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VERSION B

PROTOCOL FOR COGNITIVE TESTING (ROUND 1) OF  
VOTING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT (VCE) SUPPLEMENT TO CPS  
(Simulated CATI/CAPI Administration)

Researcher: **As I told you earlier, there are no right or wrong answers to these questions. We are most interested in your interpretation of the question and what you were thinking as you answered the question. I'll be asking the survey questions followed by some additional probing questions about how you came up with your answer, how particular phrases are interpreted etc. It may sound like I'm asking a lot of questions about your response, but that is what's needed in order to determine whether the questions are working or not working. Keep in mind that we are evaluating the questions, not you personally. Let's begin:**

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. 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
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**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
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Check Item 1

If V1 = No - Go to V4

Else - Go to V7

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**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 send 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

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

- In person
- By mail
  
- Don't know
- Refused

GO TO V6

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

- On election day
- Before election day
  
- Don't know
- Refused

GO TO V7

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**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

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**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

GO TO PRE\_SUP

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PRE-SUP

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

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 none of them, some of them, most of them, or all of them?**

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

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Question Objective: Intended to measure the extent to which persons are engaged in one of the most common and important forms of local political behavior. Participation in local elections indicates that individuals are active in local issues and that they use voting as a form of democratic expression and as a way to affect government.  
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PROBES:

- *In your own words what is this question asking?*
  - *How did you arrive at your answer?*
  - *What does the phrase “elections for local government officials” mean to you?*
  - *Tell me a little about elections for local government officials in your area during the past two years.*
  - *About how many elections for government officials have taken place in your area during the past two years?*
  - *About how many of them have you actually voted in?*
  - *Have the elections for local government officials been held at the same time as elections for statewide and national elections or held at different times of the year?*
  - *What if I had asked about elections for local government officials during the past THREE years? Are there any additional elections you remember taking place? If so, do you remember whether you voted in those elections?*
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2. **In a TYPICAL MONTH, when communicating with family or friends, how often are politics discussed -- not at all, once a month, a few times a month, a few times a week or basically every day?**

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

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Question Objective: Intended to measure the extent to which persons discuss politically-oriented issues on a daily basis. Indicates the presence of active social networks that allow individuals to receive information from others and attempt to influence others on an informal basis.

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PROBES:

- *In your own words what is this question asking?*
- *How did you arrive at your answer?*
- *What people were you thinking of when answering this question?*
- *What if the question asked “In a typical month, when communicating with family, 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? What would your response be?*
- *And what about “In a typical month, when communicating with friends, how often are politics discussed - basically everyday, a few times a week, a few times a month, once a month, or not at all? What would your response be?*
- *In this question, what do you think the term “communicating” means?*
- *What was the type of communication you had with these folks? In other words, tell me a little about whether it was face-to-face, by phone, by Email, in a chat room, etc.*
- *The questions asks about “politics” being discussed . (Researcher: re-read question so term is in context.) What does that term mean to you in this question?*
- *Do you think the word “politics” implies such things as campaigning, elections or politicians?*
- *Do you think the word “politics” implies such things as public assistance, support, abortion, or opposition to the Iraq war?*

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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 - not at all, once a month, a few times a month, a few times a week or basically every day?**

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

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

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



**(c) Watch the news on television - not at all, once a month, a few times a month, a few times a week or basically every day?**

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

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

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

**(e) Obtain news from the Internet, other than from on-line newspapers and magazines - not at all, once a month, a few times a month, a few times a week or basically every day?**

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

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Question Objective: Intended to assess the extent to which persons are able (and willing) to stay informed about issues and events, whether at a local, state, national, or international level. Persons who seek out and obtain fair and balanced information provided by a variety of reputable news sources/organizations are more likely to make informed decisions regarding their civic activities than persons who do not draw upon such information. Through this question, determining the main media sources for civic and political information can be obtained.

