

## Holy Cross Student Survey Spring 2008

INTERVIEWER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF INTERVIEW:   /

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW:   MINUTES (Record after the interview has been completed.)

RESPONDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

INTERVIEWER SHOULD ONLY READ STATEMENTS IN **lower case**.  
INSTRUCTIONS TO INTERVIEWERS ARE IN **UPPER CASE**.

Before we start, I would like to assure you that this interview is confidential and completely voluntary. I will not share information about you with anybody else, and we will analyze the data in terms of groups, not individuals, so no one will be able to identify your specific answers. If we should come to any question that you don't want to answer, just let me know and we'll go on to the next question.

START TIME:   :   a.m./p.m. (CIRCLE A.M. OR P.M.)

First, we realize that young people have not had much opportunity to vote in civic elections; still, we would like to know about your involvement in elections thus far.

1. Have you ever registered to vote in a civic election, such as a local, state, or national election?

YES . . . . . (ASK A) . . . . . 1

NO . . . . . (ASK C) . . . . . 2

IF YES:

A. Have you ever voted in a local, state, or national election?

YES . . . . . 1

NO . . . . . (GO TO Q. 2) . . . . . 2

B. How many times have you voted? Once, twice, three times, four times, or more than four times?

Once . . . . . 1

Twice . . . . . 2

Three times . . . . . 3

Four times . . . . . 4

More than four times . . . . . 5

IF NO:

C. What about the election this November? Do you plan to register to vote so that you could vote in the November election if you wanted to?

YES . . . . . 1

NO . . . . . (GO TO Q. 3) . . . . . 2

2. Do you plan to vote in the November presidential election?

YES . . . . . 1

NO . . . . . 2

3. Now we'd like to ask about some things that people can do to help a party or candidate win a civic election. Have you ever talked to people to try to show them why they should vote for one of the parties or candidates in an election?

YES . . . . . 1

NO . . . . . 2

4. Have you ever done work for one of the parties or candidates in an election?

YES . . . . . 1

NO . . . . . 2

5. Have you ever worn a campaign button, put a campaign sticker on your car, or placed a sign in your window or on your door?

YES . . . . . 1

NO . . . . . 2

6. Aside from election campaigns, there are other ways that people can be involved in politics. Have you ever gone to see, spoken to, or written a letter to a public official about some need or problem?

- YES. . . . . 1
- NO . . . . . 2

7. Ok, now we'd like to ask you how often you engage in several other activities. For each activity, please tell me if this is something that you do every day or almost every day, 3-4 times a week, once or twice a week, a few times a month, once a month, less than once a month, or never. How often do you . . . ?  
HAND CARD A TO RESPONDENT.

5 or > x week	3-4 x week	1-2 x week	few x month	once a month	< 1 x month	never
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a. Discuss politics with others . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b. Listen to radio programs, including podcasts and online streaming, in which people discuss politics or current issues . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c. View political blogs or Web pages . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
d. Watch political satire TV programs such as <i>Colbert Report</i> or <i>Stewart's Daily Show</i> . . .	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
e. Watch TV talk shows devoted to political and social issues such as <i>The O'Reilly Factor</i> , <i>Hannity and Colmes</i> , and <i>Countdown with Keith Olbermann</i> . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
f. Watch political interview programs such as <i>Meet the Press</i> and <i>Face the Nation</i> . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
g. Read about world or national news in the newspaper either online or hard copy . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
h. Watch world or national news programs on television . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5	6	7



IF RESPONSE 1 – 6 ON h: When you watch the news, which station or program do you usually watch? ABC News with Charles Gibson, CBS Evening News with Katie Couric, NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, FOX News Channel, CNN, or what?

- ABC News with Charles Gibson . . . . . 1
- CBS Evening News with Katie Couric . . . . . 2
- NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams . . . 3
- FOX News Channel . . . . . 4
- CNN . . . . . 5
- Other . . . . . 6

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

- Republican . . (ASK A) . . . . . 1
- Democrat . . . (ASK A) . . . . . 2
- Independent . . . . . (ASK B) . . . . . 3
- Other or no preference (ASK B) . . . . . 4

A. Would you call yourself a strong or a not very strong (Republican/ Democrat)?

- Strong . . . . . 1
- Not very strong . . . . . 2

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

- Republican Party . . . . . 1
- Democratic Party . . . . . 2
- Neither . . . . . 3

9. When you were growing up, did your father think of himself mostly as a Democrat, as a Republican, or what?

- Republican . . . . . 1
- Democrat . . . . . 2
- INDEPENDENT . (VOLUNTEERED) . . . . . 3
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ 4

10. When you were growing up, did your mother think of herself mostly as a Democrat, as a Republican, or what?

- Republican . . . . . 1
- Democrat . . . . . 2
- INDEPENDENT . (VOLUNTEERED) . . . . . 3
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ 4

11. Do you remember when you were growing up whether your father was very much interested in politics, somewhat interested, or didn't pay much attention to it?

