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What will I be asked to do?

If you agree, you will participate in a 60-minute interview over a video call with a Westat interviewer. We ask that you take this interview in a private location where you can't be overheard. We will audio record the interview to ensure that we have a complete record as we review your responses. We will be asking you about your experience with certain crimes. As part of the interview, I will also talk to you about your thoughts on the survey questions. When the interview has concluded, we will send you the digital gift card with \$60 loaded on it.

How will my responses be used?

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Do you have any questions for me about the study or anything that we have just talked about?
Please let me know which best matches your decision:

- ☐ I agree to do the interview, and it is OK to make a digital audio recording of it.
- ☐ I do not want to do the study.

Today, we will be asking you survey questions and asking for your answers. We will then ask you what the question means to you and what your answer means. We will also ask you questions about specific parts of the question. There are no right or wrong answers. We are interested in everything you have to say. The information that you give us will help us improve the survey. So that you can speak freely about your experiences, I would recommend that you find a private area to participate in our interview today. At the end of the interview we will email you a list of national organizations that you can call if you want to talk about any feelings or emotions you experience during the interview.

Interview Protocol

Now, I would like to ask you some questions about times when you may have experienced unwanted contacts or behaviors. I want to remind you that the information you provide is confidential. When answering, please think about anyone who may have done these things, including current or former spouses or partners, other people you may know, or strangers. However, please **DO NOT** include bill collectors, solicitors, or other sales people. We ask that you not share specific names of people so that we can reduce the amount of personally identifiable information we receive.

SQ1. In the past 12 months, have you experienced any unwanted contacts or behaviors? By that I mean...

SQ_FOLLOWED

SQ1a. Has anyone followed you around and watched you?

Yes01
No.....02

SQ_SNEAKED

SQ1b. Has anyone snuck into your home, car, or any place else and done unwanted things to let you know they had been there?

Yes01
No.....02

SQ_WAITED

SQ1c. Has anyone waited for you at your home, work, school, or any place else when you didn't want them to?

Yes01
No.....02

Still thinking about unwanted contacts and behaviors, in the past 12 months...

SQ_SHOWEDUP

SQ1d. Has anyone shown up, ridden or driven by places where you were when they had no business being there?

Yes01

No.....02

SQ_ITEMS

SQ1e. Has anyone left or sent unwanted items, such as cards, letters, presents, flowers, or any other unwanted items?

Yes01

No.....02

SQ_HARASSED

SQ1f. Has anyone harassed or repeatedly asked your friends or family for information about you or your whereabouts?

Yes01

No.....02

Now I want to ask about unwanted contacts or behaviors using various technologies, such as your phone, the Internet, or social media apps. Again, please DO NOT include bill collectors, solicitors, or other sales people. In the past 12 months...

SQ_TELEPHONE

SQ1g. Has anyone made unwanted phone calls or left voice messages excessively to contact you?

Yes01

No.....02

If 'no' Tell me more about how you arrived at your answer.

If 'yes' – Please tell me more about your answer.

What does 'left voice mail messages excessively to contact you' mean to you?

SQ_TEXTMESSAGES

SQ_1g1. Has anyone sent excessive unwanted text messages to contact you?

Yes01

No.....02

If 'yes', could you tell me more about your answer?

If 'no' how did you come up with your answer?

What does ‘excessive unwanted text messages’ mean to you?

Ask for half of sample

SQ_WEBSITES_1

SQ1h. Has anyone sent you unwanted messages using email, social media apps, dating apps or other internet platforms and applications?

Yes..... 01
No..... 02

If ‘yes’, could you tell me more about your answer?

If ‘no’ how did you come up with your answer?

What does ‘unwanted messages’ mean to you? (if no) Can you give an example?

What does ‘dating apps’ mean to you?

What does ‘or other internet platforms and applications’ mean to you? Can you give a few examples of what these are?

Ask for half the sample

SQ_WEBSITES

SQ1h1.Has anyone sent you unwanted messages using email, social media apps, or other internet applications like WhatsApp, Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter (X), YouTube, Facebook or TikTok?

Yes..... 01
No..... 02

If ‘yes’, could you tell me more about your answer?

If ‘no’ how did you come up with your answer?

What does ‘or other internet platforms and applications’ mean to you? Can you give a few examples of what these are?

SQ_TECHNOLOGY_DIRECT

SQ1i. Has anyone spied on you using technologies such as a listening device, camera, or video recorder?

Yes01
No.....02

If ‘yes’, could you tell me more about your answer?

If ‘no’ how did you come up with your answer?

If ‘no’ Can you give a few examples of what type of spying this is referring to?

SQ_TECHNOLOGY_INDIRECT

SQLi1. Has anyone spied on you using computer or cell phone monitoring software?

Yes01
No.....02

If 'yes', could you tell me more about your answer?

If 'no' how did you come up with your answer?

If 'no' Can you give a few examples of what type of spying this is referring to?

What does 'computer or cell phone monitoring software' mean to you?

How does this differ from the last question that also asked about spying?

Still thinking about unwanted contacts and behaviors, in the past 12 months...

SQ_APPLICATION

SQLj. Has anyone tracked your whereabouts with an electronic tracking device or application, such as GPS, an e-tracker, or an application on your cell phone?

Yes01
No.....02

If 'yes', could you tell me more about your answer?

If 'no' how did you come up with your answer?

What does 'tracked your whereabouts' mean to you?

What does 'an e-tracker' mean to you?

Ask for half of sample

SQ_SOCIALMEDIA

SQ1k. Has anyone monitored or observed your activities on social media apps like Facebook, TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter (X), or LinkedIn?

Yes..... 01
No..... 02

If 'yes', could you tell me more about your answer?

If 'no' how did you come up with your answer?

What does 'monitored or observed' mean to you? (if not already given) Can you give an example?

What does 'social media apps' mean to you? Can you give a few examples?

Ask for half the sample

SQ_SOCIALMEDIA_1

SQ1k1. Has anyone monitored or observed your activities on social media apps, discussion forums, or other social networking platforms or apps?

Yes..... 01
No..... 02

If 'yes', could you tell me more about your answer?

If 'no' how did you come up with your answer?

What does 'monitored or observed' mean to you? (if not already given) Can you give an example?

What does 'discussion forums or other social networking platforms or apps' mean to you?

Can you give a few examples of what these are?

SQ_IMAGE_BASED_SEXUAL_ABUSE

SQ1X. Has anyone posted nude, intimate, or sexually explicit images or videos of you on the internet without your consent or threatened to post this content on the internet?

Yes01
No.....02

If 'yes', could you tell me more about your answer?

If 'no' how did you come up with your answer?

Ask for half of sample

SQ_POSTS

SQ1l. Has anyone posted or threatened to post inappropriate, unwanted, indecent, or personal information about you on the Internet including your name, address, email, spreading rumors or other information about you?

Yes..... 01
No..... 02

If 'yes', could you tell me more about your answer?

If 'no' how did you come up with your answer?

What does 'inappropriate, unwanted, indecent or personal information' mean to you? (if not already given) Can you give an example?

Ask for half the sample

SQ_POSTS_3

SQ111. Has anyone posted or threatened to post inappropriate, unwanted, indecent, or untrue information about you on the Internet?

Yes..... 01
No..... 02

SQ_IMAGES_4

SQ112. Has anyone posted or threatened to post your personal information, including name, address, email, or other details about you on the Internet?

Yes..... 01
No..... 02

What is the difference, if any, between these two questions?

If ‘yes’ to SQ_POSTS_3 – You said someone posted or threatened to post inappropriate, unwanted, indecent or untrue information – can you tell me more about your answer?

If ‘no’ to SQ_POSTS_3 –In the first question I asked about someone who ‘posted inappropriate, unwanted, indecent or untrue information’. What does that mean to you?

CHECK ITEM 1:

If R answered “Yes” to one or more of SQa to SQ112 (SQ_FOLLOWED-SQ_IMAGES_4), then skip to SQ2 (SQ_REPETITION).

If R did not answer “Yes” to any of the above items, then skip to SQ_HATE.

SQ_REPETITION

SQ2. Has anyone done (this/any of these things) to you more than once in the past 12 months?

Yes01
No.....02

CHECK ITEM 2:

If R answered “Yes” to more than one of SQ1a to SQ112 (SQ_FOLLOWED-SQ_IMAGES_4), then skip to SQ_FEAR.

If R answered “Yes” to only one of SQ1a to SQ112 (SQ_FOLLOWED-SQ_IMAGES_4) and SQ_REPETITION is “Yes” then skip to SQ_FEAR.

If R answered “Yes” to only one of SQ1a to SQ112 (SQ_FOLLOWED-SQ_IMAGES_4) and SQ_REPETITION is “No” then skip to .SQ_Otherreactions

SQ_FEAR

SQ3a. Did any of these unwanted contacts or behaviors make you fear for your safety or the safety of someone close to you?

Yes01

No.....02

SQ_DISTRESS

SQ3b. Did any of these unwanted contacts or behaviors cause you substantial emotional distress?

Yes01

No.....02

Now I have some additional questions about the time someone (autofill ‘yes’ responses from SQ1a through SQ112. Thinking about the person or persons who committed these unwanted contacts or behaviors in the **past 12 months**, did any of the following occur –

SQ_PROPERTY

SQ4. Did this person or these people damage or attempt to damage or destroy property belonging to you or someone else in your household?

Yes01

No.....02

SQ5. (Thinking about the person or persons who committed these unwanted contacts or behaviors in the **past 12 months...**)

Did this person or these people...

SQ_ATTACK_SELF

Physically attack you?

Yes01
No.....02

SQ_ATTEMPT_SELF

Attempt to physically attack you?

Yes01
No.....02

SQ_THREAT_SELF

Threaten to physical attack you?

Yes01
No.....02

SQ6. (Thinking about the person or persons who committed these unwanted contacts or behaviors in the
past 12 months...)

Did this person or these people...

SQ_ATTACK_OTH

Physically attack someone close to you or a pet?

Yes01
No.....02

SQ_ATTEMPT_OTH

Attempt to physically attack someone close to you or a pet?

Yes01
No.....02

SQ_THREAT_OTH

Threaten to physically attack someone close to you or a pet?

Yes01
No.....02

SQ_OTHERREACTIONS

Did you feel any of the following feelings when any of these unwanted contacts or behaviors occurred?

(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

Seriously annoyed	01
Alarmed.....	02
Harassed	03
Intimidated	04
None of the above	05

If 'yes' to any of the emotions: Could you tell me more about your answer?

IF ABLE TO SHARE SCREEN, SHOW THE LIST { Looking at / Thinking about } these different emotions, could you order the different emotions from least to most serious?

Were there other emotions that you felt?

SQ_HATE

The next question is about why the offender may have targeted you.

The reason may have been prejudice or bigotry toward those with your characteristics or religious beliefs, even if the offender mistakenly thought you had those characteristics or beliefs. This kind of reason is different from just being angry or wanting to get something from you.

Do you think the offender was targeting you because of prejudice or bigotry toward your race/ethnic background, your religion, your disability, your sexual orientation, your sex or any other of your personal characteristic?

Yes	01
No.....	02

If 'yes' – can you describe what happened?

Could you tell me more about your answer?

What do you think this question is asking?

