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ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY SURVEY

2003

QUESTIONNAIRE

STATEWIDE SURVEY OF MINNESOTA ADULTS

QUESTIONNAIRE FROM CATI COMPUTER SCREEN

IF INTERVIEW IS A RESTART MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PROPER
RESPONDENT, REINTRODUCE YOURSELF AND SAY SOMETHING LIKE--

"We previously started this interview and couldn't finish it
at the time. May we finish it now?"

IF RESPONDENT WANTS TO KNOW WHO THE INTERVIEW IS FOR YOU
CAN

TELL THEM IT IS FOR ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY. 11/4/03
YOU CAN HIT CONTROL/END AT ANY TIME TO TERMINATE
AN INTERVIEW, PUT MESSAGE FOR CALLBACKS, INCOMPLETES,
REFUSALS, ETC.

Question HELLO

Hello, my name is _____ (YOUR NAME)
at St. Cloud State University. I am calling from our survey research
center in St. Cloud. We are conducting a study of Minnesota residents

about their views on issues such as K-12 education, the Twins, direction the state is going, and other issues relating to Minnesota state government and politics. We are not asking for contributions or trying to sell you anything. Your telephone number was drawn by a computer in a random sample of the state.

[USE ONLY IF NUMBER DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A RESIDENCE PHONE]

Is this a residential phone? [IF NO, TERMINATE WITH, E.G.;

I'm sorry I have the wrong place.

Question LOADDATA

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Is this a residential phone? [IF NO, TERMINATE WITH, E.G.;

I'm sorry I have the wrong place.

Question GENDER

It is important that we interview a man in some households and a woman in others so that the results will truly represent all the people in the state. According to the method used by our university, I need to interview the _____

May I speak with that person?

[ROTATE WITH EVERY INTERVIEW-KEEP TRACK ON SHEET BY YOUR COMPUTER]

1. oldest male 18 years of age or older who lives in your household
2. youngest male 18 years of age or older who lives in your household
3. oldest female 18 years of age or older who lives in your household
4. youngest female 18 years of age or older who lives in your household

Logic Instructions (flow only):

QAL THANKYOU

Question ETHICS

[IF YES-START INTERVIEW][OR-WHEN SELECTED PERSON ANSWERS REPEAT INTRODUCTION BUT NOT SCREEN]

Before starting the roughly ten minute survey, I want to mention that I would be happy to answer any questions about the study either now or later. Also, this interview is completely voluntary. If we should come to any question which you don't want to answer, just let me know and we'll go on to the next question.

IF NO

When may I call back to reach him/her?

So that I will know who to ask for, what is his/her first name?

[REPEAT BACK TO BE SURE YOU HAVE IT AND SHOW PRONUNCIATION

IF IT IS A PROBLEM. IF RESPONDENT OBJECTS TO PROVIDING NAME]

We only need the person's first name; the last name isn't necessary.

[IF DESIGNATED SEX/AGE DOESN'T LIVE IN HOUSEHOLD ASK FOR OPPOSITE SEX/AGE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER]

[NAME]_____

[TIME AND DAY FOR CALL-BACK]

Question Q1DIR

Let us begin by asking, do you think things in the state of Minnesota are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

1. RIGHT DIRECTION
2. NEUTRAL-VOL
3. WRONG TRACK
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q2PROB

What do you think is the single most important problem facing the State of Minnesota today?

