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INTRODUCTION, METHODS AND QUESTIONNAIRE

The SCSU Survey is an ongoing survey research extension of the Social Science Research Institute in the College of Social Sciences at St. Cloud State University. The SCSU Survey performs its research in the form of telephone interviews.

Dr. Stephen Frank began the survey in 1980 conducting several omnibus surveys a year of central Minnesota adults in conjunction with his Political Science classes. Presently, the omnibus surveys continue, but have shifted to a primarily statewide focus. The annual statewide survey is conducted once a year in the fall and focuses on statewide issues such as election races, current events, and other important issues that are present in the state of Minnesota.

The primary mission of the SCSU Survey is to serve the academic community and public and nonprofit sector community through its commitment to high quality survey research and to provide education and experiential opportunities to researchers and students. We strive to assure that all SCSU students and faculty directors contribute to the research process, as all are essential in making a research project successful. This success is measured by our ability to obtain high quality survey data that is timely, accurate, and reliable, while maintaining an environment that promotes the professional and personal growth of each staff member. The survey procedures used by the SCSU Survey adhere to the highest quality academic standards. The SCSU Survey maintains the highest ethical standards in its procedures and methods. Both faculty and student directors

demonstrate integrity and respect for dignity in all interactions with colleagues, clients, researchers, and survey participants.

SURVEY PERSONNEL

The Survey's faculty directors are Dr. Steve Frank (SCSU Professor of Political Science), Dr. Steven Wagner (SCSU Professor of Political Science) and Dr. David Robinson (SCSU Professor of Statistics and Computer Networking). The faculty directors are members of the Midwest Association of Public Opinion Research (M.A.P.O.R.) and the American Association of Public Opinion Research (A.A.P.O.R.). The directors subscribe to the code of ethics of A.A.P.O.R.

STEPHEN I. FRANK

Dr. Frank holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science from Washington State University. Dr. Frank teaches courses in American Politics, Public Opinion and Research Methods at St. Cloud State University. Dr. Frank started the SCSU Survey in 1980, and since has played a major role in the development, administration and analysis of over 150 telephone surveys for local and state governments, school districts and a variety of nonprofit agencies. Dr. Frank has completed extensive postgraduate work in survey research at the University of Michigan. Dr. Frank coauthored with Dr. Wagner and published by Harcourt College, "We Shocked the World!" A Case Study of Jesse Ventura's Election as Governor of Minnesota, Revised Edition. He also recently published two academic book chapters: one appears in the current edition of Perspectives on Minnesota Government and Politics and the other, co-authored with Dr. Wagner, is contained in Campaigns and Elections, edited by Robert Watson and Colton Campbell. Dr. Frank is past chairperson of the SCSU Department of Political Science and recently served as President of the Minnesota Political Science Association. He is also a faculty in the Master's of Advocacy and Leadership program of the University of Minnesota-Duluth where he teaches a course on public opinion.

STEVEN C. WAGNER

Dr. Wagner holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science and a Master of Public Administration from Northern Illinois University. Dr. Wagner earned his Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Illinois State University. Dr.

Wagner teaches courses in American Politics and Public and Nonprofit Management at St. Cloud State University. Dr. Wagner joined the SCSU Survey in 1997. Before coming to SCSU, Dr. Wagner taught in Kansas where he engaged in community-based survey research and before that was staff researcher for the U.S. General Accounting Office. Dr. Wagner has written many papers on taxation and state politics and has published articles on voting behavior, federal funding of local services and organizational decision making. Dr. Wagner, with Dr. Frank, recently published two texts on Jesse Ventura's election as Minnesota's Governor and a book chapter on the campaign. Dr. Wagner is presently serving as chair of the Department of Political Science.