What do you think 'targeting' means in this question.

Closing and Incentive

Those are all the questions I have for you. Is there anything we haven't discussed that you would like to mention?

DISCUSS ANY RESPONDENT COMMENTS. STOP RECORDER.

Before we finish, I just want to make sure you're doing ok. (REFER TO DISTRESS PROTOCOL IF NEEDED).

Here is some contact information for local and national organizations that you can call if you want to talk about any feelings or emotions you experience. (GIVE RESOURCE LIST TO R)

Your gift card will be sent to you using the same email that the scheduler used. Thank you for your time.

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Interview Protocol

First, I'd like to ask you some questions about the possible misuse of EXISTING ACCOUNTS, which includes existing checking, savings, credit card, social media, and other types of accounts. We ask that you not share specific names of people so that we can reduce the amount of personally identifiable information we receive.

BANK_ACCT_EVER

Q1. Have you ever had a checking or savings account in your name through a bank or financial institution?

Yes01

No.....02

..... (Skip to Q5)

BANK_ACCT_EVER_USED

Q2. Has anyone EVER used your checking or savings account to make a purchase or withdraw money without your permission?

- Include times when someone used your debit or ATM cards to make a purchase or withdraw money without your permission.
- ONLY include times when money was actually deducted from your checking or savings account, regardless of whether you were reimbursed later or not.
- DO NOT include times when someone used your credit card or online pay accounts.

Yes01

No.....02

.....(Skip to Q5)

BANK_ACCT_USED_PASTYR

Q3. Has this happened during the past 12 months, that is from [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR] until today?

Yes01

No.....02

..... (Skip to Q5)

P1. For the incidents occurring in the last 12 months, how did someone use your checking or savings account?

It was done online01

It was done in some other way (e.g., in-person, over the telephone, by mail, something else).....02

Both.....03

You answered “SAY THEIR ANSWER”.

Can you say more about your answer?

Can you tell us how you know it was done that way?

What does ‘online’ mean to you?

One of the response options says that it “was done in some other way (for example, in-person, over the telephone, by mail, something else)”

Can you say in your own words what this means.

P2. How do you think your personal information was obtained to access your checking or savings account?

(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

I lost an item that included my personal information ..01

My wallet, checkbook, or purse was stolen02

My personal information recorded on paper documents was stolen from a place where it was stored or placed such as my office or trash.....03

It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer, cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device04

It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction05

Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction, including using a skimmer or card reader.....06

I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email.....07

I responded to a scam phone call08

I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the message	09
I responded to a social media post	10
My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human resources electronic records at my place of employment.....	11
My electronic records containing personal information were stolen from a company or other organization	12
Obtained in another way (specify)_____	13

Tell me more about your answer.

Can you say in your own words what the question is asking?

(If needed) When you hear “to access your checking or savings account” what does that make you think of?

One answer is “I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email” in your own words, what is this saying?

(If needed) How would this play out?

“I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the message” in your own words, what is this saying? How would this play out?

“I responded to a social media post” in your own words, what is this saying? How would this play out?

“My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human resources electronic records at my place of employment” in your own words, what is this saying?

(If needed) How would this play out?

“My electronic records containing personal information were stolen from a company or other organization” in your own words, what is this saying?

How would this play out?

What about different apps to chat with another person. Do you know what these are? What about apps like WhatsApp or Signal – Would you know where to put this on the list?

NK_ACCT_YEAR

Q4a. Did this most recently happen in 2025 or 2024?

2025.....01

2024.....02

BANK_ACCT_MONTH

Q4b. And in what month?

_____ Month (01-12)

If you don't know, please provide your best estimate.

Next, I have some questions about the possible misuse of EXISTING CREDIT CARD ACCOUNTS.

CREDIT_CARD_EVER

Q5. Have you ever had a credit card account in your name? Include major credit cards such as a MasterCard or Visa, and credit cards through retailers, such as Kohl's, Walmart, or Amazon. Please do not include debit cards or gift cards.

Yes01

No.....02

.....(Skip to Q9)

CREDIT_CARD_EVER_USED

Q6. Has anyone EVER used one or more of your credit card accounts without your permission? ONLY include times when charges actually posted to your account, regardless of whether you were reimbursed later.

Yes01

No.....02

.....(Skip to Q9)

CREDIT_CARD_USED_PASTYR

Q7. Has this happened during the past 12 months, that is from [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR] until today?

Yes01

No.....02

.....(Skip to Q9)

P3. For any of the incidents occurring in the last 12 months, how did someone use your credit card account?

It was done online01

It was done in some other way (e.g., in-person, over the telephone, by mail, something else).....02

Both.....03

You answered “SAY THEIR ANSWER”.

Can you say more about your answer?

Can you tell us how you know it was done that way?

How sure are you that it was done “THEIR ANSWER”?

What does ‘online’ mean to you?

One of the response options says that it “was done in some other way (for example, in-person, over the telephone, by mail, something else)”

Can you say in your own words what this means.

P4. How do you think your personal information was obtained to access your credit card account?
(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

I lost an item that included my personal information .. 01

My wallet, checkbook, or purse was stolen..... 02

My personal information recorded on paper documents was stolen from a place where it was stored or placed such as my office or trash03

It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer, cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device04

It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction..... 05

Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction, including using a skimmer or card reader 06

I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email.....07

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Obtained in another way (specify)	13

Tell me more about your answer.

Can you say in your own words what the question is asking?

When you hear “to access your credit card account?” what does that make you think of?

One answer is “I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email” in your own words, what is this saying?

How would this play out?

“I responded to a scam phone call” in your own words, what is this saying?

How would this play out?

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How would this play out?

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How would this play out?

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How would this play out?

“My electronic records containing personal information were stolen from a company or other organization” in your own words, what is this saying?

How would this play out?

“Obtained in another way (specify)_____” in your own words, what is this saying?

How would this play out?

What about different apps to chat with another person. Do you know what these are? What about apps like WhatsApp or Signal – Would you know where to put this on the list?

CREDIT_CARD_YEAR

Q8a. Did this most recently happen in 2025 or 2024

2025.....01
2024.....02

CREDIT_CARD_MONTH

Q8b. And in what month?

_____ Month (01-12)

If you don't know, please provide your best estimate.

These next questions focus on the possible misuse of your existing EMAIL OR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS.

EMAIL_SOCIAL_EVER

Q9a. Have you ever had at least one email account, such as Gmail or Outlook, or social media account such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Reddit or Pinterest?

Yes01
No.....02
..... (Skip to Intro to Q11)

Tell me more about your answer.

Can you say in your own words what this question is asking?

What do you consider a “social media” account to be?

Do you consider “YouTube, Reddit, and Pinterest” social media accounts?

Can you say more about that?

EMAIL_SOCIAL_EVER_USED

Q9b. Has anyone EVER used your email or social media account without your permission to pretend to be you?

Yes01

No.....02

Q9bb. Has anyone EVER created an email or social media account for you without your permission to pretend to be you?

Yes01

No.....02

You said ‘yes’, could you say more about your answer?

Can you describe what happened?

You said ‘no’ -- how do you know that for sure?

If 9b or 9bb is Yes, go to 10a. Else skip to Q11.

EMAIL_SOCIAL_USED_PASTYR

Q10a. Has this happened during the past 12 months, that is from [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR] until today?

Yes01

No.....02

..... (Skip to Intro to Q11)

Which account was used without your permission...

EMAIL_USED

Q10b. Email account, such as Gmail or Outlook?

Yes01

No.....02

SOCIALMEDIA_USED

Q10c. Social media account, such as Facebook or Instagram, YouTube, Reddit or Pinterest?

Yes01

No.....02

HARD EDIT CHECK: If Q10a is marked “yes” and BOTH Q10b and Q10c are marked “no”

You reported either your email or social media account was misused in Q10a, but didn't identify any of these accounts in Q10b or Q10c. Either Q10a should be changed to reflect that no email or social media accounts were misused in the past 12 months, or either email or social media account should be identified by selecting '01' (yes) to one of the following questions in Q10b or Q10c.

P5. For the incidents that happened in the last 12 months, how do you think your personal information was obtained to (use your email or social media account/created an email or social media account for you)?

(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

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- My personal information recorded on paper documents was stolen from a place where it was stored or placed such as my office or trash03
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- I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the message09
- I responded to a social media post10
- My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human resources electronic records at my place of employment.....11
- My electronic records containing personal information were stolen from a company or other organization12
- Obtained in another way (specify)_____ . 13

You answered “THEIR ANSWER”. Can you tell us what happened?

Do you know or have an idea how that happened

Can you say more about that?

EMAIL_SOCIAL_YEAR

Q10d. Please think about the most recent time someone misused [this/one of these] account(s).

Did this most recently happen in 2025 or 2024?

2025.....01

2024.....02

EMAIL_SOCIAL_MONTH

Q10e. And in what month?

_____ Month (01-12)

If you don't know, please provide your best estimate.

These next questions ask about the possible misuse of any of your other EXISTING ACCOUNTS aside from your bank, credit card, email or social media accounts.

EXISTING_ACCTS_USED_PASTYR

Q11. Has anyone EVER used any of your other existing accounts, without your permission, such as...

- Telephone account such as for cell phone or landline telephone
- Internet account such as for internet or wireless Wi-Fi.
- Utilities accounts, such as cable, gas, or electric;
- Medical insurance accounts, such as Medicare or a health spending account;
- Entertainment accounts, such as for music, movies, or games;
- Online payment accounts, such as PayPal or Venmo; or
- Some other type of accounts?

You said 'yes' to "cell phone or landline" or "internet or WiFi", could you tell us more about that?

Can you describe what happened?

You said 'no' -- how do you know that for sure?

Only include times when someone successfully posted charges to, took money from, or otherwise misused your account.

Yes01

No.....02

..... (Skip to Intro to Q15)

EXISTING_ACCTS_USED_PASTYR

Q12. Has this happened during the past 12 months, that is from [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR] until today?

Yes01

No.....02

..... (Skip to Intro to Q15)

Q13. Which of the following types of your EXISTING accounts, other than credit card, bank, email, or social media accounts, did someone post charges to, take money from, or otherwise misuse? Did they misuse one or more of your...

EX_PHONE

Q13a. Telephone accounts such as cell phones or landline?

Yes01

No02

Q13aa. Internet accounts such as wireless or Wi-Fi?

Yes01

No.....02

You said ‘yes’ to “THEIR ANSWER” , could you tell me more about your answer?

Can you describe what happened?

You said ‘no’ to “THEIR ANSWER” -- how do you know that for sure?

EX_UTILITY

Q13b. Utilities accounts, such as cable, gas, or electric?

Yes01

No.....02

EX_MEDICAL

Q13c. Medical insurance accounts, such as Medicare or a health spending account?

Yes01

No.....02

EX_ENTERTAINMENT

Q13d. Entertainment accounts, such as for music, movies, or games?

Yes01

No.....02

EX_PAYPAL

Q13e. Online payment accounts, such as PayPal or Venmo?

Yes01

No.....02

OTHER_EX

Q13f. Some other type of account?

Yes01

No.....02

OTHER_ACCOUNT_SP

[IF YES] What other types of accounts were misused?

