

Holy Cross Student Survey Spring 2004

INTERVIEWER'S NAME: _____

DATE OF INTERVIEW: /

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

RESPONDENT'S NAME: _____

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

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

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

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

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

- YES. (ASK A). 1
- NO (ASK C) 2

IF YES:

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

- YES 1
- NO (GO TO Q. 2). 2

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

- Once 1
- Twice 2
- Three times 3
- Four times 4
- More than four times 5

IF NO:

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

- YES. 1
- NO 2

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

- YES. 1
- NO 2

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

- YES. 1
- NO 2

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

- YES. 1
- NO 2

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

- YES. 1
- NO 2

6. Aside from whether one should vote for one of the parties or candidates, do you ever discuss politics with others, such as why people should favor or oppose government policies?

- YES. 1
- NO 2

7. How often do you discuss politics with others, such as family or friends? Every day, 3 or 4 times a week, once or twice a week, 2 or 3 times a month, or less often than that?

- Every day 1
- 3 or 4 times a week 2
- Once or twice a week 3
- 2 or 3 times a month 4
- Less often than that 5

8. There are a number of programs on the radio in which people call in to voice their opinions about politics. Do you ever listen to political talk radio programs of this type?

- YES. (ASK A) 1
- NO 2

IF YES:

A. How often do you listen to those programs—every day, most days, once or twice a week, or only occasionally?

- Every day 1
- Most days 2
- Once or twice a week 3
- Only occasionally 4

9. What is your home city and state or foreign country? (IF UNSURE: Where were you living before you came to Holy Cross?)

City _____ State/Foreign Country _____

10. We would like to know how well known different government officials are. Could you tell me the name of the governor of your state of residence? (Not Massachusetts unless, of course, you're from Massachusetts.)

Answer _____

- Don't know 8

11. What about the Congressman from your district back home? Do you happen to know his or her name?

Answer _____

- Don't know 8

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

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

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

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

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

- Strong 1
- Not very strong 2

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

- Republican Party 1
- Democratic Party 2
- Neither 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- YES. 1
- NO 2

19. Some people don't pay much attention to political campaigns. How about you? Would you say that you have been very much interested, somewhat interested, or not much interested in following the political campaigns so far this year?

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

20. Generally speaking, would you say that you personally care a good deal which party wins the presidential election this fall, or that you don't care very much which party wins?

- Care a good deal 1
- Don't care much 2

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

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

22. How often do you watch world or national news programs on television? Would you say every day or almost every day, three or four times a week, once or twice a week, a few times a month, rarely, or never? (HAND CARD B.)

- Every day or almost every day 6
- Three or four times a week 5
- Once or twice a week 4
- A few times a month 3
- Rarely 2
- Never 1

23. How often do you read about the world or national news in the newspaper, including online on the Web? Would you say every day or almost every day, three or four times a week, once or twice a week, a few times a month, rarely, or never?

- Every day or almost every day 6
- Three or four times a week 5
- Once or twice a week 4
- A few times a month 3
- Rarely 2
- Never 1

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

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

25. What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

_____ (RECORD VERBATIM)

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

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

27. How much thought have you given the upcoming election for president. Quite a lot or only a little?

- Quite a lot 3
- Some (VOLUNTEERED) 2
- Only a little 1

28. If Massachusetts Senator John Kerry were the Democratic Party's candidate and George W. Bush were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for?

- John Kerry 1
- George Bush 2

29. Do you think the presidential race will be close or will one candidate win by quite a bit?

- Close 1
- One candidate will win by quite a bit 2

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

- Approve 1
- Disapprove 2

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

31. From what you know now, do you think the U.S. did the right thing or did not do the right thing in taking military action against Iraq last year?