DAVID H. ROBINSON

Dr. Robinson holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Statistics and a Masters in Statistics from the University of Iowa. Dr. Robinson earned his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Henderson State University. At St. Cloud State University, Dr. Robinson teaches courses in survey planning and contingency tables, statistical methods for the social sciences, probability and computer simulation, and other statistical applications. Since coming to SCSU in 1985 and before that time, Dr. Robinson has served as statistical consultant for numerous statistical analyses of survey results. He has coauthored a book on computer simulation and analysis, and has published articles in the areas of nonparametric statistics, multivariate statistics, analysis of baseball statistics, and statistical analysis of computer network performance.   Dr. Robinson is immediate past chairperson of the SCSU Department of Statistics and Computer Networking.

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Without the assistance of survey student directors, this project would not have been completed. They are:

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STUDENT CALLERS

After five or more hours of training and screening, approximately 30 students from Political Science 195 classes (Introductory American National Government), Political Science 312 (State and Local Government) and Political Science 484 (Public Budgeting) taught by Drs. Frank and Wagner completed the calling. The survey also employed several highly trained paid callers who mainly focused on refusal conversion calls. Faculty directors monitored the interviewing. Student directors conducted both general training sessions and one-on-one training sessions, as well as monitoring all interviewing.

METHODOLOGY

The SCSU Survey operates a Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) Lab on the St. Cloud State University campus. The CATI Lab is equipped with 19 interviewer stations that each includes a computer, a phone, and a headset. In addition to the interviewer stations, there is the Supervisor Station, which is used to monitor the survey while it is in progress. The SCSU Survey has its own server designated solely for the use of the SCSU Survey.

The SCSU Survey is licensed to use Sawtooth Software's Ci3 Questionnaire Authoring Version 4.1, a state-of-the-art windows-based computer-assisted interviewing package. This program allow us to develop virtually any type of questionnaire while at the same time programming edit and consistency checks and other quality control measures to insure the most valid data. The instrument was pre-tested prior to interviewing to ensure that all equipment and programming was in working order and to verify that the questionnaire was clear.

All interview stations are networked for complete, ongoing sample management. Sawtooth Software's Ci3 allows immediate data updating, ensuring maximum data integrity and allowing clients to get progress reports anytime. The Survey directors are able the review data for quality and consistency. Question answers are entered directly into the computer, thus keypunching is eliminated, which decreases human error and facilitates immediate data analysis. The calling system is programmed to store call record keeping automatically, allowing interviewers and supervisors to focus on the interviewing task. Callbacks are programmed through the computer network and made on a schedule. Each number is called up to 10 times. Interrupted surveys are easily completed. Persons who are willing to be interviewed can do so when it is convenient to them, as appointments were made to interview them, improving the quality of their responses.

Several steps were taken to ensure that the telephone sample of adults in the state was representative of the larger adult state population. The sample was constructed using random digit dialing (RDD) procedures. Random digit dialing makes available changed new and unlisted numbers and is drawn proportionate to the state population. Drawing numbers from a telephone book may skip as many as 30 percent of the households. Within each household, the particular respondent was determined in a statistically unbiased fashion. This

means that the selection process alternated between men and women and older and younger respondents 18 years of age and older. In order to reach hard-to-get respondents, each number was called up to 10 times over different days and times. Appointments were made as necessary to interview the designated respondent at his/her convenience. Interviewing was conducted on Thursday, November 8 and during the week starting Sunday, November 11, through Thursday, November 15, and, Sunday, November 18 through Tuesday, November 20, 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm to maximize contacts and ensure equal opportunities to respond among various respondent demographic groups. Attempt to convert initial refusals commenced almost immediately and continued throughout the survey. The final few nights of interviewing were almost exclusively devoted to contacting hard to reach respondents who often are younger, more affluent.

The calling system maintains full and detailed records, including the number of attempts made to each number and the disposition of each attempt. Almost all initial refusals were contacted and many were converted to completions. Thus, we were able to obtain a 76 percent cooperation rate for this survey. Conversion of initial refusals to completions is more time consuming and therefore more costly, but the results are significantly better.