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RETROSPECTIVE PROBES for 3a - 3e:

Reread 3a - 3e separately and after each question, ask:

- *In your own words what is this question asking?*
  - *How did you arrive at your answer?*
  - *3a and 3b - Reread. Do you think that it is clear that these questions are asking about reading newspapers and magazines in hard copy print versions or in online versions? If no, ask: What is it about the question that does not make that clear?*
  - *3d - Re-read: How do you think persons who obtain their news through blogs would realize this question pertains to them?*
  - *To summarize, this series of questions asked whether people get their news from newspapers and magazines in print or online, news on television, news on the radio and news obtained from the Internet, other than online newspapers and magazines. Are there any other means through which you obtain news that we may not have covered?*
  - *What is your main media source for your civic and political information?*
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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  No
- (b) Attended a meeting where political issues are discussed? Yes  No
- (c) Bought or boycotted a certain product or service because of the social or political values of the company that provides it? Yes  No
- (d) Taken part in a march, rally, protest or demonstration? Yes  No
- (e) Showed support for a particular political candidate or party by distributing campaign materials, fundraising, making a donation or in some other way? Yes  No

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Question Objective: Intended to measure the extent to which persons actively participate in civic or political activities, beyond voting, in order to influence public and private institutions.  
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RETROSPECTIVE PROBES after 4a - 4e have been asked.:

Reread 4a - 4e separately and for each question, ask:

- *In your own words what is this question asking?*
- *How did you arrive at your answer?*
- *For each "yes" response to survey questions, ask: About how many times did you do (X) during the past 12 months? \_\_*
- *You responded yes to X and Y. Were these (two/ three/four) different activities that you did or do some of these activities cross over multiple categories?*
- *For 4a - ask: What does the term "public official" mean to you in this question?*
- *" " " What does the term "contacted or visited" mean to you in this question?*
- *For 4c, ask: What does the phrase "bought or boycotted a certain product or services" mean as used in this question?*
- *For 4c, ask: What does the phrase "social or political values" mean as used in this question?*
- *For 4d, ask: What do the terms "march, rally, protest or demonstration" mean as used in this question?*
- *For 4e, ask: What does the phrase "particular political candidate or party" mean as used in this question?*

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

- (a) A sport, hobby, cultural, arts, or other leisure activity group? Yes  No
- (b) A child welfare, social service, or public assistance organization? Yes  No
- (c) An educational, fraternal, alumni or parent/teacher association? Yes  No
- (d) A labor union or business, professional, trade, or farm association? Yes  No
- (e) An ethnic association, political organization or advocacy group? Yes  No
- (f) A church or other religious organization? Yes  No

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Question Objective: Intended to determine the extent of the respondent's participation in different types of groups and organizations. The types of groups provided are intended to provide a broad scope of different kinds of civic engagement.

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*RETROSPECTIVE PROBES* after 5a - 5f have all been answered:  
Reread 5a - 5e separately and for each question, ask:

- *In your own words what is this question asking?*
- *How did you arrive at your answer?*
- *What timeframe were you thinking about when you answered these questions?*
- *For each yes, ask: You responded "yes" to the question about X. Can you give me an example of the group you are involved with that prompted a "yes" to the question?*
  - *And about how many times did you participate in this group(s) during the last 12 months? \_\_\_\_\_*
- *If yes to more than one item, ask: You responded yes to X and Y. Were these (two/ three/four) different groups that you participated in or do some of these activities cross over multiple groups?*

*(Note: Additional probes (retrospective) on this question at end of interview.)*

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

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Question Objective: Intended to measure the extent to which persons take a leadership position in organized civic or social activities. These activities support civic organizations that mediate between the private sphere and public and private institutions.