- Right thing 1
- Not right thing 2

32. In general, do you think going to war with Iraq has made Americans safer from terrorism, or not?

- Yes, safer 1
- No, not 2

33. Do you think the war in Iraq has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States?

- Has contributed 1
- Has not contributed 2

34. Abortion continues to be an issue in the U.S. Which one of the opinions on this card best agrees with your view? You can just tell me the number of the opinion you choose. (HAND CARD C.)

- By law, abortion should never be permitted 1
- The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest, or when the woman's life is in danger 2
- The law should permit abortion for reasons other than rape, incest, or danger to the woman's life, but only after the need for the abortion has been clearly established 3
- By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice 4

35. On another issue, do you think homosexual couples should or should not be allowed to form legally recognized civil unions, giving them the legal rights of married couples in some areas such as health insurance, inheritance, and pension coverage?

- Should be allowed 1
- Should not be allowed 2

36. Do you think it should be legal or illegal for homosexual couples to get married?

- Legal 1
- Illegal (ASK A) 2

IF ILLEGAL:

A. Would you support amending the U.S. Constitution to make it illegal for homosexual couples to get married anywhere in the U.S., or should each state make its own laws on homosexual marriage?

- Support amendment 1
- State laws 2

37. Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

- Favor 1
- Oppose 2

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

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

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

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

40. We'd also like to get your feelings about some groups in American society. When I read the name of a group, we'd like you to rate it with what we call a feeling thermometer. Ratings between 50 degrees and 100 degrees mean that you feel favorably and warm toward the group; ratings between 0 and 50 degrees mean that you don't feel favorably towards the group and that you don't care too much for that group. If you don't feel particularly warm or cold toward a group, you would rate them at 50 degrees. If we come to a group you don't know much about, just tell me and we'll move on to the next one. Ok, using the thermometer how would you rate . . . ? (And still using the thermometer, how would you rate . . . ?)

- a. _____ Democrats?
- b. _____ Republicans?
- c. _____ Big Business?
- d. _____ Labor unions?
- e. _____ Liberals?
- f. _____ Conservatives?
- g. _____ Military?

- h. _____ The police?
- i. _____ Feminists?
- j. _____ Environmentalists?
- k. _____ Christian fundamentalists?

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

	Yes	No
a. Voted in a student election here at Holy Cross?	1	2
b. Attended a SGA General Assembly Meeting?	1	2
c. Run for office at Holy Cross, such as House Council, class officer, SGA Senator, or SGA co-chair?	1	2
d. Served on the House Council in a residence hall?	1	2
e. Served in the SGA, either as a class officer, Senator, SGA representative, committee or cabinet member?	1	2

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

- YES 1
- NO 2

43. Do you participate in a varsity intercollegiate sport at Holy Cross?

- YES 1
- NO (GO TO Q. 44) 2
- Used to but not anymore (GO TO Q. 44) 3

IF YES: On what sport teams do you compete? (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY.)

- BASKETBALL 01
- BASEBALL 02
- CROSS COUNTRY 03
- FIELD HOCKEY 04
- FOOTBALL 05
- GOLF 06
- ICE HOCKEY 07
- LACROSSE 08
- ROWING (CREW) 09
- SOCCER 10
- SOFTBALL 11
- SWIMMING 12
- TENNIS 13

TRACK AND FIELD	14
VOLLEYBALL	15
OTHER _____	16

44. Do you ever attend parties off-campus?

YES.....	1
NO	2

IF YES: About how often do you go to off-campus parties? Do you do this nearly every day, three or four times a week, about twice a week, about once a week, two to three times a month, about once a month, or less than once a month? (HAND CARD D TO RESPONDENT.)

Nearly every day	1
Three or four times a week	2
About twice a week	3
About once a week	4
Two to three times a month	5
About once a month	6
Less than once a month	7

45. How would you describe your consumption of alcohol? Do you abstain from drinking altogether or would you describe yourself as a light, moderate, or heavy drinker?

