

VERSION A QUESTIONNAIRE

COGNITIVE TESTING (ROUND 1)
VOTING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT (VCE) SUPPLEMENT TO CPS

DEMOGRAPHICS

First, I need to collect some demographic information.

A. What is your name?

B. What is your date of birth?

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C. (Ask only if necessary.)

Are you Male or Female?

Male

Female

E. Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino ?

Yes

No

F. I am going to read you a list of five race categories. Please choose one or more races that you consider yourself to be: White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; OR Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.

White,

Black or African American

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Other

G. What is the highest level of school you have completed or highest degree you've received?

Less than High School

High School Diploma or GED

Some College

Bachelor's Degree

Master's Degree

Ph.D.

Professional Degree

H. How many people are living or staying in your house/apartment/mobile home?

Number ____

LABOR FORCE QUESTIONS INTRO

I am going to ask a few questions about work-related activities LAST WEEK.

By last week, I mean the week beginning on Sunday, August/September _____, and ending on Saturday, August/September_____.

LF1 Last week, did you do any work for either pay or profit?

- Yes - Go to LF3
- No - Go to LF2
- Retired - Go to LF5

- Don't know - Go to LF5
- Refused - Go to LF5

LF2 Last week, were you temporarily absent from a job?

- Yes - Go to LF3
- No - Go to LF5
- Retired - Go to LF5

- Don't know - Go to LF-5
- Refused - Go to LF-5

LF3 How many hours per week do you usually work at your job?

- _____ hours - Go to LF4
- Hours vary - Go to LF4

- Don't know - Go to LF4
- Refused - Go to LF4

LF4

What kind of work do you usually do at (your/his/her) job?

Work: _____ . Go to V1

- Don't know - Go to V1
- Refused - Go to V1

LF5 During the last four weeks, have you been actively looking for work?

- Yes - Go to V1
- No - Go to V1
- Retired - Go to V1
- Don't know - Go to V1
- Refused - Go to V1

VOTING SUPPLEMENT

V1. This month we have some additional questions concerning voting and registration.

In any election, some people are not able to vote because they are sick or busy or have some other reason, and others do not want to vote. On November 7, 2006, there were general national elections for political offices such as senators, congressman, and governors. Did you vote in the election held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006?

- Yes - Go to V5
- No - Go to V2
- DK - Go to V2
- Refused - Go to V2

V2. Were you registered to vote in the November 7, 2006 election?

- Yes - Go to Check Item 1
- No - Go to V3

- DK- Go to V8
- Refused - Go to V8

Check Item 1

If V1 = No - Go to V4

Else - Go to V7

V3. Which of the following was the MAIN reason you were not registered to vote?

[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY TO THE RESPONDENT. Mark only ONE answer]

- Did not meet registration deadlines
- Did not know where or how to register
- Did not meet residency requirements/did not live here long enough
- Permanent illness or disability
- Difficulty with English
- Not interested in the election or not involved in politics
- My vote would not make a difference
- Not eligible to vote
- Other reason _____

- DK
- Refused

GO TO V8

V4. What was the main reason you did not vote?

[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY TO THE RESPONDENT. Mark only ONE answer]

- Illness or disability (own or family's)
- Out of town or away from home
- Forgot to vote (or sent in absentee ballot)
- Not interested, felt my vote wouldn't make a difference
- Too busy, conflicting work or school schedule
- Transportation problems
- Didn't like candidates or campaign issues
- Registration problems (i.e. didn't receive absentee ballot, not registered in current location.)
- Bad weather conditions
- Inconvenient hours, polling place or hours or lines too long
- Other _____

- Don't know
- Refused

GO TO V7

V5. Did you vote in person or did you vote by mail?

- In person
- By mail

- Don't know
- Refused

GO TO V6

V6. Was that on election day or before election day?

- On election day
- Before election day

- Don't know
- Refused

GO TO V7

V7. There are various places and ways people can register to vote. The last time you registered, how did you register to vote?

[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY TO THE RESPONDENT. Enter only ONE answer.]

- At a department of motor vehicles (for example, when obtaining a driver's license or other identification card)
- At a public assistance agency (for example, a Medicaid, AFDC, or Food Stamps office, an office serving disabled persons, or an unemployment office)
- Registered by mail
- At a school, hospital, or on campus
- Went to a town hall or county/government registration office
- Filled out form at a registration drive (library, post office or someone came to your door.)
- Registered at polling place (on election or primary day)
- Other

- Don't know
- Refused

GO TO V8

V8. How long have you lived at this address?

- Less than 1 month
 - 1-6 months
 - 7-11 months
 - 1-2 years
 - 3-4 years
 - 5 years or longer

 - Don't know
 - Refused
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VOTING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT QUESTIONS

1. In any election, some people are not able to vote for various reasons. Thinking about elections for LOCAL government officials over the past two years, have you voted in all of them, most of them, some of them, or none of them?

- All of them
- Most of them
- Some of them
- None of them
- DK
- Refused

PRE-SUP

Lead-in - **The next set of questions are about people's involvement and communication within their communities.**

2. In a TYPICAL MONTH, when communicating with family or friends, how often are politics discussed -- basically every day, a few times a week, a few times a month, once a month or not at all?

