

Attachment A. 2023 SSV Unmoderated Cognitive Testing – Proposed Screens

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PURPOSE

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is conducting a short study, with assistance from the U.S. Census Bureau, to improve survey questions on the Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV). If you agree to participate, you will provide feedback on a short set of questions. The purpose of this study is to test modifications to the questions and definitions included in the SSV. Your responses and feedback will help improve the quality of the SSV survey form.

The Survey of Sexual Victimization, in part, fulfills BJS's mandates under the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA, P.L., 108-79). The SSV collects information about the allegations and substantiated incidents of sexual victimization in adult correctional and juvenile justice facilities.

AUTHORITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

BJS is authorized by law to conduct this survey under Title 34 U.S.C. Section 10132. BJS awarded funds through an Interagency Agreement to the U.S. Census Bureau to operate as BJS's data collection agent and administer the SSV survey. BJS and the Census Bureau are both required by law to protect the privacy and confidentiality of the data you provide (Title 34 U.S.C. Section 10231 and 28 C.F.R. Part 22).

BJS and the Census Bureau can use your responses only for statistical and research purposes and are not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you, your business, organization, or institution. Additionally, per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data.

This study has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This eight-digit OMB number, 1121-0292, confirms this approval and expires on 02/28/2024. Without this approval, we could not conduct this study.

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION

Your participation is completely voluntary. There is no penalty if you choose to not participate.

BURDEN ESTIMATE

We estimate that completing this interview will take no more than 15 minutes.

QUESTIONS

For comments regarding the burden estimate, contact econ.content@census.gov.

For questions about the SSV survey or interview procedures, contact Greta Clark at 800-253-2078 or Greta.B.Clark@census.gov.

For general questions about the SSV program, contact Emily Buehler at 202-598-1036 or Emily.buehler@usdoj.gov.

CONSENT FORM

Please Check the appropriate options below to indicate your consent.

- I have read the above, understand that my participation is voluntary, and I agree to participate.
- I do not agree to participate in the study.

Signature of Research Participant

Date

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Thank you for agreeing to participate. Before looking at a few questions with new items being considering for the SSV, there are a few background questions about you.

Do you have experience completing the SSV?

- No
- Yes

➤ [If Yes to Do you have experience completing the SSV] When completing the SSV, about how many hours do you spend working on the SSV? This estimate, in hours, should include the time spent gathering, entering, and submitting the data.

[TEXT BOX FOR OPEN ANSWER] _____

Let's look at some new items that are being considering for the SSV.

NOTE: SSV-IA/SSV-IJ: [If R completes the IA incident form for adult inmates, they will see the word "inmate" in the question. If R completes the IJ incident form for juveniles, they will see the word "youth." Their form path will depend on their e-mail address and link from the scheduler.]

Definitions for sex and gender identity categories

Some additional categories are being considered for sex and gender identity in addition to the categories of Male and Female. Below are definitions for some of the new answer categories. Please read over the definitions and answer the questions below.

Sex and gender identity categories

Intersex: A person whose sexual or reproductive anatomy or chromosomal pattern does not seem to fit typical definitions of male or female. Intersex medical conditions are sometimes referred to as disorders of sex development.

Gender nonconforming: A person whose appearance or manner does not conform to traditional societal gender expectations.

Transgender: A person whose gender identity (i.e., internal sense of feeling male or female) is different from the person's assigned sex at birth.

Do you find these definitions easy to understand?

Yes

No

➤ [If No to Do you find these definitions easy to understand] What would you like to see better explained?

[TEXT BOX FOR OPEN ANSWER] _____

Are there any other sex or gender identity terms you would like to see included and defined here?

[TEXT BOX FOR OPEN ANSWER] _____

Do you use any of the following terms in your facility's records to describe the sex and/or gender identity of inmates/youth? Please select all that apply.

- Intersex
- Gender nonconforming
- Transgender
- None of the above

Victim Sex and Gender Identity

Please look over the questions and answer categories for the victim's sex and gender identity and answer the questions below.

What was the victim's sex?

Male
Female
Intersex

What was the victim's gender identity?

Male
Female
Transgender
Gender nonconforming
Unknown

Do the categories shown here match your system's records for sex of inmates/youth?

