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During this current school year how many times did any of the following things happen to you at school?

	1. Never	2. Once or Twice	3. More than Twice	
17- I had something stolen from me at school	_____	_____	_____	V17 <u> </u> <u> </u>
18- Someone offered to sell me drugs at school	_____	_____	_____	V18 <u> </u> <u> </u>
19- Someone threatened to hurt me at school	_____	_____	_____	V19 <u> </u> <u> </u>
20- I got into a physical fight at school	_____	_____	_____	V20 <u> </u> <u> </u>

21- (If you were born in a foreign country) In what year did you come to the United States?

Year: _____ Never came (I was born in U.S.): _____ V21

22- How long have you lived in the United States?

1. All my life _____	2. Ten years or more _____	3. Five to nine years _____	4. Less than five years _____	V22 <u> </u> <u> </u>
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23- Are you a U.S. citizen? 1. Yes _____ 2. No _____ 3. Don't know _____

V23

24- How well do you speak English?

1. Not at all _____	2. Not well _____	3. Well _____	4. Very well _____	V24 <u> </u> <u> </u>
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25- How well do you understand English?

1. Not at all _____	2. Not well _____	3. Well _____	4. Very well _____	V25 <u> </u> <u> </u>
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26- How well do you read English?

1. Not at all _____	2. Not well _____	3. Well _____	4. Very well _____	V26 <u> </u> <u> </u>
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27- How well do you write English?

1. Not at all _____	2. Not well _____	3. Well _____	4. Very well _____	V27 <u> </u> <u> </u>
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We would like to learn a little more about your family. Here are a few questions about them.

28- Which of the following best describes your present situation (Please read the whole list, then check the category that applies to you):

1. I live with my (biological or adoptive) father and mother.	___
2. I live with my father and stepmother (or other female adult).	___
3. I live with my mother and stepfather (or other male adult).	___
4. I live with my father alone.	___
5. I live with my mother alone.	___
6. I alternate living with my father and mother who are divorced or separated.	___
7. I live with other adult guardians.	___
8. Other. Please explain: _____	___

V28 1

29- Which of the following people, *in addition to your parents or guardians*, live with you, that is in the house where you spend most of the time? (Check all that apply)

a. Brothers or step-brothers	___	How many?	___
b. Sisters or step-sisters	___	How many?	___
c. Grandfather or grandmother	___	How many?	___
d. Uncles or aunts	___	How many?	___
e. Other relatives	___	How many?	___
f. Non-relatives	___	How many?	___

V29a 1

V29b 1

V29c 1

V29d 1

V29e 1

V29f 1

30- In total, how many people, beside you, live in the same house with you? Number: _____

V30 1

31- In total, how many older brothers (or stepbrothers) and sisters (or stepsisters) do you have? Number: _____

V31 1

Please describe the present or most recent job of your **father, stepfather, or male guardian**:

32- Is he currently working, unemployed, retired, or disabled?

1. Currently working ___	2. Unemployed ___	3. Retired ___	4. Disabled ___
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V32 1

- If your father is *unemployed, retired, or disabled*, answer the following questions for his most recent job.
- Also, if your father works *more than one job*, please answer for the job you consider to be his major activity.

33- What kind of work does he normally do? That is, what is his job called?

Name of Occupation: _____

V33

34- What does he actually do in that job? What are some of his main duties?

V34

35- Describe the place where he works; what does the company make or do?

V35

36- What is the highest level of education that he completed?

1. Elementary school or less ___	2. Middle school graduate or less ___	3. Some high school ___
4. High school graduate ___	5. Some college or university ___	6. College graduate or more ___
7. Other ___ Explain _____		

V36

Please describe the present or most recent job of your **mother, stepmother, or female guardian**:

37- Is she currently working, unemployed, retired, or disabled?

1. Currently working ___	2. Unemployed ___	3. Retired ___	4. Disabled ___
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V37

- If your mother is *unemployed, retired, or disabled*, answer the following questions for her most recent job.
- Also, if your mother works *more than one job*, please answer for the job you consider to be her major activity.

38- What kind of work does she normally do? That is, what is her job called?

Name of Occupation: _____

V38

39- What does she actually do in that job? What are some of her main duties?

V39

40- Describe the place where she works; what does the company make or do?

V40

41- What is the highest level of education that she completed?

