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The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) recently commissioned a study of neighborhood dynamics and their relationship to the effectiveness of community policing initiatives. We are from West Virginia University and are gathering information about these neighborhood views and dynamics. We want to understand concerns residents have about their safety, the police, and about crimes that happen in their neighborhoods. We also want to know what you think about this neighborhood as a place to live.

Your block was selected by chance and your household, along with others in the block, was randomly selected to complete a survey. The survey is entirely voluntary. If you decide to participate and then decide not to complete the survey, that is perfectly fine. It is very important that you know I won't ask your name or personal information that would identify you. You don't have to answer any questions you don't want to answer, and you can end the survey at any time. The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. If you have any questions about this survey, I will provide you with the name and telephone number to call to get more information.

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INTERVIEWER:	CENSUS TRACT #:
DATE:	FACE BLOCK:
CITY:	
NEIGHBORHOOD:	DATA ENTERED BY:

[SENSE OF COMMUNITY]

FIRST WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU CONSIDER TO BE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. BY NEIGHBORHOOD, WE MEAN THE AREA AROUND WHERE YOU LIVE AND AROUND YOUR HOUSE.

1. Does your neighborhood have a name?

YES NO DON'T KNOW REFUSED

What is it called? _____



2. The following questions ask about your overall sense of community and what it is like to live in your neighborhood. For each of these statements, please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree.

	Strongly Agree	→	Strongly Don't Disagree Know		
	4	3	2	1	
		Refused			
a. I think my neighborhood is a good place for me to live.	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
b. My neighbors and I want the same things from the neighborhood.	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
c. I can recognize most of the people who live on my block.	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
d. I feel at home in this neighborhood.	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Very few of my neighbors know me.	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
f. I care about what my neighbors think of my actions.	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
g. I have no influence over what this neighborhood is like.	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
h. If there is a problem in this neighborhood people who live here can get it solved.	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
i. It is very important to me to live in this particular neighborhood.	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
j. I expect to live in this neighborhood for a long time.	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
k. People around here are willing to help their neighbors.	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

l. This is a close-knit neighborhood.	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. People in this neighborhood can be trusted.	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n. People in this neighborhood generally don't get along with each other.	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o. People in this neighborhood generally do not share the same values.	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOW I'M GOING TO READ SOME STATEMENTS ABOUT THINGS THAT PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD MAY OR MAY NOT DO.

3. For each of these statements, please tell me how likely it is that people in your neighborhood would act in the following manner.

	Very Likely	→	Very Unlikely	Don't Know	Refused	
a. If a group of neighborhood children were skipping school and hanging out on a street corner, how likely is it that your neighbors would do something about it? Would you say it is very likely, likely, unlikely, or very unlikely?	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- If your neighbors were to intervene, what do you think they would most likely do?
1. Confront the children alone
 2. Confront them with neighbors
 3. Call their parents or guardians
 4. Call neighbors (organize meeting)
 5. Call authorities (police, school, mayor)
 6. Nothing, they would not intervene
 7. Other: _____

	Very Likely	→	Very Unlikely	Don't Know	Refused	
b. If some children were spray-painting graffiti on a local building, how likely is it that your neighbors would do something about it? Would you say it is very likely, likely, unlikely, or very unlikely?	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- If your neighbors were to intervene, what do you think they would most likely do?
1. Confront the children alone
 2. Confront them with neighbor(s)
 3. Call their parents or guardians
 4. Call neighbors (organize meeting)
 5. Call authorities (police, school, mayor)
 6. Nothing, they would not intervene
 7. Other: _____

	Very Likely	→	Very Unlikely	Don't Know	Refused	
c. If one of your neighbors is talking about killing him or herself, how likely is it that your neighbors would do something about it? Would you say it is very likely, likely, unlikely, or very unlikely?	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- If your neighbors were to intervene, what do you think they would most likely do?
1. Confront the person alone
 2. Confront the person with neighbor(s)

- 3. Call the person's relatives
- 4. Call neighbors (organize meeting)
- 5. Call authorities (police, school, mayor)
- 6. Nothing, they would not intervene
- 7. Other: _____

Very Likely → Very Unlikely Don't Know
Refused

d. If one of your neighbors is being beaten or threatened by a current or former domestic partner, how likely is it that your neighbors would do something about it? Would you say it is very likely, likely, unlikely, or very unlikely?

