

1. Consent Form

Informed Consent

You must be 18 years or over to participate.

You are asked to voluntarily provide specific information to this web site. You may skip any question, or stop participating at any time. The information collected will be used for the stated purposes of this research project only and will not be provided to any other party for any other reason at any time. As explained in the advertisement, data collection will continue through March, 2008. You should be aware that although the information you provide is anonymous, it is transmitted in a non-secure manner. There is a remote chance that skilled, knowledgeable persons unaffiliated with the research project could track the information you provide to the IP address of the computer from which you send it. However, your personal identity cannot be determined. The security procedures for the data storage are described [here](#).

By agreeing to participate, I understand that I can terminate at any point in the survey without any penalty.

* 1. I am 18 years of age or older and I agree with the study consent form.

Yes

No

2. We're sorry!

We're sorry, you must agree to the study consent form and be 18 years of age or over to participate in this study.

3. Religious Background

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this important survey.

- It will require approximately 20-25 minutes to complete the entire survey.
- It is important that you complete only one survey.
- Although you are free to not respond to any question, please try to respond to as many as possible.

1. Self identification: Which of the following terms describe your religious or non-religious identity? (Check all that apply).

- Religious
- Spiritual
- Deist (God exists but is not actively involved in the world)
- Theist (God exists and is actively involved in the world)
- Polytheist (Multiple gods or goddesses exist)
- Pantheist (God exists and is equivalent to the forces and laws of the universe)
- Agnostic
- Atheist
- Humanist
- I don't know
- Other (Please specify.)

2. Self identification: Please indicate the one term that BEST describes your religious or non-religious identity. (Check ONLY ONE box.)

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- Theist (God exists and is actively involved in the world)
- Polytheist (Multiple gods or goddesses exist)
- Pantheist (God exists and is equivalent to the forces and laws of the universe)
- Agnostic
- Atheist
- Humanist
- I don't know
- Other (Please specify.)

3. Affiliation: Whether you are personally religious or not, with what religious denomination or group do you most closely identify?

(Please select a denomination from the drop down menu or type your answer if 'Other'.)

Other (Please specify.)

4. Religious services: How often do you attend religious services?

- Never
- Less than once a year
- Once or twice a year
- Several times a year
- Once a month
- Two or three times a month
- Weekly
- More than weekly

5. Outlook: When it comes to your outlook, do you regard yourself as:

- Religious
- Somewhat religious
- Somewhat secular
- Secular
- I don't know

6. Certainty: How certain are you about whether or not there is a God? (Choose answer closest to your view.)

- Absolutely certain that there is a God
- Mostly certain that there is a God
- Somewhat certain that there is a God
- Not sure whether or not there is a God
- Somewhat certain that there is no God
- Mostly certain that there is no God
- Absolutely certain that there is no God

7. Beliefs: Which one statement comes closest to your personal beliefs about God? (Choose one.)

- I have no doubts that God exists
- I believe in God, but with some doubts
- I sometimes believe in God
- I believe in a higher power or cosmic force
- I don't know whether there is a God
- I don't believe in anything beyond the physical world
- I have no opinion

8. Childhood religion: To what extent was religion emphasized to you, in its teachings and practices, as you were growing up?

- Religion was actively discouraged
- Not emphasized either way
- Slight emphasis
- Mild emphasis
- Moderate emphasis
- Strong emphasis
- Very strong emphasis

9. Friends or family: How comfortable are you talking about religion with friends or family?

- Very comfortable
- Somewhat comfortable
- Indifferent
- Somewhat uncomfortable
- Very uncomfortable

10. Neighbors or co-workers: How comfortable are you talking about religion with neighbors or co-workers?

- Very comfortable
- Somewhat comfortable
- Indifferent
- Somewhat uncomfortable
- Very uncomfortable

11. Have your religious beliefs (or lack thereof) had a negative impact on social or work relationships?

- Never
- Rarely
- Occasionally
- Sometimes
- Frequently

12. Have your religious beliefs (or lack thereof) had a negative impact on family relationships?

- Never
- Rarely
- Occasionally
- Sometimes
- Frequently

4. Personality

On the following pages, there are phrases describing people's behaviors. Please use the rating scale below to describe how accurately each statement describes you. Describe yourself as you generally are now, not as you wish to be in the future. Describe yourself as you honestly see yourself, in relation to other people you know of the same sex as you are, and roughly your same age. So that you can describe yourself in an honest manner, your responses will be kept in absolute confidence. Please read each statement carefully, and then check the option that best fits you.