Abstain (GO TO QUESTION 48)	1
Light	2
Moderate	3
Heavy	4

46. About how often do you drink alcoholic beverages? (HAND CARD E TO RESPONDENT.)

Almost every day	1
Three to four times a week	2
Once or twice a week	3
Two to three times a month	4
About once a month	5
Several times a year	6
About once a year	7

47. On a typical weekend night when you choose to drink, about how many drinks do you consume? Consider one drink as a bottle of beer, a glass of wine, a wine cooler, a shot glass of liquor, or a mixed drink.

drinks

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

48. What is your date of birth? / /

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

- Catholic 1
- Protestant. . . . (ASK A) 2
- Jewish 3
- None (GO TO QUESTION 51) 4
- OTHER _____ 5

IF PROTESTANT:

A. What specific denomination was that, if any?

_____ (RECORD VERBATIM)

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

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

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

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

52. What is your racial or ethnic background?

- WHITE/CAUCASIAN 1
- AFRICAN AMERICAN 2
- ASIAN AMERICAN/ASIAN 3
- PUERTO RICAN 5
- OTHER LATINO 6
- OTHER _____ 7

53. What is your academic class standing? Are you a member of the class of 2004, 2005, 2006, or 2007?

- First year ('07) 1
- Second year ('06) 2
- Third year ('05) 3
- Fourth year ('04) 4

54. Do you live on-campus or off-campus?

- On-campus (ASK A) 1
- Off-campus 2

IF ON-CAMPUS:

A. In which residence hall do you live?

- ALUMNI 01
- CARLIN 02
- CLARK 03
- HANSELMAN 04
- HEALY 05
- LEHY 06
- LOYOLA 07
- MULLEDY 08
- WHEELER 09
- THE APARTMENTS 10

55. Are you currently working for pay this semester or are you not working at this time?

- Working for pay 1
- Not working .. (GO TO QUESTION 57) ... 2

56. On average, how many hours a week are you working this semester? hours

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

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

Ok, now we would like to ask a couple questions about academic advising.

58. Every student has a faculty advisor whom they see during pre-registration and at other times for academic advising. For how many semesters, including the current semester, have you had your present advisor?

_____ semesters

59. How many times did you meet with your advisor during the fall semester?

_____ times

60. For each of the following questions, please tell me whether you agree strongly, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree: (HAND CARD F.)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. My advisor knows my name	1	2	3	4	5
b. I value my advisor for advice	1	2	3	4	5
c. My advisor is approachable and easy to talk to	1	2	3	4	5
d. My advisor is knowledgeable about the common area requirements	1	2	3	4	5
e. My advisor is knowledgeable about the curriculum of my major.	1	2	3	4	5
f. My advisor is knowledgeable about other academic programs such as minors, concentrations, and the like	1	2	3	4	5
g. My advisor has been helpful in my course selection	1	2	3	4	5

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

61. From what countries or part of the world did your ancestors come? IF MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY IS NAMED, LIST IN ORDER.

FIRST MENTION: _____

SECOND MENTION: _____

THIRD MENTION: _____

IF MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY NAMED: Which one of these countries do you feel closer to?

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

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

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

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

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

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

65. What is your best estimate of your parents' combined income last year? (HAND CARD G.)

- Less than \$25,000 01
- \$25,000-39,999 02
- \$40,000-59,999 03
- \$60,000-79,999 04
- \$80,000-99,999 05
- \$100,000-149,999 06
- \$150,000-199,999 07
- \$200,000 or more 08
- REFUSED 09
- DON'T KNOW 10

66. CODE RESPONDENT'S SEX:

- MALE 1
- FEMALE 2

These are all the questions that I have. Thank you very much for your time and your help with our research. My professor also would like to have your permission to look at your transcript, so that we can relate your grades this semester to the interview data. As this permission form describes, he alone will process the data, and the data file for the survey will not contain your name or any other identifying information.

Finally, my professor may wish to get in touch with you to verify this interview. Therefore, we would like to have your telephone number. Ok?

(508) _____
Telephone Number

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