The sample was comprised of 4,348 phone numbers. The completed sample consists of 612 (un-weighted) respondents and 612 respondents when the sample was weighted. The phone numbers are organized into mini-samples of 200 numbers and released as needed to the interviewers. In samples of 612 interviews, the sample error due to sampling and other random effects is approximately plus/minus 4.0 percent at the 95 percent confidence level. This means that if one were to have drawn 20 samples of the state's adult population and administered the same instrument, it would be expected that the overall findings would be in error by more than approximately four percent only one time in twenty. The sample was obtained from Survey Sampling of Fairfield, Connecticut.

In all sample surveys there are other possible sources of error for which precise estimates cannot be calculated. These include interviewer and coder error, respondent misinterpretation, and analysis errors. When analysis is made of sub-samples such as respondent gender, the sample error may be larger.

Although the demographics of the sample match known characteristics of the 18-year and older population very well, as is characteristic of telephone surveys, one

or more of the demographic indicators will not match known census factors of the whole population. We found we generated a sample with a greater number of females than expected, a greater number of respondents in upper age brackets and consequently lower numbers of respondents in lower age brackets, and a greater number of individuals owning their own home. Therefore, we weighted the sample by gender, age, and home ownership to re-align sample characteristics and population characteristics. All statistics reported are weighted. The weighted demographics of the sample are contained in Tables 7-12.

The cooperation rate of the survey was 76 percent. A cooperation rate of 76 percent is well above the average for professional marketing firms. Cooperation rate means that once we reached an eligible respondent, almost eight of ten respondents agreed to participate in the survey.

Other results from the survey will be released in the near future. The complete questionnaire and results can be found on the Survey web page http://web.stcloudstate.edu/scsusurvey.

DEMOGRAPHICS

This section shows the demographic information we collected from all respondents.

Table 7: Gender		
Response	Frequency	Percent
Male	304	50
Female	308	50
Total	612	100

Table 8: Age		
Response	Frequency	Percent
18-24	77	13
25-34	110	19
35-44	135	23
45-54	108	18
55-65	66	11
65+	96	16
Total	592	100

Table 9: Employment		
Response	Frequency	Percent
Working Now	390	65
Laid Off	10	2
Unemployed	17	3
Retired	98	16
Disabled	13	2
Household Manager	38	6
Student	36	6
Total	602	100

Table 10: Combined Household Income		
Response	Frequency	Percent
Under $10,000	27	5
$10,001-$15,000	17	3
$15,001-$20,000	20	4
$20,001-$25,000	13	3
$25,0001-$30,000	44	8
$30,001-$40,000	41	8
$40,001-$50,000	55	11
$50,001-$100,000	104	20
$100,000+	167	32
Don't Know	29	6
Total	517	100

Table 11: Do you own or rent your primary residence?		
Response	Frequency	Percent
Own	446	74
Rent	145	24
Don't Know	10	2
Total	601	100

COUNTY BREAKDOWN

The quota is the percent of the state population in each county according to the most recent census figures. The SCSU figures are the unweighted breakdowns by county. For example, Aitkin County has .4% of the state's population while our sample was .2%. For the 7 country metro area (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington the figures are 50.8% census and 52% SCSU Survey sample.

