**PEW RESEARCH CENTER**

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**Final Questionnaire**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.1 As I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past week, please tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] [IF NECESSARY** “Did you follow **[ITEM]** very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?”**]**

a. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy

b. Automatic government spending cuts that began on March 1st

c. Reports about the U.S. stock market

d. The death of Hugo Chavez, the President of Venezuela

e. Catholic cardinals meeting in Rome to select a new pope

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Very closely

2 Fairly closely

3 Not too closely

4 Not at all closely

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL**:

PEW.2 Thinking about what's being taught in kindergarten-through-12th-grade schools these days, what ONE subject should schools emphasize more than they do now?

**[OPEN END. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE. USE PRECODED LIST IF RESPONSE CLEARLY FITS. OTHERWISE RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY – DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS.]**

**PRECODES:**

1 Math/Mathematics/Arithmetic (incl. Geometry, Calculus, etc.)

2 Science (incl. Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Earth sciences, etc.)

3 English/Grammar/Writing

4 Reading

5 History/Social studies

6 Computers/Computer science

7 Music

8 Art/Arts

9 Foreign languages (incl. specific languages: Spanish, Chinese, etc.)

**10 OTHER—SPECIFY**

99 Don’t know/No answer

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.3 What's the main reason many young people don't pursue degrees in math and science? Is it mostly because they think these subjects … **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

1 Are too hard

2 Are too boring [OR]

3 Are not useful for their careers

4 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Other

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**Now thinking about recent economic news…

PEW.4 Are you hearing mostly good news about the economy these days, mostly bad news about the economy or a mix of both good and bad news?

1 Hearing mostly good news about the economy

2 Hearing mostly bad news about the economy **[OR]**

3 A mix of good and bad

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.5 Thinking about some specific aspects of the nation’s economy… Please tell me if you are hearing mostly good news, mostly bad news or a mix of both good and bad news about each of the following. **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

a. The financial markets

b. Real estate values

c. Prices for food and consumer goods

d. The job situation

e. Gas prices

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Hearing mostly good news

2 Hearing mostly bad news **[OR]**

3 A mix of good and bad

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTION PEW 6**

**ASK ALL**:

Here are some questions about things you might have learned in school or seen in the news

PEW.7 For each statement that I read, please tell me if it is true or false. If you don’t know, just tell me so, and we will skip to the next question. First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE]**…is that true or false? Next, **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE] [IF NECESSARY:** Is that true or false?**]**

a. All radioactivity is man-made

b. Electrons are smaller than atoms

c. Lasers work by focusing sound waves

d. The continents on which we live have been moving their location for millions of years and will continue to move in the future

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 True

2 False

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.8 Which one of the following types of solar radiation does sunscreen protect the skin from? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

1 X-rays

2 Infrared

3 Ultraviolet [OR]

4 Microwaves

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.9 Does nanotechnology deal with things that are extremely **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

1 Small

2 Large

3 Cold [OR]

4 Hot

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.10 Which gas makes up most of the Earth's atmosphere? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

1 Hydrogen

2 Nitrogen

3 Carbon dioxide [OR]

4 Oxygen

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.11 What is the main function of red blood cells? Is it… **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

1 To fight disease in the body

2 To carry oxygen to all parts of the body [OR]

3 To help the blood to clot

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.12 Which of these is a major concern about the overuse of antibiotics? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

1 It can lead to antibiotic-resistant bacteria

2 Antibiotics are very expensive [OR]

3 People will become addicted to antibiotics

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.13 Which is an example of a chemical reaction? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

1 Water boiling

2 Sugar dissolving [OR]

3 Nails rusting

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.14 Which is the better way to determine whether a new drug is effective in treating a disease? If a scientist has a group of 1,000 volunteers with the disease to study, should she **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

1 Give the drug to all of them and see how many get better [OR]

2 Give the drug to half of them but not to the other half, and compare how many in each group get better

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.15 What gas do most scientists believe causes temperatures in the atmosphere to rise? Is it **[RANDOMIZE AND READ]**?

1 Carbon dioxide

2 Hydrogen

3 Helium [OR]

4 Radon

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.16 Which natural resource is extracted in a process known as “fracking”? Is it [**READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

1 Natural gas

2 Coal

3 Diamonds [OR]

4 Silicon

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.17 On standardized tests of science knowledge, do average American 15 year olds rank at **[READ IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE:** the top, the middle, or the bottom] compared with 15 year olds in other developed nations?

1 Top

2 Middle

3 Bottom

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

SEX Respondent’s Sex **(DO NOT READ)**

1 Male

2 Female

**ASK ALL LANDLINE SAMPLE**

L1 Now thinking about your telephone use… Do you have a working cell phone?

