BOX 1)
 2. NO (GO TO BOX 1)
- DK/RF (GO TO BOX 1)

BOX 1.

If ADULT1=2 & SCREENER_CELL=1, go to SCREENER_TEXT. Else, go to SCREENER_SPLANGENG.

Screener_Text

May we contact you by text message at this number?

1. YES (GO TO SCREENER_ SPLANGENG)
2. NO (GO TO SCREENER_ SPLANGENG) DK/RF (GO TO SCREENER_ SPLANGENG)

[PROGRAMMING: Response to this item should populate a "Permission to Text" field in sample management system.]

Screener_ SPLangEng

IWR, ASK ONLY IF NEEDED: Is {SP NAME} able to speak English well enough to complete an interview in English?

{IF NEEDED: I want to confirm that we can administer the interview in English?}

1. YES, SP CAN DO INTERVIEW IN ENGLISH [GO TO BOX 1A]
2. NO, SP CANNOT DO INTERVIEW IN ENGLISH [GO TO SCREENER_ SPLANGSP]

Display: If ADULT1=2, display "{IF NEEDED: I want to confirm that we can administer the interview in English?}"; else display "{Is {SP NAME} able to speak English well enough to complete an interview in English?}"

Screener_ SPLangSP

Would {SP NAME} be able to complete the interview in Spanish?

{IF NEEDED: Can we administer the interview in Spanish?}

1. YES [GO TO BOX 1A]
2. NO [GO TO BOX 1A]

Display: If ADULT1=2, display "{IF NEEDED: Can we administer the interview in Spanish?}"; else display "{Would {SP NAME} be able to complete the interview in Spanish?}"

BOX 1A.

IF SCREENER_ SPLANGENG=1 THEN SPLANGUAGE="ENG"
ELSE IF SCREENER_ SPLANGSP=1 THEN SPLANGUAGE="SPAN"
ELSE SPLANGUAGE=<BLANK>

Screener_End

ATTEMPT TO START OR SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT FOR PRE-ELECTION INTERVIEW. ENTER IN SCHEDULING SYSTEM AND CALL/DISPO RECORD.

PRESS 1 AND ENTER TO CONTINUE

1. CONTINUE (GO TO SCREENER_LANG)

Screener_Lang

WAS THIS INTERVIEW ADMINISTERED IN ENGLISH OR SPANISH?

1. ENGLISH (GO TO BOX 2)
2. SPANISH (GO TO BOX 2)

BOX 2.

IF ONE ADULT HH AND THE ADULT IS NOT A CITIZEN (S2=1 AND SCRN_CIT_1 <> 1) OR NO ROSTERED PERSON HAS (SCRN_CIT_# = 1 AND (SCRN_AGE_#>=18 OR CONFIRM2_#=1 OR ELIG_CHKAGE_#=1)), THEN EXIT SCREENER AND SET ScreenerCAPIStatus = C2 (IMS WILL SET SCREENER FINAL CODE = 198, COMPLETE NO ADULT CITIZEN).

ELSE IF NO ROSTERED PERSON HAS SCRN_RES_# = 1, THEN EXIT SCREENER AND SET ScreenerCAPIStatus = C3 (IMS WILL SET SCREENER FINAL CODE = 199, COMPLETE NO PERMANENT OCCUPANTS IN HH).

ELSE, EXIT SCREENER AND SET ScreenerCAPIStatus = C1 (IMS WILL SET SCREENER FINAL CODE TO 197, COMPLETE SP SELECTED).