

ELECTION STUDY

FACE SHEET

Interviewer's Name: _____

Interview Number: _____ Date: _____

Town or city: _____ State: _____

SECTION I (ASK EVERYBODY)

I'm mainly interested in talking to you about the congressional election this fall and how you feel about it. In some states there were elections to the United States Senate and to various state offices, but we want to talk mostly about elections to the House of Representatives in Washington.

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1. Generally speaking, would you say that you personally cared a good deal about which party won the elections to the congress in Washington this fall or that you didn't care very much which party won?

I'd like to ask you what you think are the good and bad points about the two parties.

2. Is there anything in particular that you like about the Democratic party?
(What is that?)

3. Is there anything in particular that you don't like about the Democratic party? (What is that?)

4. Is there anything in particular that you like about the Republican party? (What is that?)

5. Is there anything in particular that you don't like about the Republican party? (What is that?)

(IF R IS NEW RESPONDENT, OR AN OLD P.417 R WHO HAS NOT MOVED, SKIP TO Q.9)

(IF R IS P.417 RESPONDENT WHO HAS MOVED FROM 1956 ADDRESS, PROCEED WITH Q.6)

(ASK ONLY IF INTERVIEWING P.417 RESPONDENT WHO HAS MOVED FROM 1956 ADDRESS)

6. Now I'd like to ask you about the good and bad points of two of our political leaders. Is there anything in particular that you like about President Eisenhower that might make you want to vote for him if he were up for re-election now? (What is it?)

7. Is there anything in particular about Eisenhower that might make you want to vote against him if he were up for re-election now? (What is it?)

8. Do you happen to remember who Richard Nixon is? /Yes/ /5.No/

(IS YES) 8a. Who is he? _____

(IF SOME ACCURATE IDENTIFICATION)

- 8b. Is there anything in particular about Nixon that might make you want to vote for him for President? (What is it?)

- 8c. Is there anything in particular about Nixon that might make you want to vote against him for President? (What is it?)

ASK OF EVERYONE .

9. Do you happen to know which party had the most Congressmen in Washington before the election (this)(last) month? /Yes/ /9.No/
(IF YES) 9a. Which one? /1.Dem/ /2.Rep/
10. Do you happen to know which party elected the most Congressmen in the elections (this)(last) month? /Yes/ /9.No/
(IF YES) 10a. Which one? /1.Dem/ /2.Rep/
(IF NO) At last count it seems that the Democrats had more.

Around election time people talk about different things that our government in Washington is doing or should be doing. Now I would like to talk to you about some of the things that our government might do. Of course, different things are important to different people, so we don't expect everyone to have an opinion about all of these.

I would like you to look at this card as I read each question and tell me how you feel about the question. First of all, if you don't have an opinion, just tell me that. If you do have an opinion, choose one of the other answers.

- 11a. "The government should leave things like electric power and housing for private businessmen to handle." Do you have an opinion on this or not?

/Yes/ /0.No/

(IF "NO"; GO ON TO Q.12a)

(IF "YES"): Do you think the government should leave things like this to private business?

- /1/ Agree strongly; government definitely should
/2/ Agree but not very strongly
/3/ Not sure; it depends
/4/ Disagree but not very strongly
/5/ Disagree strongly; government definitely should not
/9/ Don't know
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(DO NOT ASK Q.11b IF R ANSWERS "NO OPINION" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q.11a)

- 11b. How do you think the parties stand on this? Are the Democrats or the Republicans closer to what you want on this question, or isn't there any difference.

/1.Dems closer/ /5.Reps closer/ /3.No difference/ /9.Don't know/

- 12a. "The government in Washington ought to see to it that everybody who wants to work can find a job." Now would you have an opinion on this or not?

/Yes/ /0.No/

(13a)

(IF "NO"; GO ON TO Q.12a)

(IF "YES"): Do you think that the government should do this?

- 1 Agree strongly; government definitely should
 2 Agree but not very strongly
 3 Not sure; it depends
 4 Disagree but not very strongly
 5 Disagree strongly; government definitely should not
 9 Don't know
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(DO NOT ASK Q.12b IF R ANSWERS "NO OPINION" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q.12a)

- 12b. Are the Democrats closer to what you want on this question, are the Republicans closer, or would you say there isn't any difference between them on this?

/1.Dems closer/ /5.Reps closer/ /3.No difference/ /9.Don't know/

- 13a. "This country would be better off if we just stayed home and did not concern ourselves with problems in other parts of the world." Would you say you have an opinion on this or not?

/Yes/ /0.No/

(IF "NO"; GO ON TO Q.14a)

(IF "YES"): Do you think that our country should stay home?

- 1 Agree strongly; government definitely should
 2 Agree but not very strongly
 3 Not sure; it depends
 4 Disagree but not very strongly
 5 Disagree strongly; government definitely should not
 9 Don't know
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(DO NOT ASK Q.13b IF R ANSWERS "NO OPINION" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q.13a)

- 13b. Are the Democrats or the Republicans closer to what you want, or isn't there any difference between them on this?

/1.Dems closer/ /5.Reps closer/ /3.No difference/ /9.Don't know/

- 14a. "If cities and towns around the country need help to build more schools, the government in Washington ought to give them the money they need." Do you have an opinion on this or not? /Yes/ /0.No/

(IF "NO"; GO ON TO Q.15a)

(IF "YES"): Do you think that the government should do this?

/1/ Agree strongly; government definitely should

/2/ Agree but not very strongly

/3/ Not sure; it depends

/4/ Disagree but not very strongly

/5/ Disagree strongly; government definitely should not

/9/ Don't know

(DO NOT ASK Q.14b IF R ANSWERS "NO OPINION" OR "DON'T KNOW" to Q. 14a)

- 14b. Are the Democrats or the Republicans closer to what you want on this question, or isn't there any difference between them?

