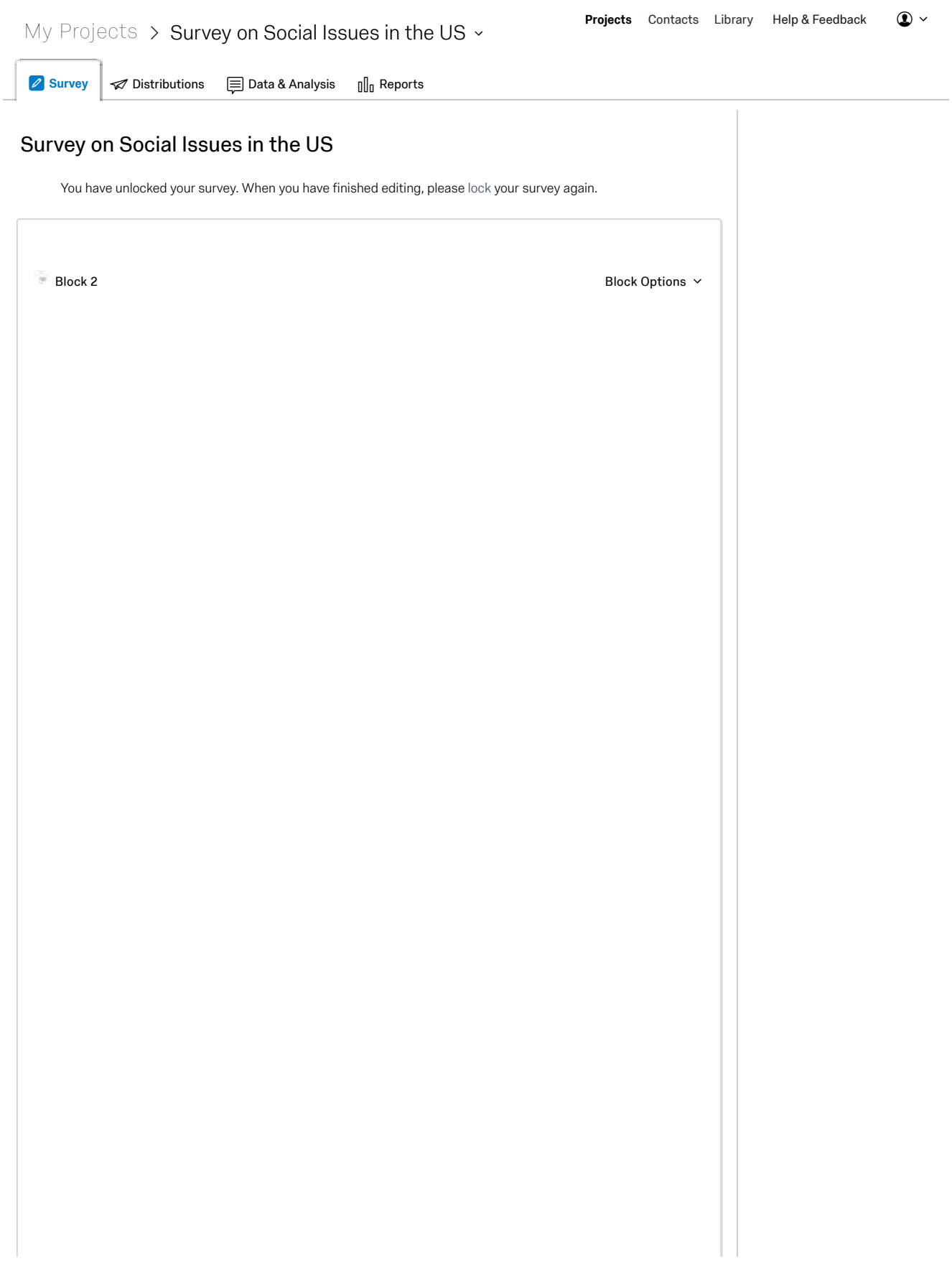
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Consent Form - Survey on Social Issues in the US

Participation is voluntary
It is your choice whether or not to participate in this research. If you choose to participate, you may change your mind and leave the study at any time. Refusal to participate or stopping your participation will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

What is the purpose of this research?
The purpose of this research is to study attitudes about issues in modern society.