- Very much interested . . . . . 1
- Somewhat interested . . . . . 2
- Didn't pay much attention to it . . . . . 3

12. Do you remember when you were growing up whether your mother was very much interested in politics, somewhat interested, or didn't pay much attention to it?

- Very much interested . . . . . 1
- Somewhat interested . . . . . 2
- Didn't pay much attention to it . . . . . 3

13. Has any member of your family, including parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins, ever run for or held political office?

- YES. . . . . 1
- NO . . . . . 2

14. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, some of the time, only now and then, or hardly at all?

- Most of the time . . . . . 4
- Some of the time . . . . . 3
- Only now and then . . . . . 2
- Hardly at all . . . . . 1

15. How about political campaigns? Would you say that you have been very much interested, somewhat interested, or not much interested in following the political campaigns so far this year?

- Very much interested . . . . . 1
- Somewhat interested . . . . . 2
- Not much interested . . . . . 3

16. Thinking ahead to the presidential election this fall, if the election were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were John McCain and Hillary Clinton?

- John McCain . . . . . 1
- Hillary Clinton . . . . . 2
- NEITHER . . . . . 8

17. Whom would you vote for if the candidates were John McCain and Barack Obama?

- John McCain . . . . . 1
- Barack Obama . . . . . 2
- NEITHER . . . . . 8

18. We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. I'm going to show you a seven-point scale on which the political views that people might hold are arranged from extremely liberal—point 1—to extremely conservative—point 7. Where would you place yourself on this scale? HAND CARD B.

- Extremely liberal . . . . . 1
- Liberal . . . . . 2
- Slightly liberal . . . . . 3
- Moderate, middle-of-the-road . . . . . 4
- Slightly conservative . . . . . 5
- Conservative . . . . . 6
- Extremely conservative . . . . . 7

19. How satisfied are you with the direction that the country is going at this time? Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied?

- Very satisfied . . . . . 4
- Somewhat satisfied . . . . . 3
- Not very satisfied . . . . . 2
- Not at all satisfied . . . . . 1

20. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right—just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

- Just about always . . . . . 4
- Most of the time . . . . . 3
- Only some of the time . . . . . 2
- None of the time (VOLUNTEERED) . . . . . 1

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?

- Approve . . . . . 1
- Disapprove . . . . . 2

22. (FORM A.) What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

\_\_\_\_\_ (RECORD VERBATIM)

Ok. Now we would like to ask your opinion on a number of public issues.

23. Thinking about Iraq: Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force against Iraq?

- Right decision . . . . . 1
- Wrong decision . . . . . 2

24. Do you think the war with Iraq has made the U.S. safer or less safe from terrorism?

- Safer . . . . . 1
- Less safe . . . . . 2

25. Do you think abortion should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?

- Legal under any circumstances . . . . . 1
- Legal only under certain circumstances . . . . . 2
- Illegal in all circumstances . . . . . 3

26. Do you think marriages between homosexuals should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?

- Should be valid . . . . . 1
- Should not be valid . . . . . 2
- UNSURE (VOLUNTEERED) . . . . . 3

27. Do you think that homosexual couples should be legally permitted to adopt children?

- YES ..... 1
- NO ..... 2
- UNSURE (VOLUNTEERED) ..... 3

28. Do you think the United States is or is not doing enough to keep illegal immigrants from coming into this country?

- Doing enough ..... 1
- Not doing enough ..... 2
- UNSURE (VOLUNTEERED) ..... 3

29. Would you support or oppose a program giving illegal immigrants now living in the United States the right to live here legally if they pay a fine and meet other requirements?

- Support ..... 1
- Oppose ..... 2
- UNSURE (VOLUNTEERED) ..... 3

30. How serious a problem is it for the United States that many Americans do not have health insurance: very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all serious?

- Very serious ..... 1
- Somewhat serious ..... 2
- Not too serious ..... 3
- Not at all serious ..... 4
- UNSURE (VOLUNTEERED) ..... 5

31. Now turning to the subject of energy. How serious would you say the energy situation is in the United States: very serious, fairly serious, or not at all serious?

- Very serious ..... 1
- Fairly serious ..... 2
- Not at all serious ..... 3
- UNSURE (VOLUNTEERED) ..... 4

32. How would you rate the condition of the natural environment in the world today—as excellent, good, fair, poor, or very poor?