/1.Dems closer/ /5.Reps closer/ /3.No difference/ /9.Don't know/

- 15a. "The United States should give economic help to the poorer countries of the world even if those countries can't pay for it." Do you have an opinion on this or not? /Yes/ /0.No/

(IF "NO"; GO ON TO Q.16a)

(IF "YES"): Do you think the government should do this?

/1/ Agree strongly; government definitely should

/2/ Agree but not very strongly

/3/ Not sure; it depends

/4/ Disagree but not very strongly

/5/ Disagree strongly; government definitely should not

/9/ Don't know

(DO NOT ASK Q.15b IF R ANSWERS "NO OPINION" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q.15a)

- 15b. Are the Democrats or the Republicans closer to what you want here, or isn't there any difference?

/1.Dems closer/ /5.Reps closer/ /3.No difference/ /9.Don't know/

16a. "If Negroes are not getting fair treatment in jobs and housing, the government should see to it that they do." Do you have an opinion on this or not?

/Yes/ /0.No/

(IF "NO"; GO ON TO Q.17a)

(IF "YES"): Do you think the government should do this?

- /1/ Agree strongly; government definitely should
/2/ Agree but not very strongly
/3/ Not sure; it depends
/4/ Disagree but not very strongly
/5/ Disagree strongly; government definitely should not
/9/ Don't know
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(DO NOT ASK Q.16b IF R ANSWERS "NO OPINION" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q.16a)

16b. Are the Democrats or the Republicans closer to what you want on this question, or isn't there any difference?

/1.Dems closer/ /5.Reps closer/ /3.No difference/ /9.Don't know/

17a. "The United States should keep soldiers overseas where they can help countries that are against communism." Do you have an opinion on this or not?

/Yes/ /0.No/

(IF "NO"; GO ON TO Q.18a)

(IF "YES"): Do you think the government should do this?

- /1/ Agree strongly; government definitely should
/2/ Agree but not very strongly
/3/ Not sure; it depends
/4/ Disagree but not very strongly
/5/ Disagree strongly; government definitely should not
/9/ Don't know
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(DO NOT ASK Q.17b IF R ANSWERS "NO OPINION" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q.17a)

17b. Are the Democrats or the Republicans closer to what you want on this question, or isn't there any difference?

/1.Dems closer/ /5.Reps closer/ /3.No difference/ /9.Don't know/

- 18a. "The government in Washington should stay out of the question of whether white and colored children go to the same school." Do you have an opinion on this or not?

/Yes/

/0.No/

(IF "NO"; GO ON TO Q.19a)

(IF "YES"): Do you think the government should stay out of the question?

1 Agree strongly; government definitely should

2 Agree but not very strongly

3 Not sure; it depends

4 Disagree but not very strongly

5 Disagree strongly; government definitely should not

9 Don't know

(DO NOT ASK Q.18b-18d IF R ANSWERS "NO OPINION" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q.18a)

(IF "YES" TO 18a)

- 18b. Why do you feel that way?

- 18c. Have your feelings changed any in the last two years?

- 18d. Are the Democrats or the Republicans closer to what you want on this question, or isn't there any difference?

/1.Dems closer/

/5.Reps closer/

/3.No difference/

/9.Don't know/

19. How about here in this congressional district? Were any of these questions we have just talked about important in the election of a representative to Congress for this district? (Which were they?)

1 Leave things like power and housing to private business

2 See that there are jobs

3 Stay home, avoid foreign problems

4 Help cities and towns build more schools

5 Give economic help to poorer countries

6 Get fair treatment for Negroes in jobs and housing

7 Keep soldiers overseas against communism

8 Stay out of white and colored school problem

9 None of these were important

- 19a. This year were there any (other) questions that were important in the congressional election in this district? (IF YES) What were they?

20. We are also interested in how people are getting along financially these days. So far as you and your family are concerned, would you say that you are pretty well satisfied with your present financial situation, more-or-less satisfied, or not satisfied at all?

/1.Pretty well satisfied/ /3.More-or-less satisfied/ /5.Not satisfied at all/

21. During the last few years, has your financial situation been getting better, getting worse, or has it stayed the same?

/1. Getting better/ /5.Getting worse/ /3.Stayed the same/

21a. How is that?

22. Now looking ahead and thinking about the next few years, do you expect your financial situation will stay about the way it is now, get better, or get worse?

/3.Stay the way it is/ /1.Get better/ /5.Get worse/

22a. How is that?

23. Do you think people around here have any worries about how they'll get along financially in the next year or so? I'm speaking of people like yourself and your friends.

/Yes/ /5.No/ /9.Don't know/

(IF YES) 23a. What kinds of things do you or they worry about?

24. Do you think the way the election for congress came out across the nation will make any difference in how you and your family get along financially?
(Why is that?)

(IF MAKES A DIFFERENCE AND
NOT ANSWERED IN Q.24) 24a. Do you think you'll be better off or worse off financially?

Another thing we are interested in is how people feel about the way the United States is getting along with the rest of the world.

25. Would you say that in the past year or so the United States has done pretty well in dealing with foreign countries, or would you say that we haven't been doing as well as we should?

/1.Pretty well/ /5.Not too well/ /3.Well in some ways;not well in others/
/9.Don't know/

25a. How is that? _____

26. Would you say that in the past year or so our position in the world has become stronger, less strong, or has it stayed about the same?

/1.Stronger/ /5.Less strong/ /3.About the same/ /9.Don't know/

26a. How is that? _____

Now, how about problems here at home inside the United States.

27. In the past year or so would you say that things in general have been going along better than they were before, not as well as before, or have they stayed about the same?

1.Better 5.Not as well 3.Stayed the same 9.Don't know

- 27a. How is that? _____
- _____

Now I would like to ask you a little more about the political parties.

28. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

(IF INDEPENDENT OR OTHER, SKIP TO Q.28h)

(IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT TO Q.28)

- 28a. Would you call yourself a strong (R)(D) or a not very strong (R)(D)?

1.Strong Democrat 2.Not very strong Democrat 6.Not very strong Republican 7.Strong Republican

- 28b. Was there ever a time when you thought of yourself as a (R)(D) rather than a (D)(R)?

1.Yes, a Democrat 2.Yes, a Republican 5.No, never

(IF NO, SKIP TO Q.28e)

- (IF YES) 28c. When did you change from (ANSWER IN 28b) to (ANSWER IN 28a)?

- _____

- 28d. What was the main thing that made you change from (ANSWER IN 28b) to (ANSWER IN 28a)?

- _____

- 28e. Now when you say you are now a (R)(D), are you thinking of national politics, politics here in (STATE), or both?

1.National 2.State 3.Both

(IF NATIONAL ONLY)

- 28f. Well, how about politics here in (STATE)?

1.Dem 2.Rep 3.Independent other(SPECIFY)

(IF STATE ONLY)

- 28g. Well, how about in national politics?

1.Dem 2.Rep 3.Independent other(SPECIFY)

(IF INDEPENDENT OR OTHER TO Q.28)

28h. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic party?
3.Yes, Democrat 4.No, neither 5.Yes, Republican

28i. Was there ever a time when you thought of yourself as a Democrat or a Republican? Yes 5.No, never

(IF NO, SKIP TO Q.28m)

(IF YES) 28j. Which party was that?

1. Democrat 2. Republican28k. When did you change from being a (ANSWER TO 28j)?

_____28l. What was the main thing that made you change from being a (ANSWER TO 28j)?

28m. Now when you say you are now an Independent, are you thinking of national politics, politics here in (STATE), or both?

1.National 2.State 3.Both(IF NATIONAL ONLY) 28n. Well, how about politics here in (STATE)?
1.Dem 2.Rep 3.Independent other(SPECIFY)
_____(IF STATE ONLY) 28o. Well, how about in national politics?
1.Dem 2.Rep 3.Independent other(SPECIFY)

29. Do you remember when you were growing up whether your father was very much interested in politics, somewhat interested, or didn't he pay much attention to it?

1.Very much interested 3.Somewhat interested 5.Not much interested

30. Did he think of himself mostly as a Democrat, as a Republican, or what?

1.Democrat 2.Republican other(SPECIFY)

31. Now how about your mother. When you were growing up was she very much interested in politics, somewhat interested, or didn't she pay much attention to it?

/1.Very much interested/ /3.Somewhat interested/ /5.Not much interested/

32. Did she think of herself mostly as a Democrat, as a Republican, or what?

/1.Democrat/ /2.Republican/ other(SPECIFY) _____

33. In the elections for president since you have been old enough to vote, would you say that you have voted in all of them, most of them, some of them, or none of them?

/1.All of them/ /2.Most of them/ /3.Some of them/ /5.None of them/

IF EVER
VOTED
FOR
PRESIDENT
in Q.33.

34. Have you always voted for the same party or have you voted for different parties for president?

(IF SAME) 34a. Which party was that?

35. Two years ago, in 1956, you remember that Mr. Eisenhower ran against Mr. Stevenson for the second time. Do you remember for sure whether or not you voted in that election?

/Yes, did vote/ /5.No, did not vote/ /9.DK if voted/

(IF "YES, DID VOTE") 35a. Did you vote for

/1.Stevenson/ or /2.Eisenhower/ ?

36. Some people don't pay much attention to the political campaigns. How about you, would you say that you were very much interested, somewhat interested, or not much interested in following the political campaigns this year?

/1.Very much interested/ /3.Somewhat interested/ /5.Not much interested/

37. During the election campaign did you talk to any people and try to show them why they should vote for one of the parties or candidates?

/1.Yes/ /5.No/ /9.Don't know/

38. One of the things we need to know is whether or not people really did get to vote this fall. In talking to people about the election we find that a lot of them weren't able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or something else came up at the last minute. Do you remember for sure whether or not you voted in the November election?

/1.Yes, definitely/ /3.Yes, think so/ /5.No/ /9.Don't know/

(IF "NO,
DID NOT VOTE"
TO Q.38)

39. Who would you have voted for for Congress if you had voted?
(IF R DOESN T KNOW CANDIDATE'S NAME) Which party was that?

(SKIP TO Q.45)

(IF "YES" OF ANY SORT, CONTINUE WITH Q.40)

40. We would like to know how strongly you felt about the importance of voting in this election. Would you say you cared a great deal whether or not you voted, cared somewhat, or didn't care too much this time?

/1.Cared great deal/ /3.Cared somewhat/ /5.Didn't care too much/

- 40a. Was there any special contest that you were more interested in than others?

41. How about the vote for congressman? Did you vote for a candidate for congress?

/Yes/ [No]

- (IF YES) 41a. Who did you vote for? (IF R DOES NOT KNOW CANDIDATE'S NAME) Which party was that?

- 41b. What would you say was the most important reason for voting for him?

- 41c. How long before the election did you decide that you were going to vote the way you did?

- 41d. When you voted for congressman, did you feel that it was a lot better to vote for the (R)(D) candidate, somewhat better, or that it didn't make much difference which one you voted for?

/1.Lot better/ /3.Somewhat better/ /5.No difference/

42. How about the election for United States Senator? Did you vote for a candidate for Senator?

/Yes/ [No]

- (IF YES) 42a. Who did you vote for? (IF R DOES NOT KNOW CANDIDATE'S NAME) Which party was that?

43. How about the vote for Governor here in (STATE)? Did you vote for a candidate for Governor? /Yes/ /No/

(IF YES) 43a. Who did you vote? (IF R DOES NOT KNOW CANDIDATE'S NAME)
Which party was that?