1. I am the life of the party.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

2. I feel little concern for others.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

3. I am always prepared.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

4. I get stressed out easily.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

5. I have a rich vocabulary.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

6. I don't talk a lot.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

7. I am interested in people.

Very Inaccurate

Moderately Inaccurate

Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate

Moderately Accurate

Very Accurate

8. I leave my belongings around.

Very Inaccurate

Moderately Inaccurate

Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate

Moderately Accurate

Very Accurate

9. I am relaxed most of the time.

Very Inaccurate

Moderately Inaccurate

Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate

Moderately Accurate

Very Accurate

10. I have difficulty understanding abstract ideas.

Very Inaccurate

Moderately Inaccurate

Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate

Moderately Accurate

Very Accurate

5. Personality

1. I feel comfortable around people.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

2. I insult people.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

3. I pay attention to details.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

4. I worry about things.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

5. I have a vivid imagination.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

6. I keep in the background.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

7. I sympathize with others' feelings.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

8. I make a mess of things.

Very Inaccurate

Moderately Inaccurate

Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate

Moderately Accurate

Very Accurate

9. I seldom feel blue.

Very Inaccurate

Moderately Inaccurate

Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate

Moderately Accurate

Very Accurate

10. I am not interested in abstract ideas.

Very Inaccurate

Moderately Inaccurate

Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate

Moderately Accurate

Very Accurate

6. Personality

1. I start conversations.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

2. I am not interested in other people's problems.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

3. I get chores done right away.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

4. I am easily disturbed.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

5. I have excellent ideas.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

6. I have little to say.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

7. I have a soft heart.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

8. I often forget to put things back in their proper place.

Very Inaccurate

Moderately Inaccurate

Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate

Moderately Accurate

Very Accurate

9. I get upset easily.

Very Inaccurate

Moderately Inaccurate

Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate

Moderately Accurate

Very Accurate

10. I do not have a good imagination.

Very Inaccurate

Moderately Inaccurate

Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate

Moderately Accurate

Very Accurate

7. Personality

1. I talk to a lot of different people at parties.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

2. I am not really interested in others.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

3. I like order.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

4. I change my mood a lot.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

5. I am quick to understand things.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

6. I don't like to draw attention to myself.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

7. I take time out for others.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

8. I shirk my duties.

Very Inaccurate

Moderately Inaccurate

Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate

Moderately Accurate

Very Accurate

9. I have frequent mood swings.

Very Inaccurate

Moderately Inaccurate

Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate

Moderately Accurate

Very Accurate

10. I use difficult words.

Very Inaccurate

Moderately Inaccurate

Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate

Moderately Accurate

Very Accurate

8. Personality

1. I don't mind being the center of attention

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

2. I feel others' emotions.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

3. I follow a schedule.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

4. I get irritated easily.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

5. I spend time reflecting on things.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

6. I am quiet around strangers.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

7. I make people feel at ease.

- Very Inaccurate
- Moderately Inaccurate
- Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate
- Moderately Accurate
- Very Accurate

8. I am exacting in my work.

Very Inaccurate

Moderately Inaccurate

Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate

Moderately Accurate

Very Accurate

9. I often feel blue.

Very Inaccurate

Moderately Inaccurate

Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate

Moderately Accurate

Very Accurate

10. I am full of ideas.

Very Inaccurate

Moderately Inaccurate

Neither Inaccurate nor Accurate

Moderately Accurate

Very Accurate

9. Social Network

1. Total confidants: How many people have you discussed important personal issues with in the past 6 months?

Write number between 0 and 99:

2. Non family confidants: Many people discuss important personal issues with family members (spouse, kin). How many NON-FAMILY individuals have you discussed important personal issues with in the past 6 months?

Write number between 0 and 99:

3. Social network: How many people have you socialized with on a regular basis in the past 6 months?

jñ 0-5

jñ 6-10

jñ 11-15

jñ 16-20

jñ 21-25

jñ 26-30

jñ 30+

4. Organizations: About how many hours per month do you spend in non-work-related organizations (volunteering, clubs, teams, boards, etc.)?

jñ None

jñ 1-2

jñ 3-4

jñ 5-10

jñ 11-15

jñ 16-20

jñ 20+

Life Satisfaction: Below are five statements that you may agree or disagree with. Using the 1 - 7 scale below, indicate your agreement with each item.

