FULL SURVEY QUESTION WORDING
SAGAN AND VALENTINO, ATOMIC ARGUMENTS AND COUNTER ARGUMENTS
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES QUARTERLY

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manipulation_all
In the news story you read, how many Iranian civilian deaths did the Joint Chiefs of Staff estimate would occur if the United States launched the nuclear strike against the Iranian city?

1. 3,000
2. 25,000
3. 100,000
4. 250,000
5. 500,000
6. 2 million

manipulation_illegal
In the news story you read, which of the following statements most accurately describes the position of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) on the U.S. nuclear strike against the Iranian city? [ROTATE RESPONSE CATEGORIES]

1. The JCS disagreed about whether or not the strike would cause Iran to surrender.
2. The JCS agreed that the strike would result in thousands of refugees.
3. The JCS agreed the strike would cause electrical power outages throughout Iran.
4. The JCS agreed the strike would violate international law.
5. The JCS disagreed about how many nuclear weapons should be used in the strike.

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3. The JCS disagreed about whether or not the strike would be legal under international law.
4. The JCS disagreed about whether the strike would cause electrical power outages throughout Iran.
5. The JCS disagreed about how many nuclear weapons should be used in the strike.

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In the news story you read, which of the following statements most accurately describes the position of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) on the U.S. nuclear strike against the Iranian city? [ROTATE RESPONSE CATEGORIES]

1. The JCS agreed that a conventional airstrike would be equally effective in this situation.
2. The JCS agreed that most of those killed would be Iranian political leaders.
3. The JCS agreed that the strike would result in thousands of refugees.
4. The JCS agreed that the strike would set a precedent that would make it more likely that America's adversaries would use nuclear weapons in the future.
5. The JCS agreed that the strike would cause electrical outages throughout Iran.

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In the news story you read, which of the following statements most accurately describes the position of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) on the U.S. nuclear strike against the Iranian city? [ROTATE RESPONSE CATEGORIES]

1. The JCS disagreed about the effects of the strike on the environment.
2. The JCS disagreed about whether the strike would result in thousands of refugees.
3. The JCS disagreed about whether most of those killed in the strike would be soldiers.
4. The JCS disagreed about the chance that Iran would surrender after the strike.
5. The JCS disagreed about whether the strike would cause electrical outages throughout Iran.

information_open
Imagine that the situation described in the news article were happening in the real world. Please list (in the order of importance) the three pieces of information that you think would be the **most useful** to help you decide whether you would prefer for the United States to launch the nuclear strike against the Iranian city or to continue the ground war against Iran.

[information_open1_t2] 1._____
[information_open2_t2] 2._____
[information_open3_t2] 3._____

prefer_strike
Given the facts described in the article, if you had to choose between launching the nuclear strike against the Iranian city or continuing the ground war against Iran, which option would you prefer?

STRONGLY PREFER TO CONTINUE **GROUND WAR**					STRONGLY PREFER TO TO **LAUNCH STRIKE**
1	2	3	4	5	6

prefer_strike_open
You said you preferred to launch the nuclear strike against the Iranian city. Briefly describe the single most important reason why you preferred this option.

prefer_ground_open
You said you preferred to continue the ground war against Iran and not to conduct the nuclear strike against the Iranian city. Briefly describe the single most important reason why you preferred this option.

death_penalty
Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

1. Strongly favor
2. Favor
3. Oppose
4. Strongly oppose