44. How about the elections for state and local offices--did you vote a straight ticket or did you vote for candidates from different parties?

(IF VOTING A STRAIGHT TICKET) 44a. Which party did you vote for?

/Democrat/ /Republican/ other(SPECIFY)

(ASK OF EVERYONE)

45. Some districts choose candidates for congress in a primary election. Others do it different ways. Was there a primary election in this district earlier this year? /1.Yes/ /5.No/ /9.Don't know, not sure/

(IF YES) 45a. We find that a lot of people don't pay much attention to primary elections. Do you remember whether or not you voted in the primary election for congressman this year?

/Yes,did vote/ /5.No, did not vote/ /9.Don't know, not sure/

(IF YES) 45b. Who did you vote for? _____

45c. Which party was that? _____

45d. Was there any special contest in the primary that you were more interested in than others?

END OF SECTION I

SECTION II

SECTION II - ASK OF NEW RESPONDENTS AND OF OLD P417 RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE NOT MOVED.

DO NOT ASK OF MOVERS: IF R IS AN OLD P417 RESPONDENT WHO HAS MOVED FROM HIS P417 ADDRESS, SKIP TO SECTION THREE (STARTING Q. 77)

Now I'd like to ask you a little more about the elections here in this district.

46. How does the election for congress usually go in this district? Do the Democrats win about as often as the Republicans or does one party win most of the time?

/1.One wins/ /3.About equal/ /9.Don't know/ other(SPECIFY) _____

(IF ONE PARTY
USUALLY WINS)

46a. Which party is that? /1.Democrat/ /2.Republican/

46b. Do they usually win by quite a big margin or is the election fairly close?

46c. Has this changed any over the past few years?

/1.Yes/ /5.No/ /9.Don't know/

(IF YES) 46d. Which way has it changed?

(IF ABOUT
EQUAL)

46e. Has this changed any over the past few years?

/1.Yes/ /5.No/ /9.Don't know/

(IF YES) 46f. Which way has it changed?

47. Do you happen to remember the name(s) of the candidate(s) for congress that ran in this district this November? Name Party

(FOR EACH NAME) 47a. Which party is he? _____

(IF ONLY ONE PARTY IS MENTIONED)

(OR IF "DON'T KNOW") 47b. Do you happen to know if both the parties ran candidates for congress in this district this November or was there only one candidate?

NOTE: FILL THIS IN BEFORE
TAKING INTERVIEW

R LIVES IN CONG. DISTRICT _____
(see map)

THE CANDIDATES ARE: _____

/1.Dem only/

/2.Rep only/

/3.Both/

/9.Don't know/

(IF DOES NOT KNOW MAJOR NAME(S) IN Q.47, GIVE NAME(S) OF CANDIDATE(S) AS NECESSARY)

Of course, the names aren't too important, but there were two major candidates, Mr. (NAME OF DEMOCRAT) ran on the Democratic ticket and Mr. (NAME OF REPUBLICAN) on the Republican.

48. Do you happen to know (if either one of these candidates)(if he) is already in congress?

/Yes/, _____ is in Congress

/5.Neither/

/9.Don't know/

(IF KNOWS WHICH
WAS INCUMBENT)

48a. Do you happen to remember anything special that he has done for this district or for the people in this district while which he has been a congressman? (IF YES) What was that?

48b. Has he ever helped you or done anything for you personally or for your family? (IF YES) What was that?

49. Now we're interested in knowing what sorts of persons people think these candidates are. Have you read or heard anything about Mr. (NAME OF REPUBLICAN)?

/1.Yes/ /5.No/ (IF YES, ASSUME R KNOWS REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE, AND
ASK Q.51-58)
(IF NO, OMIT Q.51-58)

50. How about Mr. (NAME OF DEMOCRAT)? Have you read or heard anything about Mr. (NAME OF DEMOCRAT)?

/1.Yes/ /5.No/ (IF YES, ASSUME R KNOWS DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE, AND
ASK Q.59-66)
(IF NO, OMIT Q.59-66)

(IF NO TO BOTH Q.49 and Q.50, SKIP TO Q.67)

(IF R KNOWS REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE -- "YES TO Q. 49")

51. Now about Mr. (NAME OF REPUBLICAN). Forgetting about his party for the moment, do you think of him as being the right sort of person to be a congressman, or don't you have an opinion on this?

/1.Is right sort/ /5.Is not right sort/ /9.Don't know/

(IF HAS AN OPINION) 51a. Why do you say that? _____

52. Is Mr. (NAME OF REPUBLICAN) the kind of man who understands the problems of people like yourself?

/1.Does understand/ /5.Does not understand/ /9.Don't know/

(IF OTHER THAN "DON'T KNOW") 52a. What do you have in mind? _____

(IF NOT ANSWERED IN Q.51 or 52)

- 52b. Would you say he himself is upper class, middle class, or working class?

/7.Upper/ /4.Middle/ /1.Working/ other(SPECIFY) _____

/1/ R ANSWERED READILY

/5/ R ANSWERED ONLY AFTER THOUGHT OR CONFUSION

- 52c. How about groups he is associated with? Do you ever think of him in connection with any business, farm or labor organizations, or with any other groups?

/1/ R ANSWERED READILY

/5/ R ANSWERED ONLY AFTER THOUGHT OR CONFUSION

52d. Do you happen to know whether he is Protestant, Catholic or Jewish?

/1. Protestant//2.Catholic//3.Jewish//9.Don't know/

/1/ R ANSWERED READILY

/5/ R ANSWERED ONLY AFTER THOUGHT OR CONFUSION

52e. Do you ever think of him as being in any special nationality group? (Which one?)

