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METHODOLOGY

Knowledge Networks has recruited the first online research panel that is designed to be representative of the entire U.S. population. The panel is representative because it is recruited using high quality probability sampling techniques, and is not limited in current Web users or computer owners.

Knowledge Networks selects households using random digit dialing (RDD) and provides selected households with free hardware and Internet access. This allows surveys to be administered using a Web browser and enables the inclusion of multimedia content. Once a person is recruited to the panel, they can be contacted by e-mail (instead of by phone or mail). This permits surveys to be fielded very quickly and economically. In addition, this approach reduces the burden placed on respondents, since e-mail notification is less obtrusive than telephone calls, and most respondents find answering Web questionnaires to be more interesting and engaging than being questioned by a telephone interviewer.

QUESTIONNAIRE

The study used a two by two between-subjects experimental design. Respondents were randomly placed in an experimental group or a control group. An 18 question questionnaire was given to each respondent comprising of three parts; a series of questions involving past and future activism/radicalism, two questions about any grievances held with the United States government, and finally two questions regarding the respondents' attitude towards law enforcement. In the experimental group, participants were asked to answer grievance questions first, thereby priming effects of grievance, which was followed by activism-radicalism questions. In the control group, grievance questions came after activism-radicalism questions.

VARIABLES

Case Identification

A. caseid
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the case number.

Weight

A. weight
Numeric Variable

This field indicates post-stratification weights.

Order

A. ORDER
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the order of blocks of questions that were asked to the respondent.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Order	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
1-Activism Block, Law Enforcement, Grievance	1
2-Law Enforcement, Activism Block, Grievance	2
3-Grievance, Law Enforcement, Activism Block	3
4-Grievance, Activism Block, Law Enforcement	4

Questionnaire

Question 1-8: In the future, how likely is it that you would help *your group* in the activities described below?

A. q1_1
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the response to the question: "Join an organization that fights for your group's political and legal rights?"

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Join Organization	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Very Unlikely	1
Unlikely	2
Likely	3
Very Likely	4

B. q2_1
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the response to the question: "Donate money to an organization that fights for your group's political and legal rights?"

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Donate Money	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Very Unlikely	1
Unlikely	2
Likely	3
Very Likely	4

C. q3_1
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the response to the question: “Volunteer your time working (write petitions, distribute flyers, recruit people, etc.) for an organization that fights for your group's political and legal rights?”

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Volunteer Time	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Very Unlikely	1
Unlikely	2
Likely	3
Very Likely	4

D. q4_1
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the response to the question: “Travel ten miles to join a public rally, demonstration, or protest in support of your group?”

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Travel 10 Miles	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Very Unlikely	1
Unlikely	2
Likely	3
Very Likely	4

E. q5_1
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the response to the question: “Continue supporting an organization that fights for your group's political and legal rights even if the organization sometimes breaks the law?”

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Continue Supporting	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Very Unlikely	1
Unlikely	2

Likely	3
Very Likely	4

F. q6_1
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the response to the question: "Participate in a public protest against oppression of your group if you thought the protest might turn violent?"

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Protest Participation	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Very Unlikely	1
Unlikely	2
Likely	3
Very Likely	4

G. q7_1
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the response to the question: "Attack police or security forces if you saw them beating members of your group?"

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Attack Police	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Very Unlikely	1
Unlikely	2
Likely	3
Very Likely	4

H. q8_1
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the response to the question: "Retaliate against members of a group if some of that group attacked your group, even if you could not be sure you were retaliating against the guilty parties?"

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Retaliate	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1

Very Unlikely	1
Unlikely	2
Likely	3
Very Likely	4

Question 9-14: At any time in the past, have you ever engaged in the activity described below?

A. q9_1
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the response to the question: "Attended a talk on a particular group's social or political concerns."

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Attended Talk	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Yes	1
No	2

B. q10_1
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the response to the question: "Invited a friend or relative to attend a meeting of a political organization or event."

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Invited Friend	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Yes	1
No	2

C. q11_1
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the response to the question: "Distributed information representing a particular political or social group's cause."

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Distributed Information	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Yes	1

No	2

D. q12_1
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the response to the question: "Organized a political event (e.g. talk, discussion group, March)."

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Organized Political Event	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Yes	1
No	2

E. q13_1
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the response to the question: "Engaged in a political activity in which you suspected there would be a confrontation with the police or possible arrest."

