

INTRO:

My name is \$I and I'm calling from San José State University. We're conducting an important research survey on people's thoughts about transportation in the US. May we please have a few minutes of your time to complete the survey?

Proceed to next screen.....	01	=> QA1A
Call back later.....	02	=> CB
Spanish call back.....	03	=> END
Switch to Spanish survey.....	04	
No answer.....	05	=> END
Answering machine.....	06	=> END
Busy signal.....	07	=> END
Disconnected number.....	08	=> END
Refusal.....	09	=> END
Business or Fax.....	10	=> END
Language Barrier.....	11	=> END
Never Call.....	12	=> DONT

LANG:

If you wish to conduct this interview in Spanish, select it now.

English.....	EN
Spanish.....	ES

QA1A:

If that person is not available, continue with person on phone

To make our survey as representative as possible, may I please speak to the adult in your household who had the most recent birthday, and is over 18 years old?

Continue with person on phone.....	1	=> QA1XX
Switch to new person.....	2	
Call back later.....	3	=> CB
Refused (DON'T READ).....	9	=> TANK2

QA1X:

Hello, my name is \$I and I'm calling from San José State University. We're conducting an important survey on people's thoughts about transportation in the US. May we please have a few minutes of your time to complete the survey?

Yes.....	1	=> QA1XX
No.....	2	
Call back later.....	3	=> CB

TANK2:

Thank you for your time. Have a nice (afternoon / evening).

End Survey.....	1	=> END
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QA1XX:

Great. This survey is completely voluntary, confidential and poses no risk to you in any way. If we come to a question you don't want to answer, just tell me and we'll move on.

Proceed.....	1
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DISP1 (I):

We are interested in your opinions about the transportation system. When I talk about the transportation system, I mean local streets and roads, highways, and public transit services like buses, light rail, and trains.

Proceed 1

Q1:

We are interested in your opinions about the transportation system. When I talk about the transportation system, I mean local streets and roads, highways, and public transit services like buses, light rail, and trains. Ok. Here's my first question. In the community where you live, would you say that roads and highways are in very good condition, somewhat good condition, or bad condition?

Very good condition 1
Somewhat good condition 2
Bad condition 3
Don't know (DON'T READ) 8
Refused 9

Q2:

Does your community offer very good public transit service, somewhat good public transit service, poor public transit service, or no public transit service at all?

Very good service 1
Somewhat good service 2
Poor service 3
No service 4
Don't know (DON'T READ) 8
Refused 9

DISP6:

If the respondent asks, this question is concerned with ALL levels of government (Federal, State, and Local)

Now, please think about what the government could do to improve the transportation system for EVERYONE in the state where you live. I'm going to read you several options. For each one, tell me whether you think government should make that a high priority, medium priority, or low priority.

Proceed 1

Q3:

permutation -> Q5

If the respondent asks, this question is concerned with ALL levels of government (Federal, State, and Local)

How about reducing traffic congestion? Should government make that a high, medium, or low priority?

High priority 1
Medium priority 2
Low priority 3
Don't know (DON'T READ) 8
Refused 9

Q4:

If the respondent asks, this question is concerned with ALL levels of government (Federal, State, and Local)

How about maintaining streets, roads, and highways in good condition, including filling potholes? Should government make that a high, medium, or low priority?

- High priority1
- Medium priority2
- Low priority.....3
- Don't know (DON'T READ)8
- Refused.....9

Q5:

If the respondent asks, this question is concerned with ALL levels of government (Federal, State, and Local)

How about expanding and improving local public transit service, like buses or light rail? Should government make that a high, medium, or low priority?

- High priority1
- Medium priority2
- Low priority.....3
- Don't know (DON'T READ)8
- Refused.....9

DISP2:

There are many ways the U.S. Congress could raise money to pay for maintaining and improving the transportation system. I'm going to ask your opinion about some of these different options. In each case, assume that the money collected would be spent ONLY for transportation purposes.

- Proceed 1

Q6A:

permutation [2] -> Q8B

One idea (a DIFFERENT idea) is to adopt a new national, half-cent sales tax to pay for transportation. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this new sales tax?

- Strongly support1
- Somewhat support2
- Somewhat oppose.....3
- Strongly oppose.....4
- Don't know (DON'T READ)8
- Refused.....9

Q6B (I):

INTERVIEWER: Please select "continue" & move on to the next question.

- Continue9

Q7A:

Right now the federal government collects a tax of 18 cents per gallon when people buy gasoline. One idea (a DIFFERENT idea) to raise money for transportation is to increase the federal gas tax by 10 cents a gallon, from 18 cents

to 28 cents. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this gas tax increase?

- Strongly support1
- Somewhat support2
- Somewhat oppose.....3
- Strongly oppose.....4
- Don't know (DON'T READ)8
- Refused.....9

Q7B:

A VARIATION on the idea of raising the gas tax by 10 cents AT ONE TIME would be to spread the increase over 5 years. The tax would go up by 2 cents a year for each of five years. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose THIS gas tax increase?