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- **PROBES:**
  - *In your own words what is this question asking?*
  - *How did you arrive at your answer?*
  - *If original answer was “yes”, ask: Tell me a little about the position you held when serving as an officer or on a committee.*
    - *Was it a local, state, national, or international group or organization?*
  - *What does the phrase “been an officer or served on a committee” mean to you?*
  - *What does the phrase “group or organization” mean as used in this question?*

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

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Question Objective: Intended to assess whether a respondent actively and formally participated in a group or organization

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- PROBES:
  - *In your own words what is this question asking?*
  - *How did you arrive at your answer?*
  - *What time period were you thinking of when you answered?*
  - *What does the phrase “attended a meeting” mean to you?*
  - *In this question what do you think the phrase “of any group or organization” means?*
  - *If R answered “Yes” to Q7, ask: Tell me a little about the types of meetings you’ve attended.*
  - *If R answered “Yes” to Q7, ask: About how many times have you attended a meeting of any group or organization during the last 12 months?    \_ \_*
  - *If R answered “Yes” to Q7, ask: At these meetings were issues related to the functions of the group(s) discussed?*
  - *When answering the question, did you think that church attendance should be included?*
  - *Do you think social gatherings should be included in response to the original question?*
  - *What about a gathering of a soccer club to play a soccer match? Do you think we would want that included?*

(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 - not at all, once a month, a few times a month, a few times a week or basically every day?**

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

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Question Objective: Intended to assess the regularity of the respondent's connection with members of his or her family. This provides a measure of the persons' active engagement with a key "bonding" network.

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- PROBES:
  - *In your own words what is this question asking?*
  - *How did you arrive at your answer?*
  - *What persons were you thinking about when answering the question?*
  - *Are there family members outside your household who usually eat dinner with you?*
  - *Which is more typical - that all members of your household eat dinner together or only some members of the family eat dinner together?*

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

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

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Question Objective: Intended to measure the extent to which the respondent communicates or “connects” with friends outside of in-person, or face-to-face, meetings. This question also measures the level of regular communication with those who are not available for in-person meeting.

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- PROBES:
  - *In your own words what is this question asking?*
  - *How did you arrive at your answer?*
  - *What persons were you thinking about when answering this question?*
  - *Do you consider “text-messaging” as communicating by Email or on the Internet?*
  - *What about communications through MySpace or Facebook? Do you consider that as communicating by Email or on the Internet?*



**10.**

(a) **In a TYPICAL MONTH, do you talk with any of the neighbors in the 10 or 20 households that live nearest to you?**

- Yes - Go to !0b
- No - Go to 11.

(b) **In a TYPICAL MONTH, how often do you talk with any of those neighbors - not at all, once a month, a few times a month, a few times a week or basically every day?**

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

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Question Objective: Intended to measure the extent to which the respondent interacts socially with those persons that are close to him or her geographically. “The frequency with which the respondent communicates with his or her neighbors is indicative of the level of neighborhood activity.”

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• PROBES:

- *In your own words what is this question asking?*
- *How did you arrive at your answer?*

*(Note: Additional probes (retrospective) on this question at end of interview.)*

**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 - not at all, once a month, a few times a month, a few times a week or basically every day?**

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

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Question Objective: Intended to provide a measure of the respondent's participation in social networks where the members live in close proximity. In asking specifically about the exchange of "favors", this question also provides information regarding the level of reciprocity between the respondent and his or her neighbors or shared social norms.

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• **PROBES:**

- *In your own words what is this question asking?*
- *How did you arrive at your answer?*
- *What types of favors were you thinking of when answering this question?*
- *What does the term "neighbors" mean to you as used in this question?*
- *What does the term "favors" mean to you as used in this question?*
- *What does the phrase "small acts of kindness" mean to you as used in this question?*
- *Do you think that all favors require you and your neighbors to have face-to-face interaction?*
- *Are any of your family members your neighbors?*

*- If probe response is "yes," ask: Were you including favors they might do for you when you answered this question?*

**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 more than ten, six to ten, three to five, one or two, or no close friends?**

- More than ten
- Six to ten
- Three to five
- One or two
- No close friends (Skip to 13)
- 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?** \_\_\_\_\_