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Engaged Political Activity	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Yes	1
No	2

F. q14_1
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the response to the question: "Engaged in an illegal act as part of political protest."

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Engaged Illegal Act	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Yes	1
No	2

Question 15: Has the U.S. government done anything that hurt you personally or someone you know?

A. q15_1
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Hurt Personally	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Yes	1
No	2
Don't know	3

Question 16: Has the U.S. government done anything that hurt a group or a cause that you care about?

A. q16_1
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Hurt Group	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Yes	1
No	2
Don't know	3

Question 17: If the FBI came to ask you for information about a neighbor or co-worker, would you answer their questions?

A. q17_1
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Answer FBI Questions	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Definitely yes	1
Probably yes	2
Probably not	3
Definitely not	4

Question 18: Which would you personally rather work for?

A. q18_1
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Rather Work	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
The FBI	1
The state police in your state	2
The local police force where you live, or	3
I would never work for any kind of law enforcement agency	4

[Note: Variables are broken up based on the response to the ORDER variable. For variables ending in _2, _3, or _4, refer to the corresponding question number above.]

Demographic Information

A. ppgender
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the gender of the respondent.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Gender	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Male	1
Female	2

B. ppethm
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the race/ethnicity of the respondent.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Race/Ethnicity	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
White, Non-Hispanic	1
Black, Non-Hispanic	2

Other, Non-Hispanic	3
Hispanic	4
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	5

C. ppmarit
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the marital status of the respondent.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Marital Type	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Married	1
Single (never married)	2
Divorced	3
Widowed	4
Separated	5

D. ppwork
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the current employment status of the respondent.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Current Employment Status	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
I work as a paid employee	1
I am self-employed	2
I am an owner/partner in small business, professional practice, farm	3
I work at least 15 hrs/wk without pay in family business/farm	4
I am unemployed, temporarily laid off, but looking for work	5
I am retired	6
I am disabled	7
I am a homemaker	8
Other	9

Age

A. ppage
Numeric Variable

This field contains the age of the respondent in years.

Additional codes for the responses are as follows:

Age	Value
Not asked	-2
REFUSED	-1

B. ppagecat
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the age of the respondent broken into 7 categories.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Age	Value
18-24	1
25-34	2
35-44	3
45-54	4
55-64	5
65-74	6
75+	7
Under 18	99

C. ppagect4
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the age of the respondent broken into 4 categories.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Age	Value
18-29	1
30-44	2
45-59	3
60+	4
Under 18	99

Education

A. ppeduc
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the education attainment of the respondent in terms of the highest degree received.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Education	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Less than high school	1
Some high school, no diploma	2
Graduated from high school – Diploma or equivalent (GED)	3
Some college, no degree	4
Associate degree (AA, AS)	5
Bachelors degree	6
Masters degree	7
Professional degree (MD, DDS, LLB, JD)	8
Doctorate degree	9

B. ppeducat
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for education attainment of the respondent categorically.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Education	Value
Not asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Less than high school	1
High school	2
Some college	3
Bachelor's degree or higher	4

Political Ideology and Party Affiliation

A. ideology
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the political ideology of the respondent.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Political Ideology	Value
Not asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Extremely Liberal	1
Liberal	2
Slightly Liberal	3
Moderate, Middle of the Road	4
Slightly Conservative	5
Conservative	6
Extremely Conservative	7
MISSING DATA	9

B. partyid7
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the political party affiliation of the respondent.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Political Party	Value
Not asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Strong Republican	1
Not Strong Republican	2
Leans Republican	3
Undecided/Independent/Other	4
Leans Democrat	5
Not Strong Democrat	6
Strong Democrat	7
MISSING DATA	9

Residential Location and Type

A. ppreg4
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the region of residence of the respondent based on a four category description.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Region	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Northeast	1

Midwest	2
South	3
West	4

B. ppreg9
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the region of residence of the respondent based on a nine category description.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Region	**Value**
New England	1
Mid-Atlantic	2
East-North Central	3
West-North Central	4
South Atlantic	5
East-South Central	6
West-South Central	7
Mountain	8
Pacific	9

C. ppstaten
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the state in which the respondent resides.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

