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CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH STUDY:

Retrospective Study Leadership Trajectories Among YouthBuild Program Graduates

About this Study:

We are trying to learn the ways in which the YouthBuild program itself and any support you may have received since graduating affected your development of the skills, attitudes, actions, and opportunities to take positive leadership to benefit your families and communities. The study is important and meaningful for us, because your inputs about all aspects of the YouthBuild program will help us make decisions about the future program for the young people coming behind you.

Who are the researchers conducting this study?

We are working with a research team at the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement. The members of the team are Peter Levine (peter.levine@tufts.edu), Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg (kei.kawashima_ginsberg@tufts.edu), Surbhi Godsay (Surbhi.godsay@tufts.edu), and Abby Kiesa (Abby.Kies@tufts.edu).

What is my role, if I choose to participate?

You can choose to participate in one or both of the following activities as a participant. First is a survey, which is online and immediately follows this form. The survey will take about 30 to 45 minutes to complete. If you would like to contribute more, and have gone to the Conference of Young Leaders, you can also choose to participate in a face-to-face interview, which will take about an hour. If you agree to be contacted for an interview and you meet the eligibility criteria, you will be contacted by a YouthBuild graduate who will schedule an interview at a mutually convenient time and place. You do not have to commit to be interviewed, even if you agree to be contacted at this time. You are just agreeing to hear more about the interview, and decide.

What kinds of questions are asked in the survey and interview?

The survey will ask questions about your leadership style and skills before and after YouthBuild, your experience with the YouthBuild programs and activities, the ways in which you define leadership, and your background information. The interview is designed to ask more detailed questions about your response to the survey. The questions will cover similar topics but you will have more opportunities to explain what you mean, tell your story in your own words and cover anything else that is relevant that survey didn't ask you.

Will someone know how I respond to these questions?

All information will be kept confidential, meaning that your personal identity will be used only to contact you for the interview and to send you a sweep stake prize, if you win. Your name and other identifying information will not be shared with anyone outside of the YouthBuild and CIRCLE research team and will not be used for anything other than research.

The results of this study may be published in a scholarly book or journal, presented at professional conferences or used for teaching purposes. However, your name and other identifiers will not be used in any publications, presentations, or teaching materials without your explicit permission. The information is being collected through a secure online survey and your interview responses (if you are contacted and decide to participate in the interviews) will be recorded using a digital audio recorder. There may be occasions in which YouthBuild national staff will contact you to ask if you may allow them to use a quote from your interview for program purposes. You always reserve a right to refuse use of your quotes or any other response by YouthBuild without any consequences.

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Is there compensation for my participation?

If you complete the survey, you will be entered in a sweepstakes to win one of the seven prizes. The grand prize is one iPad 2 (\$600 value). We will also award one cash prize each for \$300 and \$200, and four cash prizes at \$100 each. To be eligible to receive the prize, you must enter your full name and a valid email address below.

Are there risks and benefits to my participation?

There is no foreseeable risk related to participating in this study. There are no direct benefits to you. However, your input will contribute to the knowledge about how leadership develops within and after YouthBuild, and inform YouthBuild USA about what aspects of its programs and opportunities are most and least helpful. This information will be very important, as the YouthBuild USA will make informed program decisions based on the findings from this study. Therefore, the future YouthBuild students will benefit from this study.

You always have the right to withdraw from the study.

Your participation is voluntary. You are free to choose not to participate in any part of this study. Even if you consent to participate, you may withdraw your consent and discontinue your participation at any time without penalty.

What if I have more questions?

You may ask questions about the study at any time. Please e-mail the investigators with any questions or concerns about the study. For any questions about your rights as a participant in this study, you may contact the Administrator for the Institutional Review Board for Tufts University, Yvonne Wakeford at Yvonne.wakeford@tufts.edu or 617-627-3417.

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE for SURVEY

By electronically signing this consent form, I confirm that I have read this consent form and that I understand the purpose of the study, and survey procedures. I understand that I may ask questions at any time and can withdraw my participation at any time without any negative consequences.