1. Elementary school or less ___	2. Middle school graduate or less ___	3. Some high school ___
4. High school graduate ___	5. Some college or university ___	6. College graduate or more ___
7. Other ___ Explain _____		

V41

42- Do your parents (or adult guardians) own or rent the house or apartment where you now live?

1. Own ___	2. Rent ___	3. Other ___ (Please explain) _____
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V42

43- Compared to **three** years ago, do you think that your family's economic situation now is:

1. Much better ___	2. Better ___	3. About the same ___	4. Worse ___	5. Much worse ___
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V43

44- And three years from now, what do you think your family's economic situation will be?

1. Much better ___	2. Better ___	3. About the same ___	4. Worse ___	5. Much worse ___
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V44

45- Do you have a paying job at present? 1. Yes___ 2. No___

V45 ___

46- If yes, what is your job? (Please describe clearly, *including the place where you work*)

V46 ___

47- How many hours per week do you work at it? _____

V47 ___

48- Approximately how much do you earn per week in this job? \$ _____

V48 ___

Let's talk about the language that you speak at your home:

49- Do you know a language other than English? 1. Yes___ 2. No___

V49 ___

50- (If yes) What language is that? (If more than one, please list first the language you know best)

V50 ___

51- How well do you speak that language? (Or the foreign language that you know best)

1. Very little ___	2. Not well ___	3. Well ___	4. Very well ___
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V51 ___

52- How well do you understand that language?

1. Very little ___	2. Not well ___	3. Well ___	4. Very well ___
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V52 ___

53- How well do you read that language?

1. Very little ___	2. Not well ___	3. Well ___	4. Very well ___
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V53 ___

54- How well do you write that language?

1. Very little ___	2. Not well ___	3. Well ___	4. Very well ___
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V54 ___

55- Do people in your home speak a language other than English? 1. Yes___ 2. No___

V55 ___

56- (If yes) What language is that? (If more than one please list first the language that they use most often) _____ V56

57- How often do the people who live in your home use this language when they are talking to each other? (Or the language they use most often)

1. Seldom <u> </u>	2. From time to time <u> </u>	3. Often <u> </u>	4. Always <u> </u>
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V57

58- When you talk to your parents (or guardians), what language do you most often use? (Write in) _____ V58

59- In what language do you prefer to speak most of the time? (Write in) _____ V59

About your plans for the future:

60- What is the **highest** level of education that you would like to achieve?

1. Less than high school <u> </u>	2. Finish high school <u> </u>	3. Finish some college <u> </u>
4. Finish college <u> </u>	5. Finish a graduate degree (masters, doctor, etc.) <u> </u>	

V60

61- And **realistically speaking**, what is the highest level of education that you think you will get?

1. Less than high school <u> </u>	2. Finish high school <u> </u>	3. Finish some college <u> </u>
4. Finish college <u> </u>	5. Finish a graduate degree (masters, doctor, etc.) <u> </u>	

V61

62- What is the highest level of education that your parents want you to get?

1. Less than high school <u> </u>	2. Finish high school <u> </u>	3. Finish some college <u> </u>
4. Finish college <u> </u>	5. Finish a graduate degree (masters, doctor, etc.) <u> </u>	

V62

63- What job would you like to have as an adult? (Please write clearly)

V63

64- Among the following job categories, which is the one that comes closest to the job that you would like to have as an adult?

1. Factory worker ____	2. Office clerk ____	3. Salesperson ____
4. Technician/computer programmer _	5. Nurse/physical therapist/dietitian _	6. Business executive/manager _
7. Engineer ____	8. Teacher/professor ____	9. Lawyer ____
10. Doctor (Physician) ____	11. Other (write in) _____ _____	

V64 ____

65- And **realistically speaking**, how do you see your chances of getting this job?

1. Very poor ____	2. Poor ____	3. Good ____	4. Very good ____
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V65 ____

66-(a) If you plan to attend college, which is the college that you would *like* to attend?

Name of College _____

V66a ____

No plans to attend college _____

Don't know _____

66-(b) And **realistically speaking**, which is the college you think you *will* attend?

Name of College _____

V66b ____

No plans to attend college _____

Don't know _____

66-(c) If you do *not* plan to go to college, what is the main reason why you do not plan to go?

V66c ____

How important is each of the following to you in your life?

