

Questionnaire

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Questions: Core ESP questions

county

To make sure we're getting a mix of opinions from around the state, would you please tell me which New York State county you currently live in?

NYC boroughs are:

Brooklyn = Kings County

Manhattan = New York County

Staten Island = Richmond County

Bronx/Queens (county name is same as borough name)

<1> Albany	<33> Franklin	<65> Oneida	<97> Schuyler
<3> Alleghany	<35> Fulton	<67> Onondaga	<99> Seneca
<5> Bronx	<37> Genesee	<69> Ontario	<101> Steuben
<7> Broome	<39> Greene	<71> Orange	<103> Suffolk
<9> Cattaraugus	<41> Hamilton	<73> Orleans	<105> Sullivan
<11> Cayuga	<43> Herkimer	<75> Oswego	<107> Tioga
<13> Chautauqua	<45> Jefferson	<77> Otsego	<109> Tompkins
<15> Chemung	<47> Kings	<79> Putnam	<111> Ulster
<17> Chenango	<49> Lewis	<81> Queens	<113> Warren
<19> Clinton	<51> Livingston	<83> Rensselaer	<115> Washington
<21> Columbia	<53> Madison	<85> Richmond	<117> Wayne
<23> Cortland	<55> Monroe	<87> Rockland	<119> Westchester
<25> Delaware	<57> Montgomery	<89> St Lawrence	<121> Wyoming
<27> Dutchess	<59> Nassau	<91> Saratoga	<123> Yates
<29> Erie	<61> New York	<93> Schenectady	<d> Do not know
<31> Essex	<63> Niagara	<95> Schoharie	<r> Refused

updown

It's very important that we make sure we're covering all regions of New York State. So would you please at least confirm whether you live downstate (that includes Brooklyn, Manhattan, Staten Island, Bronx, and Queens as well as Long Island and Rockland and Westchester counties) or upstate (all other regions).

<1> Downstate (Brooklyn, Manhattan, Staten Island, Bronx, Queens, Long Island. Also Rockland and Westchester Counties)

<2> Upstate (All other regions of NYS)

<r> Refused



nysimp

In your opinion, what do you think is the single most important issue facing New York State as a whole?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <1> Crime | <11> NYS budget |
| <2> Economic growth (economy) | <12> People leaving NYS |
| <3> Education | <13> Security/Threat of terrorism |
| <4> Employment | <14> Taxes (specify one specific type ...) [specify] |
| <5> Environment | <15> Climate change |
| <6> Health care | <16> Increase in weather events |
| <7> Housing (affordability/availability) | <17> Other (specify) [specify] |
| <8> Immigration (foreign) | <d> Do not know |
| <9> Land development | <r> Refused |
| <10> NYS government (accountability/efficiency) | |

finpast

We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. Would you say that you (and your household) are better off, worse off, or just about the same financially as you were a year ago?

- <1> Worse
- <2> About the same
- <3> Better
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

finfut

Now looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you (and your household) will be better off financially, worse off, or just about the same as now?

- <1> Worse
- <2> About the same
- <3> Better
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

econpast

Thinking about the economy in New York State as a whole, would you say that over the past year the state's economy has gotten better, stayed about the same, or gotten worse?

- <1> Worse
- <2> About the same
- <3> Better
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused



econfut

What about the next 12 months? Do you expect the economy in New York State as a whole to get better, stay about the same, or get worse?

- <1> Worse
- <2> About the same
- <3> Better
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused



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LLq1

Gasoline prices have dropped 40% since mid-2014. Which of the choices below BEST describes how you spent most of your savings at the pump?

- <1> Drove more
- <2> Bought a vehicle
- <3> Spent more on products other than vehicles
- <4> Put most savings into bank
- <5> Not applicable (do not own vehicle/buy gas)
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused



Name: Cornell University Survey Research Institute
Questions: Rotating annual topic - Gun control

GUNq1

How concerned are you about the threat of gun violence **within the United States?** (e.g. terrorist attacks, school shootings, gang-related crime, etc.)

- <1> Not at all concerned
- <2> Slightly concerned
- <3> Somewhat concerned
- <4> Very concerned
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

GUNq2

How concerned are you about the threat of gun violence **within your community?** (e.g. terrorist attacks, school shootings, gang-related crime, etc.)

- <1> Not at all concerned
- <2> Slightly concerned
- <3> Somewhat concerned
- <4> Very concerned
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

GUNq3

How much would you support or oppose the following gun control initiatives?