HARD EDIT CHECK: If Q12 is marked “yes” and ALL of Q13a through Q13f are marked “no”

You reported one or more of your existing accounts were misused in Q12, but didn't identify any of these existing accounts in Q13a, Q13aa, Q13b, Q13c, Q13d, Q13e, or Q13f. Either Q12 should be changed to reflect that no existing accounts were misused in the past 12 months or the type of existing account should be identified by selecting '01' (yes) to one or more of the following questions in Q13a, Q13aa, Q13b, Q13c, Q13d, Q13e, or Q13f.

If telephone (Q13a), utilities (Q13c) or medical insurance (Q13c) accounts is ‘yes’ go to P6, else skip to P7.

P6. Thinking about the last 12 months, how did someone use your (Telephone/Utility/Medical Insurance) account?

It was online.....01

The was done in some other way (e.g., in-person, over the telephone, by mail, something else).....02

Both.....03

You answered “ONLINE/SOME OTHER WAY”.

Can you tell us what happened?

How did you figure out that it happened “online or some other way”?

Can you say more about that?

P7. How do you think your personal information was obtained to access your (Telephone/Utilities/
Medical Insurance) account?
(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

- I lost an item that included my personal information .. 01
- My wallet, checkbook, or purse was stolen..... 02
- My personal information recorded on paper documents was
stolen from a place where it was stored or placed such as
my office or trash03
- It was accessed electronically from my work or home
computer, cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device04
- It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction..... 05
- Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction,
including using a skimmer or card reader 06
- I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the
email.....07
- I responded to a scam phone call 08
- I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in
the message09
- I responded to a social media post10
- My personal information was stolen from my personnel or
human resources electronic records at my place of
employment.....11
- My electronic records containing personal information
were stolen from a company or other organization12
- Obtained in another way (specify)_____
-13

In your own words, can you tell us what the question is asking?

**You answered [THEIR ANSWER IF 07-13] – how did you figure out that it was [THEIR ANSWER
07-13] was what caused access to your account?**

Can you say more about that?

EXISTING_ACCTS_YEAR

Q14a. Please think about the most recent time someone misused [this/one of these] existing account(s).

Did this most recently happen in 2025 or 2024?

2025.....01

2024.....02

EXISTING_ACCTS_MONTH

Q14b. And in what month?

_____ Month (01-12)

If you don't know, please provide your best estimate.

Next, I have some questions about any NEW ACCOUNTS someone might have opened using your personal information.

OPEN_NEWACCT_EVER

Q15. Has anyone EVER, without your permission, used your personal information to successfully open any NEW accounts, such as...

- Checking or savings accounts;
- Credit card accounts;
- Email accounts, such as Gmail or Outlook;
- Social media accounts, such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Reddit or Pinterest;
- Telephone or
- Internet accounts;
- Utilities accounts, such as cable, gas, or electric;
- Entertainment accounts, such as for music, movies, or games;
- Loans or mortgages;
- Insurance policies;
- Online payment accounts, such as PayPal or Venmo; or
- Some other type of new account?

You said 'yes' to "YouTube, Reddit or Pinterest; Telephone or Internet accounts" could you tell me more about your answer?

Can you describe what happened?

You said 'no' to "YouTube, Reddit or Pinterest; Telephone or Internet accounts"

-- how do you know that for sure?

Please include times when someone successfully opened a new account, even if you did not lose any money or were reimbursed later.

Yes01

No.....02

..... (Skip to Intro to Q19)

OPEN_NEWACCT_PASTYR

Q16. Has this happened during the past 12 months, that is from [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR] until today?

Yes01

No.....02

..... (Skip to Intro to Q19)

Q17. With this next question, I'm going to read a list of 12 NEW accounts someone may have successfully opened using your personal information without your permission during the past 12 months. You can say yes to more than one account.

Did someone open...

NEW_BANK

Q17a. New checking or savings accounts?

Yes01

No.....02

NEW_CREDIT_CARD

Q17b. New credit card accounts?

Yes01

No.....02

NEW_EMAIL

Q17c. New email accounts, such as Gmail or Outlook?

Yes01

No.....02

NEW_SOCIALMEDIA

Q17d. New social media accounts, such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Reddit or Pinterest?

Yes01

No.....02

NEW_PHONE

Q17e. New telephone accounts?

Yes01

No.....02

Q17ee. New internet accounts?

Yes01

No.....02

NEW_UTILITIES

Q17f. New utilities accounts, such as cable, gas, or electric?

Yes01

No.....02

Did someone open...

NEW_ENTERTAINMENT

Q17g. New entertainment accounts, such as for music, movies, or games?

Yes01

No.....02

NEW_LOAN

Q17h. New loans or mortgages?

Yes01

No.....02

NEW_MEDICAL

Q17i. New insurance policies?

Yes01

No.....02

NEW_PAYPAL

Q17j. New online payment accounts, such as PayPal or Venmo?

Yes01

No.....02

NEW_OTHER

Q17k. Some other type of new account?

Yes01

No.....02

NEW_OTHER_SP

[IF YES] What other type of new account was opened?

HARD EDIT CHECK: If Q16 is marked “yes” and ALL of Q17a through Q17k are marked “no”

Responses to questions Q17a, Q17b, Q17c, Q17d, Q17e, Q17ee, Q17f, Q17g, Q17h, Q17i, Q17j, and Q17k are inconsistent with answer to Q16 = Yes. Either the response to Q16 is incorrect or one or more of the following questions Q17a, Q17b, Q17c, Q17d, Q17e, Q17ee, Q17f, Q17g, Q17h, Q17i, Q17j, or Q17k should be marked '01' (Yes).

If new checking (Q17a), credit card (Q17b), telephone (Q17e) or internet (Q17ee), utilities (Q17f), loans or mortgage (Q17h), insurance policy (Q17i) is “yes” go to P8. Else skip to P9.

P8. For any of the incidents occurring in the last 12 months, how did someone open a new (checking/ credit card/telephone/internet, utility/loan or mortgage/insurance policy) account with your personal information?
(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

It was accessed using a computer01

Withdrawal or purchase was done in-person by the individual taking the money.....02

Both.....03

Can you say in your own words what this question is asking?

You answered “USING A COMPUTER/IN-PERSON/BOTH”.

Can you tell us what happened?

How did you figure out that it happened “THEIR ANSWER”?

Can you say more about that?

P9. How do you think your personal information was obtained to open a new (checking/credit card/telephone/internet, utility/entertainment/loan or mortgage/insurance policy)?
(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

- I lost an item that included my personal information .. 01
- My wallet, checkbook, or purse was stolen..... 02
- My personal information recorded on paper documents was stolen from a place where it was stored or placed such as my office or trash03
- It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer, cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device04
- It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction..... 05
- Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction, including using a skimmer or card reader 06
- I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email.....07
- I responded to a scam phone call 08
- I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the message09
- I responded to a social media post10
- My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human resources electronic records at my place of employment.....11
- My electronic records containing personal information were stolen from a company or other organization12
- Obtained in another way (specify)_____ 13

Can you say in your own words what this question is asking?

You answered “THEIR ANSWER 07-13”. Can you tell us what happened?

How did you figure out that it happened “[THEIR ANSWER 07-13]”?

Can you say more about that?

OPEN_NEWACCT_YEAR

Q18a. Please think about the most recent time someone successfully opened [this/one of these] new account(s).

Did this most recently happen in 2025 or 2024?

2025.....01

2024.....02

OPEN_NEWACCT_MONTH

Q18b. And in what month?

_____ Month (01-12)

If you don't know, please provide your best estimate.

The next set of questions are about any other misuses of your personal information.

SOME_OTHER_FRAUD_EVER

Q19. Has anyone EVER used your personal information for some other fraudulent purpose such as...

- Filing a fraudulent tax return;
- Getting medical treatment;
- Applying for a job;
- Providing your information to the police to conceal their identity;
- Providing your information to some other government authority such as the Department of Motor Vehicles;
- Applying for government benefits; or
- Something else?

Please consider only times when your information was actually used, even if the situation was later resolved.

Yes01

No.....02

..... (Skip to Check Item A)

SOME_OTHER_FRAUD_PASTYR

Q20. Has this happened during the past 12 months, that is from [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR] until today?

Yes01

No.....02

..... (Skip to Check Item A)

Q21. In which of the following ways has someone used your personal information during the past 12 months? Was your personal information used...

TAX_RETURN_FRAUD

Q21a. To file a fraudulent tax return?

Yes01

No.....02

OBTAIN_MEDICAL

Q21b. To get medical treatment?

Yes01

No.....02

APPLY_FOR_JOB

Q21c. To apply for a job?

Yes01

No.....02

FALSE_INFO_TO_LAW

Q21d. To provide false information to the police to conceal their identity?

Yes01

No.....02

FALSE_INFO_TO_GOVT

Q21e. To provide false information to some other government authority such as the Department of Motor Vehicles?

Yes01

No.....02

GOVT_BENEFITS

Q21f. To apply for government benefits?

Yes01
No.....02

MISUSED_OTHER_WAY

Q21g. In some other way not already mentioned?

Yes01
No.....02

MISUSED_OTH_WAY_SP

[IF YES] How else was your personal information misused?

P10. For any of the incidents occurring in the last 12 months, how did someone use your personal information to do (this/these things)?

It was done online01
It was done in-some other way (e.g., in-person, over the telephone, by mail, something else).....02
Both.....03

Can you say in your own words what this question is asking?

You answered “online/in-person/both”.

Can you tell us what happened?

How did you figure out that it happened “online/in-person/both”?

Can you say more about that?

P11. How do you think your personal information was obtained to (file a fraudulent tax return/get medical treatment/apply for a job/to provide false information to the police to conceal their identity/provide false information to a government agency/apply for government benefits/misuse your personal information)?
(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

- I lost an item that included my personal information .. 01
- My wallet, checkbook, or purse was stolen..... 02
- My personal information recorded on paper documents was stolen from a place where it was stored or placed such as my office or trash03
- It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer, cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device04
- It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction..... 05
- Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction, including using a skimmer or card reader 06
- I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email.....07
- I responded to a scam phone call 08
- I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the message09
- I responded to a social media post10
- My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human resources electronic records at my place of employment.....11
- My electronic records containing personal information were stolen from a company or other organization.12
- Obtained in another way (specify)_____ 13

Can you say in your own words what this question is asking?

You answered “THEIR ANSWER 07-13”.

Can you tell us what happened?

How did you figure out that it happened “[THEIR ANSWER 07-13]”?

Can you say more about that?

HARD EDIT CHECK: If Q20 is marked “yes” and ALL of Q21a through Q21g are marked “no”

Response to Q20 is inconsistent with responses to Q21a, Q21b, Q21c, Q21d, Q21e, Q21f, or Q21g. Either the response to Q20 is incorrect or one or more of the questions Q21a, Q21b, Q21c, Q21d, Q21e, Q21f, or Q21g should be answered '01' (Yes).

SOME_OTHER_FRAUD_YEAR

Q22a. Please think about the most recent time your personal information was misused in [this way/one of these ways].

Did this most recently happen in 2025 or 2024?

2025.....01

2024.....02

SOME_OTHER_FRAUD_MONTH

Q22b. And in what month?

_____ Month (01-12)

If you don’t know, please provide your best estimate.