	1. Not Important	2. Somewhat Important	3. Very Important
67- Having lots of money	_____	_____	_____
68- Having strong friendships	_____	_____	_____
69- Being able to find steady work	_____	_____	_____
70- Living close to parents and relatives	_____	_____	_____
71- Getting away from this community	_____	_____	_____

V67

V68

V69

V70

V71

72- How many close friends do you have in school? (Write number) _____

V72

73- How many of these close friends have parents who came from foreign countries, that is who were not born in the United States?

1. None _____	2. Some _____	3. Many or most _____
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V73

74- How many of your friends have:

	1. None	2. Some	3. Many or most
a. Dropped out of school without graduating?			
b. No plans to go to college?			
c. Plans to get a full-time job after high school?			
d. Plans to attend a 2-year community college?			
e. Plans to attend a 4-year college or university?			

V74a

V74b

V74c

V74d

V74e

75- In talking with your friends at school, do you sometimes use a language other than English?

1. Yes ___ 2. No ___

V75

76- (If yes) What language is this? (Please write) _____

V76

77- How often do you use this language when talking with your school friends?

1. Seldom ____	2. From time to time ____	3. Often ____	4. Always ____
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V77 |

78-(a) How do you identify, that is what do you call yourself? (Examples: Asian, Hispanic, American, Latino, African-American, Black, Cuban, Cuban-American, Haitian, Haitian-American, Nicaraguan, Nicaraguan-American, Jamaican, Jamaican-American, etc.)

V78a |

78-(b) And how important is this identity to you, that is what you call yourself?

1. Not Important ____	2. Somewhat important ____	3. Very important ____
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V78b |

Please indicate how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements (mark the right box):

		1. Agree a lot	2. Agree a little	3. Disagree a little	4. Disagree a lot	
79.	There is racial discrimination in economic opportunities in the U.S.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V79
80.	The American way of life weakens the family.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V80
81.	There is much conflict between different racial and ethnic groups in the U.S.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V81
82.	Non-whites have as many opportunities to get ahead economically as whites in the U.S.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V82
83.	There is no better country to live in than the United States.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V83
84.	Americans generally feel superior to foreigners.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V84

85- Have you ever felt discriminated against? 1. Yes___ 2. No___

V85 ⊥

86- (If yes) And by whom did you feel discriminated? (Check all that apply)

a. Teachers _____	b. Students _____
c. Counselors _____	d. White Americans in general _____
e. Latinos in general _____	f. Black Americans in general _____
g. Others _____ (Write in) _____	

V86 ⊥

87- What do you think was the main reason for discriminating against you? (Please write clearly)

V87 ⊥

How often is each of the following true about your immediate family (the people you live with)?

88- Family members like to spend free time with each other.

1. Never _____	2. Once in a While _____	3. Sometimes _____	4. Often _____	5. Always _____
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V88 ⊥

89- Family members feel very close to each other.

1. Never _____	2. Once in a While _____	3. Sometimes _____	4. Often _____	5. Always _____
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V89 ⊥

90- Family togetherness is very important.

1. Never _____	2. Once in a While _____	3. Sometimes _____	4. Often _____	5. Always _____
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V90 ⊥

Please indicate how you feel about the following statements:

	1. Agree a lot	2. Agree a little	3. Disagree a little	4. Disagree a lot
91- If someone has the chance to help a person get a job, it is always better to choose a relative rather than a friend.	_____	_____	_____	_____
92- When someone has a serious problem, only relatives can help.	_____	_____	_____	_____
93- When looking for a job a person should find a job near his/her parents even if it means losing a better job somewhere else.	_____	_____	_____	_____

V91 ⊥

V92 ⊥

V93 ⊥

94- During the typical **weekday**, how many hours do you spend studying or doing school homework?

1. Less than one ____	2. One to two ____	3. Two to three ____	4. Three to four ____
5. Four to five ____	6. Five or more ____		

V94

95- Who helps you most with your homework when you need help? (Pick one)

1. My father or mother ____	2. My brother or sister ____	3. My friend(s) ____	4. My teacher(s) ____
5. My counselor(s) ____	6. Other ____ Write in _____	7. No one ____	

V95

96- During the typical **weekday**, how many hours do you spend watching television or playing video games?

1. Less than one ____	2. One to two ____	3. Two to three ____	4. Three to four ____
5. Four to five ____	6. Five or more ____		

V96

97- Linda and Luis are both students whose parents are foreign-born.

Linda says: "I am sometimes embarrassed because my parents don't know American ways."