- a. Requiring background checks for all gun purchases
- b. Mandating a psychological evaluation in order to obtain a gun permit
- c. Banning the sale of assault weapons (including semi-automatic rifles)
- d. Maintaining a federal firearms registry
- e. Placing armed guards (such as police) in schools for protection

- <1> Strongly oppose
- <2> Somewhat oppose
- <3> Somewhat support
- <4> Strongly support
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

GUNq4

Does anyone in your household own a gun?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused



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KMq1

How many times have you personally experienced an earthquake that you could feel?

Note to interviewers: this earthquake experience *does not* need to be in New York State

- <1> Never
- <2> Once or twice
- <3> 3 to 5 times
- <4> 6 to 12 times
- <5> More than 12 times
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

KMq2

People have frequently noted that technology has produced both beneficial and harmful results. Would you say that, overall, the benefits of technology outweigh the harmful results, or the harmful results outweigh the benefits?

- <1> Benefits strongly outweigh harmful results,
- <2> Benefits slightly outweigh harmful results,
- <3> Benefits are about equal to harmful results,
- <4> Harmful results slightly outweigh benefits,
- <5> Harmful results strongly outweigh benefits
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused



KMq3

Condition A:

Let's say there was an earthquake which you could feel but that resulted in no damage. How would you feel if it were caused by natural geological processes?

Condition B:

Let's say there was an earthquake which you could feel but that resulted in no damage. How would you feel if it were caused by disposal of wastewater produced by natural gas development into underground wells to support local energy needs?

Condition C:

Let's say there was an earthquake which you could feel but that resulted in no damage. How would you feel if it were caused by drilling three miles into the Earth to produce a renewable source of energy and heat for your local community?

Condition D:

Let's say there was an earthquake which you could feel but that resulted in no damage. How would you feel if it were caused by extracting groundwater from the Earth to irrigate crops in your local community?

Condition E:

Let's say there was an earthquake which you could feel but that resulted in no damage. How would you feel if it were caused by storing carbon dioxide captured from the atmosphere underground to help reduce climate change impacts in your local community?

- <1> Very negative
- <2> Somewhat negative
- <3> Slightly negative
- <4> Neutral
- <5> Slightly positive
- <6> Somewhat positive
- <7> Very positive
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

KMq4

How acceptable to you is this kind of earthquake?

- <1> Completely unacceptable
- <2> Somewhat unacceptable
- <3> Slightly unacceptable
- <4> Neutral
- <5> Slightly acceptable
- <6> Somewhat acceptable
- <7> Completely acceptable
- <d> Don't know
- <r> Refused



KMq5

Condition A

Let's say there was an earthquake, which you could feel but that resulted in no damage, and this earthquake was caused by a technology put into place only after there was a decision making process, which allowed people like you to have a voice in the decision. How acceptable to you is this kind of earthquake?

Condition B

Let's say there was an earthquake, which you could feel but that resulted in no damage, and this earthquake was caused by a technology put into place only after the best scientists put their heads together, came up with a plan, and made the decision with little to no discussion with the local community. How acceptable to you is this kind of earthquake?

Condition C

Let's say there was an earthquake, which you could feel but that resulted in no damage, and this earthquake was caused by a technology put into place only after procedures were carried out to allow people like you to appeal the decision if you did not support it. How acceptable to you is this kind of earthquake?

Condition D

Let's say there was an earthquake, which you could feel but that resulted in no damage, and this earthquake was caused by a technology put into place only after the research data related to the decision were made freely accessible to the local community. How acceptable to you is this kind of earthquake?

Condition E

Let's say there was an earthquake, which you could feel but that resulted in no damage, and this earthquake was caused by a technology put into place only after people like you were able to express your views to the people in charge of the decision. How acceptable to you is this kind of earthquake?

- <1> Completely unacceptable
- <2> Somewhat unacceptable
- <3> Slightly unacceptable
- <4> Neutral
- <5> Slightly acceptable
- <6> Somewhat acceptable
- <7> Completely acceptable
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused



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KBq1

How would your family rank the goal of making the power grid smart and reducing the dependency on coal-based power generation?

Interviewer note: The power grid is what brings electricity to your home from electrical generators like the ones at Niagara Falls.

- <1> Not important
- <2> Somewhat important
- <3> A top priority for New York State
- <4> No opinion
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

KBq2

One way to make the whole power grid smart is to install smart power meters in homes. This is a small device that replaces your wall thermometer. It can monitor the use of electricity in your home. A smart meter can also turn your home air conditioners, heaters and hot water boilers on and off to save money on your bills, and when this happens in a large number of homes, it can help make the power grid greener. But installing one costs a few hundred dollars. Which best describes your views?