[DO NOT READ LIST. PROBE FOR ONE SPECIFIC RESPONSE]

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| 01. ABORTION | 16. POLITICS/POLITICIANS/GOV/LEGIS. |
| 02. AGRICULTURE-GENERAL | 17. POVERTY/ POOR |
| 03. BUDGET/DEFICIT | 18. PRESCRIPTION DRUGS |
| 04. CORPORATE LEADERSHIP | 19. RELIGIOUS/MORAL ISSUES |
| 05. CRIMES/GANGS/VIOLENT | 20. ROADS-HIGHWAYS-TRANS. |
| 06. DRUGS USE | 21. SENIOR ISSUES/ ELDERLY |
| 07. ECON. ISSUES (JOBS-WAGES, ETC) | 22. SPORTS ISSUES/ STADIUMS |
| 08. EDUCATION FUNDING | 23. STATE SERVICE CUTS |
| 09. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES | 24. STOCK MARKET |

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| 10. FAMILY ISSUES | 25. TAXES |
| 11. GAMBLING | 26. TERRORISM/CHEMICAL/BIO |
| WEAPONS | |
| 12. HEALTH ISSUES-HEALTH INSUR | 27. UTIL PRICES-GAS-ENERGY |
| 13. HOUSING-AFFORDABLE | 28. WELFARE ISSUES-WASTE- |
| FRAUD | |
| 14. ISSUES RELATING TO INDIANS | 29. OTHER |
| 15. NATURAL DISASTERS | 30. NO PROBLEM FACING STATE |
| | 31. DON'T KNOW |
| | 32. REFUSED |

Logic Instructions (flow only):
 IF (ANS=30) SKIPTO Q4TWIN
 IF (ANS=31) SKIPTO Q4TWIN
 IF (ANS=32) SKIPTO Q4TWIN

Question Q3PARPRO

Which political party, if any, do you think can do a better job of handling the problem you have just mentioned-the Republican Party, the Democratic Party, the Independence Party, or the Green Party?

[INDEPENDENCE PARTY IS JESSE VENTURA'S PARTY-DIFFERENT FROM THOSE WHO SAY THEY ARE AN INDEPENDENT WHICH IS NO PARTY]

1. REPUBLICAN
2. DEMOCRATIC
3. INDEPENDENCE PARTY
4. GREEN PARTY
5. OTHER-VOLUNTEERED
6. PARTIES ALL THE SAME/NO DIFFERENCE-VOLUNTEERED
7. NONE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q4TWIN

Thanks. Now I have a few questions about the Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Vikings.

How important is it to you personally to keep the Minnesota Twins in Minnesota? Is it very important, somewhat important, not important, or not at all important?

1. VERY IMPORTANT
2. SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
3. NOT IMPORTANT
4. NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT
8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q5TWINS

It is widely suggested that the long-term presence of the Minnesota Twins in Minnesota is not possible without a new baseball stadium. If a new stadium is built, do you personally think the stadium should be funded by:

(READ CHOICES 1-5)

1. The private sector only, such as the team owner, players or other private donors.
2. The State of Minnesota only
3. Local government only (means city or county or both)
4. A combination of private funds and state and local governments
5. The current stadium is fine.
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q6VIKES

How important is it to you personally to keep the Minnesota Vikings in Minnesota? Is it very important, somewhat important, not important, or not at all important?

1. VERY IMPORTANT
2. SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
3. NOT IMPORTANT
4. NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q7VIKES

It is widely suggested that the long-term presence of the Minnesota Vikings in Minnesota is not possible without a new football stadium. If a new stadium is built, do you personally think the stadium should be funded by:

(READ CHOICES 1-5)

1. The private sector only, such as the team owner, players or other private donors.
2. The State of Minnesota only
3. Local government only (means city or county or both)
4. A combination of private funds and state and local governments
5. The current stadium is fine.

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q8MAST

Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree that school or sport teams' mascots that depict certain ethnic groups are biased against those groups that they depict?

1. STRONGLY AGREE

2. AGREE

3. DISAGREE

4. STRONGLY DISAGREE

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q9MAST

Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the use of Native American depictions as team or school mascots?

1. STRONGLY AGREE

2. AGREE

3. DISAGREE

4. STRONGLY DISAGREE

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q10MAST

Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree that teams such as the Cleveland Indians, Washington Redskins, Florida State University Seminoles and University of North Dakota Fighting Sioux should change their mascots?