/1/ R ANSWERED READILY

/5/ R ANSWERED ONLY AFTER THOUGHT OR CONFUSION

(IF DON'T KNOW TO Q.51 and 52, SKIP Q.53-58)

53. On questions of military or economic help to other countries in the world, would you say that Mr. (NAME OF REPUBLICAN) generally is in favor of doing these things, is he opposed to them, or what?

(IF OTHER THAN "DON'T KNOW" TO Q.53)

53a. Do you like the stand he takes on this?

54. How about on questions of things here at home, things like the government seeing to it that people can find work or helping to build schools and houses? Would you say that Mr. (NAME OF REPUBLICAN) generally is in favor of the government doing things like this, is he against them, or what?

(IF OTHER THAN "DON'T KNOW" TO Q.54)

54a. Do you like the stand he takes on this?

55. How about things like helping Negroes get good housing, schools, and jobs? Would you say that Mr. (NAME OF REPUBLICAN) generally is in favor of the government doing something about things like this, does he want the government to stay out of these things, or what?

- (IF OTHER THAN "DON'T KNOW" TO Q.55)
- 55a. Do you like the stand he takes on this?

(ASK ONLY IF R SEES CANDIDATE TAKING A STAND ON AT LEAST ONE OF ABOVE THREE - Q.53, 54, or 55)

56. How about stands Mr. (NAME OF REPUBLICAN) has taken on things like we have been talking about; do you recall any particular things he has done (FOR INCUMBENTS ONLY: or any votes he has cast in Congress)?

57. Is there anything (else) about Mr. (NAME OF REPUBLICAN) that made you want to vote for him?

58. Is there anything (else) that made you want to vote against him?

(IF R DOES NOT KNOW THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE -- "NO" to Q. 50 -- SKIP TO Q.67)

(IF R KNOWS DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE -- "YES" TO Q.50)

59. Now about Mr. (NAME OF DEMOCRAT). Forgetting about his party for the moment, do you think of him as being the right sort of person to be a congressman, or don't you have an opinion on this?

/1.Is right sort/ /5.Is not right sort/ /9.Don't know/

(IF HAS AN OPINION) 59a. Why do you say that?

60. Is Mr. (NAME OF DEMOCRAT) the kind of man who understands the problems of people like yourself?

/1.Does understand/ /5.Does not understand/ /9.Don't know/

(IF OTHER THAN "DON'T KNOW") 60a. What do you have in mind?

(IF NOT ANSWERED IN Q.59 or 60)

- 60b. Would you say he himself is upper class, middle class, or working class?

/1.Upper/ /4.Middle/ /1.Working/ other(SPECIFY) _____

/1/ R ANSWERED READILY

/5/ R ANSWERED ONLY AFTER THOUGHT OR CONFUSION

- 60c. How about groups he is associated with? Do you ever think of him in connection with any business, farm or labor organizations or with any other groups?

/1/ R ANSWERED READILY

/5/ R ANSWERED ONLY AFTER THOUGHT OR CONFUSION

- 60d. Do you happen to know whether he is Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish?

/1.Protestant/ /2.Catholic/ /3.Jewish/ /9.Don't know/

/1/ R ANSWERED READILY

/5/ R ANSWERED ONLY AFTER THOUGHT OR CONFUSION

60e. Do you ever think of him as being in any special nationality group? (Which one?) _____

/1/ R ANSWERED READILY

/5/ R ANSWERED ONLY AFTER THOUGHT OR CONFUSION

(IF DON'T KNOW TO Q.59 and 60, SKIP Q.61-66)

61. On questions of military or economic help to other countries in the world, would you say that Mr. (NAME OF DEMOCRAT) generally is in favor of doing these things, is he opposed to them, or what?

(IF OTHER THAN
"DON'T KNOW"
TO Q.61)

61a. Do you like the stand he takes on this?

62. How about on questions of things here at home, things like the government seeing to it that people can find work or helping to build schools and houses? Would you say that Mr. (NAME OF DEMOCRAT) generally is in favor of the government doing things like this, is he against them, or what?

(IF OTHER THAN
"DON'T KNOW"
TO Q.62)

62a. Do you like the stand he takes on this?

63. How about things like helping Negroes get good housing, schools, and jobs? Would you say that Mr. (NAME OF DEMOCRAT) generally is in favor of the government doing something about things like this, does he want the government to stay out of these things, or what?

(IF OTHER THAN
"DON'T KNOW"
TO Q.63)

63a. Do you like the stand he takes on this?

(ASK ONLY IF R SEES CANDIDATE TAKING A STAND ON AT LEAST ONE OF ABOVE THREE - Q.61, 62, or 63)

64. How about stands Mr. (NAME OF DEMOCRAT) has taken on things like we have been talking about; do you recall any particular things he has done (FOR INCUMBENTS ONLY: or any votes he has cast in Congress)?

65. Is there anything (else) about Mr. (NAME OF DEMOCRAT) that made you want to vote for him?

66. Is there anything (else) that made you want to vote against him?

(ASK OF ALL NON-MOVERS)

67. Sometimes when a man is elected to Congress the voters want him to do something he disagrees with. When this happens do you think he should do what the voters think best, or should he do what he thinks is best?

/1.Do what voters think best/ /3.It depends/ /5.Do what he thinks best/

/9.Don't know/

68. On most issues, should a congressman support the position his party takes when something comes up for a vote, or should he make up his own mind regardless of how his party wants him to vote?

/1.Support party/ /3.It depends/ /5.Make up own mind/

/9.Don't know/

69. In general, which do you think has the most say in the way our government is run--the congress, the president, or are they about equal?

/1.Congress/ /2.President/ /3.Equal/ /4.Depends/ /9.Don't know/

70. When it comes to doing something about problems like unemployment and recessions, which would you say is more important--the congress or the president--or are they about equally important?