CHECK ITEM A: Is “no,” “don’t know,” “refused,” or “blank” marked for Q2, Q6, Q9b, AND “no,” “don’t know,” or “refused,” marked for Q11, Q15, and Q19?

YES – Skip to Section H

NO – Skip to Check Item B

CHECK ITEM B: Is “no,” “don’t know,” “refused,” or “out of universe” marked for Q3, Q7, Q10a, Q12, Q16, and Q20?

YES – Skip to Section G

NO – Skip to Check Item C

If respondent has not reported any of the methods below from prior questions (P2, P4, P5, P7, P9, or P11), go to P12. Else skip to check item A.

P12. I've asked you about different ways someone may have used your personal information. This next question concerns whether someone ever obtained your personal information using any of the following methods.

(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer, cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device01

It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction02

Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction, including using a skimmer card03

I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email.....04

I responded to a scam phone call05

I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the message06

I responded to a social media post07

My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human resources electronic records at my place of employment.....08

My electronic records containing personal information were stolen from a company or other organization09

None of the above10

You answered that your personal information was accessed electronically from [THEIR ANSWER 03-07 and 09-10]

How did you know that it was accessed because [THEIR ANSWER 03-07 and 09-10]?

Can you say more about that?

P13. Has this happened during the past 12 months, that is from [AUOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR] until today?

YES01

NO.....02

You said "Yes/No" to its happening in the past 12 months.

How do you know it was [in the past 12 months/not in the past 12 months]?

Can you say more about that [HOW THEY CALCULATED / ANCHORED TO KNOW PAST 12 MONTHS].

CHECK ITEM A: Is “no,” “don’t know,” “refused,” or “blank” marked for Q2, Q6, Q9b, AND “no,” “don’t know,” or “refused,” marked for Q11, Q15, and Q19?
 YES – Skip to Section H¹
 NO – Skip to Check Item B

CHECK ITEM B: Is “no,” “don’t know,” “refused,” or “out of universe” marked for Q3, Q7, Q10a, Q12, Q16, AND Q20?
 YES – Skip to Section G
 NO – Skip to Check Item C

CHECK ITEM C: Is only one response marked “yes” from questions Q3, Q7, Q10a, Q12, Q16, AND Q20?
 YES – Skip to Q23
 NO – Skip to Check Item D

CHECK ITEM D: Is the most recent Month/Year provided more than once in Q4a/b, Q8a/b, Q10d/e, Q14a/b, Q18a/b, and Q22a/b (e.g. if respondent answered 2025, May in both Q4a/b and Q8a/b, select “yes.”)?
 YES – Skip to Q24
 NO – Ask Q23

MULTIPLE INCIDENTS¹

Q23. You said that in <autofill most recent month/year provided in Q4a/b, Q8a/b, Q10d/e, Q14a/b, Q18a/b OR Q22a/b> someone <autofill most recent type of ID theft from Q2, Q6, Q9b, Q11, Q15, OR Q19>. Was this the result of one related incident or was your personal information misused multiple times in separate unrelated incidents? An incident of identity theft occurs when your information is stolen. A stolen credit card or debit card may be used multiple times but this should be considered a single incident.

Multiple Incidents 01
(Skip to Section B, Intro 1)
 One related incident 02
(Skip to Section B, Intro 2)

IF THE RESPONDENT STATES, “I DON’T KNOW,” INSTRUCT THE RESPONDENT TO SELECT WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE THE BEST RESPONSE.

¹ Sections B–I ask details about the most recent incident reported in Section A (screener questions) of the ITS. No changes are being recommended at this time for these Sections.

MULTIPLE_INCIDENTS

Q24. You said that in <autofill most recent month/year provided in Q4a/b, Q8a/b, Q10d/e, Q14a/b, Q18a/b OR Q22a/b> someone <autofill most recent type of ID theft from Q2, Q6, Q9b, Q11, Q15, OR Q19>. Were these the result of one related incident or was your personal information misused multiple times in separate unrelated incidents? An incident of identity theft occurs when your information is stolen. A stolen credit card or debit card may be used multiple times but this should be considered a single incident.

Multiple Incidents 01
..... (Ask Q25)
One related incident 02
..... (Skip to Section B, Intro 2)

IF THE RESPONDENT STATES, "I DON'T KNOW," INSTRUCT THE RESPONDENT TO SELECT WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE THE BEST RESPONSE.

MOST_RECENT_INCIDENT

Q25. Which of these misuses of your personal information happened during the most recent incident? (Mark all that apply, ONLY READ RESPONSE ITEMS THAT MATCH AUTOFILL "YES" RESPONSES FROM Q2, Q6, Q9B, Q11, Q15, AND Q19)

Misuse of an existing checking account and/or savings
account 01
Misuse of an existing credit card account 02
Misuse of an existing email or social media account 03
Misuse of other types of existing accounts 04
Misuse of personal information to open a NEW account
..... 05
Misuse of personal information for other fraudulent
purpose 06

Skip to Section B, Intro 1

Race and Ethnicity

THREE OPTIONS: ONE OPTION WILL BE TESTED IN EACH COGNITIVE INTERVIEW. RESPONDENTS WILL BE RANDOMLY ASSIGNED TO ONE OF THE THREE OPTIONS.

Next I am going to ask you questions about the race and ethnicity of each person who lives in your household. I will ask about each person, starting with you. You do not have to use the names of the person, you can use nicknames, initials or just refer to each individual as ‘person 1’, ‘person 2’, etc.

First, how many people live in your household, including any babies or small children?

Number _____

Before we start, can you tell us what you think of when you hear “race and ethnicity”?

Just tell us whatever jumps into your head.

Option 1

R1. What is your race and/or ethnicity? *You may answer yes to one or more of these categories.*

- ☐ White?
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino?
- ☐ Black or African American?
- ☐ Asian?
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native?
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African?
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander?

The next question(s) collect(s) detailed information for each race and/or ethnicity you selected.

If White ask:

R1aa. You said that you are White. Which of these describe your background? Please tell me all that apply.

English01
German.....02
Irish03
Italian04
Polish.....05
Scottish.....06
Something else07
Specify _____

If Hispanic or Latino ask:

R1ba. You said that you were Hispanic or Latino. Which of these describe your background? Please tell me all that apply.

Mexican.....01
Puerto Rican.....02
Salvadoran.....03
Cuban04
Dominican.....05
Guatemalan06
Something else07
Specify _____

If Black or African American ask:

R1ca. You said that you are Black or African American. Which of these describe your background? Please tell all that apply.

African American.....01
Jamaican.....02
Haitian.....03
Nigerian.....04
Ethiopian05
Somali06
Something else07
Specify _____

If Asian ask:

R1da. You said that you were Asian. Which of these describe your background? Please tell me all that apply.

Chinese.....01
Asian Indian.....02
Filipino.....03
Vietnamese.....04
Korean.....05
Japanese06
Something else.....07
Specify _____

If American Indian or Alaska Native ask:

R1ea. You said that you were American Indian or Alaska Native. Are you Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Tlingit, or another group? Which of the following are you? Please tell me all that apply.

Specify _____

R1fa. You said that you are Middle Eastern or North African. Which of these describe your background? Please tell me all that apply.

Lebanese01
Iranian02
Egyptian03
Syrian04
Iraqi05
Israeli.....06
Something else.....07
Specify _____

If Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ask:

R1ga. You said that you are Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. Which of these describe your background? Please tell me all that apply.

Native Hawaiian.....01
Samoan.....02
Chamorro03
Tongan04
Fijian05
Marshallese06
Something else.....07
Specify _____

DEBRIEF FOR RACE/ETHNICITY OF RESPONDENT

OBSERVE:

DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES OR PARTS OF THE DETAILED LISTS? IF SO, FOR WHICH PERSON?

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR CATEGORIES?

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

You said that you are “<Major Race>”

How did you arrive at your answer?

What did you think about that?

Why do you think we read all the categories?

POINT TO THE SETS OF DETAILED CATEGORIES FOR THE RACE CHOSEN BY RESPONDENT.

DEBRIEF ABOUT THE DETAILED CATEGORIES - SCROLL BACK OVER THE CATEGORIES AND READ A FEW ALOUD. GET THE RESPONDENT TO ATTEND TO THEM.

What do you think of these categories? How did you use them when answering the question?

Do these categories represent who you feel you are? Why or why not?

What makes you say that?

Can you say more about that?

QUESTIONS FOR OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
CONDUCT DEBRIEF WHEN QUESTIONS FINISHED REPEAT BELOW FOR EACH PERSON IN THE HOUSEHOLD.

OK, now let's turn to [PERSON X] in your household.

REPEAT QUESTIONS R1 THROUGH R1GA FOR ALL OTHER PERSONS.

OBSERVE:

DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES OR PARTS OF THE DETAILED LISTS? IF SO, FOR WHICH PERSON?

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR CATEGORIES?

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

You said that [PERSON X] is "<Major Race>"

How did you arrive at your answer?

You said [PERSON X] is "<Detailed Race>"

How did you arrive at your answer?

What about reading all of the categories to you.

What did you think about that?

Why do you think we read all the categories?

POINT TO THE SETS OF DETAILED CATEGORIES FOR THE RACE CHOSEN BY RESPONDENT.

DEBRIEF ABOUT THE DETAILED CATEGORIES - SCROLL BACK OVER THE CATEGORIES AND READ A FEW ALOUD. GET THE RESPONDENT TO ATTEND TO THEM.

What do you think of these categories? How did you use them when answering the question?

Do these categories represent who (SUBJECT) identifies with?

What makes you say that?

Can you say more about that?

Option 2:

R2. What is your race and/or ethnicity? You may answer yes to one or more of these categories.

- ☐ White?
For example, English, German, Irish, Italian, Polish, Scottish, etc.
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino?
For example, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Salvadoran, Cuban, Dominican, Guatemalan, etc.
- ☐ Black or African American?
For example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.
- ☐ Asian?
For example, Chinese, Asian Indian, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, etc.
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native?
For example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc.
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African?
For example, Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Iraqi, Israeli, etc.
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander?
For example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc.

DEBRIEF FOR RACE/ETHNICITY OF RESPONDENT

OBSERVE:

DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES OR PARTS OF

THE DETAILED EXAMPLES? IF SO, FOR WHICH PERSON?

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR CATEGORIES?

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

**You said that you are “<Major Race>”
How did you arrive at your answer?
What about reading all of the categories to you?
What did you think about that?
Why do you think we read all the categories?**

DEBRIEF ABOUT THE EXAMPLES

- SCROLL BACK OVER THE EXAMPLES AND READ A FEW ALOUD. GET THE RESPONDENT TO ATTEND TO THEM.

POINT TO THE SETS OF EXAMPLES FOR THE CATEGORY CHOSEN BY RESPONDENT.

**What do you think of the examples? How did you use them when answering the question? (IF DID NOT USE EXAMPLES) Why did you not use the examples?
Do the examples represent who you feel you are? Why or why not?
What makes you say that?
Can you say more about that?**

**QUESTIONS FOR OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
REPEAT BELOW FOR EACH PERSON IN THE HOUSEHOLD.**

OK, now let's turn to [PERSON X] in your household.

REPEAT QUESTION R2 FOR ALL OTHER PERSONS.

