

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATISTICS 161-003 SPRING 2003  
CLASS PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE

DIRECTIONS. The questionnaire has several sections. At the end of each section, please check that you are in the correct column on the opscan sheet. ALL ANSWERS GO ON THE OPSCAN SHEET. Each question number corresponds to the question number on the op-scan sheet. SOME QUESTIONS REQUIRE THAT YOU USE TWO COLUMNS.

STATEMENT OF INFORMED CONSENT

In this class I routinely ask all students to complete a questionnaire tapping attitudes, behaviors, and experiences. ***You do NOT have to do this. This is voluntary.*** But if you do choose to participate, your answers will be used for two purposes: to generate a course profile - so we can learn more about the students in the class - and to illustrate different points of course content. This information helps us learn more about how much you differ from one another, and how you compare to national samples on some items. I will use some of this material in class illustrations, but in those illustrations I will NEVER identify specific individuals. My primary purpose here is to try and improve what you learn in this course, and to learn more about what you learn. In short, the biggest potential benefit you may reap from completing this questionnaire is learning more about yourself and your classmates, and enhancing the learning environment in this class by allowing us to use data that describe you and your classmates.

If you agree to complete this questionnaire, the risks posed by doing so are minimal and are no more than would be experienced in daily life. The biggest potential risk is loss of confidentiality. Someone could find out what you said on your questionnaire. To protect against potential loss of confidentiality I will a) destroy the original answer sheets once the data have been scanned in; b) keep the data files only on a password-protected computer to which only I or the teaching assistant have access; and c) you can leave the name and SSN on the answer sheet BLANK. Further d) I will not carry out any analyses that identify specific individuals; I will only report results for the group or for subgroups. Finally, e) I will not release these data to anyone unless ordered to do so by a court of law. Of course, if a court does order me to do so I will resist as best I can, but there is a chance I may be forced to turn them over.

You have a right to ask me any questions about these data, and to have those questions answered to your satisfaction. You have the right to not complete these questions.

If you choose NOT to complete the questionnaire, you may leave class now. If you agree to participate, go ahead and fill out the answer sheet.

**KEEP THIS QUESTIONNAIRE SINCE YOU WILL REFER TO IT FREQUENTLY AS THE SEMESTER GOES ALONG.**

GENERAL BACKGROUND
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- Q. 1 What is your gender?  
0 ... Male  
1 ... Female
- Q. 2-3 In these two columns **enter your age at your last birthday. USE TWO COLUMNS.**
- Q. 4-5 In these TWO columns **enter your height in inches. USE TWO COLUMNS** (for example, a 5'5" = 65" and would therefore enter 6 in the first column and 5 in the second column).
- Q. 6 Do you live in a dorm on main campus?  
0 ... No  
1 ... Yes
- Q. 7 Do you live in a fraternity or sorority?  
0 ... No  
1 ... Yes
- Q. 8 When I am not attending Temple, my home residence is in:  
0 ... The City of Philadelphia  
1 ... **Elsewhere** in Pennsylvania  
2 ... New Jersey  
3 ... Delaware  
4 ... New York  
5 ... Another state or out of US
- Q. 9 When I am not attending Temple, my home residence is  
0 ... In a rural area  
1 ... In a small town of less than 100,000 people  
2 ... In a medium-sized city, of between 100,000 and 500,000 people  
3 ... In a large city of over 500,000 people
- Q. 10 Do you consider yourself basically a  
0 ... City person  
1 ... Suburban person  
2 ... Small town person  
3 ... Country person  
4 ... Can't say; never thought about it
- Q. 11 With which racial or ethnic group do you most strongly identify?  
0 ... African American  
1 ... Hispanic  
2 ... Asian  
3 ... White  
4 ... Other  
5 ... Can't say because I identify with more than one.