- <1> I would not want a smart meter in my home
- <2> I would switch only if the power company covers the costs.
- <3> I would purchase a smart meter if it could help make the power grid greener.
- <4> I already have a smart power meter.
- <5> No opinion
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

KBq3

Some consumers worry that a smart meter could learn a great deal about their personal activities. Would you allow smart meter monitoring in your home?

- <1> No. I would not allow any smart meter device in my home.
- <2> Yes, but I do not want my data sent to the power company
- <3> Yes, and I would allow anonymous data to be sent to the power company
- <4> Yes, and I do not object to having my personalized data sent to the power company.
- <d> Don't know
- <r> Refused



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VPq1

How would you define “hospice care?”

- <1> Answer [specify]
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

VPq2

Palliative care is a type of medical care that is gaining in popularity. How would you define “palliative care?”

- <1> Answer [specify]
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

VPq3

Palliative care is specialized medical care for people with serious illnesses. It is focused on providing patients with relief from the symptoms, pain, and stress of a serious illness - whatever the diagnosis. The goal is to improve quality of life for both the patient and the family.

Palliative care is provided by a team of palliative care doctors, nurses and other specialists who work together with a patient’s other doctors to provide an extra layer of support. Palliative care is appropriate at any age and at any stage in a serious illness, and can be provided along with curative treatment.

How likely, if at all, would you be to consider palliative care for a loved one if they had a serious illness?

- <1> Very Likely
- <2> Somewhat likely
- <3> Not too/Not at all likely
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused



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JAq1

Do you have a “smartphone” that allows you to download mobile apps?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

JAq2

The following 4 questions ask you about your willingness to use mobile health technology after surgery. For the purposes of these questions, please imagine that you have undergone surgery for any reason. Please also imagine that the products that are mentioned are provided to you for free by your surgeon, are confidential and secure, and that they have been proven to help you recover after surgery."

Would you be willing to wear something on your wrist that tracks your heart rate and the number of steps you take each day (e.g. Fitbit, Apple Watch)?"

- <1> Very willing
- <2> Willing
- <3> Not sure
- <4> Unwilling
- <5> Very unwilling
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

JAq3

Would you be willing to use an interactive mobile health app that is secure and confidential to fill out a survey for a few minutes each day to help your surgeon take care of you?

- <1> Very willing
- <2> Willing
- <3> Not sure
- <4> Unwilling
- <5> Very unwilling
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

JAq4

Would you be willing to use an interactive mobile health app to send confidential and secure pictures of your surgical wound to your surgeon to help your surgeon take care of you?

- <1> Very willing
- <2> Willing
- <3> Not sure



- <4> Unwilling
- <5> Very unwilling
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

JAq5

Would you be willing to use an interactive mobile health app to share selected secure updates about your health and recovery with friends or family that you designate?

- <1> Very willing
- <2> Willing
- <3> Not sure
- <4> Unwilling
- <5> Very unwilling
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

JAq6

What are barriers or issues you might see to using a free mobile health app after surgery to improve your care?

- <1> Answer
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

JAq7

What are benefits you might see to using a free mobile health app after surgery to improve your care?

- <1> Answer
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused



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RVq1

When did you most recently visit a hospital or a clinic as a patient?

<1> 0-6 months ago

<2> 6-12 months ago

<3> 1-5 years ago [goto next section]

<4> 5+ years ago [goto next section]

<d> Do not know [goto next section]

<r> Refused [goto next section]

RVq2

How would you rate the overall level of customer service experience during your most recent visit to the healthcare facility?

<1> Very poor

<2> Somewhat poor

<3> Average

<4> Somewhat positive

<5> Very positive

<d> Do not know

<r> Refused

RVq3

In your opinion, what is the MOST important problem in U.S. healthcare that needs to be urgently addressed?

<1> Answer [specify]

<d> Do not know

<r> Refused



RVq4

Some doctors use computers in their appointments with patients. How do you think using this kind of technology during a visit impacts the care you receive?

Interviewer note: In this case, “computers” could include a laptop, smart phone, or tablet.