FIPS	County Name		HHLD	POP	ESTPHN	ISTED	OWNSHP	UNLSTD	QUOTA	(scsu)
27001	AITKIN	MN	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	97.1%	22.3%	0.4%	(.2)
27003	ANOKA	MN	5.9%	6.4%	5.9%	6.1%	99.5%	39.1%	5.9%	(6.4)
27005	BECKER	MN	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.8%	97.5%	26.5%	0.6%	(1.1)
27007	BELTRAMI	MN	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	97.6%	37.4%	0.8%	(1.1)
27009	BENTON	MN	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	99.1%	46.3%	0.8%	(1.0)
27011	BIG STONE	MN	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	98.5%	30.6%	0.1%	(0)
27013	BLUE EART	MN	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	0.9%	99.5%	50.2%	1.1%	(1.0)
27015	BROWN	MN	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%	99.4%	26.6%	0.5%	(.5)
27017	CARLTON	MN	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	98.4%	39.9%	0.7%	
27019	CARVER	MN	1.5%	1.7%	1.5%	1.5%	99.7%	41.2%	1.5%	(1.5)
27021	CASS	MN	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.9%	97.3%	7.5%	0.6%	
27023	CHIPPEWA	MN	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	98.6%	37.2%	0.3%	
27025	CHISAGO	MN	0.9%	1.0%	0.9%	0.9%	99.2%	38.2%	0.9%	
27027	CLAY	MN	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.9%	98.8%	44.2%	1.0%	
27029	CLEARWATE	MN	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	97.7%	26.3%	0.2%	
27031	COOK	MN	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	96.2%	24.8%	0.1%	
27033	COTTONWOO	MN	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	98.3%	36.7%	0.3%	
27035	CROW WING	MN	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.6%	98.8%	25.4%	1.2%	
27037	DAKOTA	MN	7.2%	7.5%	7.3%	6.8%	99.7%	44.3%	7.3%	(6.7)
27039	DODGE	MN	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	98.8%	42.2%	0.4%	
27041	DOUGLAS	MN	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.9%	98.8%	28.6%	0.7%	
27043	FARIBAULT	MN	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	98.9%	36.4%	0.3%	
27045	FILLMORE	MN	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	97.1%	35.4%	0.4%	
27047	FREEBORN	MN	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%	98.3%	43.8%	0.6%	
27049	GOODHUE	MN	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	1.0%	99.2%	34.5%	0.9%	
27051	GRANT	MN	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	98.3%	31.4%	0.1%	
27053	HENNEPIN	MN	23.1%	21.6%	23.1%	20.9%	99.2%	46.3%	23.1%	(22.4)
27055	HOUSTON	MN	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	99.1%	27.9%	0.4%	
27057	HUBBARD	MN	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%	98.3%	11.8%	0.4%	
27059	ISANTI	MN	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	99.1%	41.9%	0.7%	
27061	ITASCA	MN	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	1.1%	98.1%	28.5%	0.9%	
27063	JACKSON	MN	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	98.8%	45.2%	0.2%	
27065	KANABEC	MN	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	97.7%	33.4%	0.3%	
27067	KANDIYOHI	MN	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.9%	98.5%	34.9%	0.8%	
27069	KITTSON	MN	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	97.7%	36.7%	0.1%	
27071	KOOCHICHI	MN	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	97.0%	33.5%	0.3%	
27073	LAC QUI P	MN	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	98.4%	36.7%	0.2%	
27075	LAKE	MN	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	97.5%	33.4%	0.2%	
27077	LAKE OF T	MN	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	98.0%	21.1%	0.1%	
27079	LE SUEUR	MN	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	99.0%	40.5%	0.5%	
27081	LINCOLN	MN	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	98.2%	39.2%	0.1%	
27083	LYON	MN	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	97.7%	34.5%	0.5%	
27085	MCLEOD	MN	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%	99.1%	36.8%	0.7%	
27087	MAHNOMEN	MN	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	95.3%	45.0%	0.1%	
27089	MARSHALL	MN	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	98.2%	41.5%	0.2%	
27091	MARTIN	MN	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	98.6%	35.7%	0.4%	
27093	MEEKER	MN	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%	98.6%	31.6%	0.4%	
27095	MILLE LAC	MN	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	98.0%	33.9%	0.5%	
27097	MORRISON	MN	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	98.5%	29.6%	0.6%	
27099	MOWER	MN	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	98.4%	41.9%	0.8%	
27101	MURRAY	MN	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	98.6%	32.2%	0.2%	
27103	NICOLLET	MN	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	99.3%	39.3%	0.6%	
27105	NOBLES	MN	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	98.6%	37.8%	0.4%	