4 3 2 1

If your neighbors were to intervene, what do you think they would most likely do?

- 1. Confront the person alone
- 2. Confront the person with neighbor(s)
- 3. Call the victim's relatives for assistance
- 4. Call neighbors (organize meeting)
- 5. Call authorities (police, school, mayor)
- 6. Nothing, they would not intervene
- 7. Other: _____

Very Likely → Very Unlikely Don't Know Refused

e. If a child was showing disrespect to an adult, how likely is it that people in your neighborhood would do something about it?

4 3 2 1

If your neighbors were to intervene, what do you think they would most likely do?

- 1. Confront the child alone
- 2. Confront him or her with neighbors
- 3. Call the parents or guardians
- 4. Call neighbors (organize meeting)
- 5. Call authorities (police, school, mayor)
- 6. Nothing, they would not intervene
- 7. Other: _____

Very Likely → Very Unlikely Don't Know Refused

f. If there was a fight in front of your house and someone was being beaten or threatened, how likely is it that your neighbors would do something about it?

4 3 2 1

If your neighbors were to intervene, what do you think they would most likely do?

- 1. Confront them alone
- 2. Confront them with neighbors
- 3. Call their relatives
- 4. Call neighbors (organize meeting)
- 5. Call authorities (police, school, mayor)
- 6. Nothing, they would not intervene
- 7. Other: _____

Very Likely → Very Unlikely Don't Know Refused

g. Suppose that a flood or other natural disaster occurred and affected your neighborhood. How likely is it that your neighbors would do something about it? Would you say it is very likely, likely, unlikely, or very unlikely?

4 3 2 1

h. **Suppose that because of budget cuts the fire station closest to your home was going to be closed down by the city. How likely is it that your neighbors would organize to do something to keep the fire station open?**

4 3 2 1

i. **Suppose a person returned to your neighborhood from prison. How likely is it that your neighbors would help out? Would you say it is very likely, likely, unlikely, or very unlikely?**

4 3 2 1

[PSYCHO-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT]

Now I'm going to read a series of statements that deal with your feelings about your neighbors, the police, and how these relate to crime and safety in your neighborhood.

4. For each of these statements, I want you to rate how strongly you feel on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is very strongly disagree and 10 is very strongly agree

	Very Strongly Disagree	—————→								Very Strongly Agree
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
a. I am confident the police can keep us safe.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
b. When called, the police do nothing.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
c. I rely heavily on my neighbors to prevent neighborhood crime.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
d. I am willing to pay more taxes so that the police can protect us.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
e. My neighbors and I don't get along with one another.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
f. My neighbors and I rely more on each other than the police to resolve minor community problems.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
g. I rely more on the police than my neighbors to resolve minor community problems.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
h. I think the police don't seem to care.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
i. I am willing to help other neighbors.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
j. I think that the local government is ultimately responsible for solving the problems in this neighborhood.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
k. I feel frustrated with the police.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
l. My neighbors and I watch out for each other.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
m. I am more likely to rely on the police than neighbors for community safety.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
n. I feel frustrated with my neighbors.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
o. I think that people in the neighborhood can be trusted.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
p. I rely heavily on the police to know what is going on in the neighborhood.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
q. My neighbors and I are incapable of working together to prevent crime problems.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
r. My neighbors and I rely on each other to know what is going on in the neighborhood.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
s. I rely on the police - more than neighbors - to pass on important information about problems in the	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

neighborhood.											
t.	I don't think the police do the right things when they are in the neighborhood.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	$\frac{1}{0}$
u.	I rely on residents - more than the police - to pass on important information to fellow neighbors.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	$\frac{1}{0}$

[SAFETY]

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ALSO RELATE TO YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT CRIME AND SAFETY IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

For the next few questions, I'd like you to tell me whether you would feel very safe, safe, unsafe, or very unsafe.