- Excellent ..... 1
- Good ..... 2
- Fair ..... 3
- Poor ..... 4
- Very poor ..... 5

33. Do you think there is too much, too little, or about the right amount of government regulation and involvement in the area of environmental protection?

- Too much ..... 3
- About the right amount ..... 2
- Too little ..... 1

34. How would you rate economic conditions in this country today—as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- Excellent ..... 1
- Good ..... 2
- Fair ..... 3
- Poor ..... 4

35. Right now, do you think that economic conditions in the country as a whole are getting better or getting worse?

- Getting better ..... 1
- Getting worse ..... 2
- NEITHER . . . . (VOLUNTEERED) ..... 3

36. (FORM B.) What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

\_\_\_\_\_ (RECORD VERBATIM)

37. Finally, here are a few questions about the government in Washington. Many people don't know the answers to these questions, so if there are some you don't know just tell me and we'll go on. First, do you happen to know what job or political office is now held by Dick Cheney? IF "YES," ASK: WHAT JOB OR POLITICAL OFFICE IS THAT?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

- DON'T KNOW ..... 8

38. Whose responsibility is it to determine if a law is constitutional or not? Is it the President, the Congress, or the Supreme Court?

- President ..... 1
- Congress ..... 2
- Supreme Court ..... 3
- DON'T KNOW ..... 8

39. How much of a majority is required for the U.S. Senate and House to override a Presidential veto?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

- DON'T KNOW ..... 8



40. Do you happen to know which party currently has the most members in the House of Representatives in Washington?

- Democratic ..... 1
- Republican ..... 2
- Neither ..... 3
- DON'T KNOW ..... 8

41. Which political party—Democratic or Republican—is more conservative than the other at the national level?

- Democratic ..... 1
- Republican ..... 2
- Neither ..... 3
- DON'T KNOW ..... 8

42. Ok. Now we would like to ask you about a few of your activities here on campus. Have you ever . . . ?

- |   | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| a. Voted in a student election? .....   | 1   | 2  |
| b. Run for office in your residence hall, class, or student government? ..... | 1   | 2  |
| c. Served on a student government committee? .....                            | 1   | 2  |

43. Are you a member of a political club or group such as College Democrats or College Republicans?

- YES..... 1
- NO ..... 2

44. We are also interested in volunteer activities, that is, activities for which people **are not paid**, except perhaps expenses. We only want you to include volunteer activities that you did **through or for an organization**, even if you only did them once in a while. Since the beginning of the school year, in September, have you done any volunteer work through or for a church, school, political group, senior citizens group, or any other local or national organization?

- YES ..... (ASK A AND B) ..... 1
- NO ..... (GO TO Q. 45) ..... 2

IF YES:

A. Since the beginning of the school year, how about how many weeks per month have you done volunteer work?

\_\_\_\_\_ Weeks/Month

B. In those weeks when you did volunteer work, how many hours per week did you do volunteer activities?

\_\_\_\_\_ Hours/Week

45. Are you a member of an intercollegiate sport team or campus club or organization?

YES . . . . . (ASK A) . . . . . 1

NO . . . . . 2

IF YES:

A. Do you hold a position of leadership, such as team captain or club president or other officer?

YES. . . . . (ASK B) . . . . . 1

NO . . . . . 2

B. What position is that? (BE PRECISE: CAPTAIN OF WHAT TEAM OR PRESIDENT OF WHAT CLUB OR ORGANIZATION.)

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Ok. Now we have a few questions we'd like to ask you that have nothing to do with politics. A member of the Psychology Department has requested that we ask four short questions regarding your perceptions of body image and eating disorders on campus. As with all our questions, your answers to these questions are confidential. Also, if you don't want to answer any questions, just let me know and we'll go on to the next question.

46. What percentage of WOMEN on the Holy Cross campus do you think are dissatisfied with their body image?

\_\_\_\_\_ Percent

47. What percentage of MEN on the Holy Cross campus do you think are dissatisfied with their body image?

\_\_\_\_\_ Percent

48. In your opinion, what percentage of WOMEN on the Holy Cross campus experience some kind of eating disorder?

\_\_\_\_\_ Percent

49. In your opinion, what percentage of MEN on the Holy Cross campus experience some kind of eating disorder?

\_\_\_\_\_ Percent

All right. Now we have a few background questions to ask.