/1.Congress/ /2.President/ /3.Equal/ /4.Depends/ /9.Don't know/

71. Some people say the president is in the best position to see what the country needs. Other people think the president may have good ideas about what the country needs, but it is up to the congress to decide what ought to be done. How do you feel about this?

/1.President in best position/ /2.It is up to congress/ /3.Depends/

/9.Don't know/

Now I'd like to talk about some of the different ideas people have about the government in Washington and see how you feel about them. These opinions don't refer to Democrats or Republicans in particular but just to the government in general. For example:

- 72.1 Do you think that quite a few of the people running the government are a little crooked, not very many are, or do you think hardly any of them are crooked at all?

/5.Quite a lot/ /3.Not many/ /1.Hardly any/

- 72.2 Do you think that people in the government waste a lot of the money we pay in taxes, waste some of it, or don't waste very much of it?

/5.A lot/ /3.Some/ /1.Not much/

- 72.3 How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right--just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

/1.Always/ /3.Most of time/ /5.Some of the time/

- 72.4 Do you think that the high-up people in government give everyone a fair break whether they are big shots or just ordinary people, or do you think some of them pay more attention to what the big interests want?

/1.Give everyone a fair break/ /5.Pay attention to big shots/

- 72.5 Do you feel that almost all of the people running the government are smart people who usually know what they are doing, or do you think that quite a few of them don't seem to know what they are doing?

/1.Know what they're doing/ /5.Don't know what they're doing/

Now here is something a little different. It helps us know what kinds of people we have talked to if we find out how they feel about other things besides politics. For example:

- 73.1 Have you usually felt pretty sure your life would work out the way you want it to, or have there been times when you haven't been very sure about it?

/1.Pretty sure/ /5.Sometimes not very sure/

- 73.2 When people disagree with you, do you sometimes start to wonder whether you're right, or do you nearly always feel sure of yourself even when people disagree with you?

/5.Wonder/ /1.Feel sure/

- 73.3 Do you feel that you are the kind of person that gets his share of bad luck, or do you feel that you have mostly good luck?

/5.Bad luck/ /1.Mostly good luck/

- 73.4 Would you say that quite often you have trouble making up your mind about important decisions, or don't you feel you ever have much trouble making up your mind on important decisions?

/5.Quite often/ /1.Not much trouble/

- 73.5 When you make plans ahead do you usually get to carry things out the way you expected, or do things usually come up to make you change your plans?

/1.Things work as expected/ /5.Have to change plans/

- 74.1 Which of these types of people would you generally prefer--the practical man or the man of ideas?

/5.Practical man/

/1.Man of ideas/

- 74.2 If something grows up over a long time do you think there is certain to be much wisdom in it, or do you think sometimes it may get pretty old-fashioned?

/5.Much wisdom/

/1.Is old-fashioned/

- 74.3 Do you think it's always a good idea to look for new ways of doing things, or do you think in some cases it's better to stick by what you have than to be trying new things you don't really know about?

/1.Look for the new/

/5.Stick by what you have/

- 74.4 Do you think we usually should respect the work of our forefathers and not think that we know better than they did, or do you think that we must figure out our problems for ourselves.

/5.Respect forefathers/

/1.Figure out for selves/

- 74.5 Do you think that a person has many worthwhile ideas whatever his age, or do you feel that usually a man doesn't get to have much wisdom until he's well along in years?

/1.Ideas whatever age/

/5.Wisdom comes late/

ECONOMIC BEHAVIOR

EB1. Do you people expect to buy a car during the next twelve months or so?

EB 1a. Does anyone else in the family expect to buy a car during the next twelve months?

(IF YES) EB 1b. Will it be a new or a used car?

/New/ /Used/ /Uncertain/

EB2. Do you think the 1959 models differ much from the 1958 models, or are they about the same, or don't you know?

(IF DIFFERENT) EB 2a. In what ways do they differ?

EB 2b. Do you think they differ just a little or quite a lot?

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(ASK ONLY OF P417 RESPONDENT WHO HAS MOVED FROM 1956 ADDRESS)

77. Now I'd like to ask you some questions about the chances of our country getting into war. Would you say that at the present time you are pretty worried about this country getting into another war, somewhat worried, or not worried at all?

/5.Pretty worried/ /3.Somewhat worried/ /1.Not worried/

78. During the last few years do you think our chances of staying out of war have been getting better, getting worse, or stayed the same?

/1.Getting better/ /5.Getting worse/ /3.Stayed the same/

79. Now looking ahead, do you think the problem of keeping out of war would be handled better in the next four years by the Republicans, or by the Democrats, or about the same by both?

/5.Better by Republicans/ /1.Better by Democrats/ /3.Same by both/

- 79a. (IF REPUBLICANS OR DEMOCRATS WOULD HANDLE BETTER)

Why is that?

Now I'd like to read some of the kinds of things people tell us when we interview them and ask you whether you agree or disagree with them. I'll read them one at a time and you just tell me whether you agree or disagree.

- 80a. People like me don't have any say about what the government does. /1/ Agree /5/ Disagree

- 80b. Voting is the only way that people like me can have any say about how the government runs things. /1/ Agree /5/ Disagree

- 80c. It isn't so important to vote when you know your party doesn't have any chance to win. /1/ Agree /5/ Disagree

- 80d. So many other people vote in the national elections that it doesn't matter much to me whether I vote or not. /1/ Agree /5/ Disagree

- 80e. Sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on. /1/ Agree /5/ Disagree

- 80f. If a person doesn't care how an election comes out he shouldn't vote in it. /1/ Agree /5/ Disagree

- 80g. A good many local elections aren't important enough to bother with. /1/ Agree /5/ Disagree

- 80h. I don't think public officials care much what people like me think. /1/ Agree /5/ Disagree

Now, for the last questions, here is something different. I have some statements which I will read to you and I would like you to tell me whether you agree or disagree with them. I will read them one at a time and you just tell me whether you agree or disagree and whether you agree or disagree a little or quite a bit.