	Very Safe	→	Very Unsafe	Don't Know	
	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5. How safe would you feel being out alone in your neighborhood during the day?					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6. How safe would you feel if you were out alone at night in your neighborhood?					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7. How safe would you feel leaving your car doors unlocked for short periods of time while parked in your neighborhood?					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

8. How do you think your neighborhood compares with other neighborhoods in the city? Is it more dangerous, about the same, or less dangerous?

More dangerous
 About the same
 Less dangerous
 DON'T KNOW
 REFUSED

9. Are there any specific places in your neighborhood that many people try to avoid because they think these places might be dangerous? Would you say there are many places, some places, few places, or no places?

Many
 Some
 Few
 None
 DON'T KNOW
 REFUSED

[ATTACHMENT]

NOW I'M GOING TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS THAT DEAL WITH FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT TOWARD YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

10. Do you feel that you are part of the neighborhood, or that it's just a place to live?

Part of the neighborhood
 Just a place to live
 DON'T KNOW
 REFUSED

11. As a member of your neighborhood, how responsible do you feel for things that happen around here? No responsibility, some responsibility, or a big responsibility?

No responsibility
 Some responsibility
 A big responsibility
 DON'T KNOW
 REFUSED

12. How attached do you feel to your neighborhood? Strongly attached, moderately attached, only somewhat attached, or not attached at all?

Strongly attached
 Moderately attached
 Only somewhat attached
 Not attached at all
 DON'T KNOW
 REFUSED

13. All things considered, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with this neighborhood as a place to live? Completely satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, completely dissatisfied?

Completely satisfied Somewhat satisfied Somewhat dissatisfied
Completely dissatisfied DON'T KNOW REFUSED

14. Have you ever seriously considered moving out of your neighborhood?

YES NO DON'T KNOW REFUSED

NEXT WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIP TIES AND INTERACTIONS YOU HAVE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. NOT COUNTING THOSE WHO LIVE WITH YOU...

15. How many of your relatives or in-laws live in your neighborhood? Would you say, none, one or two, three to five, six to nine, ten or more?

None One or two Three to five Six to nine Ten or more DON'T
KNOW REFUSED

16. How many close friends do you have in your neighborhood?

None One or two Three to five Six to nine Ten or more DON'T
KNOW REFUSED

17. How many close friends do you have who live outside your neighborhood?

None One or two Three to five Six to nine Ten or more DON'T
KNOW REFUSED

18. About how often do you and people in your neighborhood do favors for each other? By favors we mean such things as watching each other's children, helping with shopping, lending garden or house tools, and other small acts. Would you say often, sometimes, rarely, or never?

Often Sometimes Rarely Never DON'T KNOW REFUSED

19. When a neighbor is not at home, how often do you and other neighbors watch over their property? Would you say often, sometimes, rarely, or never?

Often Sometimes Rarely Never DON'T KNOW REFUSED

20. How often do you and other people in the neighborhood ask each other for advice about personal things such as child rearing or job openings? Often, sometimes, rarely, or never?

Often Sometimes Rarely Never DON'T KNOW REFUSED

21. How often do you and other people in this neighborhood visit in each other's homes or on the street? Would you say often, sometimes, rarely, or never?

Often Sometimes Rarely Never DON'T KNOW REFUSED

[DISORDER]

FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THINGS THAT ARE PROBLEMS FOR SOME PEOPLE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD.

22. For each item I'd like you to tell me if it is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem at all in your neighborhood.

	Big Problem	Somewhat a Problem	Not a Problem	Don't know	Refused
a. Vandalism, like people breaking windows or spray painting buildings? (Big problem, somewhat of a problem, not a problem, DK)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Vacant houses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. People who don't keep up their properties or yards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. People who say insulting things or bother people when they walk down the street?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Litter and trash in the streets?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Vacant lots with trash or junk?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Groups of teenagers hanging out?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The amount of noise in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Bad elements moving in?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. People fighting and arguing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Crime?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

[INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY ACTION]

HERE WE ARE INTERESTED IN THE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS PEOPLE JOIN IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. FOR EACH ACTIVITY OR GROUP, TELL ME IF YOU OR OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATE.

23. Have you or other members of your household worked on a community project?

YES NO DON'T KNOW REFUSED

24. Have you or other members of your household attended a community meeting?

YES NO DON'T KNOW REFUSED

25. Does your neighborhood have a crime prevention program or Neighborhood Watch?

YES NO DON'T KNOW REFUSED

26. Do you or any household members belong to any kind of Neighborhood Watch program, block group, tenant association, or community council?

