Self-Questionnaire on Political Opinions and Activities

| 1. Which best describes your year in college? ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Other ☐ Not in college | 5. How often do you watch national television news? Every day 5-6 days per week 3-4 days per week 1-2 days per week Less than 1 day per week Never |
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| 2. What is your major? Government, Politics, etc. Other social science Arts, Humanities Business, marketing, accounting, etc Natural sciences Education Engineering Nursing Fine arts Other (specify) | 6. How often do you listen to news on the radio? Every day 5-6 days per week 3-4 days per week 1-2 days per week Less than 1 day per week Never 7. When you follow politics, which of the following media sources are important to you? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) Television |
| 3. How often do you read a newspaper? Every day 5-6 days per week 3-4 days per week 1-2 days per week Less than 1 day per week Never | Newspapers Magazines Radio Internet Word of mouth – other people Other (please specify) |
| 4. How often do you watch local television news? Every day 5-6 days per week 3-4 days per week 1-2 days per week Less than 1 day per week Never | |

| 8. | some people feel the government in Washington should see to it that every person has a job and a good standard of living. Others think the government should just let each person get ahead on their own. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this? |
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| | 1. Government should see to jobs and good standard of living 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. Government should let each person get ahead on own Haven't thought much about it Don't know |
| 9. | Some people feel there should be a government insurance plan which would cover all medical and hospital expenses for everyone. Others feel that all medical expenses should be paid by individuals through private insurance plans like Blue Cross or other company paid plans. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this? |
| | 1. Government insurance plan 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. Private insurance plan Haven't thought much about it Don't know |
| 10. | Some people believe that we should spend much less money for defense. Others feel that defense spending should be greatly increased. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this? |
| | 1. Government should spend much less for defense spending 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. Defense spending should be greatly increased Haven't thought much about it Don't know |
| 11. | Do you think this country would be better off if we just stayed home and did not concern ourselves with problems in other parts of the world, or do you think that this country would be better off trying to solve some problems in other parts of the world? |
| | □ Better off if we stayed home □ Better off trying to solve some problems □ Don't know |

| 12. | Concerning the issue of abortion, which of the following opinions best agrees with your view? | |
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| | □ By law, abortion should never be permitted □ The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest, or when the woman's life is in denger | |
| | danger ☐ The law should permit abortion for reasons other than rape, incest, or danger to the woman's life, but only after the need for the abortion has been clearly established | |
| | □ By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice□ Don't know | |
| 13. | Do you think homosexuals should be allowed to serve in the United States Armed Forces or don'you think so? Or haven't you thought much about this? | t |
| | ☐ I feel strongly that homosexuals should be allowed to serve ☐ I feel that homosexuals should be allowed to serve ☐ I feel that homosexuals should not be allowed to serve ☐ I feel strongly that homosexuals should not be allowed to serve ☐ Don't know | |
| 14. | Some people feel that women should have an equal role with men in running business, industry, a government. Others feel that a woman's place is in the home. Where would you place yourself othis scale, or haven't you thought much about this? | |
| | □ 1. Women and men should have equal role □ 2. □ 3. □ 4. □ 5. □ 6. □ 7. A woman's place is in the home □ Haven't thought much about it □ Don't know | |
| 15. | Should companies that have discriminated against blacks have to have an affirmative action progor should companies not have to have an affirmative action program? | ram |
| | □ I feel strongly they should have to have an affirmative action program □ I feel they should have to have an affirmative action program □ I feel they should not have to have an affirmative action program □ I feel strongly they should not have to have an affirmative action program □ Don't know | |
| 16. | Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder? | |
| | □ I strongly favor the death penalty for persons convicted of murder □ I favor the death penalty for persons convicted of murder □ I oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder □ I strongly oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder □ Don't know | |

| 17. | Do you think the government in Washington should see to it that white and black children go to the same schools or stay out of this area as it is not the government's business? |
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| | ☐ The government should see to it that white and black children go to the same schools ☐ The government should stay out of this area ☐ Don't know |
| 18. | Should the government in Washington see to it that black people get fair treatment in jobs or is this not the federal government's business? |
| | ☐ I feel strongly that the government should see to fair treatment ☐ I feel that the government should see to fair treatment ☐ I feel that this is not the government's business ☐ I feel strongly that this is not the government's business ☐ Don't know |
| 19. | Do you favor a law making English the official language of the United States, meaning government business would be conducted in English only, or do you oppose such a law? |
| | ☐ I favor such a law ☐ I neither favor nor oppose such a law ☐ I oppose such a law ☐ Don't know |
| 20. | Do you think gay or lesbian couples, in other words, homosexual couples, should be legally permitted to adopt children? |
| | ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know |
| 21. | Some people think we need much tougher government regulations on business in order to protect the environment. Others think that current regulations to protect the environment are already too much of a burden on business. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this? |
| | □ 1. Tougher regulations on business needed to protect the environment □ 2. □ 3. □ 4. □ 5. □ 6. □ 7. Regulations to protect environment already too much a burden on business |
| | ☐ Haven't thought much about it☐ Don't know |