*1. Do you agree to participate in this online survey?

Yes

No

2. Please provide your name, today's date, and a valid email address confirm your agreement to participate. Please note that we need your signature here for the SURVEY.

Name

Date

Valid email address

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE for INTERVIEW

By electronically signing this consent form, I confirm that I have read this consent form and that I understand the purpose of the study, and interview procedures. I understand that I may ask questions at any time and can withdraw my participation at any time without any negative consequences. By saying yes, I am simply saying that I am willing to be contacted by an interviewer. I can decide not to participate in an interview after I hear more about the interview.

*3. Do you agree to be contacted for a potential interview?

Yes

No

4. Please provide your name, today's date, and a valid email address to confirm your agreement to participate. Please note that we need your signature here for the INTERVIEW.

Name

Date

Valid email address

Questions about your experience BEFORE YouthBuild

These questions ask about your experiences before participating in the YouthBuild program. Please read each question carefully.

5. BEFORE you joined YouthBuild, did you consider yourself a leader in any of these contexts? (Use any definition of "leader" that you would have used at the time - check all that apply).

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your own family | <input type="checkbox"/> A gang |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your community | <input type="checkbox"/> Prison |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School | <input type="checkbox"/> Your circle of friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church or other religious congregation | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above |

Other (please specify)

6. BEFORE you joined YouthBuild, did you participate in any of these ways? (check all that apply)

- Community service or service-learning through school
- Discussing current events and social issues with others
- Participating in political rallies, campaigns or demonstrations
- None of the above

Other (please specify)

Life BEFORE YouthBuild - continued

7. Which of the following possible challenges affected your life **BEFORE** joining YouthBuild USA? (check all that apply)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty | <input type="checkbox"/> Feeling that you did not have a say in what would happen to your life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult relationships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Not having an adult who gave positive guidance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No stable, safe, and loving family to belong to | <input type="checkbox"/> Gang involvement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couldn't find a job | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug or alcohol abuse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discrimination | <input type="checkbox"/> Was a victim of violence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Negative experiences in school | <input type="checkbox"/> Incarceration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Negative experiences in the community | <input type="checkbox"/> Police harassment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not being able to trust people with power | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above |

Other (please specify)

8. Which of the following possible challenges did YouthBuild help you overcome?

	YouthBuild helped me	YouthBuild did not help me	Not Applicable
Poverty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homelessness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No stable, safe, and loving family to belong to	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Couldn't find a job	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Discrimination	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Negative experiences in school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Negative experiences in the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not being able to trust people with power	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feeling that you did not have a say in what would happen to your life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Difficult relationships	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not having an adult who gave positive guidance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gang involvement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drug or alcohol abuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Was a victim of violence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Incarceration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Police harassment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
None of the above	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>		

What Leadership Meant BEFORE YouthBuild

9. What did leadership mean to you before YouthBuild?

10. YouthBuild’s definition of good leadership is when you take positive steps to make things better for yourself, your family, your program, and your community. Before YouthBuild, how did you see yourself as a leader? Please rate yourself from –1 to +5 in each context - Family, friends, school and community.

	I was a NEGATIVE leader, or led people in negative ways	I was never in a leadership role in this context	I was almost never a leader	I occasionally acted as a leader	I sometimes played a role as a leader	I often acted as a leader	I always acted a positive leader
Family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Friends/peers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
in school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. Before you joined YouthBuild, what age did you expect to live to?

Estimated Age

If you would like, please explain your answer briefly.

Opportunities at YouthBuild

12. YouthBuild USA and local YouthBuild program sites provide various leadership opportunities to their students, though not all students participate. How often did you participate in the following?