- Strongly support1
- Somewhat support2
- Somewhat oppose.....3
- Strongly oppose.....4
- Don't know (DON'T READ)8
- Refused.....9

Q8A:

One idea (a DIFFERENT idea) is to adopt a new tax based on the number of miles a person drives. Each driver would pay a tax of one cent for every mile driven. For example, someone driving one hundred miles would pay a tax of one dollar. Vehicles would have an electronic meter to keep track of the miles driven, and the tax would be paid each time drivers buy gas. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this new mileage tax?

- Strongly support1
- Somewhat support2
- Somewhat oppose.....3
- Strongly oppose.....4
- Don't know (DON'T READ)8
- Refused.....9

Q8B:

A VARIATION on the mileage tax just described is to have the tax rate VARY depending upon how much the vehicle pollutes. On average, vehicles would be charged one cent per mile, but vehicles that pollute less would be charged less, and vehicles that pollute more would be charged more. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose THIS new mileage tax?

- Strongly support1
- Somewhat support2
- Somewhat oppose.....3
- Strongly oppose.....4
- Don't know (DON'T READ)8
- Refused.....9

Q9A:

Now, imagine that the US Congress decided that the best option to raise money for transportation is to increase the federal gas tax by ten cents per gallon. The

Congress also decided that the money from this tax increase would be spent ONLY on projects to reduce LOCAL AIR POLLUTION caused by the transportation system. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this gas tax increase?

=> +1
si SPLIT = 1

- Strongly support1
- Somewhat support2
- Somewhat oppose3
- Strongly oppose4
- Don't know (DON'T READ)8
- Refused9

Q9B:

Now, imagine that the US Congress decided that the best option to raise money for transportation is to increase the federal gas tax by ten cents per gallon. The Congress also decided that the money from this tax increase would be spent ONLY on projects to reduce the transportation system's contribution to GLOBAL WARMING. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this gas tax increase?

=> +1
si SPLIT = 2

- Strongly support1
- Somewhat support2
- Somewhat oppose3
- Strongly oppose4
- Don't know (DON'T READ)8
- Refused9

Q10:

Let me give you some information about how much the CURRENT federal gas tax costs an AVERAGE driver. Someone who drives 10,000 miles a year, in a vehicle that gets 20 miles to the gallon, will pay about 100 dollars a year. If Congress raised the gas tax by 10 cents a gallon, that same driver would now pay about 150 dollars a year. Now that you have this information, would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose a 10 cent gas tax increase?

- Strongly support1
- Somewhat support2
- Somewhat oppose3
- Strongly oppose4
- Don't know (DON'T READ)8
- Refused9

DISP3:

Now I have a few questions about public transportation.

- Proceed1

Q11:

Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the use of your tax dollars for expanding and improving public transportation in your community?

Strongly support	1
Somewhat support	2
Somewhat oppose	3
Strongly oppose	4
Don't know (DON'T READ)	8
Refused	9

Q12:

Every five years, the US Congress reviews its spending priorities for transportation. All things considered, what do you believe Congress should do with the LEVEL of spending for public transportation? Should Congress significantly increase, slightly increase, slightly decrease, or significantly decrease spending for public transportation?

Significantly increase	1
Slightly increase	2
Slightly decrease	3
Significantly decrease	4
Don't know (DON'T READ)	8
Refused	9

DISP4:

I am now going to read you several statements. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each one.

Proceed	1
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Q13A:

permutation [3] ->
Q15C

Here's the first (next) statement. With our country in recession and high unemployment, we are facing tough economic times. Public transportation can be a solution and help pave the way to a stronger economy. Public transportation projects put tens of thousands of Americans to work and revitalize our communities. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Agree	1	
Disagree	2	=> +2
Don't know (DON'T READ)	8	=> +3
Refused	9	=> +3

Q13B:

Would you say that you strongly agree or slightly agree?

Strongly agree	1	=> +2
Slightly agree	2	=> +2
Don't know (DON'T READ)	8	=> +2
Refused	9	=> +2

Q13C:

Would you say that you strongly disagree or slightly disagree?

Strongly disagree.....	1
Slightly disagree.....	2
Don't know (DON'T READ).....	8
Refused.....	9

Q14A:

Here's the first (next) statement. Public transportation provides affordable transportation options for people. It expands access to job and career opportunities, as well as to medical facilities and schools and colleges. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Agree.....	1	
Disagree.....	2	=> +2
Don't know (DON'T READ).....	8	=> +3
Refused.....	9	=> +3

Q14B:

Would you say that you strongly agree or slightly agree?

Strongly agree.....	1	=> +2
Slightly agree.....	2	=> +2
Don't know (DON'T READ).....	8	=> +2
Refused.....	9	=> +2

Q14C:

Would you say that you strongly disagree or slightly disagree?

Strongly disagree.....	1
Slightly disagree.....	2
Don't know (DON'T READ).....	8
Refused.....	9

Q15A:

Here's the first (next) statement. Public transportation saves 4.2 billion gallons of gasoline that otherwise would have to be purchased from countries that are unfriendly to America. Therefore, public transit reduces our dependence on foreign oil and transitions America toward a more energy efficient economy. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Agree.....	1	
Disagree.....	2	=> +2
Don't know (DON'T READ).....	8	=> +3
Refused.....	9	=> +3

Q15B:

Would you say that you strongly agree or slightly agree?