CONDUCT DEBRIEF WHEN QUESTIONS FINISHED.

OBSERVE:

DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES OR PARTS OF

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR CATEGORIES?

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

You said that [PERSON X] is “<Major Race>”

How did you arrive at your answer?
What about reading all of the categories to you.
What did you think about that?
Why do you think we read all the categories?

**DEBRIEF ABOUT THE EXAMPLES - SCROLL BACK OVER THE EXAMPLES
AND READ A FEW ALOUD. GET THE RESPONDENT TO ATTEND TO THEM.**

**POINT TO THE SETS OF EXAMPLES FOR THE CATEGORY CHOSEN BY
RESPONDENT.**

**What do you think of the examples? How did you use them when answering the
question? (IF DID NOT USE EXAMPLES) Why did you not use the examples?**
Do the examples represent who you feel you are? Why or why not?
What makes you say that?
Can you say more about that?

Option 3

Next I am going to ask you questions about the race and ethnicity of each person who lives in your household. I will ask about each person, starting with you. You do not have to use the names of the person, you can use nicknames, initials or just refer to each individual as ‘person 1’, ‘person 2’, etc.

First, how many people live in your household, including any babies or small children?

Number _____

Before we start, can you tell us what you think of when you hear “race and ethnicity”?

Just tell us whatever jumps into your head.

R3. What is your race and/or ethnicity? You may answer yes to one or more of these categories.

- ☐ White.....01
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino.....02
- ☐ Black or African American.....03
- ☐ Asian04
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native05
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African06
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander07

DEBRIEF FOR RACE/ETHNICITY OF RESPONDENT

OBSERVE:

DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES IF SO, FOR WHICH PERSON?

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR CATEGORIES?

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

You said that you are “<Major Race>”

How did you arrive at your answer?

What about reading all of the categories to you.

What did you think about that?

Why do you think we read all the categories?

QUESTIONS FOR OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

REPEAT BELOW FOR EACH PERSON IN THE HOUSEHOLD.

OK, now let's turn to [Person X] in your household.

REPEAT QUESTIONS R3 FOR ALL OTHER PERSONS.

CONDUCT DEBRIEF WHEN QUESTIONS FINISHED.

OBSERVE:

DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES? IF SO, FOR WHICH PERSON?

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR CATEGORIES?

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

You said that [PERSON X] is "<Major Race>"

How did you arrive at your answer?

What about reading all of the categories to you.

What did you think about that?

Why do you think we read all the categories?

Closing and Incentive

Those are all the questions I have for you. Is there anything we haven't discussed that you would like to mention?

DISCUSS ANY RESPONDENT COMMENTS.

STOP RECORDER.

Before we finish, I just want to make sure you're doing ok. (REFER TO DISTRESS PROTOCOL IF NEEDED).

Here is some contact information for local and national organizations that you can call if you want to talk about any feelings or emotions you experience. (GIVE RESOURCE LIST TO R)

Your gift card will be sent to you using the same email that the scheduler used. Thank you for your time.

Attachment 6: Cognitive Interview Protocol – Fraud

Attachment 6 - Cognitive Interview Protocol - Fraud

Thank you for participating in this interview for the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Before we can start, there are a few things we need to make you aware of.

What is the research about?

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), located within the U.S. Department of Justice, is conducting this voluntary study. BJS has asked Westat to conduct this survey for them. Westat is a company that provides research services to the government. Today, we are evaluating survey questions. The survey collects detailed information about certain crimes you may have experienced. The feedback from you and others will help us improve the survey.

What will I be asked to do?

If you agree, you will participate in a 60-minute interview over a video call with a Westat interviewer. We ask that you take this interview in a private location where you can't be overheard. We will audio record the interview to ensure that we have a complete record as we review your responses. We will be asking you about your experience with certain crimes. As part of the interview, I will also talk to you about your thoughts on the survey questions. When the interview has concluded, we will send you the digital gift card with \$60 loaded on it.

How will my responses be used?

Your responses will be combined with the responses we get from other participants. You will never be identified by name in any published or presented materials. By law, we can only use and release the information we collect for statistical and research purposes under Title 34 U.S.C. Section 10134.

How will my information be protected?

BJS is authorized to conduct this work under Title 34 U.S.C. § 10132. By law, BJS and Westat will only use the information collected during these interviews for statistical and research purposes pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 10134. All personally identifiable information collected under BJS's authority is protected under the confidentiality provisions of 34 U.S.C. § 10231. The law protects your answers from outside requests by any government agency, private organization or individual.

Your name will not be linked to any of your responses, though we may include quotes you provide in our reports. Your responses will be combined with the responses we get from other participants. You will not be identified by name in any published or presented materials.

Do I have to take part in this study?

Participating in the interview is completely voluntary. It is entirely up to you whether you participate in the interview. You can skip any questions you do not want to answer and you can stop the interview at any time.

What are the possible benefits and risks?

There are no known benefits to you for participating in this study. However, your participating is vital to making this study successful and will be helping BJS improve the quality of the data collected.

Some of the questions may make you feel upset or uncomfortable. At the end of the survey, you will receive telephone numbers for organizations that you can contact to get help.

What if I have questions?

If you have questions about the study, contact David Cantor at 301-294-2080 or davidcantor@westat.com. If you have questions about your rights and welfare as a research participant, please call the Westat Human Subjects Protections office at 1-888-920-7631. Please leave a message with your first name, the name of the research study that you are calling about (the National Crime Victimization Survey), and a phone number beginning with the area code. Someone will return your call as soon as possible.

Documentation of Decision

Do you have any questions for me about the study or anything that we have just talked about?

Please let me know which best matches your decision:

- ☐ I agree to do the interview, and it is OK to make a digital audio recording of it.
- ☐ I do not want to do the study.

Today, we will be asking you survey questions and asking for your answers. We will then ask you what the question means to you and what your answer means. We will also ask you questions about specific parts of the question. There are no right or wrong answers. We are interested in everything you have to say. The information that you give us will help us improve the survey. So that you can speak freely about your experiences, I would recommend that you find a private area to participate in our interview today. At the end of the interview, we will email you a list of national organizations that you can call if you want to talk about any feelings or emotions you experience during the interview.

The next questions are about experiences in which someone convinced you to pay, invest, or donate money, by tricking or lying to you, hiding information, or promising you something that you never received. We will not ask you any specific account information. And we ask that you not share specific names of people so that we can reduce the amount of personally identifiable information we receive.

S1. In the past 12 months, that is, since [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR], did you pay money to receive a prize, grant, inheritance, lottery winning, or sum of money that you were told was yours?

This can include:

- *Money*
- *Trips*
- *Jewelry*
- *Televisions*
- *Electronics*
- *Other prizes*

YES01
 NO02 (Skip to S2)

S1B1. Which ONE of the following BEST DESCRIBES the money or prize you were supposed to receive? Was it...

Winnings from a lottery?01
 Winnings from a sweepstakes, raffle, or promotion? ..02
 An unclaimed inheritance?03
 A grant or loan from the government?.....04
 A tax refund?.....05
 Or something else?.....06

S1B1o.How would you best describe the money or prize you were supposed to receive?

P1. How did you first find out about the money or prize?

Someone told me on a phone call	01
A text message	02
Chat application, such as WhatsApp, Telegram or Signal	03
The TV, radio or a newspaper.....	04
Social media.....	05
Website	06
Someone told me in-person	07
From an email I received	08
From material I received in the mail or delivery to my home or business.....	09
Some other way (Specify: _____).....	10

Could you elaborate on your answer?

Provide more details on how you first found out.

Here are the categories I just read to you (Hand the showcard to R). How did these categories fit when you were selecting an answer?

Is there anything that we are missing? What is that?

What does ‘Chat application’ mean to you? Can you give a few examples? Does this differ from just text messages?

When answering this question, what does ‘Social Media’ mean to you?

Could you give some examples?

How does Social Media differ from “Website?”

OBSERVE/NOTE: Does Venmo, PayPal, Zelle come up?

S1B31.Did you provide the money using cryptocurrency?

YES	01
NO.....	02

Many people are not familiar with cryptocurrency.

What does this mean to you?

What about NFTs? Do you know what these are? How do they relate to cryptocurrencies?

S2. [Not including the time(s) you already reported] In the past 12 months, that is, since [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR], did you pay money to settle or pay off taxes or a debt, but you found out you were being tricked or lied to and the debt was not real or not yours?

YES01
NO02 (Skip to S3)

S2B1. Which ONE of the following BEST DESCRIBES the type of debt you were told you owed? Was it debt due to...

Unpaid taxes?01
An unpaid loan?02
An unpaid fine or ticket?03
Credit card charges?04
Health care or medical care services?05
Or something else?06 (Ask S2B1o)

S2B1o. How would you describe the type of debt you were told you owed?

P2. How did you first find out about the debt you were told you owed?

Someone told me on a phone call01
A text message02
Chat application, such as WhatsApp, Telegram or
Signal03
The TV, radio or a newspaper04
Social media05
Website06
Someone told me in-person07
From an email I received08
From material I received in the mail or delivery to
my home or business09
Some other way (Specify: _____)10

Could you elaborate on your answer? Provide more details on how you first found out.

Here are the categories I just read to you (Hand the showcard to R). How did these categories fit when you were selecting an answer?

Is there anything that we are missing?

**ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED
What does 'Social Media' mean to you?**

Could you give some examples?
What does 'Chat application' mean to you?

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED
When answering this question, what did 'Social Media' mean to you?
Give a few examples?

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED
How does 'Social Media' differ from "Website?"

S2B21. Did you provide the money using cryptocurrency?

YES01
NO.....02

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED
Many people are not familiar with cryptocurrency.
What does this mean to you?

S3. [Not including the time(s) you already reported] In the past 12 months, that is, since [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR], have you donated money to a charity or a charitable cause that later turned out to be fake or that you later suspected was fake? Do not include money given to panhandlers on the street.

YES01
NO.....02 (Skip to S4)

S3B1. Was the donation supposed to be going to an organization?

Yes01
No.....02
Don't Know03

S3B2. Did you make this donation through a crowdfunding website like GoFundMe or Kickstarter?

[IF FURTHER CLARIFICATION IS NEEDED, READ:] Crowdfunding is the practice of collecting online contributions from a large number of people to fund a project or cause.

Yes01
No.....02
Don't Know03

S3B21.Did you make the donation through cryptocurrency?

Yes01
No.....02
Don't Know03

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

**Many people are not familiar with cryptocurrency.
What does this mean to you?**

P3. (If S3B2=no) How did you first find out about the request to donate to a charity or charitable cause that later turned out to be fake or you suspected was fake?

Someone told me on a phone call01
A text message02
Chat application, such as WhatsApp, Telegram or
Signal03
The TV, radio or a newspaper.....04
Social media.....05
Website06
Someone told me in-person07
From an email I received08
From material I received in the mail or delivery to
my home or business.....09
Some other way (Specify: _____).....10

**Could you elaborate on your answer?
Provide more details on how you first found out.**

Here are the categories I just read to you (Hand the showcard to R). How did these categories fit when you were selecting an answer?

Is there anything that we are missing?

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

What does ‘Social Media’ mean to you?

Could you give some examples?

What does ‘Chat application’ mean to you?