- <1> Very negative impact
- <2> Somewhat negative impact
- <3> Has no impact on the healthcare I receive
- <4> Somewhat positive impact
- <5> Very positive impact
- <6> My doctor doesn't use a computer
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

RVq5

Outpatient care may be delivered in different locations in the future. For minor health concerns (for example, the flu or a rash) in which environment would you prefer to receive your care?:

- <1> In a clinic in a hospital
- <2> In an outpatient clinic, not in a hospital
- <3> In a clinic in a shopping mall
- <4> In your home, sharing your information with a medical provider, using your smart phone
- <5> Other
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused



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CBq1

Are you currently in a committed couple relationship with someone with whom you do not live?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No [goto next section]
- <3> Do not know [goto next section]
- <4> Refused [goto next section]

CBq2

Are you married to that person?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <r> Refused

CBq3

About how long have you and this person been in a relationship?

- <1> Less than six months
- <2> Six months to one year
- <3> More than one but less than two years
- <4> Two to five years
- <5> Five to ten years
- <6> More than ten years
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

CBq4

How far away does this partner live?

- <1> 1 mile or less
- <2> 1-5 miles
- <3> 5-10 miles
- <4> 10-50 miles
- <5> 50-100 miles
- <6> Over 100 miles
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused



CBq5

How do you most frequently describe the person with whom you are in this relationship when introducing or talking about them?

- <1> Girlfriend/boyfriend
- <2> Partner
- <3> Fiancé/e
- <4> Husband/wife
- <5> Significant other
- <6> Other term [specify]
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

CBq6

Is your partner of the same or opposite sex?

- <1> Same
- <2> Opposite
- <r> Refused

CBq7

Do you personally think of yourselves as a couple?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

CBq8

Do most other people think of you as a couple?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused



CBq9

What is the primary reason you live apart rather than together?

- <1> Too early in relationship
- <2> Job-related reasons (one has a job elsewhere)
- <3> Study-related reason (one is studying elsewhere)
- <4> Because of my or my partner's children
- <5> Because of other responsibilities (e.g., caring for an elderly relative)
- <6> Both want to keep own home for other reasons
- <7> Live apart by preference
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

CBq10

How often do you usually see your partner in person?

- <1> At least once a day
- <2> Several times a week
- <3> Once a week
- <4> Several times a month
- <5> At least once a month
- <6> Less often
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

CBq11

When you are away from your partner, about how often are you in contact with them by phone, text, email, post, internet or other form of communication?

- <1> Several times a day
- <2> Once a day
- <3> Several times a week
- <4> Once a week
- <5> Several times a month
- <6> Once a month
- <7> Less often
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

CBq12

Do you share costs for joint activities such as eating out, entertainment, vacations, and other expenses you undertake together as a couple?

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused



CBq13

If you had an illness and had to stay in bed, who would be most likely to care for you?

- <1> Someone who lives with you
- <2> Partner/spouse
- <3> A family member
- <4> A friend
- <5> A neighbor
- <6> Nobody
- <7> Other
- <d> Don't know
- <r> Refused

CBq14

If you were upset about a problem, who would you be most likely to talk to about it?

- <1> Someone who lives with you
- <2> Partner/spouse
- <3> A family member
- <4> A friend
- <5> A neighbor
- <6> Nobody
- <7> Other
- <d> Don't know
- <r> Refused



Name: Cornell University Survey Research Institute
Questions: Core ESP questions

trst

Changing topics again, we have some questions about your level of trust in various groups, particularly the government.

On a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is untrustworthy and 10 is trustworthy, how would you rate the trustworthiness of the following:

Large corporations	@corp
Local business	@bsns
Local government	@lgov
State government	@sgov
Labor unions	@union
News media	@media
Other people in general	@ppl
The Internet	@intrnt

<1-10>

<d> Do not know

<r> Refused



Name: Cornell University Survey Research Institute
Questions: Core annual demographic questions

Employ

Now I am going to ask you some basic questions about your employment just to make sure we have opinions and views from all different sorts of people.

Last week, did you do any work for either pay or profit? Include any job from which you were on vacation or otherwise temporarily absent (e.g. "on layoff").

- <1> Yes
- <2> No
- <3> Retired
- <4> Disabled
- <5> Unable to work (e.g. student without working papers, etc.)
- <r> Refused

Jbtype

Which of the following best describes your main job? By main job we mean the one at which you usually work the most hours.

- <1> Full-time, all year round
- <2> Part-time, all year round
- <3> Temporary
- <4> Seasonal or part year
- <5> Contract or on call
- <r> Refused

Selfempl

Are you self-employed without employees (i.e. consultant, freelancer) on your main job?

- <1> Yes
- <0> No
- <r> Refused



Lkwork

In the last four weeks have you looked for new work or a new job?