- Basically every day
- A few times a week
- A few times a month
- Once a month
- Not at all
- DK
- Refused

3. I am going to read some ways that people get news and information. Please tell me how often you do each of the following in a TYPICAL MONTH:

(a) Read a newspaper in print or on the Internet - basically every day, a few times a week, a few times a month, once a month or not at all?

- Basically every day
- A few times a week
- A few times a month
- Once a month
- Not at all
- DK
- Refused

(b) Read news magazines such as Newsweek or Time, in print or on the Internet - basically every day, a few times a week, a few times a month, once a month or not at all?

- Basically every day

- A few times a week
- A few times a month
- Once a month
- Not at all
- DK
- Refused

© Watch the news on television or get news from television internet sites - basically every day, a few times a week, a few times a month, once a month or not at all?

- Basically every day
- A few times a week
- A few times a month
- Once a month
- Not at all
- DK
- Refused

(d) Listen to the news on the radio or get news from radio internet sites - basically every day, a few times a week, a few times a month, once a month or not at all?

- Basically every day
- A few times a week
- A few times a month
- Once a month
- Not at all
- DK
- Refused

(e) Obtain news from any other Internet sources that we have not previously asked about such as blogs, chat rooms, independent news services - basically every day, a few times a week, a few times a month, once a month or not at all?

- Basically every day
- A few times a week
- A few times a month
- Once a month
- Not at all
- DK
- Refused

4. I am going to read a list of things some people have done to express their views. Please tell me whether or not you have done any of the following in the last 12 months, that is between September 2006 and now:

(a) Contacted or visited a public official - at any level of government - to express your opinion?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Attended a meeting where political issues are discussed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
© Bought or boycotted a certain product or service because of the social or political values of the company that provides it?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Taken part in a march, rally, protest or demonstration?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Showed support for a particular political candidate or party by distributing campaign materials, fundraising, making a donation or in some other way?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

5. Now I would like to ask about groups or organizations in which people sometimes participate. I will read a list of types of organizations. Please tell me whether or not you have participated in any of these groups during the last 12 months, that is between September 2006 and now:

(a) A hobby, sports, arts, music or other leisure activity group?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(b) A service, social welfare, or fraternal organization?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
© A youth, parent, or school-support organization?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(d) A labor union or professional, trade, farm or business association?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(e) A neighborhood, ethnic or political organization?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(f) A church, synagogue, mosque or other religious institution or organization?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

6. In the last 12 months, between September 2006 and now, have you been an officer or served on a committee of any group or organization?

- Yes
- No
- DK
- Refused

7. In the last 12 months, between September 2006 and now, have you attended a meeting of any group or organization?

- Yes
- No
- DK
- Refused

(Do not ask Q8 for one person households.)

8. In a TYPICAL MONTH, how often do you eat dinner with any of the other members of your household - basically every day, a few times a week, a few times a month, once a month or not at all?

- Basically every day
- A few times a week
- A few times a month
- Once a month
- Not at all
- DK
- Refused

9. In a TYPICAL MONTH, how often, if at all, do you communicate with family or friends by Email or on the Internet - basically every day, a few times a week, a few times a month, once a month or not at all?

- Basically every day
- A few times a week
- A few times a month
- Once a month
- Not at all
- DK
- Refused

10. In a TYPICAL MONTH, how often do you talk with any of the neighbors in the 10 or 20 households that live nearest to you - basically every day, a few times a week, a few times a month, once a month or not at all?

- Basically every day
- A few times a week
- A few times a month
- Once a month
- Not at all
- DK
- Refused

11. In a TYPICAL MONTH how often do you and your neighbors do favors for each other? By favors we mean such things as watching each other's children, helping with shopping,

house sitting, lending garden or house tools, and other small acts of kindness - basically every day, a few times a week, a few times a month, once a month or not at all?

- Basically every day
- A few times a week
- A few times a month
- Once a month
- Not at all
- DK
- Refused

12a. About how many CLOSE FRIENDS do you have, if any? These are people you feel at ease with, can talk to about private matters, or call on for help. Would you say that you have no close friends, one or two, three to five, six to ten, or more than ten?

- No close friends (Skip to 13)
- One or two
- Three to five
- Six to ten
- More than ten
- DK
- Refused

12b. How many of these close friends have a college degree? _____

12c. How many did not graduate from high school? _____

12d. How many are of a different race than you? _____

12e. How many are from a different social or economic background than you?

13. We would like to ask a question about how you view other people generally; that is, those people other than your immediate family and close friends. Would you say most people can be trusted or that you cannot be too careful in dealing with people?

- Most people can be trusted
- You cannot be too careful in dealing with people
- It depends
- DK
- Refused

14. The last two questions are about federal laws. If you don't know the answers, just tell me and we'll go on.

(a) What individual or group of individuals has the responsibility to make the final decision on whether a law is constitutional or not - is it the Congress, the Supreme Court, or the President of the United States?

- Congress
- Supreme Court
- President of the United States
- DK
- Refused

(b) Do you happen to know how much of a majority is required for the U.S. Senate and House to override a presidential veto? Is it 51 percent, 60 percent, 67 percent or 80 percent?

- 51 percent
- 60 percent
- 67 percent
- 80 percent
- DK
- Refused