1. STRONGLY AGREE

2. AGREE

3. DISAGREE

4. STRONGLY DISAGREE

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q11CAP

Thank you. In terms of current issues of government and politics,

do you believe you are very informed, informed, somewhat informed or not at all informed?

1. VERY INFORMED
2. INFORMED
3. SOMEWHAT INFORMED
4. NOT AT ALL INFORMED
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q12CAP

Where do you primarily get your political information? Is it:
(READ CHOICES 1-8 AND ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)

1. Co-workers
2. Family and Friends
3. Internet
4. Organizations you belong to (EXAMPLES: CHURCHES, LIONS CLUB, ETC.)
5. Radio
6. Newspapers
7. Magazines
8. Television
9. VOLUNTEER-I RECEIVE NO POLITICAL INFORMATION
10. DON'T KNOW
11. REFUSED
12. SOMETHING ELSE

Question Q13RATGW

How would you rate the overall performance of Tim Pawlenty as Governor. Would you rate his performance as excellent, pretty good, only fair or poor?

1. EXCELLENT
2. PRETTY GOOD
3. ONLY FAIR
4. POOR
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q14RATTP

How would you rate the overall performance of George W. Bush as President. Would you rate his performance as excellent,

pretty good, only fair or poor?

1. EXCELLENT
2. PRETTY GOOD
3. ONLY FAIR
4. POOR
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q15CULT

Now I have a series of statements about how you view government and how you believe government officials should govern. After I read each statement, please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with that statement.

One of our biggest problems is that too many people don't have enough respect for authority.

1. STRONGLY AGREE
2. AGREE
3. DISAGREE
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q16CULT

All citizens have a civic duty to take an active interest in government and politics.

1. STRONGLY AGREE
2. AGREE
3. DISAGREE
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q17CULT

When deciding whom to vote for, people should vote based on issues regardless of party.

1. STRONGLY AGREE
2. AGREE
3. DISAGREE
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q18CULT

Government should actively seek solutions to problems, whether the public asks for them or not.

1. STRONGLY AGREE

2. AGREE

3. DISAGREE

4. STRONGLY DISAGREE

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q19CULT

Corruption in politics should be tolerated if the job gets done.

1. STRONGLY AGREE

2. AGREE

3. DISAGREE

4. STRONGLY DISAGREE

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q20CULT

It is best for our society when political parties compete for control of government.

1. STRONGLY AGREE

2. AGREE

3. DISAGREE

4. STRONGLY DISAGREE

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

Question Q21CULT

The major purpose of government is to right the wrongs of our society.

1. STRONGLY AGREE

2. AGREE

3. DISAGREE

- 4. STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q22CULT

Government should be run by officials with strong social and family ties to the established leaders of our society.

- 1. STRONGLY AGREE
- 2. AGREE
- 3. DISAGREE
- 4. STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q23CULT

Politics is complicated, so only those who fully understand the issues should participate.

- 1. STRONGLY AGREE
- 2. AGREE
- 3. DISAGREE
- 4. STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q24CULT

Government should initiate new programs only if demanded by the public.

- 1. STRONGLY AGREE
- 2. AGREE
- 3. DISAGREE
- 4. STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q25CULT

Political leaders should decide what is best and govern accordingly.

- 1. STRONGLY AGREE

- 2. AGREE
- 3. DISAGREE
- 4. STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q26CULT

Government and politics are best left to party leaders and professionals.

- 1. STRONGLY AGREE
- 2. AGREE
- 3. DISAGREE
- 4. STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q27CULT

Politicians should address difficult issues and problems, even if it means they might not be reelected.

- 1. STRONGLY AGREE
- 2. AGREE
- 3. DISAGREE
- 4. STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q28CULT

Control of government should be left to established politicians.

- 1. STRONGLY AGREE
- 2. AGREE
- 3. DISAGREE
- 4. STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q29CULT

Government should be involved in the economy primarily to provide

more business opportunities.