| 22. | Do you think the federal government should make it more difficult for people to buy a gun than it is now, make it easier for people to buy a gun, or keep these rules about the same as they are now? |
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| | □ A lot more difficult □ Somewhat more difficult □ Keep rules about the same □ Somewhat easier □ A lot easier □ Don't know |
| 23. | Some people think it is important to protect the environment even if it costs some jobs or otherwise reduces our standard of living. Other people think that protecting the environment is not as important as maintaining jobs and our standard of living. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this? |
| | 1. Protect the environment, even if it costs jobs and standard of living 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. Jobs and standard of living are more important than the environment Haven't thought much about it Don't know |
| 24. | There has been discussion recently about a proposed law to ban certain types of late-term abortions, sometimes called partial birth abortions. Do you favor or oppose a law that would make these types of abortions illegal? |
| | □ I strongly favor such a law □ I favor such a law □ I oppose such a law □ I strongly oppose such a law □ Don't know |
| 25. | Do you favor or oppose a school voucher program that would allow parents to use tax funds to send their children to the school of their choice, even if it were a private school? |
| | □ I strongly favor a school voucher program □ I favor a school voucher program □ I oppose a school voucher program □ I strongly oppose a school voucher program □ Don't know |

| 26. | Some people think the government should provide fewer services even in areas such as health and education in order to reduce spending. Other people feel it is important for the government to provide many more services even if it means an increase in spending. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this? |
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| | 1. Government should provide many fewer services 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. Government should provide many more services Haven't thought much about it Don't know |
| 27. | Some people say that because of past discrimination, blacks should be given preferences in hiring and promotion. Others say that such preference in hiring and promotion of blacks is wrong because it gives blacks advantages they haven't earned. What is your opinion? |
| | □ I strongly favor preferential hiring and promotion of blacks □ I favor preferential hiring and promotion of blacks □ I oppose preferential hiring and promotion of blacks □ I strongly oppose preferential hiring and promotion of blacks □ Don't know |
| 28. | Do you favor or oppose laws to protect homosexuals against job discrimination? |
| | □ Favor strongly □ Favor not strongly □ Oppose not strongly □ Oppose strongly |
| | In general, which of the following statements best represents what you feel about the way political campaigns are financed in this country? |
| | □ It needs to be completely overhauled □ It needs major changes □ It needs minor changes □ It is basically fine the way it is |
| 30. | Indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statement: |
| | I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing our country. |
| | □ Agree strongly □ Agree somewhat □ Neither agree nor disagree □ Disagree somewhat □ Disagree strongly |

| | I consider myself well-qualified to participate in politics. |
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| | □ Agree strongly □ Agree somewhat □ Neither agree nor disagree □ Disagree somewhat □ Disagree strongly |
| 31. | . There are always some people whose ideas are considered bad or dangerous by other people. For each one mentioned, indicate whether such a person should be allowed to make a speech in your community: |
| | A person wants to make a speech against churches and religion. |
| | ☐ He or she should be allowed ☐ He or she should not be allowed ☐ Don't know |
| | A person wants to make a speech claiming that blacks are genetically inferior. |
| | ☐ He or she should be allowed ☐ He or she should not be allowed ☐ Don't know |
| | A person wants to make a speech in favor of communism. |
| | ☐ He or she should be allowed ☐ He or she should not be allowed ☐ Don't know |
| | A person wants to make a speech to advocate doing away with elections and letting the military run the country. |
| | ☐ He or she should be allowed ☐ He or she should not be allowed ☐ Don't know |

| 32. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right? | 38. Did you vote in the last non-Presidential election? |
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| ☐ Just about always ☐ Most of the time ☐ Only some of the time ☐ Never | ☐ Yes☐ No☐ I was not eligible (too young or not a citizen) |
| 33. On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in the United States? | 39. Please check all the political activities you have been involved with. (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) |
| □ Satisfied □ Fairly satisfied □ Not very satisfied □ Not at all satisfied | □ Tried to influence vote of others □ Displayed button, sticker, etc. □ Went to a meeting or rally □ Did any other campaign work |
| 34. How interested in politics are you now? | Gave money to a political candidateAttended community meeting in past |
| □ Extremely interested □ Very interested □ Somewhat interested □ Not very interested □ Not at all interested | year Worked on a community issue in last year Worked with others in neighborhood to solve a common issue or problem |
| 35. How often do you follow what's going on in government and public affairs? | in last 12 months ☐ Contacted public official in past year ☐ Took part in protest or march in last year |
| ☐ Most of the time☐ Some of the time☐ Only now and then☐ Hardly at all | Other (please specify) 40. Which best describes your political beliefs? |
| 36. Compared with when you started college, how has your interest in politics changed? | Extremely liberal Liberal Moderately liberal |
| ☐ I am much more interested now ☐ I am somewhat more interested now ☐ I have about the same level of interest now ☐ I am somewhat less interested now | ☐ Moderate ☐ Moderately conservative ☐ Conservative ☐ Extremely conservative ☐ I don't know |
| ☐ I am much less interested now | 41. Which best describes your political party |
| 37. Did you vote in the last Presidential election? | affiliation? |
| ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I was not eligible (too young or not a citizen) | Strong Democrat Democrat Independent Democrat Independent Independent Republican Republican Strong Republican I don't know |

| 42. Which best describes your social class? | 46. Which best describes your annual total |
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| Upper class Middle class Working class Lower class I don't know 43. Which of your parents graduated from a college or university? Both parents My mother only My father only Neither parent | family income? Under \$10,000 \$10,000-\$19,999 \$20,000-\$29,000 \$30,000-\$39,999 \$40,000-\$49,999 \$50,000-\$59,999 \$60,000-\$79,999 \$80,000-\$79,999 \$100,000 or more I don't know |
| 44. Are you? Male Female 45. What is your age? years | 47. Which best describes your ethnic background? Black / African American White / Caucasian Latina / Latino / Hispanic Asian American Native American Other (specify) |