	This opportunity was not offered	I had this opportunity but didn't take it	Once or twice	Several times	I did this regularly
Serving my community through building affordable housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Serving the community through activities other than construction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mentoring or tutoring younger people in my community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being a speaker or host when visitors came to the program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attending a YouthBuild Day at the state capitol to advocate for funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speaking publicly to represent YouthBuild or my community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fundraising with my director	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attending public meetings to learn what was going on in my community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other policy-making activities to influence law-makers about something else important to my community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Registering people to vote	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Getting out the vote during an election	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recruiting other young people to attend YouthBuild	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Discussing current events and social issues with others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Serving on the policy council within YouthBuild	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leading a meeting of my peers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taking on a leadership role within YouthBuild in the classroom, on the construction site, in the service activities, or some other way.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being a representative to the National Conference of Young Leaders (COYL) in Washington, DC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Running for the National Young Leaders Council (YLC) at the Conference in DC.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being interviewed by a reporter or other media.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Creating a service project of some kind at my own initiative	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

YouthBuild experience

13. While you were in a YouthBuild program, how often was each of these statement your experience?

	Never or almost never my experience	only some of the time	I can't remember or I can't say	Most of the time	Always or almost always
I felt encouraged to pursue more education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt that YouthBuild staff cared about me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My ideas and recommendations were respected.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt emotionally supported by YouthBuild peers nationwide	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I could rely on YouthBuild for support when I needed it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
YouthBuild staff inspired me to do more with my life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt that the YouthBuild program held high expectations for me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt that I was changing in a positive direction while I was at YouthBuild	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
YouthBuild staff were patient with my progress	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt that YouthBuild was like my home (or second home)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was given new opportunities to see how decisions were made and to influence them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
YouthBuild staff believed in my potential	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt interested in learning new things when in the program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt safe learning and working at YouthBuild	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt encouraged to take leadership responsibility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
YouthBuild staff inspired me to contribute or give back	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt emotionally and physically supported by fellow YouthBuild students at my local site	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. Please share an experience, lesson, or memory from your time as a YouthBuild student that helped you develop your leadership to make things go better for your own life, your family, program, or community.

15. How did this particular experience help you develop your leadership?

16. Who at YouthBuild helped you develop your leadership? Please provide the person's name so that YouthBuild can recognize their contribution.

AFTER YouthBuild

The following questions ask about your experience AFTER you graduated from (or left) YouthBuild.

17. Which of the following YouthBuild leadership activities have you participated in since you graduated from YouthBuild? Please check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I was elected to the YLC (Young Leaders Council) and attended for a while | <input type="checkbox"/> I have/had an Individual Development Account (IDA) or receive an Asset Trust gift from YouthBuild USA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I attended the YLC meetings for all three years | <input type="checkbox"/> I have served on the PSE Voices Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I attended one National Alumni Xchange | <input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of the YouthBuild USA Speakers Bureau |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I attended more than one National Alumni Xchange | <input type="checkbox"/> I have represented YouthBuild USA at events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local YouthBuild alumni meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> I received a Stoneman scholarship and/or AmeriCorps education award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of my local YouthBuild Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Community projects beyond building affordable housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of the YouthBuild USA Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> I have been interviewed by the press, TV news, or other media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have worked as staff at a YouthBuild program | <input type="checkbox"/> I represented my YouthBuild program at an event(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am currently on staff at a YouthBuild program | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) | |

18. How much do you agree that each of the following occurred AFTER graduated from YouthBuild?

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
Local YouthBuild Staff continued to support my progress	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Staff asked me to continue to play a leadership role in my community or for YouthBuild	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Director of my YouthBuild program actually stayed in touch with me and always answered my calls or emails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Staff at YouthBuild USA supported me through difficult times and helped me stay on track to be a leader	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The friends I made at the Young Leaders Council (YLC) and/or the National Alumni Council (NAC) supported me to stay strong and be a leader.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I made contacts with people through leadership activities who became friends and mentors to me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. Have you had anyone in particular who has mentored you to become a leader over time? How many people have done this? Who? Please provide names of these people if possible.

20. While you were a YouthBuild student, were you ever expelled from the program or did you leave the program voluntarily at any point?