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27107  NORMAN     MN   0.1%    0.1%    0.1%    0.2%  97.8%  33.4%   0.1%
27109  OLMSTED    MN   2.7%    2.7%    2.7%    2.4%  99.4%  45.8%   2.7% (3.4)
27111  OTTER TAI  MN   1.2%    1.1%    1.2%    1.5%  98.1%  21.8%   1.2%
27113  PENNINGTO  MN   0.3%    0.3%    0.3%    0.3%  97.9%  36.0%   0.3%
27115  PINE       MN   0.5%    0.6%    0.5%    0.6%  96.9%  36.0%   0.5%
27117  PIPESTONE  MN   0.2%    0.2%    0.2%    0.2%  99.3%  34.9%   0.2%
27119  POLK       MN   0.6%    0.6%    0.6%    0.7%  98.3%  27.9%   0.6%
27121  POPE       MN   0.2%    0.2%    0.2%    0.3%  99.2%  29.9%   0.2%
27123  RAMSEY     MN   9.8%    9.5%    9.8%    9.0%  99.0%  45.3%   9.8% (8.8)
27125  RED LAKE   MN   0.1%    0.1%    0.1%    0.1%  98.2%  41.8%   0.1%
27127  REDWOOD    MN   0.3%    0.3%    0.3%    0.4%  98.6%  34.6%   0.3%
27129  RENVILLE   MN   0.3%    0.3%    0.3%    0.3%  98.3%  43.9%   0.3%
27131  RICE       MN   1.0%    1.2%    1.1%    1.1%  99.3%  38.9%   1.1%
27133  ROCK       MN   0.2%    0.2%    0.2%    0.2%  98.3%  34.2%   0.2%
27135  ROSEAU     MN   0.3%    0.3%    0.3%    0.4%  98.1%  32.5%   0.3%
27137  ST LOUIS   MN   4.0%    3.8%    4.0%    4.1%  98.0%  38.5%   4.0% (4.2)
27139  SCOTT      MN   2.2%    2.4%    2.2%    2.1%  99.6%  41.7%   2.2% (2.6)
27141  SHERBURNE  MN   1.4%    1.6%    1.4%    1.5%  99.6%  36.4%   1.4% (2.3)
27143  SIBLEY     MN   0.3%    0.3%    0.3%    0.3%  98.4%  41.1%   0.3%
27145  STEARNS    MN   2.6%    2.8%    2.6%    2.8%  99.1%  37.3%   2.6% (2.3)
27147  STEELE     MN   0.7%    0.7%    0.7%    0.6%  99.0%  45.2%   0.7%
27149  STEVENS    MN   0.2%    0.2%    0.2%    0.2%  98.5%  37.0%   0.2%
27151  SWIFT      MN   0.2%    0.2%    0.2%    0.2%  98.0%  27.7%   0.2%
27153  TODD       MN   0.5%    0.5%    0.5%    0.5%  97.5%  37.3%   0.5%
27155  TRAVERSE   MN   0.1%    0.1%    0.1%    0.1%  97.8%  26.5%   0.1%
27157  WABASHA    MN   0.4%    0.4%    0.4%    0.4%  98.8%  41.6%   0.4%
27159  WADENA     MN   0.3%    0.3%    0.3%    0.3%  98.4%  28.5%   0.3%
27161  WASECA     MN   0.4%    0.4%    0.4%    0.4%  99.0%  34.5%   0.4%
27163  WASHINGTO  MN   4.0%    4.3%    4.0%    4.0%  99.7%  40.0%   4.0% (3.6)
27165  WATONWAN   MN   0.2%    0.2%    0.2%    0.2%  97.4%  41.4%   0.2%
27167  WILKIN     MN   0.1%    0.1%    0.1%    0.2%  98.4%  29.0%   0.1%
27169  WINONA     MN   0.9%    0.9%    0.9%    0.9%  98.5%  41.3%   0.9%
27171  WRIGHT     MN   2.0%    2.2%    2.0%    2.1%  99.1%  39.5%   2.0% (2.3)
27173  YELLOW ME  MN   0.2%    0.2%    0.2%    0.2%  98.0%  38.4%   0.2%
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NOTE: AREA CODE BREAKDOWN IS NOT A VERY GOOD INDICATOR DUE TO THE WAY SURVEY SAMPLING INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNS NUMBERS TO COUNTIES