How long will I take part in this research?
Your participation will involve the completion of a short survey that will take approximately five minutes.

What can I expect if I take part in this research?
As a participant, you will complete the survey, which will include the reading of a short news article.

What are the risks and possible discomforts?
If you choose to participate, there are no foreseeable risks or discomforts. We do not expect any direct benefits to you from taking part in this research.

Will I be compensated for participating in this research?
You will receive $.25 via your MTurk account for completing this survey.

If I take part in this research, how will my privacy be protected? What happens to the information you collect?
Your responses will be kept completely confidential and none of the information you provide about yourself will be published at an individual level. This survey is de-identified and no one will be able to link your answers back to you. Please do not include your name or other information that could be used to identify you in the survey responses. Please make sure to mark your Amazon Profile as private if you do not want it to be found from your Mechanical Turk Worker ID. Once the data is collected, your MTurk Worker IDs will be immediately replaced with randomly generated ID numbers, and the research team will not save the worker IDs. Furthermore, your data will not ever be shared outside the research team.

If I have any questions, concerns or complaints about this research study, who can I talk to?
The researcher for this study is Rebecca Goldstein, who can be reached at goldsteinr@post.harvard.edu. If you have questions, concerns, or complaints,
If you would like to talk to the research team,
If you think the research has harmed you, or
If you wish to withdraw from the study.

This research has been reviewed by the Committee on the Use of Human Subjects in Research at Harvard University. They can be reached at 617-496-2847, 1414 Massachusetts Avenue, Second Floor, Cambridge, MA 02138, or cuhs@fas.harvard.edu for any of the following:
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Statement of Consent
By clicking the "Next" button, you are confirming that you have read the information in this consent form, and that all questions about this research have been answered to your satisfaction. If you want to participate in this study, click the "Next" button to start the survey. Please save or print a copy of this page for your records.

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Q2 Is there any area around where you live -- that is, within a mile -- where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?

- Yes
- No

Q3 How about home at night -- do you feel safe and secure, or not?

- Yes
- No

Q4 Speaking of the neighborhood where you live and thinking of the possibility of being assaulted or robbed, do you feel very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe or very unsafe?

- Very safe
- Somewhat safe
- Somewhat unsafe
- Very unsafe

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Q5

Police report increase in home break-ins

${loc://City}, ${loc://Region} - Local officials on alert Local police are warning residents to be on alert after a series of break-ins. Police said they will be going door to door talking to residents about a string of break-ins.

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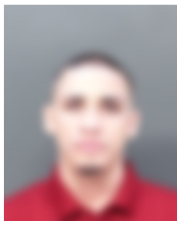

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Q7 How many recent break-ins were reported in the article?

- 15
- 27
- 40

Q42 Was the race of the suspect reported in the article?

- Yes
- No

Display This Question:

If Was the race of the suspect reported in the article? Yes Is Selected

Q43 What race was the suspect reported in the article?

- White
- Black
- Other
- Article did not specify

Q8 What is your opinion of the following statement: “It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes.”

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree

Q9 Please show whether you would like to see more or less government spending for unemployment benefits. Remember that if you say "much more", it might require a tax increase to pay for it.

- Spend much more
- Spend more
- Spend the same as now
- Spend less
- Spend much less

Q10

What words or phrases come to mind when you think about the causes of crime? Separate different words or phrases with a comma.

Q11

Please indicate which of these policies you think would be most effective to reduce crime in your community:

- Youth programs
- Mental health program
- More police
- Longer sentences for criminals
- Cash assistance for poor families
- More jobs

Q12

What do you think most accounts for crime in your community?

- Unemployment
- Poor mental health
- Failures of the criminal justice system
- Crisis of personal values
- Drugs
- Media and violence

Q13

Some people say that people get ahead by their own hard work; others say that lucky breaks or help from other people are more important. Which do you think is most important?