- Q. 12 Does someone in your immediate family (parent, sibling, son or daughter) work, or have they previously worked in the criminal justice system (police, courts, corrections, probation and parole, etc.)?
- 0 . . . No
  - 1 . . . Yes
- Q. 13 How would you describe your political orientation?
- 0 ... extremely conservative
  - 1 ... conservative
  - 2 ... somewhat conservative
  - 3 ... somewhat liberal
  - 4 ... liberal
  - 5 ... extremely liberal
- Q. 14 Did you enter Temple University as a freshman (first-year student), or as a transfer?
- 0 . . . Freshman or first year student
  - 1 . . . Transfer student
- Q. 15 What is your current class standing?
- 0 ... first year
  - 1 ... sophomore
  - 2 ... junior
  - 3 ... senior
- Q. 16 AFTER YOU GRADUATE, how likely is it that you will apply to law school?
- 0 . . . Extremely UNlikely
  - 1 . . . UNlikely
  - 2 . . . Somewhat UNlikely
  - 3 . . . Somewhat likely
  - 4 . . . Likely
  - 5 . . . Extremely likely
  - 6 . . . Don't know
- Q. 17 AFTER YOU GRADUATE, how likely is it that you will try and work in the criminal justice system? The job could be at the local, state, or federal level.
- 0 . . . Extremely UNlikely
  - 1 . . . UNlikely
  - 2 . . . Somewhat UNlikely
  - 3 . . . Somewhat likely
  - 4 . . . Likely
  - 5 . . . Extremely likely
  - 6 . . . Don't know
  - 7 . . . ALREADY work in the criminal justice system
- Q. 18 After you graduate, how likely is it that you will try and get a job for a social service agency that **helps** people in the criminal justice system? This could involve working with victims, prisoners, parolees, drug addicts, and so on.
- 0 . . . Extremely UNlikely
  - 1 . . . UNlikely
  - 2 . . . Somewhat UNlikely
  - 3 . . . Somewhat likely
  - 4 . . . Likely
  - 5 . . . Extremely likely
  - 6 . . . Don't know
  - 7 . . . ALREADY have a job working for a social service agency

- Q. 19 LAST WEEK, how many hours did you work at a job for pay? This could be a part-time or a full-time job. It could be on-campus or off-campus. Count only the hours for which you received hourly compensation. DO NOT count hours volunteering or contributing to a social organization.
- 0 . . . ZERO
  - 1 . . . 1 - 5 hours
  - 2 . . . 6 - 10 hours
  - 3 . . . 11 - 15 hours
  - 4 . . . 16 - 20 hours
  - 5 . . . 21 - 25 hours
  - 6 . . . 26 - 30 hours
  - 7 . . . 31 or more hours

A list follows of institutions in American society. Please tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in each one – a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little

**Record answers on op-scan sheet; not on questionnaire**

		Very Little	Some	Quite a Lot	A Great Deal
Q. 20	Church or organized religion	0	1	2	3
Q. 21	Military	0	1	2	3
Q. 22	US Supreme Court	0	1	2	3
Q. 23	Banks and banking	0	1	2	3
Q. 24	Public schools	0	1	2	3
Q. 25	Congress	0	1	2	3
Q. 26	Newspapers	0	1	2	3
Q. 27	Big business	0	1	2	3
Q. 28	Television	0	1	2	3
Q. 29	Organized labor	0	1	2	3
Q. 30	Police	0	1	2	3
Q. 31	Criminal justice system	0	1	2	3
Q. 32	Presidency	0	1	2	3

- Q. 33 How much confidence do you have in the ability of the police to protect you from violent crime?
- 0 . . . None at all
  - 1 . . . Not very much
  - 2 . . . Quite a lot
  - 3 . . . A great deal
- Q. 34 How much confidence do you have in the ability of the police to **solve** crime?
- 0 . . . None at all
  - 1 . . . Not very much
  - 2 . . . Quite a lot
  - 3 . . . A great deal
- Q. 35 How much confidence do you have in the ability of the police to **prevent** crime?
- 0 . . . None at all
  - 1 . . . Not very much
  - 2 . . . Quite a lot
  - 3 . . . A great deal