- Yes
- No
 - [If No to Do the categories shown here match your system's records for sex of inmates/youth] What are the answer categories in your system's records for the sex of inmates/youth?
[TEXT BOX FOR OPEN ANSWER] _____

Does your record system include the gender identity of inmates/youth?

- Yes
 - [If Yes] Do the categories shown here match your system's records for gender identity of inmates/youth?
 - Yes
 - No
- No
 - [If No] What other categories are included in your system's records?
[TEXT BOX FOR OPEN ANSWER] _____

Do you have any thoughts about a two-question format for reporting sex and gender identity of an/a inmate/youth?

- No
- Yes
 - [If Yes] [TEXT BOX FOR OPEN ANSWER] _____

Victim Race or Ethnicity – Version A

The next two questions ask about the victim's race or ethnicity. Please look over the questions and answer categories for the victim's race or ethnicity and answer the questions below.

What is the victim's race or ethnicity? (Select [X] all that apply.)

- White
- Hispanic or Latino
- Black or African American
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

Do the race or ethnicity categories shown here match your system's records?

- Yes
- No

➤ [If No] What are the race or ethnicity categories in your system's records?

[TEXT BOX FOR OPEN ANSWER] _____

[If No to the previous question on Do the race or ethnicity categories shown here match your system's records] How would you answer this question if your race or ethnicity categories differ from the ones shown here? [TEXT BOX FOR OPEN ANSWER] _____

Do your system's records include the category of Middle Eastern or North African for inmates/youth?

- Yes
- No

Does your record system for inmates/youth allow you to select more than one category for race or ethnicity?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Victim Race or Ethnicity – Version B

This question is an alternate version of the question about race or ethnicity. Please look over the question and answer categories and answer the questions below.

Proposed long-form race and ethnicity question.

Victim #1: What was the victim's race or ethnicity?
Select all that apply AND enter additional details in the spaces below.
Note, you may report more than one group.

WHITE – Provide details below.

German Irish English
 Italian Polish French
Enter, for example, Scottish, Norwegian, Dutch, etc.

HISPANIC OR LATINO – Provide details below.

Mexican or
 Mexican American Puerto Rican Cuban
 Salvadoran Dominican Colombian
Enter, for example, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc.

BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN – Provide details below.

African American Jamaican Haitian
 Nigerian Ethiopian Somali
Enter, for example, Ghanaian, South African, Barbadian, etc.

ASIAN – Provide details below.

Chinese Filipino Asian Indian
 Vietnamese Korean Japanese
Enter, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc.

AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE – Enter, for example,
*Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of
 Barrow Inupiat Tribal Government, Tlingit, etc.*

MIDDLE EASTERN OR NORTH AFRICAN – Provide details below.

Lebanese Iranian Egyptian
 Syrian Moroccan Israeli
Enter, for example, Algerian, Iraqi, Kurdish, etc.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER – Provide details below.

Native Hawaiian Samoan Chamorro
 Tongan Fijian Marshallese
Enter, for example, Palauan, Tahitian, Chuukese, etc.

Would you be able to provide data about the race or ethnicity of an/a inmate/youth to the level of detail requested here?

Yes

No

➤ [If No] How would you go about answering this question if it appeared on the SSV?

[TEXT BOX FOR OPEN ANSWER] _____

Now that you've seen two versions of a question on race or ethnicity, which version would you be able to answer with accuracy for inmate/youth victims at your facility?

Version A

Version B

- No preference

Victim Disability

At the time of the incident, had the victim been identified as having –

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 1. A serious and persistent mental illness | | |
| 2. A cognitive impairment or intellectual disability | | |
| 3. A physical impairment or disability | | |

Do you have records for inmates/youth include disability status or any mention of whether or not an inmate/youth has a disability of any kind?

- Yes
 - [If Yes] Do your records for inmates/youth include the types of disabilities mentioned in the answer categories for this question?
 - Yes
 - No
- No
 - [If No] How would you go about answering this question about an inmate/youth's disability status? [TEXT BOX FOR OPEN ANSWER] _____

Are you able to easily access information about an inmate/youth's disability at the time of the incident?

- Yes
- No

Are there any terms that you would like to see further defined or explained in this question?

- No
- Yes
 - [If Yes] Which terms? [TEXT BOX FOR OPEN ANSWER] _____

Staff Sex and Gender Identity

Please look over the questions and answer categories for the staff perpetrator's sex and gender identity and answer the questions below.