- Hard work
- Help from others
- Lucky breaks

Q14

In what year were you born?

Q15

What is the zip code of your current home or apartment?

Q16

What is your current state of residence? (Please use the postal code state abbreviation. For example, New York should be entered as NY).

Q17

Please indicator your marital status.

- Single
- Married
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Never married

Q18

How many children do you have?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5+

Q19

How many children (under the age of 18) currently live in your house?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5+

Q20

What is your race?

- White/Caucasian
- African American
- Hispanic
- Asian
- Native American
- Pacific Islander
- Other

Q21

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Other/prefer not to say

Q22

Last week, did you have a job, either full or part time? Include any job from which you were temporarily absent.

- Yes
- No

Q23

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

- Republican
- Democrat
- Independent/Other

If Independent/Other Is Not Selected, Then Skip To What is your family annual household ...

Q24

Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

- Republican Party
- Democratic Party

Q25

What is your family annual household income?

- $35,000 to $49,999
- $50,000 to $74,999
- $75,000 to $99,999
- $100,000 to $149,999
- $150,000 to $199,999
- $200,000 or more

Q26

Is your home...

- a single family house
- a two family house
- an apartment
- a mobile home
- other

Q27

Is the house, apartment, or mobile home in which you live:

- Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? Include home equity loans
- Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)
- Rented
- Occupied without payment of rent

Q28

What is the highest degree or level of education you have completed?

- No schooling completed
- Less than high school diploma
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Some college credit, no college degree
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree, doctorate degree, or professional degree beyond bachelor's degree,

Q29

Thinking about the next 12 months, how likely do you think it is that you will lose your job or be laid off?

- Very likely
- Fairly likely
- Not too likely
- Not at all likely

Q30

About how easy would it be for you to find a job with another employer with approximately the same income and benefits you now have?

- Very easy
- Somewhat easy
- Not easy at all

Q31

So far as you and your family are concerned, would you say that you are pretty well satisfied with your present financial situation, more or less satisfied, or not satisfied at all?

- Pretty well satisfied
- More or less satisfied
- Not satisfied at all

Q32

During the last few years, has your financial situation been getting better, getting worse, or has it stayed the same?

- Getting better
- Getting worse
- Stayed the same

Q33

Please indicate which one you think is more important for a child to have:

- Independence
- Respect for elders

Q34

Please indicate which one you think is more important for a child to have:

- Obedience
- Self-reliance

Q35

Please indicate which one you think is more important for a child to have:

- To be considerate
- To be well-behaved

Q36

Please indicate which one you think is more important for a child to have:

- Curiosity
- Good manners

Q37

Would you say that, over the past year, the level of crime in your community has…

- Gotten much better
- Gotten better
- Stayed about the same
- Gotten worse
- Gotten much worse
- Not sure

Q44

Are you planning to vote in the 2016 presidential election?

- Yes
- No

Q45

Who is your preferred presidential candidate?

- Hillary Clinton
- Donald Trump
- Click to write Choice 3

Q38

Thinking about the police in your community, would you say they make you feel mostly safe, or mostly unsafe?

- Mostly safe
- Somewhat safe
- Somewhat unsafe
- Mostly unsafe
- There are no police in my community

Q39

Would you say that, over the past year, the level of crime nationally has…

- Gotten much better
- Gotten better
- Stayed about the same
- Gotten worse
- Gotten much worse
- Not sure

Q46

Now, we would like to ask you about the status of blacks in America. For the following set of questions, please indicate whether you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree:

"Irish, Italians, Jewish, and other minority groups overcame prejudice and worked their way up; blacks should do the same without special favors."

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Q47

"It's really a matter of some people just not trying hard enough; if blacks would only try harder they could be just as well off as whites."

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Q48

"Generations of slavery have created conditions that make it difficult for blacks to work their way out of the lower classes."

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Q49

"Over the past few years, blacks have gotten less than they deserve."

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Q50

"Most blacks who receive money from welfare programs could get along without it if they tried."

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Q51

"Government officials usually pay less attention to a request or complaint from a black person than from a white person."

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

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