

# UnderStandingAmericaStudy

INITIAL RECRUITMENT SURVEY VERSION 1



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## INTRODUCTION

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This document includes the full text of the UAS's Initial Recruitment Survey - Version 1. This survey was included in the panel recruitment package as a paper survey to be filled out as part of the UAS's initial recruitment mailing. It was in use from the inception of the UAS until December 9, 2018. Detailed information on the UAS recruitment procedures is available at <https://uasdata.usc.edu/page/Methodology>.

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## ROUTING

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### Q1 (current employment situation)

To begin with, we have some general questions about your life.

Which of the following best describes your current employment situation?

1 Currently working (for pay or profit)

2 Unemployed

3 Retired

4 Disabled

5 Unable to work

### IF Q1 = 1 THEN

#### Q2 (work full time or part time)

If you are currently working, do you work full (30 hours or more a week) or part- time?

1 Full time

2 Part time

### Else

#### Q3 (employed in last two years)

Have you been employed within the past two years?

1 Yes

2 No

### End of if

**Q4 (satisfied with job)**

How satisfied are you with your job or, if you are not employed, how satisfied are you with your daily activities?

1 Very satisfied

2 Satisfied

3 Not very satisfied

4 Not at all satisfied

**Q5 (comfortable using computers)**

How comfortable would you say you are using computers?

1 Very comfortable

2 Comfortable

3 Not comfortable

4 Not at all comfortable

**Q6 (use email)**

Do you use email?

1 Yes

2 No

**Q7 (have a computer)**

Do you or does someone else in your household have a computer at home?

1 Yes

2 No

**Q8 (internet access at home)**

Do you have access to the Internet at home? If so, what kind of Internet access do you have?

1 Yes: Dial-Up

2 Yes: Broad-band

3 Yes: DSL

4 Yes: Cable

5 Yes: Wireless

6 Yes: don't know/not sure what kind

7 No: I do not have Internet access at home

**Q9 (access to computer not at home)**

Do you have access to a computer that is connected to the Internet somewhere else, like at work, at school, or in a public library?

1 Yes

2 No

**Q10 (school level)**

What is the highest grade or level of school that you have completed?

- 1 8th grade or less
- 2 Some high school, but did not graduate
- 3 High school graduate or GED
- 4 Some college or 2-year degree
- 5 4-year college degree
- 6 More than a 4-year college degree

**Q11 (satisfied with total hh income)**

Now, we will be asking about your financial situation and opinions about the economy.

How satisfied are you with the total income of your household?

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Satisfied
- 3 Not very satisfied
- 4 Not at all satisfied

**Q12 (satisfied with overall economic situation)**

How satisfied are you with your overall economic situation?

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Satisfied

3 Not very satisfied

4 Not at all satisfied

**Q13 (family doing financially compared to year ago)**

Would you say that you and your family are doing better, worse, or about the same financially as you were a year ago?

1 Better

2 Worse

3 About the same

**Q14 (family doing financially compared to next year)**

Looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you and your family will be doing better or worse financially, or about the same as now?

1 Better

2 Worse

3 About the same

**Q15 (business condition compared to year ago)**

Would you say that at the present time business conditions are better or worse than they were a year ago?

1 Better

2 Worse

3 About the same

**Q16 (business condition compared to next year)**

And how about a year from now? Do you expect that in the country as a whole business conditions will be better or worse than they are at present, or just about the same?

1 Better

2 Worse

3 About the same

**Q17 (household reduced spending)**

Because of the financial problems in the economy, has your household reduced spending?

1 Yes

2 No

**IF Q17 = 1 THEN**

**Q18 (percent reduced spending)**

If so, by what **percent** (%) has your household reduced spending?

**End of if**

**Q19 (race)**

To finish up, we have only a few more questions about you.

What is your race? Please choose one or more.

1 White

2 Black or African American

3 Asian

4 Native Hawaiian

5 Other Pacific Islander

6 American Indian

7 Alaska Native

8 Other

**Q20 (spanish decent)**

Are you of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin or descent?

1 Yes

2 No

**Q21 (language spoken at home)**

What language do you mainly speak at home?

1 English

2 Spanish

3 Other

**Q22 (rate overall health)**

In general, how would you rate your overall health?

1 Excellent

2 Very good

3 Good

4 Fair

5 Poor

**Q23 (have health insurance)**

Do you have health insurance?

1 Yes

2 No

**IF Q23 = 1 THEN**

**Q24 (kind of health insurance)**

What kind of health insurance do you have?

1 Employer sponsored or through spouse's employer sponsored plan

2 Private plan (including Affordable Care Act marketplace/exchange plans)

3 Medicare (or state sponsored plan)

4 Other

**End of if**

**Q25 (satisfied with life)**

How satisfied are you with your life overall?

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Satisfied
- 3 Not very satisfied
- 4 Not at all satisfied

**Q26 (satisfied with social contacts)**

How satisfied are you with your social contacts and family life?

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Satisfied
- 3 Not very satisfied
- 4 Not at all satisfied

**Q27 (life ladder)**

We just have one last question for you.

The picture below is of a ladder, representing the ladder of life.

Suppose we say that the top of the ladder represents the best possible life for you, and the bottom represents the worst possible life for you. Where on the ladder do you feel that you personally stand at the present time?

10 10

9 9

8 8

7 7

6 6

5 5

4 4

3 3

2 2

1 1

0 0

#### Q28 (contact for future surveys)

The Understanding America Study conducts surveys on many interesting topics. We would like to invite you to participate in another survey in the future. You can decide if you want to participate when we contact you, and you can stop participating at any time. You'll get paid for every survey you complete!

May we contact you again to invite you to participate in another survey?

1 Yes

2 No

**IF Q28 = 1 THEN**

**Group of questions presented on the same screen**

Q29a (name R)

What is your first, middle and last name?

Q29a\_middle (middle name)

Q29a\_last (last name)

End of group of questions

Q29 (telephone number)

What is your telephone number? Please include the area code.

Q30 (have email)

Do you have email?

1 Yes

2 No

**IF Q30 = 1 THEN**

Q31 (have email)

May we have your email address to send you the survey invitation by email?

1 Yes

2 No

**IF Q31 = 1 THEN**

Q32 (email address)

What is your email address?

End of if

End of if

End of if

Q33 (comments)

Thank you for completing this survey!

If you have any thoughts about any of the topics mentioned here or about the survey itself, please share them in the box below. We really appreciate it!