YES → What is the name of the group? _____ NO DON'T KNOW
REFUSED

27. Do you or any household members belong to a business, civic, or political group in the area?

YES → What is the name of the group? _____ NO DON'T KNOW
REFUSED

[DEMOGRAPHICS]

THE NEXT SET OF QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT YOUR HOUSEHOLD AND PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE WITH YOU.

28. How long have you lived in this city?

_____years_____months

29. How long have you lived in this neighborhood?

_____years_____months

30. Do you own or rent the place where you are living?

OWN RENT Rent-to-own

DK REF

31. How many people currently reside in you household?

_____ DK REF

32. How many children under 18 reside in your household?

_____ DK REF

33. What is your marital status?

- a. Married
- b. Domestic Partnership
- c. Widowed
- d. Divorced
- e. Separated
- f. Never married DK REF

NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WORK YOU DO, YOUR OCCUPATION.

34. Are you currently employed?

YES NO DON'T KNOW REFUSED

35. What is your main occupation? What sort of work do you do?

36. Are you going to school full-time or part-time?

FULL-TIME PART-TIME NO

DK REF

WE HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR BACKGROUND.

37. In what year were you born?

_____ DK REF

38. [BY OBSERVATION] GENDER OF RESPONDENT:

MALE FEMALE

39. What is your country of birth?

_____ DK REF

40. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

- a. No schooling completed/Kindergarten
- b. Grade 1 through 11:→ Specify grade:___
- c. 12th grade - **NO DIPLOMA**
- d. Regular high school diploma
- e. GED or alternative credential
- f. Some college credit, but less than 1 year of college credit
- g. 1 or more years of college credit, no degree
- h. Associate's degree (for example: AA, AS)
- i. Bachelor's degree (for example: BA, BS)
- j. Master's degree (for example: MA, MBA)
- k. Professional degree beyond a bachelor's degree (for example: MD, DDS, DVM, JD)
- l. Doctorate degree (for example: PhD, EdD)

41. What is the letter of the group you identify with most strongly?

- a. White
- b. Black, African American
- c. American Indian or Alaska Native
- d. Asian Indian
- e. Chinese
- f. Filipino
- g. Other Asian
- h. Japanese
- i. Korean
- j. Vietnamese

- k. Native Hawaiian
- l. Guamanian or Chamorro
- m. Samoan
- n. Other Pacific Islander
- o. Some other race: _____

43. Please tell me the letter of the range that represents total combined HOUSEHOLD income for 2007. Which of these income brackets is closest to the total household income?

- a. Less than \$20,000
- b. \$20,000 - \$39,999
- c. \$40,000 - \$59,999
- d. \$60,000 - \$79,999
- e. 80,000 - \$99,999
- f. \$100,000 - \$119,999
- g. \$120,000 - \$140,000
- Over \$140,000

42. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- a. No.
- b. Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
- c. Yes, Puerto Rican
- d. Yes, Cuban
- e. Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (for example

[VICTIMIZATION]

Now I'm going to ask some questions about crime and victimization in your neighborhood.

	NO	YES	
44. Since living here, have you heard of any of your neighbors being victimized by a crime?	0	1	=>a. IF YES , How many times? ____ Please describe the most serious offenses below.

b. Describe the most serious offense:

c. When did it happen? _____

d. Regarding the above occurrence, did anyone contact the police?	0	1	=>e. IF NO , please explain why.
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f. Did the police come? 0 1

45. Since living in your neighborhood, were you the victim of a crime?	0	1	=>a. IF YES , How many times? ____ Please describe the most serious offenses below.
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b. Describe the most serious offense:

c. When did it happen? _____

d. Regarding the above occurrence, did anyone contact the police?	0(N)	1(Y)	=>e. IF NO , please explain why?
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f. Did the police come? 0(N) 1(Y)

[CLOSING QUESTIONS]

46. When you think about crime and disorder, why do you think things are the way they are in your neighborhood?

47. Finally, relating to crime and disorder, what do you think should be done in your neighborhood to make things better?

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