1. STRONGLY AGREE
2. AGREE
3. DISAGREE
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q30BUSH

Thank you. Here is a different kind of question.

Please think of a thermometer that has a range of 0 to 100 degrees. I'd like you to rate your feelings toward some of our political leaders and other people who are in the news. Ratings on the thermometer between 50 and 100 degrees mean that you feel favorable and warm toward the person. Ratings between 0 and 50 mean that you do not feel too favorable toward the person. If we come to a person whose name you don't recognize, you don't need to rate that person. Just tell me and we will move on to the next one. If you do recognize the name, but do not feel particularly warm or cold toward the person, you would rate the person at the 50-degree mark.

[NEVER TELL WHO THE PERSON IS OR WHAT THEY DO-YOU CAN REREAD THE NAME]

George W.Bush

RATING	CAN'T JUDGE	DON'T KNOW	REFUSED
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Question Q31HATCH

Mike Hatch

RATING	CAN'T JUDGE	DON'T KNOW	REFUSED
777	888	999	

Question Q32CLINT

Hillary Rodham Clinton

RATING	CAN'T JUDGE	DON'T KNOW	REFUSED
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Question Q33LBUSH

Laura Bush

RATING	CAN'T JUDGE	DON'T KNOW	REFUSED
777	888	999	

Question Q34PAWL

Tim Pawlenty

RATING	CAN'T JUDGE	DON'T KNOW	REFUSED
777	888	999	

Question Q35ARNO

Arnold Schwarzenegger

RATING	CAN'T JUDGE	DON'T KNOW	REFUSED
777	888	999	

Question Q36JVEN

Jesse Ventura

RATING	CAN'T JUDGE	DON'T KNOW	REFUSED
777	888	999	

Question Q37COLE

Norm Coleman

RATING	CAN'T JUDGE	DON'T KNOW	REFUSED
777	888	999	

Question Q38MARY

Mary Pawlenty

RATING	CAN'T JUDGE	DON'T KNOW	REFUSED
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Question Q39DAY

Mark Dayton

RATING CAN'T JUDGE DON'T KNOW REFUSED
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Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q40RUSH

Rush Limbaugh

RATING CAN'T JUDGE DON'T KNOW REFUSED
777 888 999

Question Q41ALF

Al Franken

RATING CAN'T JUDGE DON'T KNOW REFUSED
777 888 999

Question Q42MIKE

Michael Moore

RATING	CAN'T JUDGE	DON'T KNOW	REFUSED
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Question Q43EDU

Thank you. Now I have a few questions about several issues that have been in the newspapers and on TV.

Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree Minnesota state taxes should be used to pay for tuition vouchers for students attending private K-12 schools?

1. STRONGLY AGREE
2. AGREE
3. DISAGREE
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q44EDU

Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree that Minnesota's public school students should be required to wear school uniforms?

1. STRONGLY AGREE
2. AGREE
3. DISAGREE
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q45EDU

Under Minnesota law, teachers and students in grades K-12 are required to recite the Pledge of Allegiance in class at least one time per week. Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with this law?

1. STRONGLY AGREE
2. AGREE
3. DISAGREE

- 4. STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q46EDU

If the state of Minnesota faces future budget problems and must cut its budget, do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree public K-12 education funding should be exempt from budget cuts?

- 1. STRONGLY AGREE
- 2. AGREE
- 3. DISAGREE
- 4. STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q47IMMG

Generally, do you think Minnesotans are welcoming to new immigrants from other countries to the state? Yes or No?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO
- 8. DON'T KNOW
- 9. REFUSED

Question Q48IMMG

For you personally, what do you think is the single most important reason that immigrants come to Minnesota?
(DO NOT READ CHOICES. PROBE. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. ATTENDED SCHOOL AND STAYED
- 2. CHURCHES HELPED THEM COME
- 3. FAMILY/FRIENDS
- 4. JOBS
- 5. POLITICAL REFUGEE
- 6. SCHOOLS/EDUCATION
- 7. VISITED AND STAYED
- 8. WEATHER/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES
- 9. WELFARE/STATE AID/FREE MEDICAL CARE
- 10. WELCOME IN MINNESOTA-GOOD PLACE TO LIVE
- 11. OTHER-VOLUNTEERED
- 12. DON'T KNOW
- 13. REFUSED

Question Q49IMMG

Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement:

Illegal immigrants in Minnesota take jobs from Minnesotans?