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Question Objective: Intended to provide information on the diversity of the respondent's social networks where the ties between members are very close. When a person can seek support from their close friends, he or she is more likely to have emotional and physical well-being, which is also connected to greater community involvement.  
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PROBES:

- *Re-read 12 a - e and for each, ask:*
  - *In your own words what is this question asking?*
  - *How did you arrive at your answer?*
  - *What period of time were you considering when answering this question?*
  - *What does the term "close friends" mean to you as used in this question?*
  - *What does the term "private matters" mean to you as used in this question?*
  - *One of the questions asked about friends with "college degrees." Do you think you should answer "yes" for persons who have a two-year Associates degree?*
  - *What about the question asking about friends who did not graduate from high school. If a person has a GED, would you consider that person to have graduated from high school?*
  - *What does the phrase "from a different social or economic background than you" mean in this question?*

- For 12a, ask: ***Do you think the question wants you to include any family members who you consider as “close friends?”***
  - If yes, ask: ***Did you include family members in your response?***

**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 that you cannot be too careful in dealing with people, or that most people can be trusted?**

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

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Question Objective: Intended to measure generalized trust, a key concept under this domain. Trust in strangers indicates that individual trust extends beyond his or her close, or “bonding,” networks, and is more likely to engage in collaborative actions with those persons he or she does not know.

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- PROBES:
  - *In your own words what is this question asking?*
  - *How did you arrive at your answer?*
  - *When answering the survey question were you thinking about strangers, people you know, or people in general?*
  - *What period of time were you thinking about when answering this question?*

*(Note: There is an alternative version of this question administered in the retrospective probes at the end of the interview.)*

14. The last two questions are about the process of passing Federal laws in the nation's capital, Washington, D.C. Many people don't know the answers to these questions, so if you don't know, 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 President of the United States, the Supreme Court, or the Congress?**

- President of the United States
- Supreme Court
- Congress
- 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 80 percent, 67 percent 60 percent or 51 percent?**

- 89 percent
- 67 percent
- 60 percent
- 51 percent
- DK
- Refused

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Question Objective: Intended to measure the accuracy of the respondent's knowledge about the workings of the national government. Such knowledge is important to informed and effective civic engagement.

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PROBES:

Reread 14a and ask:

- *In your own words what is this question asking?*
- *How did you arrive at your answer?*

Reread 14b and ask:

- *In your own words what is this question asking?*
- *How did you arrive at your answer?*

RETROSPECTIVE PROBES

ADMINISTER AFTER INTERVIEW HAS BEEN COMPLETED FOR LABORATORY PARTICIPANT.

QUESTION SPECIFIC TARGETED PROBES

**Now I want to go back to some questions we discussed earlier to get your opinions about a few issues related to the questions. I'm going to re-read the question to refresh your memory.**

Re-read Q5 a - 5e separately and ask probes below.

**5. Now I would like to ask about groups or organizations with which people are sometimes involved. 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 or other religious organization?                           | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

*PROBES:*

- *If R's original responses were "no" to all 5a - 5f items, ask: Is there ANY type of groups or organizations you were involved during the last 12 months? Tell me a little about the group(s).*
- *Our questions use the words "groups or organizations." Does that have the same meaning to you as "clubs or organizations?"*

- *Hypotheticals:*
  - *If a person pays dues to the Sierra Club or National Geographic Association, but does not attend any meetings of the groups, do you consider paying dues to be “participation” in a group?*
  - *If a person was in a book club, do you think any of the questions should be answered yes?*
  - *What about involvement in civic organizations such as the Rotary Club or Lions Club? Do you think any of the questions should be answered “yes”? Which one?*
  - *How about participation in the 4 H Club? Do you think any of the questions should be answered “yes”? Which one?*
  - *How about participation in Good Will Industries or with a homeless shelter? Do you think any of the questions should be answered “yes”? Which one?*
  - *What about involvement with an organization like Mothers Against Drunk Driving? Do you think any of the questions should be answered “yes”? Which one?*
  - *What about involvement with a Neighborhood Watch Group or Neighborhood Advisory Committee? Do you think any of the questions should be answered “yes”? Which one?*
  - *In question 5f, if a person goes to church but does not participate in any church-related or religious organizations, how do you think that question should be answered? Do you think any of the questions should be answered “yes”? Which one?*



Reread Q10 and give R's original response.