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

When answering this question, what did ‘Social Media’ mean to you? Give a few examples.

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

How does Social Media differ from “Website?”

S3B31. Did you provide the money using cryptocurrency?

YES01

NO.....02

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

Many people are not familiar with cryptocurrency.

What does this mean to you?

S4. [Not including the time(s) you already told me about] In the past 12 months, that is, since [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR], have you paid money to get a job or get into a business opportunity but were tricked or lied to about how the money would be used or what you would receive in return?

Yes01

No.....02 (Skip to S5)

S4B1. Did the money you lost go to someone who...

Was supposed to be helping you start or grow your own business?

Yes01

No.....02

S4B2. (Did the money you lost go to someone who...)

Promised to help you make money while you worked from home?

Yes01

No.....02

S4B3. (Did the money you lost go to someone who...)

Promised to help you get a government job?

Yes01
No.....02

S4B4. How much money, altogether, did you give to this person or company?

Round to the nearest dollar.

If respondent is unsure, ask for an estimate.

\$ _____

S4B41.Did you provide the money using cryptocurrency?

Yes01
No.....02

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

**Many people are not familiar with cryptocurrency.
What does this mean to you?**

P4. How did you first find out about giving money (S4B1=yes; to help start or grow a business/ S4B2=yes; to help make money while you worked from home/S4B3=yes; to get a government job)?

Someone told me on a phone call01
A text message02
Chat application, such as WhatsApp, Telegram or
Signal03
The TV, radio or a newspaper.....04
Social media.....05
Website06
Someone told me in-person07
From an email I received08
From material I received in the mail or delivery to
my home or business.....09
Some other way (Specify: _____).....10

Could you elaborate on your answer?

Provide more details on how you first found out.

Here are the categories I just read to you (Hand the showcard to R). How did these categories fit when you were selecting an answer?

Is there anything that we are missing?

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

What does ‘Social Media’ mean to you? Could you give some examples?

What does ‘Chat application’ mean to you?

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

When answering this question, what did ‘Social Media’ mean to you? Give a few examples

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

How does Social Media differ from “Website?”

S5. [Not including the time(s) you already told me about] In the past 12 months, that is, since [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR], have you invested money with a person or company that tricked you or lied to you about what you would receive, such as promising a guaranteed return on your investment or that you would not lose any money?

Yes01

No.....02 (Skip to S6)

S5B1. Which ONE of the following BEST DESCRIBES the type of investment you thought you were making? Were you investing in...

A low valued stock, also called a ‘penny stock’?01

Shares of a company prior to the company going public?.....02

Real estate or a real estate investment trust?03

A company that explores for new oil or gas?04

An alternative energy company?05

A government or corporate bond or promissory note?06

A foreign currency?07

Precious metals?.....08

Cryptocurrency09

Other products that could be traded?10

Or something else?.....11 (Ask S5B1o)

S5B1o.What were you investing in?

What about NFTs? Do you know what these are? Would you consider them a type of investment? How do they relate to cryptocurrencies?

P5. How did you first find out about investing with the person or company?

Someone told me on a phone call	01
A text message	02
Chat application, such as WhatsApp, Telegram or Signal	03
The TV, radio or a newspaper.....	04
Social media.....	05
Website	06
Someone told me in-person	07
From an email I received	08
From material I received in the mail or delivery to my home or business.....	09
Some other way (Specify: _____).....	10

Could you elaborate on your answer? Provide more details on how you first found out.

Here are the categories I just read to you (Hand the showcard to R). How did these categories fit when you were selecting an answer?

Is there anything that we are missing?

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

What does ‘Social Media’ mean to you? Could you give some examples?

What does ‘Chat application’ mean to you?

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

When answering this question, what did ‘Social Media’ mean to you? Give a few examples

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

How does Social Media differ from “Website?”

S5B21. Did you provide the money using cryptocurrency?

YES	01
NO	02

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

**Many people are not familiar with cryptocurrency.
What does this mean to you?**

S6. [Not including the time(s) you already told me about] In the past 12 months, that is, since [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR], have you paid for any products or services that you NEVER received or that turned out to be a SCAM?

Yes01
No.....02 (Skip to S7)

S6B2. Would you say you were trying to purchase a PRODUCT or a SERVICE?

Product01
Service.....02
Don't Know03

P6. How did you first find out about purchasing the product or service?

Someone told me on a phone call01
A text message02
Chat application, such as WhatsApp, Telegram or
Signal03
The TV, radio or a newspaper.....04
Social media.....05
Website06
Someone told me in-person07
From an email I received08
From material I received in the mail or delivery to
my home or business.....09
Some other way (Specify: _____).....10

**Could you elaborate on your answer?
Provide more details on how you first found out.**

Here are the categories I just read to you (Hand the showcard to R). How did these categories fit when you were selecting an answer?

Is there anything that we are missing?

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

What does 'Social Media' mean to you?

Could you give some examples?

What does 'Chat application' mean to you?

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

When answering this question, what did 'Social Media' mean to you?

Give a few examples

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED
How does Social Media differ from “Website?”

S6B61. Did you provide the money using cryptocurrency?

YES01
NO.....02

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY ASKED
Many people are not familiar with cryptocurrency.
What does this mean to you?

S7. [Not including the time(s) you already told me about] In the past 12 months, that is, since [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR], have you donated, sent, or otherwise given money to someone who PRETENDED to be or pretended to be calling on behalf of a family member, friend, caregiver, or someone interested in you romantically, but that person was not who they claimed to be?

Yes01
No.....02 (Skip to
Race/ethnicity)

S7B1. Was this person someone who seemed to have a romantic interest in you?

Yes01 (Skip to S7B3)
No.....02

S7B2. Did the person pretend to be a family member?

Yes01
No.....02

S7B3. Which ONE of the following BEST DESCRIBES how you were first contacted by this person?

Through a chat application such as WhatsApp,
Telegram, or Signal.....01
Through a dating app02
Through social media such as Facebook, TikTok,
Instagram, or LinkedIn.....03
Through a website04
In an email05
By a text message.....06
By a phone call.....07

Some other way (Specify: _____).....08

Could you elaborate on your answer?
Provide more details on how you first found out.

Here are the categories I just read to you (Hand the showcard to R). How did these categories fit when you were selecting an answer?

Is there anything that we are missing?

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

What does ‘Social Media’ mean to you?

Could you give some examples?

What does ‘Chat application’ mean to you?

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

When answering this question, what did ‘Social Media’ mean to you? Give a few examples

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

How does Social Media differ from “Website?”

P7. Did you first learn about this from a mutual friend or someone claiming to be a mutual friend?

YES01

NO.....02

Could you elaborate on your answer?
Provide more details on how you first found out.

S7B41. Did you provide the money using cryptocurrency?

YES01

NO.....02

ASK IF HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ASKED

Many people are not familiar with cryptocurrency.
What does this mean to you?

Race and Ethnicity

THREE OPTIONS: ONE OPTION WILL BE TESTED IN EACH COGNITIVE INTERVIEW. RESPONDENTS WILL BE RANDOMLY ASSIGNED TO ONE OF THE THREE OPTIONS.

Next I am going to ask you questions about the race and ethnicity of each person who lives in your household. I will ask about each person, starting with you. You do not have to use the names of the person, you can use nicknames, initials or just refer to each individual as ‘person 1’, ‘person 2’, etc.

First, how many people live in your household, including any babies or small children?

Number _____

Before we start, can you tell us what you think of when you hear “race and ethnicity”?

Just tell us whatever jumps into your head.

Option 1

R1. What is your race and/or ethnicity? *You may answer yes to one or more of these categories.*

- ☐ White?
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino?
- ☐ Black or African American?
- ☐ Asian?
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native?
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African?
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander?

The next question(s) collect(s) detailed information for each race and/or ethnicity you selected.

If White ask:

R1aa. You said that you are White. Which of these describe your background? Please tell me all that apply.

English	01
German.....	02
Irish	03
Italian	04
Polish.....	05
Scottish.....	06
Something else	07
Specify	

If Hispanic or Latino ask:

R1ba. You said that you were Hispanic or Latino. Which of these describe your background? Please tell me all that apply.

Mexican.....	01
Puerto Rican.....	02
Salvadoran.....	03
Cuban	04
Dominican.....	05
Guatemalan	06
Something else	07
Specify	

If Black or African American ask:

R1ca. You said that you are Black or African American. Which of these describe your background? Please tell all that apply.

African American.....	01
Jamaican.....	02
Haitian.....	03
Nigerian.....	04
Ethiopian	05
Somali	06
Something else	07
Specify	

If Asian ask:

R1da. You said that you were Asian. Which of these describe your background? Please tell me all that apply.

Chinese.....	01
Asian Indian	02
Filipino.....	03
Vietnamese.....	04
Korean.....	05
Japanese	06
Something else	07
Specify	

If American Indian or Alaska Native ask:

R1ea. You said that you were American Indian or Alaska Native. Are you Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Tlingit, or another group? Which of the following are you? Please tell me all that apply.

Specify

R1fa. You said that you are Middle Eastern or North African. Which of these describe your background? Please tell me all that apply.

Lebanese	01
Iranian	02
Egyptian	03
Syrian	04
Iraqi	05
Israeli.....	06
Something else	07
Specify	

If Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ask:

R1ga. You said that you are Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. Which of these describe your background? Please tell me all that apply.

Native Hawaiian.....	01
Samoa.....	02
Chamorro	03
Tongan	04
Fijian	05
Marshallese	06

Something else07
Specify

DEBRIEF FOR RACE/ETHNICITY OF RESPONDENT

OBSERVE:

DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES OR PARTS OF THE DETAILED LISTS? IF SO, FOR WHICH PERSON?

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR CATEGORIES?

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

You said that you are “<Major Race>”

How did you arrive at your answer?

What did you think about that?

Why do you think we read all the categories?

POINT TO THE SETS OF DETAILED CATEGORIES FOR THE RACE CHOSEN BY RESPONDENT.

DEBRIEF ABOUT THE DETAILED CATEGORIES - SCROLL BACK OVER THE CATEGORIES AND READ A FEW ALOUD. GET THE RESPONDENT TO ATTEND TO THEM.

What do you think of these categories? How did you use them when answering the question?

Do these categories represent who you feel you are? Why or why not?

What makes you say that?

Can you say more about that?

**QUESTIONS FOR OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
CONDUCT DEBRIEF WHEN QUESTIONS FINISHED REPEAT BELOW FOR EACH
PERSON IN THE HOUSEHOLD.**

OK, now let's turn to [PERSON X] in your household.

REPEAT QUESTIONS R1 THROUGH R1GA FOR ALL OTHER PERSONS.

OBSERVE:

**DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES OR PARTS OF
THE DETAILED LISTS? IF SO, FOR WHICH PERSON?**

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

**WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR
CATEGORIES?**

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

You said that [PERSON X] is "<Major Race>"

How did you arrive at your answer?

You said [PERSON X] is "<Detailed Race>"

How did you arrive at your answer?

What about reading all of the categories to you.

What did you think about that?

Why do you think we read all the categories?