Table 12: Telephone Area Code		
Response	Frequency	Percent
218	109	18
320	69	11
507	76	13
612	45	7
651	113	18
763	118	19

952		82	14
Total		612	100

PRINT COPY OF COMPUTER ASSISTED TELEPHONE INTERVIEWING QUESTIONNAIRE (CATI)

Question CHECKQ

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.
YOU CAN HIT CONTROL/END AT ANY TIME TO TERMINATE
AN INTERVIEW, PUT MESSAGE FOR CALLBACKS, INCOMPLETES,
REFUSALS, ETC.

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question HELLO

Hello, my name is _____ (YOUR NAME) 10-28 DRAFT
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 problems facing the state,
transportation issues, taxes, immigration, global warming, the state
wide smoking ban and ratings of some people in politics and government.
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 RESIDENTIAL PHONE]
Is this a residential phone? [IF NO, TERMINATE WITH, E.G.;
I'm sorry I have the wrong place.]

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question LOADDATA

Hello, my name is _____ (YOUR NAME) 10-28 DRAFT
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 problems facing the state,
transportation issues, taxes, immigration, global warming, the state
wide smoking ban and ratings of some people in politics and government.
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 RESIDENTIAL PHONE]
Is this a residential phone? [IF NO, TERMINATE WITH, E.G.;
I'm sorry I have the wrong place.]

Logic Instructions (flow only):

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 FIRST 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 NEEDED. 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]

Logic Instructions (flow only):

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-[VOLUNTEERED]
3. WRONG TRACK
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

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]

01. ABORTION	16. POLITICS/POLITICIANS/GOV/LEGIS.
02. AGRICULTURE-GENERAL	17. POVERTY/ POOR
03. BUDGET	18. PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
04. GAY MARRIAGE	19. RELIGIOUS/FAMILY VALUES
05. CRIMES/GANGS/VIOL	20. ROADS-HIGHWAYS-TRANS.
06. DRUG USE	21. SENIOR ISSUES/SOCIAL SECURITY
07. ECON. ISSUES (JOBS-WAGES)	22. SPORTS ISSUES/ STADIUMS
08. EDUCATION/SCHOOL	23. STATE SERVICE CUTS
09. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	24. GOVERNMENT FEES
10. IMMIGRANTS: ILLEGAL-LEGAL	25. TAXES
11 GAMBLING	26 TERRORISM
12. HEALTH CARE	27. GAS PRICES-UTILITY PRICES
13. HOUSING-AFFORDABLE	28. BUSINESS CLIMATE
14. HOME FORECLOSURES	29. OTHER
15. NATURAL DISASTERS	30. NO PROBLEM FACING STATE
	31. DON'T KNOW
	32. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):
IF (ANS=30) SKIPTO Q4BRIDGE
IF (ANS=31) SKIPTO Q4BRIDGE
IF (ANS=32) SKIPTO Q4BRIDGE

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 DIFFERENT FROM
THOSE WHO SAY THEY ARE AN INDEPENDENT WHICH IS NO PARTY]

1. REPUBLICAN (GOP or IR)
2. DEMOCRATIC (DFL)
3. INDEPENDENCE PARTY
4. GREEN PARTY
5. OTHER-[VOLUNTEERED INCLUDES INDEPENDENT]
6. PARTIES ALL THE SAME/NO DIFFERENCE-[VOLUNTEERED]
7. NONE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q4BRIDGE

Thanks. Next we have one question about Minnesota bridges and then
four questions on taxes regarding roads and bridges.

Generally speaking, do you think the condition of bridges in
Minnesota is a major problem, a minor problem, or
not a problem at all?