Strongly agree.....	1	=> +2
Slightly agree.....	2	=> +2
Don't know (DON'T READ).....	8	=> +2
Refused.....	9	=> +2

Q15C:

Would you say that you strongly disagree or slightly disagree?

- Strongly disagree 1
- Slightly disagree 2
- Don't know (DON'T READ) 8
- Refused..... 9

DISP5:

Last, I have a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- Proceed 1

Q16:

(IF RESPONDENT REFUSES TO ANSWER, ENTER 999)

What YEAR were you born?

- Record Year:..... 1

Q17:

ASK THIS QUESTION OF THE RESPONDENT

What is your gender?

- Male..... 1
- Female 2
- Refused..... 9

Q18:

Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?

- Yes..... 1
- No 2
- Don't know 8
- Refused..... 9

Q19:

Which of the following describes your race? You can select as many as apply.

- White 1
- Black or African American 2
- Asian or Asian American 3
- Other..... 4
- Don't know 8
- Refused..... 9

Q20:

What is the highest degree or level of education you have completed?

- Less than high school degree.....1
- High school graduate.....2
- Some college3
- College graduate.....4
- Some graduate school.....5
- Graduate degree.....6
- Don't know8
- Refused.....9

Q21:

Are you currently employed?

- Yes.....1
- No.....2
- Retired3
- Don't know8
- Refused.....9

Q22:

About how many miles did you, personally, drive during the past 12 months in all motorized vehicles? Please do not count miles you drove as part of a job.

- Record number of miles:1
- Don't Drive2
- Don't Know8
- Refused.....9

Q23:

In the last 30 days, have you taken any form of public transit like a bus, light rail, or commuter train?

- Yes.....1
- No.....2
- Don't know8
- Refused.....9

Q24:

As you know, many people are so busy these days they can't find time to register to vote, or they move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you now registered to vote, or have you not been able to register for one reason or another?

- Yes, registered.....1
- No, not registered2 => Q27
- I'm not a U.S. citizen / I'm registered to vote in a country outside the U.S. 3 => Q27
- Don't know4 => Q27

Q25:

(If respondent says "independent" ask: Do you mean you're registered in the Independent Party or do you mean you're registered but not with any party?)

In what party are you registered to vote?

- Democrat1
- Republican.....2
- Registered, but not with a party [independent, decline-to-state in CA]...3
- Other (including "Independent Party").....4
- Don't know8
- Refused.....9

Q26:

How often would you say you vote: all of the time, most of the time, occasionally, seldom, or never?

- All of the time.....1
- Most of the time2
- Occasionally3
- Seldom.....4
- Never5
- Don't know8
- Refused.....9

Q27:

(IF RESPONDENT REFUSES TO ANSWER, ENTER 999) (IF RESPONDENT REFUSES TO ANSWER, ENTER 999)

What is your zip-code?

- Record 5-digit zip code1

Q28:

READ RESPONSES

With regard to your telephone use, do you...

- use only a cell phone?.....1
- primarily use your cell phone?2
- use a cell phone and a regular landline phone equally?.....3
- primarily use your regular landline phone?4
- use only a regular landline phone?5
- Other (DO NOT READ)6
- Don't know (DO NOT READ)8
- Refused (DO NOT READ)9

Q29:

READ RANGES

Finally, and of course confidentially, what was your total household income in 2009 from all sources, before taxes. Please STOP me when I get to the right category.

- Less than \$25,000 per year1
- More than \$25,000 but less than \$50,000.....2
- More than \$50,000 but less than \$75,000.....3
- More than \$75,000 but less than \$100,000.....4
- More than \$100,000 but less than \$125,000.....5
- More than \$125,000 but less than \$150,000.....6
- More than \$150,000.....7
- Don't know8
- Refused.....9

THANK:

Thank you for your time and your participation. Would you like the name and phone number of people you may call with questions or concerns about this survey? (IF YES) Please feel free to call: Dr. Melinda Jackson, Research Director of the Survey and Policy Research Institute at San Jose State University at 408-924-5293, or Pamela Stacks, Associate Vice President of Graduate Studies & Research at 408-924-2427.

- End Survey1

Q30:

FOR INTERVIEWER ONLY! DO NOT READ ALOUD

In which language did you conduct this survey?

- English.....1 => END
- Spanish2 => END
- Other (Fill in language).....3 => END

INT:

- Call back later.....02 => CB
- Refused.....09 => END
- Never callDT => DONT
- Spanish call back.....SP => END
- (INTRO) Proceed to next screen01
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- (INTRO) Language Barrier11
- (INTRO) Never Call.....12

DONT:

ONLY SELECT IF PARTICIPANT ASKS TO BE TAKEN OFF LIST OR NEVER CALLED AGAIN

Never Call1 => END

CB:

Click on the Calendar Icon below to schedule a call back.

Schedule a time1