**POINT TO THE SETS OF DETAILED CATEGORIES FOR THE RACE CHOSEN BY
RESPONDENT.**

**DEBRIEF ABOUT THE DETAILED CATEGORIES - SCROLL BACK OVER THE
CATEGORIES AND READ A FEW ALOUD. GET THE RESPONDENT TO ATTEND
TO THEM.**

**What do you think of these categories? How did you use them when answering the
question?**

Do these categories represent who (SUBJECT) identifies with?

What makes you say that?

Can you say more about that?

Option 2:

R2. What is your race and/or ethnicity? You may answer yes to one or more of these categories.

- ☐ White?
For example, English, German, Irish, Italian, Polish, Scottish, etc.
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino?
For example, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Salvadoran, Cuban, Dominican, Guatemalan, etc.
- ☐ Black or African American?
For example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.
- ☐ Asian?
For example, Chinese, Asian Indian, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, etc.
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native?
For example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc.
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African?
For example, Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Iraqi, Israeli, etc.
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander?
For example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc.

DEBRIEF FOR RACE/ETHNICITY OF RESPONDENT

OBSERVE:

DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES OR PARTS OF THE DETAILED EXAMPLES? IF SO, FOR WHICH PERSON?

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR CATEGORIES?

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

**You said that you are “<Major Race>”
How did you arrive at your answer?
What about reading all of the categories to you?
What did you think about that?
Why do you think we read all the categories?**

**DEBRIEF ABOUT THE EXAMPLES - SCROLL BACK OVER THE EXAMPLES AND
READ A FEW ALOUD. GET THE RESPONDENT TO ATTEND TO THEM.**

**POINT TO THE SETS OF EXAMPLES FOR THE CATEGORY CHOSEN BY
RESPONDENT.**

**What do you think of the examples? How did you use them when answering the question?
(IF DID NOT USE EXAMPLES) Why did you not use the examples?**

Do the examples represent who you feel you are? Why or why not?

What makes you say that?

Can you say more about that?

**QUESTIONS FOR OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
REPEAT BELOW FOR EACH PERSON IN THE HOUSEHOLD.**

OK, now let's turn to [PERSON X] in your household.

REPEAT QUESTION R2 FOR ALL OTHER PERSONS.

CONDUCT DEBRIEF WHEN QUESTIONS FINISHED.

OBSERVE:

**DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES OR PARTS
OF OR PARTS OF THE DETAILED EXAMPLES? IF SO, FOR WHICH PERSON?**

**DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE
QUESTIONS?**

**WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR
CATEGORIES?**

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

You said that [PERSON X] is “<Major Race>”

How did you arrive at your answer?

What about reading all of the categories to you.

What did you think about that?

Why do you think we read all the categories?

DEBRIEF ABOUT THE EXAMPLES - SCROLL BACK OVER THE EXAMPLES AND READ A FEW ALOUD. GET THE RESPONDENT TO ATTEND TO THEM.

POINT TO THE SETS OF EXAMPLES FOR THE CATEGORY CHOSEN BY RESPONDENT.

What do you think of the examples? How did you use them when answering the question? (IF DID NOT USE EXAMPLES) Why did you not use the examples?

Do the examples represent who you feel you are? Why or why not?

What makes you say that?

Can you say more about that?

Option 3

Next I am going to ask you questions about the race and ethnicity of each person who lives in your household. I will ask about each person, starting with you. You do not have to use the names of the person, you can use nicknames, initials or just refer to each individual as ‘person 1’, ‘person 2’, etc.

First, how many people live in your household, including any babies or small children?

Number _____

Before we start, can you tell us what you think of when you hear “race and ethnicity”?

Just tell us whatever jumps into your head.

R3. What is your race and/or ethnicity? *You may answer yes to one or more of these categories.*

- ☐ White.....01
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino.....02
- ☐ Black or African American.....03
- ☐ Asian04
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native05
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African06
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander07

DEBRIEF FOR RACE/ETHNICITY OF RESPONDENT

OBSERVE:

DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES IF SO, FOR WHICH PERSON?

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR CATEGORIES?

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

You said that you are “<Major Race>”

How did you arrive at your answer?

What about reading all of the categories to you.

What did you think about that?
Why do you think we read all the categories?

QUESTIONS FOR OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

REPEAT BELOW FOR EACH PERSON IN THE HOUSEHOLD.

OK, now let's turn to [Person X] in your household.

REPEAT QUESTIONS R3 FOR ALL OTHER PERSONS.

CONDUCT DEBRIEF WHEN QUESTIONS FINISHED.

OBSERVE:

DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES? IF SO, FOR WHICH PERSON?

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR CATEGORIES?

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

You said that [PERSON X] is "<Major Race>"

How did you arrive at your answer?

What about reading all of the categories to you.

What did you think about that?

Why do you think we read all the categories?

Closing and Incentive

Those are all the questions I have for you. Is there anything we haven't discussed that you would like to mention?

DISCUSS ANY RESPONDENT COMMENTS. STOP RECORDER.

Before we finish, I just want to make sure you're doing ok. (REFER TO DISTRESS PROTOCOL IF NEEDED).

Here is some contact information for local and national organizations that you can call if you want to talk about any feelings or emotions you experience. (GIVE RESOURCE LIST TO R)

Your gift card will be sent to you using the same email that the scheduler used. Thank you for your time.

Attachment 7: Cognitive Interview Protocol – Race and/or Ethnicity

Attachment 7 - Cognitive Interview Protocol – Race and/or Ethnicity

Thank you for participating in this interview for the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Before we can start, there are a few things we need to make you aware of.

What is the research about?

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), located within the U.S. Department of Justice, is conducting this voluntary study. BJS has asked Westat to conduct this survey for them. Westat is a company that provides research services to the government. Today, we are evaluating survey questions. The survey collects detailed information about your demographic characteristics and the demographic characteristics of persons you may live with in your household. The feedback from you and others will help us improve the survey.

What will I be asked to do?

If you agree, you will participate in a 60-minute interview over a video call with a Westat interviewer. We ask that you take this interview in a private location where you can't be overheard. We will audio record the interview to ensure that we have a complete record as we review your responses. We will be asking you about your demographic characteristics. As part of the interview, I will also talk to you about your thoughts on the survey questions. When the interview has concluded, we will send you the digital gift card with \$60 loaded on it.

How will my responses be used?

Your responses will be combined with the responses we get from other participants. You will never be identified by name in any published or presented materials. By law, we can only use and release the information we collect for statistical and research purposes under Title 34 U.S.C. Section 10134.

How will my information be protected?

BJS is authorized to conduct this work under Title 34 U.S.C. § 10132. By law, BJS and Westat will only use the information collected during these interviews for statistical and research purposes pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 10134. All personally identifiable information collected under BJS's authority is protected under the confidentiality provisions of 34 U.S.C. § 10231. The law protects your answers from outside requests by any government agency, private organization or individual.

Your name will not be linked to any of your responses, though we may include quotes you provide in our reports. Your responses will be combined with the responses we get from other participants. You will not be identified by name in any published or presented materials.

Do I have to take part in this study?

Participating in the interview is completely voluntary. It is entirely up to you whether you participate in the interview. You can skip any questions you do not want to answer and you can stop the interview at any time.

What are the possible benefits and risks?

There are no known benefits to you for participating in this study. However, your participating is vital to making this study successful and will be helping BJS improve the quality of the data collected.

Some of the questions may make you feel upset or uncomfortable. At the end of the survey, you will receive telephone numbers for organizations that you can contact to get help.

What if I have questions?

If you have questions about the study, contact David Cantor at 301-294-2080 or davidcantor@westat.com. If you have questions about your rights and welfare as a research participant, please call the Westat Human Subjects Protections office at 1-888-920-7631. Please leave a message with your first name, the name of the research study that you are calling about (the National Crime Victimization Survey), and a phone number beginning with the area code. Someone will return your call as soon as possible.

Documentation of Decision

Do you have any questions for me about the study or anything that we have just talked about?

Please let me know which best matches your decision:

- ☐ I agree to do the interview, and it is OK to make a digital audio recording of it.
- ☐ I do not want to do the study.

Today, we will be asking you survey questions and asking for your answers. We will then ask you what the question means to you and what your answer means. We will also ask you questions about specific parts of the question. There are no right or wrong answers. We are interested in everything you have to say. The information that you give us will help us improve the survey. So that you can speak freely about your experiences, I would recommend that you find a private area to participate in our interview today. At the end of the interview, we will email you a list of national organizations that you can call if you want to talk about any feelings or emotions you experience during the interview.

Race and Ethnicity of Respondent and Household Members

THREE OPTIONS: ONE OPTION WILL BE TESTED IN EACH COGNITIVE INTERVIEW. RESPONDENTS WILL BE RANDOMLY ASSIGNED TO ONE OF THE THREE OPTIONS.

Next I am going to ask you questions about the race and ethnicity of each person who lives in your household. I will ask about each person, starting with you. You do not have to use the names of the person, you can use nicknames, initials or just refer to each individual as ‘person 1’, ‘person 2’, etc.

First, how many people live in your household, including any babies or small children?

Number _____

Before we start, can you tell us what you think of when you hear “race and ethnicity”?

Just tell us whatever jumps into your head.

Option 1

R1. What is your race and/or ethnicity? You may answer yes to one or more of these categories.

- ☐ White?
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino?
- ☐ Black or African American?
- ☐ Asian?
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native?
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African?
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander?

The next question(s) collect(s) detailed information for each race and/or ethnicity you selected.

If White ask:

R1aa. You said that you are White. Which of these describe your background? Please tell me all that apply.

English	01
German.....	02
Irish	03
Italian	04
Polish.....	05
Scottish.....	06
Something else	07
Specify	

If Hispanic or Latino ask:

R1ba. You said that you were Hispanic or Latino. Which of these describe your background? Please tell me all that apply.

Mexican.....	01
Puerto Rican.....	02
Salvadoran.....	03
Cuban	04
Dominican.....	05
Guatemalan	06
Something else	07
Specify	

If Black or African American ask:

R1ca. You said that you are Black or African American. Which of these describe your background? Please tell all that apply.

African American.....	01
Jamaican.....	02
Haitian.....	03
Nigerian.....	04
Ethiopian	05
Somali	06
Something else	07
Specify	

If Asian ask:

R1da. You said that you were Asian. Which of these describe your background? Please tell me all that apply.

Chinese.....	01
Asian Indian	02
Filipino.....	03
Vietnamese.....	04
Korean.....	05
Japanese	06
Something else	07
Specify	

If American Indian or Alaska Native ask:

R1ea. You said that you were American Indian or Alaska Native. Are you Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Tlingit, or another group? Which of the following are you? Please tell me all that apply.

Specify

R1fa. You said that you are Middle Eastern or North African. Which of these describe your background? Please tell me all that apply.

Lebanese	01
Iranian	02
Egyptian.....	03
Syrian	04
Iraqi	05
Israeli.....	06
Something else	07
Specify	

If Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ask:

R1ga. You said that you are Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. Which of these describe your background? Please tell me all that apply.

Native Hawaiian.....	01
Samoa.....	02
Chamorro	03
Tongan	04
Fijian	05
Marshallese	06
Something else	07
Specify	

DEBRIEF FOR RACE/ETHNICITY OF RESPONDENT

OBSERVE:

DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES OR PARTS OF THE DETAILED LISTS? IF SO, FOR WHICH PERSON?

