

COVERSHEET: INTRODUCTORY STUDY DESCRIPTION

Hello, my name is _____. I am helping to interview a scientifically selected sample of LaCrosse County residents regarding some current events.

My interview schedule requires that I speak with an adult (male/female) in this household. Could you please tell me if there is such a person residing here?

*IF ASKED, DEFINE AN ADULT AS A PERSON OF AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

*IF THE RESIDENT IDENTIFIES HIMSELF OR HERSELF AS SUCH AN ADULT, PROCEED WITH THE INTERVIEW.

*IF THIS IS A SINGLE PERSON HOUSEHOLD AND THE PERSON IS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX AS REQUESTED EXPLAIN THAT UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES THE GENDER OF THE ADULT RESPONDENT IS UNIMPORTANT AND PROCEED WITH THE INTERVIEW.

*IF THE PERSON REQUESTED IS IN THE HOUSEHOLD BUT NOT THE PERSON CURRENTLY ON THE PHONE, ASK TO PLEASE SPEAK WITH SAID PERSON. IF YOU HAVE A CHOICE OF QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE ELDEST AND THE YOUNGEST OF THEM.

EACH INTERVIEWER SHOULD KEEP A LIST OF ALL SUCH CHOICE SITUATIONS SO AS TO ENSURE THE EQUAL REPRESENTATION OF ALL SEX AND AGE GROUPS.

*IF THERE IS SUCH A PERSON AS REQUESTED IN THE HOUSEHOLD BUT NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO TALK (FOR WHATEVER REASON), ASK WHEN A MORE CONVENIENT TIME TO RETURN THE CALL MIGHT BE. KEEP A RECORD OF THIS INFORMATION.

*IF, IN GENERAL, THE PERSON INDICATES THAT THIS IS A BAD TIME TO TALK, ASK FOR A MORE CONVENIENT TIME TO RETURN THE CALL.

*A TOTAL OF THREE CALLBACKS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE GIVING UP THE ATTEMPT TO REACH THE RESPONDENT.

***ONCE THE DESIRED RESPONDENT IS CONTACTED READ THE INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH ABOVE AND PROCEED WITH THE INTERVIEW.

C5 has there been? ...Would you say that
there has been.... A GREAT DEAL (4)
A FAIR AMOUNT (3)
VERY LITTLE (2)
or, NOTHING AT ALL (1)

READ ALL RESPONSE
CATEGORIES

Q2. Next, would you please tell us from which of the following sources you have received any information regarding the Cuban refugees? For example,

C6 Have you read anything about this in the newspapers? YES (2) NO (1)
C7 Have you heard about it on the radio? YES (2) NO (1)
C8 Have you seen any television reports about it? YES (2) NO (1)
C9 Have you ever talked about the Cubans with friends? YES (2) NO (1)
C10 And finally, have you been a fairly regular reader
Of the LaCrosse Tribune over the past month or two? YES (2) NO (1)

Q3. What general impression of the Cubans do you now have as a result of all that you have seen, heard, and read about these people...

C11 Would you say that your general impression is...
FAVORABLE (1)
NEUTRAL (2)
SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE (3)
VERY UNFAVORABLE (4)

READ ALL RESPONSE
CATEGORIES

Q4. Have you ever had any occasion to talk with any local Cubans?

C12 YES (2) NO (1)

Q5. Are there now or have there ever been any Cubans living in your home neighborhood?

C13 YES (2) NO (1)

Q6. A month ago an alleged sexual assault was reported to have occurred in the back seat of a car between an adult Cuban male and an eight year-old white girl. Do you recall reading or hearing anything about this before?

C14 YES (3) UNSURE (2) NO (1)

IF THE PERSON ANSWERS EITHER "YES" OR "UNSURE" ASK:

would you please indicate what you read or heard about this event?

INTERVIEWER: PUT THESE COMMENTS ON THE BACK OF THE CODING SHEET.

refugees to have a more or less violent nature than the average Wisconsin person?

C16

LESS VIOLENT (1)
NEITHER (2)
MORE VIOLENT (3)

← DO NOT READ THIS RESPONSE CATEGORY

Q9. Do you think that most people in this locality believe the Cuban refugees to have a greater or lesser tendency toward criminal activity than the average local citizen?