50. What is your racial or ethnic background? CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY.

WHITE/CAUCASIAN . . . . . 1

AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK . . . . . 2

ASIAN AMERICAN/ASIAN . . . . . 3

MEXICAN AMERICAN/CHICANO. . . . . 4

PUERTO RICAN . . . . . 5

OTHER LATINO. . . . . 6

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ 7

51. What is your date of birth?  /  /

52. What is your religious preference? Is it Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

- Catholic ..... 1
- Protestant. . . . (ASK A) ..... 2
- Jewish ..... 3
- None . . . . . (GO TO QUESTION 54) ..... 4
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ 5

IF PROTESTANT:

A. What specific denomination was that, if any?

\_\_\_\_\_ (RECORD VERBATIM)

53. Would you call yourself a strong, somewhat strong, or not very strong (NAME OF RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE IN PREVIOUS QUESTION)?

- Strong ..... 1
- Somewhat strong ..... 2
- Not very strong ..... 3

54. Would you describe yourself as “born-again” or evangelical?

- YES. .... 1
- NO ..... 2

55. How often do you attend religious services? USE CATEGORIES AS PROBES IF NECESSARY.

- SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK ..... 9
- EVERY WEEK ..... 8
- NEARLY EVERY WEEK ..... 7
- 2-3 TIMES A MONTH ..... 6
- ABOUT ONCE A MONTH ..... 5
- SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR ..... 4
- ABOUT ONCE A YEAR ..... 3
- LESS THAN ONCE A YEAR ..... 2
- NEVER ..... 1

56. What is your academic class standing? Are you a member of the class of 2011, 2010, 2009, or 2008?

- First year ('11) ..... 1
- Second year ('10) ..... 2
- Third year ('09) ..... 3
- Fourth year ('08) ..... 4

57. What is your academic major? CIRCLE TWO MAJORS FOR DOUBLE MAJORS.

ANTHROPOLOGY .....	01
BIOLOGY .....	02
CHEMISTRY .....	03
CLASSICS .....	04
ECONOMICS .....	05
ECONOMICS/ACCOUNTING .....	06
ENGLISH .....	07
FRENCH .....	08
GERMAN .....	09
HISTORY .....	10
MATH .....	11
MUSIC .....	12
PHILOSOPHY.....	13
PHYSICS .....	14
POLITICAL SCIENCE.....	15
PSYCHOLOGY .....	16
RELIGIOUS STUDIES .....	17
RUSSIAN .....	18
SOCIOLOGY .....	19
SPANISH .....	20
THEATRE .....	21
UNDECLARED ..... [ASK A] .....	22
VISUAL ARTS - HISTORY .....	23
VISUAL ARTS - STUDIO .....	24
OTHER _____	25

A. IF UNDECLARED:

At this point, what is your most likely major? \_\_\_\_\_ RECORD CODE FOR MAJOR

58. What is your state of permanent residence? \_\_\_\_\_

59. Are you a U.S. citizen?

YES .....	1
NO .....	2

60. In what country were you born? \_\_\_\_\_

Finally, we have just a few more questions about your ancestors and parents.

61. In what country was your mother born? \_\_\_\_\_

62. In what country was your father born? \_\_\_\_\_

63. Are your parents currently married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have they never been married?

- Married ..... 1
- Widowed ..... 2
- Divorced ..... 3
- Separated ..... 4
- Never been married ..... 5

64. What is the highest grade of school that your father completed?

- LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL ..... 1
- HIGH SCHOOL ..... 2
- SOME COLLEGE (OR ASSOC. DEGREE). 3
- COLLEGE DEGREE (B.A./B.S.) ..... 4
- GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL DEGREE . 5

65. What is the highest grade of school that your mother completed?

- LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL ..... 1
- HIGH SCHOOL ..... 2
- SOME COLLEGE (OR ASSOC. DEGREE). 3
- COLLEGE DEGREE (B.A./B.S.) ..... 4
- GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL DEGREE . 5

66. What is your best estimate of your parents' combined income last year? HAND CARD C.

- Less than \$25,000 ..... 01
- \$25,000-49,999 ..... 02
- \$50,000-74,999 ..... 03
- \$75,000-99,999 ..... 04
- \$100,000-149,999 ..... 05
- \$150,000-199,999 ..... 06
- \$200,000-299,999 ..... 07
- \$300,000 or more ..... 08
- REFUSED ..... 09
- DON'T KNOW ..... 10

67. CODE RESPONDENT'S SEX:

- MALE ..... 1
- FEMALE ..... 2

These are all the questions that I have. Thank you very much for your time and your help with our research. My professor may wish to get in touch with you to verify this interview. Therefore, we would like to have your telephone number. Ok?

(508) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone Number**

RECORD EXACT TIME NOW:   :   a.m./p.m. (CIRCLE A.M. OR P.M.)