What was the staff perpetrator's sex?

Male
Female
Intersex

What was the staff perpetrator's gender identity?

Male
Female
Transgender
Gender nonconforming
Unknown

Do the categories shown here match your system's records for sex of staff??

- Yes
- No
 - [If No to Do the categories shown here match your system's records for sex of inmates/youth] What are the answer categories in your records system for the sex of staff?
[TEXT BOX FOR OPEN ANSWER] _____

Does your record system include the gender identity of staff?

- Yes
 - [If Yes] Do the categories shown here match your system's records for gender identity of staff?
 - Yes
 - No
- No
 - [If No] What other categories are included in your system's records for staff?
[TEXT BOX FOR OPEN ANSWER] _____

Do you have any thoughts about a two-question format for reporting sex and gender identity of staff?

- No
- Yes
 - [If Yes] [TEXT BOX FOR OPEN ANSWER] _____

Which records are easier for you to access?

- Records for inmates/youth

- Records for staff

Staff Race or Ethnicity - Version A

The next two questions ask about the staff perpetrator's race or ethnicity. Please look over the questions and answer categories for the staff's race or ethnicity and answer the questions below.

What is the staff perpetrator's race or ethnicity? (Select [X] all that apply.)

- White
- Hispanic or Latino
- Black or African American
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

Do the race or ethnicity categories shown here match your system's records?

- Yes
- No
 - [If No] What are the race or ethnicity categories in your system's records for staff?
[TEXT BOX FOR OPEN ANSWER] _____

[If No to the previous question on Do the race or ethnicity categories shown here match your system's records] How would you answer this question if your race or ethnicity categories for staff differed from the ones shown here? [TEXT BOX FOR OPEN ANSWER] _____

Do your system's records include the category of Middle Eastern or North African for staff?

- Yes
- No

Does your record system for staff allow the option to select more than one category for race or ethnicity?

- Yes
- No

- o Don't Know

Staff Race or Ethnicity – Version B

This question is an alternate version of the question about race or ethnicity. Please look over the question and answer categories and answer the questions below.

What is the staff perpetrator's race or ethnicity?

Proposed long-form race and ethnicity question.

Victim #1: What was the victim's race or ethnicity?
 Select all that apply **AND** enter additional details in the spaces below.
 Note, you may report more than one group.

WHITE – Provide details below.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> German | <input type="checkbox"/> Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> English |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Italian | <input type="checkbox"/> Polish | <input type="checkbox"/> French |

Enter, for example, Scottish, Norwegian, Dutch, etc.

HISPANIC OR LATINO – Provide details below.

| | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican or Mexican American | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican | <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Salvadoran | <input type="checkbox"/> Dominican | <input type="checkbox"/> Colombian |

Enter, for example, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc.

BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN – Provide details below.

| | | |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Jamaican | <input type="checkbox"/> Haitian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nigerian | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethiopian | <input type="checkbox"/> Somali |

Enter, for example, Ghanaian, South African, Barbadian, etc.

ASIAN – Provide details below.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese |

Enter, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc.

AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE – Enter, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Tribal Government, Tlingit, etc.

MIDDLE EASTERN OR NORTH AFRICAN – Provide details below.

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Iranian | <input type="checkbox"/> Egyptian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Syrian | <input type="checkbox"/> Moroccan | <input type="checkbox"/> Israeli |

Enter, for example, Algerian, Iraqi, Kurdish, etc.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER – Provide details below.

| | | |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan | <input type="checkbox"/> Chamorro |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tongan | <input type="checkbox"/> Fijian | <input type="checkbox"/> Marshallese |

Enter, for example, Palauan, Tahitian, Chuukese, etc.

Would you be able to provide data about the race or ethnicity of a staff perpetrator to the level of detail requested here?

- o Yes
- o No

➤ [If No] How would you go about answering this question if it appeared on the SSV?

[TEXT BOX FOR OPEN ANSWER] _____

Now that you've seen two versions of a question on race or ethnicity, which version would you be able to answer with accuracy for staff perpetrators at your facility?

- o Version A

- Version B
- No preference

Wrap-Up

Is there anything else that you would like to share about the items or about the SSV in general?

- No
- Yes [TEXT BOX FOR OPEN ANSWER] _____

Thank you for you for your time. We appreciate your feedback.