1. MAJOR PROBLEM
2. MINOR PROBLEM
3. NOT A PROBLEM AT ALL
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q5FIVE

Would you support or oppose a five cent increase in the state's
gas tax if it is used solely to increase the building and
maintenance of roads and bridges in your area of the state?

1. SUPPORT
5. OPPOSE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q6TEN

Would you support or oppose a ten cent increase in the state's
gas tax if it is used solely to increase the building and
maintenance of roads and bridges in your area of the state?

1. SUPPORT
5. OPPOSE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q7RAIL

Do you support or oppose a one-half cent increase in the
Twin Cities metro areas sales tax for expanding Light Rail
in the Twin Cities metro area?

 1. SUPPORT
 5. OPPOSE
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q8WHEEL

Several counties in Minnesota charge a five dollar fee, called
a wheelage tax, to help pay for building and maintaining
their county roads and bridges. This fee is collected when
you pay for your vehicle license tabs.

Do you support or oppose your county charging a wheelage tax
of five dollars a year to build and maintain your county
roads and bridges?

1. SUPPORT
5. OPPOSE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question ROTA912

Next, we are going to ask you to rate the response of different people and organizations to the 35W bridge collapse. After each choice, please respond with one of the following: Excellent, pretty good, poor, or unacceptable.
[PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE]

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q9FIRST

The first responders, such as police, fire fighters,
divers and hospital emergency people?

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q10TIM

Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty?

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q11CAROL

Minnesota Transportation Commissioner Carol Molnau?

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q12FEDS

Federal Agencies such as the Department of Transportation
and the National Transportation Safety Board?

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q13EVAL

Thanks. Now I have a few questions about sales, property
and income taxes in the state of Minnesota.

Which of the following Minnesota state or local government
tax do you believe is the least fair?
[READ CHOICES 1-3; ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE]

1. Sales Tax
2. Property taxes on home, businesses and apartments
3. Income tax
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q14FAIR

Do you feel you pay more than your fair share in state income
taxes, less than your fair share, or is the amount you pay
about right?

1. MORE THAN YOUR FAIR SHARE
2. LESS THAN YOUR FAIR SHARE
3. PAY ABOUT RIGHT
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q15HITAX

Do you support or oppose an income tax increase on the highest 2% of Minnesota's income earners if the increase was used for property tax relief?

1. SUPPORT
5. OPPOSE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q16CLOTH

Some states tax food and clothing but allow lower income families
to completely deduct their tax payments on food and clothing.

If lower income families could deduct their tax payments,
do you support or oppose a sales tax on clothing in Minnesota
if the increase in revenue was used for property tax relief?

1. SUPPORT
5. OPPOSE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q17FOOD

If lower income families could deduct their tax payments,
do you support or oppose a sales tax on food in Minnesota
if the increase in revenue was used for property tax relief?

1. SUPPORT
5. OPPOSE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q18PROP

Do you support or oppose holding constant property taxes
on the homes of low income disabled and retired individuals?

1. SUPPORT
5. OPPOSE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question IMMIG1

Now I have four questions about immigration.

For you personally, what, if any, are the benefits from allowing
immigrants into the United States?
[READ CHOICES 2-8; ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

1. NO BENEFIT
2. They provides cultural diversity
3. They take jobs Americans don't want
4. They are low cost labor
5. They are hard working
6. They strengthen economy
7. The history of this country is based on immigration
8. They appreciate America
9. OTHER-volunteered
10. DON'T KNOW
11. REFUSED
12. NO OTHER RESPONSE

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question IMMIG2

For you personally, what, if any, are the negative consequences
from allowing immigrants into the United States?
[READ CHOICES 2-10; ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

1. NO NEGATIVE COST
2. They work for low wages so wages of Americans are lowered
3. They take jobs from Americans
4. They cause crime
5. They use government welfare
6. They increase diversity
7. They don't speak English
8. They don't pay taxes
9. They threaten our national security
10. They crowd our schools
11. OTHER-VOLUNTEER
12. DON'T KNOW
13. REFUSED
14. NO OTHER RESPONSE

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question IMMIG3

How important is the issue of illegal immigration to you?
Is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important,
not too important, not at all important?