81.1 I prefer the practical man anytime to the man of ideas.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

81.2 If you start trying to change things very much, you usually make them worse.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

81.3 If something grows up over a long time, there will always be much wisdom in it.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

81.4 It's better to stick by what you have than to be trying new things you don't really know about.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

81.5 We must respect the work of our forefathers and not think that we know better than they did.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

81.6 A man doesn't really get to have much wisdom until he's well along in years.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

81.7 The artist and the professor are probably more important to society than the business man and the manufacturer.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

81.8 The findings of science may someday show that many of our most deeply-held beliefs are wrong.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

82.1 Human nature being what it is, there must always be war and conflict.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

82.2 People ought to pay more attention to new ideas, even if they seem to go against the American way of life.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

82.3 What young people need most of all is strict discipline by their parents.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

82.4 Most people who don't get ahead just don't have enough will power.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

82.5 It is highly unlikely that astrology will ever be able to explain anything.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

82.6 Sex criminals deserve more than prison; they should be whipped in public or worse.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

82.7 An urge to jump from high places is probably the result of unhappy personal experiences rather than something inborn.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

82.8 Bosses should say just what is to be done and exactly how to do it if they expect us to do a good job.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

83.1 I would rather decide things when they come up than always try to plan ahead.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

83.2 I have always felt pretty sure my life would work out the way I wanted it to.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

83.3 I seem to be the kind of person that has more bad luck than good luck.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

83.4 I never have any trouble making up my mind about important decisions.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

83.5 I have always felt that I have more will power than most people have.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

83.6 There's not much use for me to plan ahead because there's usually something that makes me change my plans.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

83.7 I nearly always feel pretty sure of myself even when people disagree with me.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

83.8 I have often had the feeling that it's no use to try to get anywhere in this life.

/1.Agree, lot/ /2.Agree, little/ /4.Disagree, little/ /5.Disagree, lot/

PERSONAL DATA: ASK EVERYONE

(BY OBSERVATION)

PD1. Sex of R: /1.Male/ /2.Female/PD2. Race of R: /1.White/ /2.Negro/ /3.Other/
(specify) _____

PD3. Number of adults in household: _____

PD4. Relationship of R to head: /1. Is head/ /2.Wife/
Other _____

PD5. Age of R: _____

PD6. Age of Head, if R not head: _____

PD7. (IF NOT ALREADY ASCERTAINED) Are you married, single, divorced,
separated, or widowed?/1.Married/ /2.Single/ /3.Divorced/ /4.Separated/ /5.Widowed/

PD8. How many children are there under 18 years old in this family? _____

PD9. What age is the youngest child? _____

PD10. How many grades of school did you finish?

/None/ /1/ /2/ /3/ /4/ /5/ /6/ /7/ /8/ /9/ /10/ /11/ /12/(IF
HIGH
SCHOOL)

PD10a. Have you had any schooling other than high school?

/Yes/ /No/(IF YES) PD10b. What other schooling have you had?

_____(IF ATTENDED
COLLEGE)

PD10c. Do you have a college degree?

/Yes/ /No/PD11. What is your occupation? I mean, what kind of work do you do? (IF NOT
ASCERTAINED) What kind of business is that?

(IF R
IS
EMPLOYED)

PD11a. Have you been out of a job anytime in the past two years when you didn't want to be? /1.Yes/ /5.No/

(IF YES) PD11b. When was that?

From _____ to _____
(Month & Year) (Month & Year)

PD11c. Do you work for yourself or someone else?

/1.Self/ /2.Someone else/

(IF R
IS
UNEM-
PLOYED)

PD11d. What kind of work do you usually do?

PD11e. How long have you been without work?

(IF R
IS
RETIRED)

PD11 . What kind of work did you do before you retired?

(ASK ONLY IF R IS NOT HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD)

PD12. What kind of work does (HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD) do? (IF NOT ASCERTAINED)
What kind of business is that?

(IF HEAD
IS
EMPLOYED)

PD12a. Has he been out of a job anytime in the past two years when he didn't want to be? /1.Yes/ /5.No/

(IF YES) PD12b. When was that?

From _____ to _____
(Month & Year) (Month & Year)

PD12c. Does he work for himself or for someone else?

/1.Self/ /2.Someone else/

(IF
HEAD IS
UNEM-
PLOYED)

PD12d. What kind of work does he usually do?

PD12e. How long has he been without work?

(IF HEAD
IS
RETIRED?)

PD12f. What kind of work did he do before he retired?

(FOR THOSE RESPONDENTS NOT IN FARM HOUSEHOLDS, SKIP TO PD20)

(ASK WHERE A FARM OCCUPATION IS GIVEN FOR R OR HEAD)

PD13. About how much do you folks farm, /1.Full-time/ or just /3.Part/ of the time?

PD14. Do you /1.own/ your farm, /2.manage/ it, /3.rent/ it or what?

PD15. How much land do you farm? _____

PD16. What kind of farming do you do here mostly? _____

PD17. Over the past four years have prices you get for the things you produce gone up, have they gone down, or have they stayed about the same?

(IF UP OR DOWN) PD17a. Would you say they have gone (up)(down) a lot or just a little?

/1.Up a lot/ /2.Up little/ /3.Same/ /4.Down little/ /5.Down lot/
/9.Don't know/

PD18. How much effect do you think government farm policies have had on what you get for your crops, a lot, some or not much at all?

/1.Lot/ /3.Some/ /5.Not much at all/

PD19. Now here is a problem that farmers are concerned about these days. Would you tell me whether you would agree or disagree with this statement?

If a farmer can't sell things he raises at a profit, the government should buy them and limit the amount the farmer can produce. (strongly or not so strongly?)