- No, I stayed with the program
- Yes, I was expelled (kicked out of) from the program
- Yes, I voluntarily left the program once

21. If yes: Did you come back to YouthBuild?

- Not Applicable
- Yes
- No, but I wish I did
- No

22. We know that some YouthBuild graduates pursue college education while others do not for different reasons. First, please tell us if you ever attended or are currently attending college (2-year or 4-year).

- Yes
- No

college activities

23. While you were (are) in college, which (if any) of the following activities have you participated in? Please check all that apply.

- a community-based project, service, internship or research as part of a course or curriculum (e.g., a service-learning or community-research classes)
- a student club or group that performs service or contribute to the community in some other way
- a student club or group that engages in political activities such as registering students to vote, campaigning for a candidate, protesting an issue, or hosting a fundraiser
- a course that involved discussion of current social and political issues
- Writing a public policy paper
- Holding office in a college club, organization, or student governance body
- Other (please specify)

Other leadership programs

24. Have you been part of another leadership or service program such as Public Allies or NCCC, or another AmeriCorps program other than YouthBuild?

- No
- Yes, Name of Organization

Specific leadership opportunities

25. How important was this experience in strengthening your leadership skills and commitment?

- Not important at all
- Not very important
- Neither important or unimportant
- somewhat important
- Very important

26. While you were in this program, which of the following activities have you participated in?

- Acting as a team leader or in a position that involves supervising and motivating others
- Developing and implementing a plan for a community project
- Expressing your ideas or findings in front of a group of people
- Representing your team at a meeting involving public official(s)
- Organizing a community meeting
- Organizing a community event
- Discussing and/or learning about social and political issues that affect local communities

Experiences after YouthBuild

27. Which of the following leadership activities have you done SINCE graduating from YouthBuild?

- Helping members of your family
- Helping other members of your community
- Taking a leadership role amongst friends or people you know
- Talking a leadership role in your neighborhood
- Taking a leadership role in your workplace or union
- Taking a leadership role in church
- Taking a leadership role in your child's school
- Guiding youth as a youth worker in a community-based program
- Guiding youth as a volunteer mentor or sports coach
- Participating in political rallies, campaigns or demonstrations
- Discussing current events and social issues with others
- Running for for public office yourself or being appointed to public office

Other (please specify)

28. When you think of yourself as a leader NOW, please rate yourself from -1 to +5 in each context - Family, friends, school/work and community.

	I was a NEGATIVE leader, or led people in negative ways	I was never in a leadership role in this context	I was almost never a leader	I occasionally acted as a leader	I sometimes played a role as a leader	I often acted as a leader	I always acted a positive leader
Family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Friends/peers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
YouthBuild	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
in school/At work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

29. Since you first joined YouthBuild, have any major life events affected your ability to be a leader and contribute to your community? Please check Yes or No for each of the following:

	Yes	No
Major health issues (myself or family)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic problems, such as losing a job	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Moving to a new community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Becoming a parent and caring for a child or children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being victimized by crime	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Been in jail or prison	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Problems in my family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Problems in my personal relationships	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drug or alcohol issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)		
<input type="text"/>		

The next set of questions ask about how you rate or view yourself now.

30. I feel that I...

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
can be counted on to keep a schedule	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
can express my views in front of a group of people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
can contact or visit someone in government who represents my community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
am reliable, people can count on me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
can plan and lead a meeting for a group or organization	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
can work with people with different opinions to make decisions together	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
am uncomfortable working with someone from a different race or culture from me to address problems in my community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
know who to talk to when there is a problem that needs to be addressed in the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
can identify individuals or groups who could help me with the problem in the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
am reasonably well-informed about issues that affect our society today	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
can't think carefully about what is really going on when I see news or hear opinions about current events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
can apply what concepts and ideas I learned in a new situation well	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

31. Please read each of the sentences below and rate how each is like you or not like you right now:

	Not at all like me	Not very much like me	I can't say/I'm not sure	Quite a bit like me	Completely like me
I am willing to take on new things, even if they seem difficult.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel like I have the skills to take on leadership roles, even if they are difficult	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