- Q. 36 Please rate the **police in your community** on the following aspects, such as responding quickly to calls for help. Would you rate the police:
- 0 . . . Very low
  - 1 . . . Low
  - 2 . . . Average
  - 3 . . . High
  - 4 . . . Very high
- Q. 37 What about the **friendliness** of the police. Would you rate the police?
- 0 . . . Very low
  - 1 . . . Low
  - 2 . . . Average
  - 3 . . . High
  - 4 . . . Very high
- Q. 38 How would you rate the **fairness** of the police in dealing with people?
- 0 . . . Very low
  - 1 . . . Low
  - 2 . . . Average
  - 3 . . . High
  - 4 . . . Very high
- Q. 39 In some places in the nation there have been charges of excessive use of force by the police. In **your** community would you say this is:
- 0 . . . Not a problem at all
  - 1 . . . Minor problem
  - 2 . . . Somewhat of a problem
  - 3 . . . Serious problem

For each of the following, please tell me if you think it would reduce the amount of violent crime in the country a lot, a little, or not at all (2.45)

		Not at All	A Little	A Lot	Don't Know
Q. 40	Longer jail terms for those convicted of violent crimes	0	1	2	3
Q. 41	Restrictions in the amount of violence shown on TV	0	1	2	3
Q. 42	Jobs programs in the inner cities	0	1	2	3
Q. 43	More police on the street	0	1	2	3
Q. 44	Stricter gun control	0	1	2	3

- Q. 45 In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of firearms should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now? (2.82)
- 0 . . . Made **less** strict
  - 1 . . . Kept as they are now
  - 2 . . . Made **more** strict

- Q. 46 Do you think there should or should not be a law that would ban the possession of handguns, except by the police and other authorized persons  
 0 . . . Should NOT be such a law  
 1 . . . SHOULD be such a law  
 9 . . . I have NO opinion on this matter
- Q. 47 Would you favor or oppose a law which required private citizens to register handguns they own?  
 0 . . . NOT in favor  
 1 . . . IN favor  
 9 . . . I have NO opinion on this matter
- Q. 48 Would you favor or oppose a law which made it illegal for any private citizen, other than law enforcement officers and licensed security guards, to own a handgun?  
 0 . . . NOT in favor  
 1 . . . IN favor  
 9 . . . I have NO opinion on this matter

<i>Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements using the scale at right. Record on op-scan</i>		Disagree Strongly	Disagree Somewhat	Agree Somewhat	Agree Strongly
Q. 49	The Federal Government should do more to control the sale of handguns (2.116)	0	1	2	3
Q. 50	Capital punishment should be abolished (2.113)	0	1	2	3
Q. 51	Marijuana should be legalized (2.110)	0	1	2	3
Q. 52	Handguns <b>prevent</b> more problems than they create	0	1	2	3
Q. 53	The Federal Government should make it <b>illegal</b> for private citizens to own handguns	0	1	2	3
Q. 54	I think that the right of citizens to arm themselves is an important right.	0	1	2	3

The next few questions have to do with drugs, drinking, and firearms

**DO A COLUMN CHECK. YOU SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED THROUGH COLUMN 54**

- Q. 55 Have you ever in your lifetime owned a gun of any type (handgun, long rifle, or shotgun)?  
 0 . . . No  
 1 . . . Yes
- Q. 56 Do you currently own a gun of any type (handgun, long rifle, or shotgun)?  
 0 . . . No  
 1 . . . Yes

- Q. 57 Do you currently own a handgun?  
0 ... No  
1 ... Yes
- Q. 58 Do you currently work in a job that requires you to carry a gun?  
0 ... No  
1 ... Yes
- Q. 59 Does any member of your immediate family **currently** own one or more guns of any type (handgun, shotgun, or long rifle)?  
0 ... No  
1 ... Yes
- Q. 60 Do guns scare you?  
0 ... No  
1 ... Yes
- Q. 61 Since the beginning of the FALL 2002 semester, have you applied for a permit to hunt with a firearm?  
0 ... No  
1 ... Yes
- Q. 63 Since the beginning of the FALL 2002 semester, has anyone **else** in your household applied for a permit to hunt with a firearm?  
0 ... No  
1 ... Yes
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!