- <1> Yes
- <0> No
- <r> Refused

Borninus

Were you born in the United States?

- <0> No
- <1> Yes
- <r> Refused

Yob

What year were you born?

- <1910-1998>
- <r> Refused

Zip

What is your zip code?

Married

Are you married, divorced, separated, widowed, or single?

- <1> Married
- <2> Divorced
- <3> Separated
- <4> Widowed
- <5> Single
- <6> Other (specify ...)[specify]
- <r> Refused

Ideo

When it comes to social issues, do you usually think of yourself as extremely liberal, liberal, slightly liberal, moderate or middle of the road, slightly conservative, conservative, or extremely conservative?

- <1> Extremely liberal
- <2> Liberal
- <3> Slightly liberal
- <4> Moderate or middle of the road
- <5> Slightly conservative
- <6> Conservative
- <7> Extremely conservative
- <r> Refused



Party

Generally speaking, when it comes to political parties in the United States, how would you best describe yourself?

Interviewer: If Democrat or Republican, probe on whether strong, not very strong. If Independent, probe if closer to Democrat or Republican, or closer to neither.

- <1> Strong Democrat
- <2> Not very strong Democrat
- <3> Independent, close to Democrat
- <4> Independent (close to Neither)
- <5> Independent, close to Republican
- <6> Not very strong Republican
- <7> Strong Republican
- <8> Other party affiliation [*specify*]
- <r> Refused

Educ

What is the last grade or class that you completed in school?

- <1> None or grades 1-8
- <2> High school incomplete (grades 9-11)
- <3> High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)
- <4> Technical, trade, or vocational school [*yellow*]after high school
- <5> Some college, no 4-year degree (including 2 year Associate Degree)
- <6> College graduate (BS, BA, or other 4-year degree)
- <7> Post-graduate training or professional schooling after college (e.g. toward a Master's Degree, PhD or law/medical degree)
- <r> Refused

Hisp

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

- <1> Yes
- <0> No
- <r> Refused

Race

How would you describe your race? Please tell me yes or no for each of the following:

- <1> Yes <0> No <r> Refused

- White or Caucasian _____
- Black or African-American _____
- American Indian, Aleut, Eskimo _____
- Asian or Pacific Islander _____
- Other race [*specify*] _____



Relig

What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Christian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion or no religion?

- <1> Protestant
(This includes: Baptist, Episcopal, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Pentecostal, Church of Christ)
- <2> Catholic
(This includes: Roman Catholic)
- <3> Christian Orthodox
(This includes: Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox)
- <4> Jewish
- <5> Muslim
(This includes: Islam / Islamic)
- <6> Other non-Christian religion [*specify*]
- <7> No religion/Atheist/Agnostic
- <r> Refused

Church

Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services: more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom or never?

- <1> More than once a week
- <2> Once a week
- <3> Once or twice a month
- <4> A few times a year
- <5> Seldom
- <6> Never
- <r> Refused

Hhsize

We're almost done. We'll wrap things up with a few demographic questions to make sure that we're getting opinions from a wide variety of people.

How many total people, including yourself in your household are:

<0-10> <r> Refused

Adults age 65 and older ___ #
Adults age 18-64 ___ #
Children (under age 18) ___ #



Hhince

For statistical purposes, last year (that is in 2015) what was your total household income from all sources, before taxes?

- <5000-999999> Dollars
- <1000000> Dollars or more
- <d> Do not know [goto hhinc50k]
- <r> Refused [goto hhinc50k]

hhinc50k

Instead of a specific number, please tell me if your total household income in [fill lastyear] was under or over \$50,000.

- <1> Under \$50,000 [goto hhincu]
- <2> \$50,000 or over [goto hhinco]
- <d> Do not know [goto gender]
- <r> Refused [goto gender]

Hhincu

Instead of a specific number, please tell me if your total household income in 2015 was under or over \$50,000.

And was it:

- <1> Less than \$10,000
- <2> 10 to under \$20,000
- <3> 20 to under \$30,000
- <4> 30 to under \$40,000
- <5> 40 to under \$50,000
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused

Hhinco

Instead of a specific number, please tell me if your total household income in 2015 was under or over \$50,000.

And was it:

- <6> 50 to under \$75,000
- <7> 75 to under \$100,000
- <8> 100 to under \$150,000
- <9> \$150,000 or more
- <d> Do not know
- <r> Refused



Gender

Interviewer: Record the respondent's gender but don't read this statement or the options.

<1> Male

<2> Female