1 Yes, have cell phone

2 No, do not

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF DO NOT PERSONALLY HAVE CELL PHONE/DK (L1=2,9):**

L1a Does anyone else in your household have a working cell phone?

1 Yes, someone in household has cell phone

2 No

1. Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL CELL PHONE SAMPLE**

C1 Now thinking about your telephone use…Is there at least one telephone INSIDE your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone?

1 Yes, has a home telephone

2 No, no home telephone

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

HH1 How many adults, age 18 and over, currently live in your household INCLUDING YOURSELF?

\_\_\_(1-6) **Record number (Enter 6 if 6 or greater)**

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

EMPLOY Are you now employed full-time, part-time, or not employed?

**[IF R SAYS THEY ARE SELF-EMPLOYED, PROBE:** “Are you self-employed working full-time hours or part-time hours?” **AND THEN RECORD AS CODE 1 OR 2]**

**[IF R SAYS THEY WORK IN THE HOME, I.E. CARING FOR THEIR KIDS OR BEING A HOMEMAKER, ASK:** Are you now employed FOR PAY full-time, part-time, or not employed for pay?**]**

1 Employed full-time

2 Employed part-time

3 Not employed

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

PAR Are you the parent or guardian of any children under 18 years of age?

1 Yes

2 No

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

AGE What is your age?

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_[Record exact age up to age 96]**

97 97 or older

99 Refused

**ASK ALL:**

EDUC What is the last grade or class you completed in school? **(DO NOT READ)**

1 None, or grade 1 to 8

2 High school incomplete (Grades 9-11)

3 High school graduate, Grade 12, or GED certificate

4 Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school

5 Some college or university work, but no four-year degree

6 College or university graduate (BA, BS or other four-year degree received)

7 Post graduate or professional schooling after college (including work towards an MA, MS, Ph.D., JD, DDS, or MD degree)

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

HISP Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?

1 Yes

2 No

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

RACE What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race? **[IF R SAYS HISPANIC OR LATINO, PROBE:** Do you consider yourself a WHITE (Hispanic/Latino) or a BLACK (Hispanic/Latino)? **IF R DOES NOT SAY WHITE, BLACK OR ONE OF THE RACE CATEGORIES LISTED, RECORD AS ‘OTHER’ (CODE 6)]**

1 White

2 Black or African-American

3 Asian or Pacific Islander

4 Mixed race

5 Native American/American Indian

6 Other **(SPECIFY)**

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

INC Last year, that is in 2009, approximately what was your total family income before taxes – just tell me when I get to the right category. **(READ)**

01 Less than $10,000

02 $10,000 to under $20,000

03 $20,000 to under $30,000

04 $30,000 to under $40,000

05 $40,000 to under $50,000

06 $50,000 to under $75,000

07 $75,000 to under $100,000

08 $100,000 to under $150,000

09 $150,000 or over

99 **(DO NOT READ)** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK IF ANSWERED INCOME ‘DON’T KNOW/REFUSED’ (INC=99):**

INC1 It’s important for us to have some information about household finances to make sure our survey is accurate. Keeping in mind that this is a completely confidential survey, can you please tell me if your total household income BEFORE taxes last year was over or under $75,000? (**INTERVIEWER: EXACTLY $75,000 SHOULD BE RECORDED AS PUNCH 1 – ‘OVER $75,000’**)

1 Over $75,000

2 Under $75,000

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK IF INCOME UNDER $75K (INC1=2):**

INC2 Was it over or under $50,000? (INTERVIEWER: EXACTLY $50,000 SHOULD BE RECORDED AS PUNCH 1 – ‘OVER $50,000’)

1 Over $50,000

2 Under $50,000

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK IF INCOME UNDER $50K (INC2=2):**

INC3 Was it over or under $30,000? (INTERVIEWER: EXACTLY $30,000 SHOULD BE RECORDED AS PUNCH 1 – ‘OVER $30,000’)

1 Over $30,000

2 Under $30,000

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

REG Which of these statements best describes you? **[READ IN ORDER]**

1 Are you absolutely certain that you are registered to vote at your current address

2 Are you probably registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed [**OR]**

3 Are you not registered to vote at your current address

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

1 Republican

2 Democrat

3 Independent

4 No preference **(VOL.)**

5 Other party **(VOL.)**

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY, ASK:**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

1 Republican

2 Democratic

9 Other/Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

ZIPCODE What is your zip code?

**RECORD EXACT FIVE-DIGIT ZIP CODE**

99999 Don’t Know/Refused (VOL.)

That completes the interview. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation. Have a nice day/evening.