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question IMMIG4

In terms of illegal immigration in the United States,
what actions would you like to see happen?
[READ CHOICES 2 - 8; ACCEPT MULTI-RESPONSES]

1. NOTHING
2. Building a wall or fence along the Mexican border
3. Build a wall or fence along the Canadian border
4. Use military to stop illegal immigrants at the border
5. Fine those who hire illegal workers
6. File criminal charges against those who hire illegal workers
7. Capture and send back all illegal immigrants
8. Allow illegal immigrants to stay but pay a fine
9. OTHER-VOLUNTEER
10. DON'T KNOW
11. REFUSED
12. NO OTHER RESPONSE

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q19WARM

Now we have two questions relating to your views on global warming.

What do you think is causing global warming? Do you think it is
caused more by human activities, such as driving cars and burning
fuel, or is it caused more by natural changes in the climate,
or both?

 1. HUMAN ACTIVITIES
 2. NATURAL CHANGES
 3. BOTH HUMAN AND NATURAL CHANGES
 4. NOT A PROBLEM-VOLUNTEERED
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):
IF (ANS=4) SKIPTO Q21SMOK
IF (ANS=9) SKIPTO Q21SMOK

Question Q20PROB

In your view, is global warming a very serious problem,
somewhat serious, not too serious or not at all a problem?

1. VERY SERIOUS
2. SOMEWHAT SERIOUS
3. NOT TOO SERIOUS
4. NOT AT ALL A PROBLEM
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q21SMOK

Thank you. Now we will turn to some questions on the recently
enacted smoking ban in Minnesota.

Do you approve of the statewide ban on smoking in all public places
such as restaurants and bars?

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q22BAN

As a result of the smoking ban do you think you'll be going out
to restaurants or bars more often, less often or about the same?

1. MORE
2. LESS
3. SAME
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q23YESS

Are you a smoker?

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):
IF (ANS=5) SKIPTO Q25RIGHT
IF (ANS=8) SKIPTO Q25RIGHT
IF (ANS=9) SKIPTO Q25RIGHT

Question Q24LAW

Do you think the effects of the law may:
[READ CHOICES 1-3; ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE]

 1. Force you to quit
 2. Have no effect on your smoking
 3. Reduce your smoking
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q25RIGHT

Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree
with the following statement, "The smoking ban is a violation
of a smoker's rights to smoke"

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q26VIKES

Thanks. Next I have two questions about the Minnesota Vikings.

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Q27STAD

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; ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE]

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
4. A combination of private funds and state and local governments
5. The current stadium is fine.
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question THER1

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
	777	888	999

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question THER2

John Edwards

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question THER3

Mike Ciresi

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question THER4

 Rudy Giuliani

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question THER5

Tim Pawlenty

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question THER6

Fred Thompson

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question THER7

Hillary Clinton

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question THER8

Norm Coleman

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question THER9

Amy Klobuchar

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question THER10

Barack Obama

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question THER11

John McCain

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question THER12

Al Franken

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question PART

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question IDEOL

Thinking about your own general approach to politics, do you
consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate,
somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

1. VERY LIBERAL
2. SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
3. MODERATE
4. SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
5. VERY CONSERVATIVE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question AGE

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question EMPL

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

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question OWN

Do you own or rent your primary residence?

 1. OWN
 5. RENT
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question INCOM

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 to 15 thousand
3. $15 to 20 thousand
4. $20 to 25 thousand
5. $25 to 30 thousand
6. $30 to 40 thousand
7. $40 to 50 thousand
8. $50 to 75 thousand
9. $75 thousand or more
10. DON'T KNOW
11. REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

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, ETC

Logic Instructions (flow only):