32. In the past few months, how often did you feel that...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Quite a bit	Often	Always
I am really frustrated with how hard it is to make improvements even though I try	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't put myself in positions to move forward in my career because I don't think I'll do better	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I could not make improvements in my community by working with others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am not a leader	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I had experiences that challenged me to grow and become a better person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have something important to contribute to society	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am confident enough to think or express my own ideas and opinions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I like most parts of my personality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am interested in life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I could not be a leader even if I wanted to	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe in my potential enough to work hard	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am upset with the government because it isn't supporting what is important to my community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am satisfied	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My life has a sense of direction or meaning to it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

33. What age do you now expect to live?

Expected age

If you would like to, please explain why

34. In the past few months, how often did you....

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Quite a bit	Always
feel that you belong to a community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
feel that you have a warm and trusting relationship with your family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
feel that you have a warm and trusting relationship with people at work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
feel that you have warm and trusting relationship with people in your community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
feel that, in your family, there are people that really care about you	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
feel that, in your neighborhood, there are people who care about you	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
feel that there are people that care about you at your work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

35. In talking to people, we find that many are not registered to vote because they are too busy or move around often. Would official state records show that you are now registered to vote in your election district, or not?

- Yes
- No
- Not eligible

36. Can you recall if you voted in the 2010 election?

- Voted
- Did not vote
- Not eligible to vote in 2010

37. Which of the following best describes your political ideology, regardless of your party affiliation or whom you vote for?

- Strongly liberal
- Moderately liberal
- Neutral leaning liberal
- Completely neutral
- Neutral leaning conservative
- Moderately conservative
- Strongly conservative

If you would like, please explain your answer

Background Information

The next set of questions ask about your background information, so that we can make sure that we have a good representation from different groups. If you are uncomfortable with one or more questions, please feel free to skip them.

38. What is your age?

39. Are you male or female?

- Male
- Female

40. What is your race/ethnicity (choose all that apply)?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian/White | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> African American/Black | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino/Latina | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | |

41. What language did you grow up speaking at home?

- English
- Spanish

Other (please specify)

42. Were you or your parents born outside of the U.S?

- My parents and I were born in the US
- I was born in the US but at least one of my parents was born outside the US
- Both my parents and I were born outside the US

43. What is your relationship status?

- Married, living with a spouse
- Living with a partner
- Married, separated
- Single, not living with a partner
- Divorced

44. What is the highest level of education you have completed so far?

- Didn't finish high school and don't have a GED
- High School Diploma or GED
- Completed a Technical School certificate
- Some College
- Achieved a 2-year college degree (Associate's)
- Achieved a 4-year college degree (Bachelor's)
- Am in or have completed post-graduate studies/degrees (e.g., Master's degree, Ph.D, law school, business school).

45. What is your employment status?

- Working full-time
- Working part-time
- Laid-off
- Unemployed (but looking)
- Unemployed (not currently looking)
- Full-time Student
- Working part-time while being a student
- Not in labor force (e.g., homemaker)
- On public assistance

46. Which of the following apply to what you want to do for your career, even if you are not currently working or studying for this career? (check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Start my own non-profit organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Politics | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service (e.g., working for the federal, state and municipal government) | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working for a for-profit company | <input type="checkbox"/> Social work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working for a not-for-profit organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community organizing | <input type="checkbox"/> I have not decided |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Start my own for-profit business | |

Other (please specify)

47. What problems in your community would you most like to solve if you could play an effective leadership role in doing so?

48. Do you currently work with youth, and if so, in what capacity?

- No
- Yes, as a youth worker in a community-based program
- Yes, as a teacher
- Yes, as a volunteer mentor or sports coach
- Yes, as a religious leader

49. What is your own annual income (wages, before taxes)?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than \$15,000 | <input type="radio"/> \$35,000 to \$49,999 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$15,000 to \$24,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$50,000 to \$74,999 |
| <input type="radio"/> 25,000 to 34,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$75,000 or more |

50. About how many years have you lived in your community? If you have lived there for less than a year, please enter 0.