/1.Strong, agree/ /2.Agree/ /4.Disagree/ /5.Strong, disagree/

PD20. Does anyone in this household belong to a labor union? /yes/ /0.No/

(IF YES)

PD 20a. Who is it that belongs? /1/ Respondent

/2/ Head (not R)

/4/ Someone else in household

PD 20b. What union is that?

(e.g. UMW, AFT, UAW, ILGU)

PD 20c. About how long have you (has he) belonged to this union?

Some union members feel they have a lot in common with other union members; but others we talk to don't feel this way so much. How about you (or head)?

PD 20d. Would you say you (or head) feel pretty close to labor union members in general or that you don't feel much closer to them than you do to other kinds of people?

/1.Feel pretty close/ /5.Not closer than to others/

PD 20e. How much interest would you say you (or head) have in how union people as a whole are getting along in this country? Do you have a good deal of interest in it, some interest, or not much interest at all?

/1.Good deal/ /3.Some/ /5.Not much at all/

PD21. Is your church preference Protestant, Catholic or Jewish?

/1.Protestant/ /2.Catholic/ /3.Jewish/ /4.Other/ /5.None/

PD 21a. Would you say you go to church /1/ regularly

/2/ often

/4/ seldom or

/5/ never?

(ASK WHERE R IS CATHOLIC)

Some Catholics feel they have a lot in common with other Catholics; but others we talk to don't feel this way so much. How about you?

PD 21b. Would you say that you feel pretty close to Catholics in general or that you don't feel much closer to them than you do to other people?

/1.Feel pretty close/ /5.Not closer than to others/

PD 21c. How much interest would you say you have in how Catholic people as a whole are getting along in this country? Do you have a good deal of interest in it, some interest, or not much interest at all?

/1.Good deal/ /3.Some/ /5.Not much at all/

(ASK WHERE R IS JEWISH)

Some Jews feel they have a lot in common with other Jews; but others we talk to don't feel this way so much. How about you?

PD21d. Would you say you feel pretty close to Jews in general or that you don't feel much closer to them than you do to other people?

/1.Feel pretty close/ /5.Not closer than to others/

PD21e. How much interest would you say you have in how Jewish people as a whole are getting along in this country? Do you have a good deal of interest in it, some interest, or not much interest at all?

/1.Good deal/ /3.Some/ /5.Not much at all/

(ASK WHERE R IS NEGRO)

Some Negroes feel they have a lot in common with other Negroes; but others we talk to don't feel this way so much. How about you?

PD22. Would you say you feel pretty close to Negroes in general or that you don't feel much closer to them than you do to other people?

/1.Feel pretty close/ /5.Not closer than to others/

PD22a. How much interest would you say you have in how Negroes as a whole are getting along in this country? Do you have a good deal of interest in it, some interest, or not much interest at all?

/1.Good deal/ /3.Some/ /5.Not much at all/

(ASK EVERYONE)

There's quite a bit of talk these days about different social classes. Most people say they belong either to the middle class or to the working class.

PD23. Do you ever think of yourself as being in one of these classes?

/1.Yes/ /5.No/

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(IF YES TO Q.PD23)

PD 23a. Which one? /Middle class/ /Working class/

PD 23b. Would you say that you are about an average (CLASS SELECTED) person or that you are in the upper part of the (CLASS SELECTED)?

/Average/ /Upper part/

(IF NO TO Q.PD23)

PD 23c. Well, if you had to make a choice, would you call yourself /Middle class/ or /Working class/ ?

PD 23d. Would you say that you are about an average (CLASS SELECTED) person or that you are in the upper part of the (CLASS SELECTED)?

/Average/ /Upper part/

PD24. Where were you born? (IF UNITED STATES) Which state?

(DO
NOT
ASK
OF
NEGROES
OR
FOREIGN
BORN)

PD25. Were both your parents born in this country? /Yes/ /No/

(IF YES)

PD 25a. Which country did your father's parents come from?

PD 25b. Which country did your mother's parents come from?

(IF NO)

PD 25c. Which country was your father born in?

PD 25d. Which country was your mother born in?

PD26. What kind of work did your father do for a living while you were growing up?

PD27. What part of the United States did you grow up in? (WHICH STATE OR STATES?)

(IF R GREW UP IN
STATE DIFFERENT
FROM CURRENT RESIDENCE)

PD 27a. How old were you when you came to
this state?

PD28. Were you brought up mostly on a farm, in a town, in a small city, or in a large city? (IF SMALL OR LARGE CITY) Which city was that?

PD29. How long have you lived in this house?

(IF LESS THAN "ALL OF LIFE") PD 29a. Where did you live before you moved to this house?

PD 29b. How would you compare this neighborhood with the one you left?

Is this one: /Newer/ /Older/ /About the same/ ?

Is it: /Less Expensive/ /More Expensive/ /About the same/ ?

Is it: Closer to Center Further Out from About the
of the City Center of the City same ?

PD30. About what do you think your total income will be this year for yourself and your immediate family?

/0.Under \$1,000/ /1.\$1,000-1,999/ /2.\$2,000-2,999/ /3.\$3,000-3,999/

/4.\$4,000-4,999/ /5.\$5,000-5,999/ /6.\$6,000-7,499/ /7.\$7,500-9,999/

/8.\$10,000-14,999/ /9.\$15,000 or over/

(AT END OF INTERVIEW BE SURE TO FILL OUT NAME AND
ADDRESS CARD IF YOU USED A SELECTION TABLE TO
CHOOSE A NEW RESPONDENT)

RESPONDENT gave name and address

RESPONDENT did not wish to give name and address

THUMBNAIL SKETCH

(Please include any insights as to the nature of the interview which will increase our understanding of the answers. Please include also a brief physical description of the respondent, to help in identifying him for any later interviews.)