State	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
ME	11
NH	12
VT	13
MA	14
RI	15
CT	16
NY	21
NJ	22
PA	23
OH	31
IN	32
IL	33
MI	34
WI	35

MN	41
IA	42
MO	43
ND	44
SD	45
NE	46
KS	47
DE	51
MD	52
DC	53
VA	54
WV	55
NC	56
SC	57
GA	58
FL	59
KY	61
TN	62
AL	63
MS	64
AR	71
LA	72
OK	73
TX	74
MT	81
ID	82
WY	83
CO	84
NM	85
AZ	86
UT	87
NV	88
WA	91
OR	92
CA	93
AK	94
HI	95

D. ppmsacat
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for whether the respondent lives in a metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

The codes for the responses are as follows:

MSA	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Non-Metro	1
Metro	2

E. pprent
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the respondent's ownership status of living quarters.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Ownership Status	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Own	1
Rent	2
Do not pay for housing	3

Household Information

A. pphhhead
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for whether the respondent was the head of the household.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Household Head	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
No	0
Yes	1

B. pphhsize
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the size of the respondent's household.

Additional codes for the responses are as follows:

Household Size	Value
Not Asked	-2

REFUSED	-1

C. pphouse
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the type of housing that the respondent lives in.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Household Type	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
A single-family house detached	1
A single-family house attached	2
An apartment	3
A condominium or co-op	4
College Dormitory	5
A manufactured or mobile home	6
Other	7

D. ppdualin
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for whether the respondent comes from a dual income household.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Dual Income Household	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
No	0
Yes	1

E. ppincimp
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the respondent's household income.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Household Income	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Less than $5,000	1
$5,000 to $7,499	2
$7,500 to $9,999	3

$10,000 to $12,499	4
$12,500 to $14,999	5
$15,000 to $19,999	6
$20,000 to $24,999	7
$25,000 to $29,999	8
$30,000 to $34,999	9
$35,000 to $39,999	10
$40,000 to $49,999	11
$50,000 to $59,999	12
$60,000 to $74,999	13
$75,000 to $84,999	14
$85,000 to $99,999	15
$100,000 to $124,999	16
$125,000 to $149,999	17
$150,000 to $174,999	18
$175,000 or more	19

F. ppnet
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for whether the respondent's household has internet access.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Internet Access	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
No	0
Yes	1

Household Members

A. ppt01
Numeric Variable

This field contains the number of household members who are children between the ages of 0 and 2.

Additional codes for the responses are as follows:

Age 0-2	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
Refused	-1

B. ppt25
Numeric Variable

This field contains the number of household members who are children between the ages of 2 and 5.

Additional codes for the responses are as follows:

Age 2-5	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
Refused	-1

C. ppt612
Numeric Variable

This field contains the number of household members who are children between the ages of 6 and 12.

Additional codes for the responses are as follows:

Age 6-12	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
Refused	-1

D. ppt1317
Numeric Variable

This field contains the number of household members who are children between the ages of 13 and 17.

Additional codes for the responses are as follows:

Age 13-17	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
Refused	-1

E. ppt18ov
Numeric Variable

This field contains the number of household members who are adults age 18 and over.

Additional codes for the responses are as follows:

Age 18+	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
Refused	-1

Interview Details

A. dt_start
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the date that the interview started.

B. tm_start
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the time that the interview started.

C. dt_end
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the date that the interview ended.

D. tm_end
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the time that the interview ended.

E. int_dur
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the length of time that the respondent took to complete the survey in minutes.

F. cat_dur
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the length of time that the respondent took to complete the survey in categories.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Survey Length	**Value**
Less than 5 minutes	1
5 – 9:59	2
10 – 14:59	3
15 – 19:59	4
20 – 24:59	5
25 – 29:59	6
30 – 34:59	7
35 – 39:59	8
40 – 44:59	9
45 – 49:59	10

50 – 54:59	11
55 – 59:59	12
60 – 64:59	13
65 – 69:59	14
70 – 74:59	15
75 – 79:59	16
80 – 84:59	17
85 – 89:59	18
90 – 94:59	19
95 – 99:59	20
More than 100 minutes	21

G. resume
Numeric Variable

This field indicates whether the interview was broken up into segments and resumed.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Resumed Survey	**Value**
Not a resumed interview (duration less than 100 minutes)	0
Resumed interview (duration 100 minutes or more)	1