C17

LESSER TENDENCY (1)
NEITHER (2)
GREATER TENDENCY (3)

DO NOT READ THIS RESPONSE CATEGORY

SECTION III: PERSONAL PREJUDICE TOWARDS CUBANS PERSONS

Now, for the following list of statements we would like you to simply respond "tend to agree" or "tend to disagree." No explanations are expected.

Okay, the first statement is...

Q10. The Cuban refugees should have never been admitted to the United States.

C18

TEND TO AGREE (1)
TEND TO DISAGREE (2)

Q11. Most Cuban refugees are on the whole industrious and moral people.

C19

TEND TO AGREE (1)
TEND TO DISAGREE (2)

Q12. The children of the Cuban refugees should not be admitted into the public schools until they earn their citizenship.

C20

TEND TO AGREE (1)
TEND TO DISAGREE (2)

Q13. Most Cubans would make as good next door neighbors as anyone else.

C21

TEND TO AGREE (1)
TEND TO DISAGREE (2)

Q14. The average Cuban refugee is more apt to commit a serious crime than is the average Wisconsin citizen.

C22

TEND TO AGREE (1)
TEND TO DISAGREE (2)

- Q15. what if the defendant gave all testimony in a foreign language?
- C23 YES (2)
NO (1)
- Q16. what if the defendant was not a citizen of the United States?
- C24 YES (2)
NO (1)
- Q17. what if the defendant had a prior criminal record?
- C25 YES (2)
NO (1)
- Q18. what if the defendant was foreign-born and dark-skinned?
- C26 YES (2)
NO (1)

SECTION V: CREDIBILITY OF MINOR TESTIMONY

The next three items ask how believable you would feel the testimony of minors to be in a court of law.

- Q19. In general, do you believe that the courtroom testimony of minors is more or less believable than that of adults?
- C27 LESS (1)
 NO DIFFERENT: DO NOT READ THIS RESPONSE (2)
 MORE (3)
- Q20. In general, do you feel that you can trust the accuracy of the courtroom testimony of ten year-old children?
- C28 YES (3)
 UNCERTAIN: DO NOT READ THIS RESPONSE (2)
 NO (1)
- Q21. And more specifically, if the court case involved an allegation of sexual assault, how trustworthy would you feel a minor's testimony to be? First, please indicate whether you would judge such testimony to be "generally trustworthy" or "generally untrustworthy" and then briefly explain "why."
- C29 GENERALLY TRUSTWORTHY (3)
 GENERALLY UNTRUSTWORTHY (1) RECORD RESPONDANT'S EXPLANATIONS ON CODING SHEET.

regarding the Cuban struggle to overthrow the Cuban government.
First, please indicate whether you think the Cuban is more or less likely to break the law, and then briefly explain why.

C31

LESS LIKELY (1)

NEITHER (2) : DO NOT READ THIS RESPONSE CATEGORY

MORE LIKELY (3)

*RECORD AS MUCH VERBATIM REPLY AS YOU CAN MANAGE ESPECIALLY RACIAL AND DEROGATORY COMMENTS ABOUT THE CUBANS. WRITE THESE COMMENTS ON THE BACKSIDE OF THE CODING SHEET.

*IF THE RESPONDENT DOESN'T SAY MUCH, PROBE FURTHER: FOR EXAMPLE, YOU MIGHT ASK, "ON WHAT DO YOU BASE YOUR VIEW THAT CUBAN REFUGEES ARE MORE LIKELY/LESS LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY?"

SECTION VII: SELF-EVALUATED IMPARTIALITY

Q24. If a La Crosse Cuban was on trial for a serious crime, how sure are you that you could be a completely fair and impartial jurist? would you say that you are pretty sure or not so sure?

C32

PRETTY SURE (1)

NOT SO SURE (2)

SECTION VIII: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

We now have a few closing questions regarding yourself. information is guaranteed confidential.

Q25. For how many years have you been a resident of La Crosse County?

C33-C34

SCORE THE ROUNDED OFF NUMBER OF YEARS IN TWO DIGITS.

Q26. What was your year of birth?

C35-C38

SCORE ALL FOUR DIGITS.

Q27. To date, what is the highest grade level of schooling that you have completed?

C39-C40

RECORD THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN TWO DIGITS---FROM 01 TO 20