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR CATEGORIES?

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

You said that you are “<Major Race>”

How did you arrive at your answer?

What did you think about that?

Why do you think we read all the categories?

POINT TO THE SETS OF DETAILED CATEGORIES FOR THE RACE CHOSEN BY RESPONDENT.

DEBRIEF ABOUT THE DETAILED CATEGORIES - SCROLL BACK OVER THE CATEGORIES AND READ A FEW ALOUD. GET THE RESPONDENT TO ATTEND TO THEM.

What do you think of these categories? How did you use them when answering the question?

Do these categories represent who you feel you are? Why or why not?

What makes you say that?

Can you say more about that?

**QUESTIONS FOR OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
CONDUCT DEBRIEF WHEN QUESTIONS FINISHED REPEAT BELOW FOR EACH
PERSON IN THE HOUSEHOLD.**

OK, now let's turn to [PERSON X] in your household.

REPEAT QUESTIONS R1 THROUGH R1GA FOR ALL OTHER PERSONS.

OBSERVE:

**DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES OR PARTS OF
THE DETAILED LISTS? IF SO, FOR WHICH PERSON?**

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

**WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR
CATEGORIES?**

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

You said that [PERSON X] is "<Major Race>"

How did you arrive at your answer?

You said [PERSON X] is "<Detailed Race>"

How did you arrive at your answer?

What about reading all of the categories to you.

What did you think about that?

Why do you think we read all the categories?

**POINT TO THE SETS OF DETAILED CATEGORIES FOR THE RACE CHOSEN BY
RESPONDENT.**

**DEBRIEF ABOUT THE DETAILED CATEGORIES - SCROLL BACK OVER THE
CATEGORIES AND READ A FEW ALOUD. GET THE RESPONDENT TO ATTEND
TO THEM.**

What do you think of these categories? How did you use them when answering the question?

Do these categories represent who (SUBJECT) identifies with?

What makes you say that?

Can you say more about that?

Option 2:

R2. What is your race and/or ethnicity? You may answer yes to one or more of these categories.

- ☐ White?
For example, English, German, Irish, Italian, Polish, Scottish, etc.
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino?
For example, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Salvadoran, Cuban, Dominican, Guatemalan, etc.
- ☐ Black or African American?
For example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.
- ☐ Asian?
For example, Chinese, Asian Indian, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, etc.
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native?
For example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc.
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African?
For example, Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Iraqi, Israeli, etc.
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander?
For example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc.

DEBRIEF FOR RACE/ETHNICITY OF RESPONDENT

OBSERVE:

DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES OR PARTS OF THE DETAILED EXAMPLES? IF SO, FOR WHICH PERSON?

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR CATEGORIES?

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

**You said that you are “<Major Race>”
How did you arrive at your answer?
What about reading all of the categories to you?
What did you think about that?
Why do you think we read all the categories?**

**DEBRIEF ABOUT THE EXAMPLES - SCROLL BACK OVER THE EXAMPLES AND
READ A FEW ALOUD. GET THE RESPONDENT TO ATTEND TO THEM.**

**POINT TO THE SETS OF EXAMPLES FOR THE CATEGORY CHOSEN BY
RESPONDENT.**

**What do you think of the examples? How did you use them when answering the question?
(IF DID NOT USE EXAMPLES) Why did you not use the examples?
Do the examples represent who you feel you are? Why or why not?
What makes you say that?
Can you say more about that?**

**QUESTIONS FOR OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
REPEAT BELOW FOR EACH PERSON IN THE HOUSEHOLD.**

OK, now let's turn to [PERSON X] in your household.

REPEAT QUESTION R2 FOR ALL OTHER PERSONS.

CONDUCT DEBRIEF WHEN QUESTIONS FINISHED.

OBSERVE:

**DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES OR PARTS
OF**

**DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE
QUESTIONS?**

**WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR
CATEGORIES?**

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

You said that [PERSON X] is “<Major Race>”

How did you arrive at your answer?

What about reading all of the categories to you.

What did you think about that?

Why do you think we read all the categories?

DEBRIEF ABOUT THE EXAMPLES - SCROLL BACK OVER THE EXAMPLES AND READ A FEW ALOUD. GET THE RESPONDENT TO ATTEND TO THEM.

POINT TO THE SETS OF EXAMPLES FOR THE CATEGORY CHOSEN BY RESPONDENT.

What do you think of the examples? How did you use them when answering the question? (IF DID NOT USE EXAMPLES) Why did you not use the examples?

Do the examples represent who you feel you are? Why or why not?

What makes you say that?

Can you say more about that?

Option 3

Before we start, can you tell us what you think of when you hear “race and ethnicity”?

Just tell us whatever jumps into your head.

R3. What is your race and/or ethnicity? You may answer yes to one or more of these categories.

- ☐ White.....01
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino.....02
- ☐ Black or African American03
- ☐ Asian04
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native05
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African06
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander07

DEBRIEF FOR RACE/ETHNICITY OF RESPONDENT

OBSERVE:

DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES? IF SO, FOR WHICH PERSON?

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR CATEGORIES?

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

You said that you are “<Major Race>”

How did you arrive at your answer?

What about reading all of the categories to you.

What did you think about that?

Why do you think we read all the categories?

QUESTIONS FOR OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

REPEAT BELOW FOR EACH PERSON IN THE HOUSEHOLD.

OK, now let's turn to [Person X] in your household.

REPEAT QUESTIONS R3 FOR ALL OTHER PERSONS.

CONDUCT DEBRIEF WHEN QUESTIONS FINISHED.

OBSERVE:

DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES? IF SO, FOR WHICH PERSON?

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR CATEGORIES?

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

You said that [PERSON X] is "<Major Race>"

How did you arrive at your answer?

What about reading all of the categories to you.

What did you think about that?

Why do you think we read all the categories?

Race and Ethnicity of Offender

When you completed the web survey you indicated that you had been attacked with a weapon or by physical force in the last five years. The next questions are about the person that attacked you. We ask that you not share specific names of people so that we can reduce the amount of personally identifiable information we receive.

Option 1

R1. What was the race and/or ethnicity of the offender? *You may answer yes to one or more of these categories.*

- ☐ White?
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino?
- ☐ Black or African American?
- ☐ Asian?
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native?
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African?
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander?

The next question(s) collect(s) detailed information for each race and/or ethnicity of the offender.

If White ask:

R1aa. You said the offender was White. Which of these describe their background? Please tell me all that apply.

English	01
German.....	02
Irish	03
Italian	04
Polish.....	05
Scottish.....	06
Something else	07
Specify	

If Hispanic or Latino ask:

R1ba. You said the offender was Hispanic or Latino. Which of these describe their background? Please tell me all that apply.

Mexican.....	01
Puerto Rican.....	02
Salvadoran.....	03
Cuban	04
Dominican.....	05
Guatemalan	06
Something else	07
Specify	

If Black or African American ask:

R1ca. You said the offender was Black or African American. Which of these describe their background? Please tell all that apply.

African American.....	01
Jamaican.....	02
Haitian.....	03
Nigerian.....	04
Ethiopian	05
Somali	06
Something else	07
Specify	

If Asian ask:

R1da. You said the offender was Asian. Which of these describe their background? Please tell me all that apply.

Chinese.....	01
Asian Indian	02
Filipino.....	03
Vietnamese.....	04
Korean.....	05
Japanese	06
Something else	07
Specify	

If American Indian or Alaska Native ask:

R1ea. You said the offender was American Indian or Alaska Native. Are they Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Tlingit, or another group? Which of the following are they? Please tell me all that apply.

Specify

R1fa. You said the offender was Middle Eastern or North African. Which of these describe their background? Please tell me all that apply.

Lebanese	01
Iranian	02
Egyptian.....	03
Syrian	04
Iraqi	05
Israeli.....	06
Something else	07
Specify	

If Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ask:

R1ga. You said the offender was Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. Which of these describe their background? Please tell me all that apply.

Native Hawaiian.....	01
Samoa.....	02
Chamorro	03
Tongan	04
Fijian	05
Marshallese	06
Something else	07
Specify	

DEBRIEF FOR RACE/ETHNICITY OF THE OFFENDER

OBSERVE:

DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES OR PARTS OF THE DETAILED LISTS?

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR CATEGORIES?

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

DID THE RESPONDENT HAVE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

You said the offender was “<Major Race>”

How did you arrive at your answer?

You said the offender was “<Detailed Race >”

How did you arrive at that answer?

Option 2:

R2. What was the race and/or ethnicity of the offender? You may answer yes to one or more of these categories.

- ☐ White?
For example, English, German, Irish, Italian, Polish, Scottish, etc.
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino?
For example, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Salvadoran, Cuban, Dominican, Guatemalan, etc.
- ☐ Black or African American?
For example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.
- ☐ Asian?
For example, Chinese, Asian Indian, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, etc.
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native?
For example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc.
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African?
For example, Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Iraqi, Israeli, etc.
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander?
For example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc.

DEBRIEF FOR RACE/ETHNICITY OF OFFENDER

OBSERVE:

DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES OR PARTS OF THE DETAILED EXAMPLES? IF SO, FOR WHICH PERSON?

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR CATEGORIES?

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

You said the offender was “<Major Race>”

How did you arrive at your answer?
What about reading all of the categories to you?
What did you think about that?
Why do you think we read all the categories?

DEBRIEF ABOUT THE EXAMPLES - SCROLL BACK OVER THE EXAMPLES AND READ A FEW ALOUD. GET THE RESPONDENT TO ATTEND TO THEM.

POINT TO THE SETS OF EXAMPLES FOR THE CATEGORY CHOSEN BY RESPONDENT.

What do you think of the examples? How did you use them when answering the question?
(IF DID NOT USE EXAMPLES) Why did you not use the examples?
Do the examples represent who you feel you are? Why or why not?
What makes you say that?
Can you say more about that?

Option 3

R3. What was the race and/or ethnicity of the offender? You may answer yes to one or more of these categories.

- ☐ White.....01
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino.....02
- ☐ Black or African American.....03
- ☐ Asian04
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native05
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African06
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander07

DEBRIEF FOR RACE/ETHNICITY OF OFFENDER

OBSERVE:

DID THEY INTERRUPT WHEN READING MAJOR CATEGORIES? IF SO, FOR WHICH PERSON?

DID RESPONDENTS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

WHAT WAS THE OVERALL REACTION WHEN READING THE MAJOR CATEGORIES?

DID THEY OBJECT TO READING THEM ALL?

SHOW SIGNS OF ANNOYANCE?

You said the offender was “<Major Race>”

How did you arrive at your answer?

What about reading all of the categories to you.

What did you think about that?

Why do you think we read all the categories?

Closing and Incentive

Those are all the questions I have for you. Is there anything we haven't discussed that you would like to mention?

DISCUSS ANY RESPONDENT COMMENTS. STOP RECORDER.

Before we finish, I just want to make sure you're doing ok. (REFER TO DISTRESS PROTOCOL IF NEEDED).

Here is some contact information for local and national organizations that you can call if you want to talk about any feelings or emotions you experience. (GIVE RESOURCE LIST TO R)

Your gift card will be sent to you using the same email that the scheduler used. Thank you for your time.