1. STRONGLY AGREE
2. AGREE
3. DISAGREE
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q50PART

Do you usually consider yourself to be a Democrat, Republican, Green party member, Minnesota Independence Party member, another party, or are you an independent who is not a member of any party?

[IF DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN OR GREEN OR MINNESOTA INDEPENDENCE PARTY]

Would you say that you always vote (Democrat/Republican/Green/Independence Party) or do you sometimes vote for a person of another party?

[IF INDEPENDENT] Although you are an independent, do you usually consider yourself to be closer to the Democrats, Republicans, the Independence Party, or the Green Party?

01. ALWAYS VOTES DEMOCRATIC
02. DEMOCRAT WHO SOMETIMES VOTES FOR OTHER PARTY
03. ALWAYS VOTES REPUBLICAN
04. REPUBLICAN WHO SOMETIMES VOTES FOR OTHER PARTY
05. ALWAYS VOTES GREEN
06. GREEN WHO SOMETIMES VOTES FOR OTHER PARTY
07. ALWAYS VOTES MINNESOTAN INDEPENDENCE
08. MN. INDEPENDENCE WHO SOMETIMES VOTE FOR OTHER PARTY
09. INDEPENDENT CLOSER TO DEMOCRATS
10. INDEPENDENT CLOSER TO REPUBLICANS
11. INDEPENDENT CLOSER TO GREEN
12. INDEPENDENT CLOSER TO MN. INDEPENDENCE PARTY
13. OTHER
14. APOLITICAL
15. DON'T KNOW
16. REFUSED

Question Q51AGE

Thank you. The following questions are primarily for statistical analysis and to help us determine if we are getting a random sample. You don't have to answer all the questions but it will help us if you do.

What age group are you a member of? Are you...

[READ CATEGORIES-AS NECESSARY]

1. 18-24
2. 25-34
3. 35-44
4. 45-54
5. 55-65
6. 65+
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q52EMPL

Are you working now, temporarily laid off, unemployed, retired, a household manager, a full time student or what?

[IF MORE THAN ONE]

What do you consider yourself primarily?

1. WORKING NOW
2. LAID OFF
3. UNEMPLOYED
4. RETIRED
5. DISABLED
6. HOUSEHOLD MANAGER
7. STUDENT
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Question Q53INCOM

Would you please tell me the range which best represents the total yearly income, before taxes, of all immediate family living in your household?

[READ LIST UNTIL STOPPED-IF NECESSARY]

1. UNDER \$10,000
2. \$10-15 thousand
3. \$15,001-20 thousand
4. \$20,001-25 thousand
5. \$25,001-30 thousand
6. \$30,001-40 thousand
7. \$40,001-50 thousand
8. \$50,001-75thousand
9. \$75,001 thousand or more
10. DON'T KNOW
11. REFUSED

Question THANKYOU

I would like to thank you very much for your time and cooperation.
You have been very helpful. If you would like to see the results
of this survey you may contact the SCSU Survey Lab at St. Cloud
State University. Would you like the number?
(IF YES IT IS 320-308-3980 or WEBSITE: web.stcloudstate.edu/scsusurvey).
Good-bye!

INTERVIEWER- BRING TO A DIRECTOR'S ATTENTION ANY PROBLEMS
WITH THE INTERVIEW, SUCH AS DIFFICULT QUESTIONS