**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 - not at all, once a month, a few times a month, a few times a week or basically every day?**

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

• **PROBES:**

- *As used in this question, what does the term "households" mean to you?*
- *Regarding the neighbors you were thinking of when answering this question - - how close do they live to you?*
- *Regarding the neighbors you were thinking of when answering this question - - are any of them family members or other relatives?*
- *The question specified "neighbors in the 10 or 20 households that live nearest to you." When answering the question, were you focused on those households or your neighbors in general?*
- *In a typical month, how many of the neighbors in the 10 or 20 households nearest to you do you talk to? This does not include persons to whom you only give a casual "hello".*
- *When we ask "how often you talk with any of your neighbors", do you think we are asking only about face-to-face conversations or also asking about when you talk to them by telephone?*

Q13. SOCIAL TRUST QUESTION (AGREE - DISAGREE ALTERNATIVE APPROACH)

- (a) ***How much do you agree with the following statement: “You cannot be too careful in dealing with people.” Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with that statement?***
  - Strongly agree*
  - Somewhat agree*
  - Neither agree nor disagree*
  - Somewhat disagree*
  - Strongly disagree*
  
- (b) ***How much do you agree with the following statement: “Most people can be trusted” Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with that statement?***
  - Strongly agree*
  - Somewhat agree*
  - Neither agree nor disagree*
  - Somewhat disagree*
  - Strongly disagree*

***PROBES:***

- ***In your own words what are those questions asking?***
  
- ***How did you arrive at your answers?***
  
- ***When answering the survey questions, were you thinking about strangers, people you know, or people in general?***
  
- ***What period of time were you thinking about when answering these two questions?***

REFERENCE PERIOD ISSUES:

- *Several questions I asked you earlier in the survey referred to a “TYPICAL MONTH”. How did you interpret that time frame?  
How long of a period did you think about in determining a “TYPICAL MONTH”?*
- *Some questions referred to the last 12 months, from September 2006 until now. How did you interpret that time frame?*

(Researcher Note: Have clean version of questionnaire, without probe questions, available for participant to refer to, if needed, when trying to identify specific questions in response to probes below.)

PROXY ISSUES:

- *Would you be able to answer the survey questions about everyone that lives in your household? If no, ask which topics R might not be able to answer for other household members.?*
- *Do you think other people living in your household would be willing to answer the survey questions? If no, probe further as to which ones and why.*
- *Do you think one household respondent would be able to answer the survey questions about everyone that lived in their household? If no, probe further as to which ones and why.*

SENSITIVITY ISSUES:

- *What was your overall opinion about the survey questions we discussed?*
- *Do these questions sound like a lot of other survey questions you've answered?*
- *Did you find any of the questions difficult to answer? If yes, probe to determine which questions the participant thought were difficult to answer?*
- *Did you find any of the questions sensitive? If yes, probe further to identify which questions and what it was about them that was sensitive.*
- *Were you offended by any of the questions we asked? If yes, probe further to identify which questions and what it was about them that was offensive.*
- *Is there anything about these questions that might cause you not to want to participate in Census Bureau surveys? If yes, probe further to determine what reasons the participants has.*
- *Did you think the questions were appropriate for a Census Bureau survey? If no, probe further to determine why the questions don't seem appropriate.*

*THANK RESPONDENT FOR THEIR TIME.*

*HAVE PARTICIPANT COMPLETE PAYMENT VOUCHER.*

*PROVIDE PAYMENT.*

*THANK RESPONDENT AGAIN.*