Luis says: "I am never embarrassed by my parents. I like the way they do things."

Which one comes closest to how you feel?

1. Linda ____	2. Luis ____	3. Neither ____ (explain) _____
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V97

98- How often do you prefer American ways of doing things?

1. All the time ____	2. Most of the time ____	3. Sometimes ____	4. Never ____
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V98

99- How often do your parents (or adults with whom you live) prefer American ways of doing things?

1. All the time ____	2. Most of the time ____	3. Sometimes ____	4. Never ____
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V99

100- And how often do you get in trouble because your way of doing things is different from that of your parents?

1. All the time ____	2. Most of the time ____	3. Sometimes ____	4. Never ____
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V100

Below is a list of feelings that people sometimes have. For each answer, how often have **you** felt this way during the past week?

Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statements:

		1. Agree a lot	2. Agree a little	3. Disagree a little	4. Disagree a lot	
101-	I feel that I am a person of worth, at least on an equal basis with others.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V101 ⊥
102-	I feel that I have a number of good qualities.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V102 ⊥
103-	All in all, I am inclined to feel that I am a failure.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V103 ⊥
104-	I am able to do things as well as most other people.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V104 ⊥
105-	I feel I do not have much to be proud of.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V105 ⊥
106-	I take a positive attitude toward myself.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V106 ⊥
107-	On the whole, I am satisfied with myself.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V107 ⊥
108-	I wish I could have more respect for myself.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V108 ⊥
109-	I certainly feel useless at times.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V109 ⊥
110-	At times I think I am no good at all.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V110 ⊥
111-	I am satisfied with how I look.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V111 ⊥
112-	I am not very popular with members of the opposite sex.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V112 ⊥
113-	I am seen as a trouble maker by other students.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V113 ⊥

Below is a list of feelings that people sometimes have. For each answer, how often have **you** felt this way during the past week?

		1. Rarely (less than once a week)	2. Some of the time (1 or 2 days a week)	3. Occasionally (3 or 4 days a week)	4. Most of the time (5 to 7 days a week)	
114-	I felt sad.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V114 ___
115-	I could not get "going."	_____	_____	_____	_____	V115 ___
116-	I did not feel like eating; my appetite was poor.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V116 ___
117-	I felt depressed.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V117 ___

Now, this is another list that describes young people. Please answer how true each statement is for you.

		1. Very True	2. Partly True	3. Not Very True	4. Not True at All	
118-	My parents do not like me very much.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V118 ___
119-	It is very important to me to get good grades.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V119 ___
120-	My parents and I often argue because we don't share the same goals.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V120 ___
121-	My parents are usually not very interested in what I say.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V121 ___
122-	No matter how much education I get, people will still discriminate against me.	_____	_____	_____	_____	V122 ___

123- Which of the races listed do you consider yourself to be?

1. White _____	2. Black _____	3. Asian _____	4. Multi-racial _____	5. Other _____	V123 ___
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(If other race, which race is that?) _____

124- Lots of things happen in families that may affect young people. In the last 3 years, have any of the following happened to your family?

(Circle one in each line)

	Yes	No	
a. My family moved to a new home	1	2	V124a <input type="checkbox"/>
b. My parents got divorced or separated	1	2	V124b <input type="checkbox"/>
c. One of my parents got married or remarried	1	2	V124c <input type="checkbox"/>
d. One of my parents lost his/her job	1	2	V124d <input type="checkbox"/>
e. I became seriously ill or disabled	1	2	V124e <input type="checkbox"/>
f. One of my parents died	1	2	V124f <input type="checkbox"/>
g. One of my brothers or sisters dropped out of school	1	2	V124g <input type="checkbox"/>
h. A member of my family was the victim of a crime	1	2	V124h <input type="checkbox"/>
i. One or both of my parents became a U.S. citizen	1	2	V124i <input type="checkbox"/>
j. I became a U.S. citizen	1	2	V124j <input type="checkbox"/>

125- Finally, how important is each of the following to you in your life?

	1. Not important	2. Somewhat important	3. Very important	
a. Having children	_____	_____	_____	V125a <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Having leisure time to enjoy my own interests	_____	_____	_____	V125b <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Getting away from my parents	_____	_____	_____	V125c <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Becoming an expert in my field of work	_____	_____	_____	V125d <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Getting a good education	_____	_____	_____	V125e <input type="checkbox"/>

126- What is your social security number:

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COOPERATION.