

Survey design: what makes for good questions

[1]. Do you agree or disagree that the United States shouldn't construct the proposed new antiballistic-missile system?

Agree Disagree

[2]. Where do you get most of your information about current events in the nation and the world?

Radio Newspapers Magazines

[3]. Why do you think big cars are a bad thing for America?

[4]. Why did you decide to go to college?

I had a thirst for more knowledge.
 I wanted to get a better understanding of the world.
 I was not motivated to get a job.

[5]. Do you agree or disagree that the trouble with welfare is that people get too comfortable and don't want to go back to work, so the government should institute some job-training programs for people on welfare and then set a limited amount of time in which they can learn work skills and get a job?

Agree Disagree

[6]. Many people these days have come to see marijuana as being far less harmful than tobacco, and they urge that its use be made legal. Do you agree or disagree with those people?

Agree Disagree

[7]. At what age were you toilet trained?

- Before six months
- Between six months old and nine months old
- Between nine months old and one year old
- Between one year old and one and a half years old
- Between one and a half years old and two years old
- Between two years old and three years old
- Older than three years old
- Not applicable

[8]. How much money do you make? \$_____

[9]. On days when you drink, how many drinks do you usually have?

[10]. How often do you exercise?

Often rarely never

[11]. About how many months has it been since you last saw or talked to a dentist? Include all types of dentists, such as orthodontists, oral surgeons, or all other dental specialists, as well as dental hygienists.

[12]. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you do strenuous tasks in or around your home? By *strenuous task*, we mean things such as shoveling soil in a garden, chopping wood, major carpentry projects, cleaning the garage, scrubbing floors, or moving furniture.

[13]. The next three sub-questions are designed to identify people who have chronic health conditions.

[a]. Do you now have any physical or medical conditions that have lasted for at least three months?

[b]. (*If yes to [a]*) In the past 12 months, have you seen a doctor or other health provider more than twice for any of these conditions?

[c]. (*If yes to [a]*) Have you been taking prescription medication for at least three months for any of these conditions?

[14]. “This question is about automobile injuries, including injuries from crashes, burns, and any other kinds of accidents. Have you ever had an injury because of your driving?”

[15]. In the last 12 months, how often did you get an appointment for regular or routine health care as soon as you wanted?

Always Usually Sometimes Never

[16]. When riding in the back of a car, do you wear a seat belt all the time, most of the time, some of the time, once in a while, or never?

[17]. What was the most important issue in your decision on how you voted today?

[a] Taxes

[b] Education

[c] Iraq

[d] Terrorism

[e] Economy/jobs

[f] Moral values

[g] Health care