5. In most ways my life is close to my ideal.

jñ 7 - Strongly agree

jñ 6 - Agree

jñ 5 - Slightly agree

jñ 4 - Neither agree nor disagree

jñ 3 - Slightly disagree

jñ 2 - Disagree

jñ 1 - Strongly disagree

6. The conditions of my life are excellent.

- jñ 7 - Strongly agree
- jñ 6 - Agree
- jñ 5 - Slightly agree
- jñ 4 - Neither agree nor disagree
- jñ 3 - Slightly disagree
- jñ 2 - Disagree
- jñ 1 - Strongly disagree

7. I am satisfied with my life.

- jñ 7 - Strongly agree
- jñ 6 - Agree
- jñ 5 - Slightly agree
- jñ 4 - Neither agree nor disagree
- jñ 3 - Slightly disagree
- jñ 2 - Disagree
- jñ 1 - Strongly disagree

8. So far I have gotten the important things I want in life.

- jñ 7 - Strongly agree
- jñ 6 - Agree
- jñ 5 - Slightly agree
- jñ 4 - Neither agree nor disagree
- jñ 3 - Slightly disagree
- jñ 2 - Disagree
- jñ 1 - Strongly disagree

9. If I could live my life over, I would change almost nothing.

- jñ 7 - Strongly agree
- jñ 6 - Agree
- jñ 5 - Slightly agree
- jñ 4 - Neither agree nor disagree
- jñ 3 - Slightly disagree
- jñ 2 - Disagree
- jñ 1 - Strongly disagree

10. Social Support

The following questions regard your social support network.

1. There are people I can depend on to help me if I really need it.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

2. There is no one I can turn to for guidance in times of stress.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

3. There are people who enjoy the same social activities I do.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

4. I feel personally responsible for the well-being of another person.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

5. I do not think other people respect my skills and abilities.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

6. If something went wrong, no one would come to my assistance.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

7. I have close relationships that provide me with a sense of emotional security and well-being.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

8. I have relationships where my competence and skill are recognized.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

9. There is no one who shares my interests and concerns.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

10. There is no one who really relies on me for their well-being.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

11. There is a trustworthy person I could turn to for advice if I were having problems.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

12. I feel a strong emotional bond with at least one other person.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

11. Group Affiliation

1. Are you a member of, or have you contributed to, any non-religious organizations such as freethought, atheist or humanist groups? (Check all that apply.)

- American Atheists
- American Humanist Association
- Atheist Alliance
- Center for Inquiry
- Committee for Skeptical Inquiry
- Council for Secular Humanism
- Freedom From Religion Foundation
- Skeptic Society
- Other (Please specify.)

2. Are you aware of a non-religious group (such as a freethought, atheist or humanist group) that meets within an hour travel from your home?

- Yes
- No

3. Events: How often do you attend events for a non-religious organization such as freethought, atheist or humanist groups?

- Never
- Less than once a year
- Once or twice a year
- Several times a year
- Once a month
- Two or three times a month
- Weekly
- More than weekly

4. If you don't regularly attend non-religious group events, why not? (Check all that apply.)

- There are no non-religious or philosophical groups near me.
- I don't like to belong to groups.
- I don't have time.
- I don't like the people there.
- I'm not interested in the topics.
- I'm not interested in activism.
- I want to avoid social disapproval.
- Other (Please specify.)

5. Which of the following publications have you read in the past 12 months? (Check all that apply.)

- American Atheist
- Free Inquiry
- Freethought Today
- Skeptic Magazine
- Skeptical Inquirer
- The Humanist
- Other (Please specify.)

6. What changes, additions, alterations or improvements would you like to see take place in non-religious organizations?

12. Background Information

The following demographic information will be useful for comparison purposes.

1. What is your gender?

Female

Male

2. What year were you born?

3. What is your current marital status?

Single, never married

Unmarried, living with partner

Married

Divorced

Separated

Widowed

4. Do you have one or more children who are 18 years or younger living in your household?

No

Yes

5. What is your highest education level?

Less than High School

High School Graduate or GED

Some College or Associate Degree

College Graduate

Masters

Doctorate

6. Income: What is your approximate annual household income? (In U.S. dollars)

\$10,000 or less

\$11,000 - 20,000

\$21-40,000

\$41-60,000

\$61-80,000

\$81-100,000

above \$100,000

7. What country do you live in?

8. What is your zip code or postal code?

9. Please enter any feedback you have about this survey.

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