Well Being 456

IF CURRENT JOB STATUS = empty THEN
|
| **currentjobstatus** CURRENT JOB STATUS
| What is your current employment situation?
| 1 Working Now
| 2 Unemployed and looking for work
| 3 Temporarily laid off, on sick or other leave
| 4 Disabled
| 5 Retired
| 6 Homemaker
| 7 Other
|
ENDIF

IF CURRENT LIVING SITUATION = empty THEN
|
| **currentlivingsituation** CURRENT LIVING SITUATION
| Could you tell us what your current living situation is?
| 1 Married or living with a partner
| 2 Separated
| 3 Divorced
| 4 Widowed
| 5 Never married
|
ENDIF

introduction introduction
This survey asks about your experiences and beliefs regarding various taxes and public programs, and
specifically regarding US federal income taxes. We are only interested in your perspective –
there are no right or wrong answers to any of these questions. If you are uncertain about the
answer to a question, please give your best estimate. Some of the questions will ask about your
perceptions of "people like you." By this, we mean people you think have similar experiences
and perspectives, including things like whether and how much they have worked in the past. If you
file your tax returns jointly with someone else, please respond according to how your income is
reported on those tax returns. As always, your responses will be used only for research
purposes, and your individual responses will be confidential.

[The following questions are displayed as a table]

Alters_intro alters intro
The following questions ask about people you know. Please list the initials of 10 adults that you
know, other than spouses or domestic partners, and interact with on a regular basis.

Alters alters

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Alters alters

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Alters alters

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Alters alters

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Alters alters

String

IF chosen index 1 = 1 THEN
|
| **generic_check** generic error message
| Your answers are important to us. Please return to the previous question and answer it to the best
| of your ability.
|
ENDIF

IF chosen index 1 > 1 THEN
|
| [The following questions are displayed as a table]
|
| **AlterRel_intro** alter relatives intro
| For each of the people listed below, please indicate your primary relationship with that person.
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
|| **AlterRel** alter relatives
||
|| 1 Family member
|| 2 Friend
|| 3 Coworker
|| 4 Other
||
| ENDIF

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|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **AlterRel**  alter relatives
| |
| | 1 Family member
| | 2 Friend
| | 3 Coworker
| | 4 Other
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **AlterRel**  alter relatives
| |
| | 1 Family member
| | 2 Friend
| | 3 Coworker
| | 4 Other
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **AlterRel**  alter relatives
| |
| | 1 Family member
| | 2 Friend
| | 3 Coworker
| | 4 Other
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **AlterRel**  alter relatives
| |
| | 1 Family member
| | 2 Friend
| | 3 Coworker
| | 4 Other
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **AlterRel**  alter relatives
| |
| | 1 Family member
| | 2 Friend
| | 3 Coworker
| | 4 Other
| |
| ENDIF
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| IF alters != empty THEN
||
|| **AlterRel** alter relatives
||
|| 1 Family member
|| 2 Friend
|| 3 Coworker
|| 4 Other
||
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
|| **AlterRel** alter relatives
||
|| 1 Family member
|| 2 Friend
|| 3 Coworker
|| 4 Other
||
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
|| **AlterRel** alter relatives
||
|| 1 Family member
|| 2 Friend
|| 3 Coworker
|| 4 Other
||
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
|| **AlterRel** alter relatives
||
|| 1 Family member
|| 2 Friend
|| 3 Coworker
|| 4 Other
||
| ENDIF
|
| [End of table display]
| [The following questions are displayed as a table]
|
| **AlterEduc_intro** alter education intro
| For each of the people listed below, please indicate, to the best of your knowledge, what is the
| highest education degree that person has received?
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
|| **AlterEduc** alter education
||
|| 1 Less than a high school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)

|| 2 High school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)
|| 3 Associate degree in college
|| 4 Bachelor's degree (For example: BA,AB,BS)
|| 5 Graduate degree, such as Master's or Doctoral-level degree
|| 6 Don't know
||
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
|| **AlterEduc** alter education
||
|| 1 Less than a high school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)
|| 2 High school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)
|| 3 Associate degree in college
|| 4 Bachelor's degree (For example: BA,AB,BS)
|| 5 Graduate degree, such as Master's or Doctoral-level degree
|| 6 Don't know
||
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
|| **AlterEduc** alter education
||
|| 1 Less than a high school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)
|| 2 High school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)
|| 3 Associate degree in college
|| 4 Bachelor's degree (For example: BA,AB,BS)
|| 5 Graduate degree, such as Master's or Doctoral-level degree
|| 6 Don't know
||
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
|| **AlterEduc** alter education
||
|| 1 Less than a high school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)
|| 2 High school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)
|| 3 Associate degree in college
|| 4 Bachelor's degree (For example: BA,AB,BS)
|| 5 Graduate degree, such as Master's or Doctoral-level degree
|| 6 Don't know
||
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
|| **AlterEduc** alter education
||
|| 1 Less than a high school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)
|| 2 High school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)
|| 3 Associate degree in college
|| 4 Bachelor's degree (For example: BA,AB,BS)
|| 5 Graduate degree, such as Master's or Doctoral-level degree

| | 6 Don't know

| |

| ENDIF

|

| IF alters != empty THEN

| |

| | **AlterEduc** alter education

| |

| | 1 Less than a high school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)

| | 2 High school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)

| | 3 Associate degree in college

| | 4 Bachelor's degree (For example: BA,AB,BS)

| | 5 Graduate degree, such as Master's or Doctoral-level degree

| | 6 Don't know

| |

| ENDIF

|

| IF alters != empty THEN

| |

| | **AlterEduc** alter education

| |

| | 1 Less than a high school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)

| | 2 High school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)

| | 3 Associate degree in college

| | 4 Bachelor's degree (For example: BA,AB,BS)

| | 5 Graduate degree, such as Master's or Doctoral-level degree

| | 6 Don't know

| |

| ENDIF

|

| IF alters != empty THEN

| |

| | **AlterEduc** alter education

| |

| | 1 Less than a high school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)

| | 2 High school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)

| | 3 Associate degree in college

| | 4 Bachelor's degree (For example: BA,AB,BS)

| | 5 Graduate degree, such as Master's or Doctoral-level degree

| | 6 Don't know

| |

| ENDIF

|

| IF alters != empty THEN

| |

| | **AlterEduc** alter education

| |

| | 1 Less than a high school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)

| | 2 High school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)

| | 3 Associate degree in college

| | 4 Bachelor's degree (For example: BA,AB,BS)

| | 5 Graduate degree, such as Master's or Doctoral-level degree

| | 6 Don't know

| |

| ENDIF

|

| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **AlterEduc** alter education
| |
| | 1 Less than a high school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)
| | 2 High school diploma or the equivalent (For example: GED)
| | 3 Associate degree in college
| | 4 Bachelor's degree (For example: BA,AB,BS)
| | 5 Graduate degree, such as Master's or Doctoral-level degree
| | 6 Don't know
| |
| ENDIF
|
| [End of table display]
| [The following questions are displayed as a table]
|
| **AlterTalkTax_intro** alter talk tax intro
| For each of the people listed below, please indicate whether or not you have talked or consulted
| with them about taxes in the past 5 years.
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **AlterTalkTax** alter talk tax
| |
| | 1 Yes
| | 2 No
| | 3 Don't know
| | 4 I would prefer not to say
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **AlterTalkTax** alter talk tax
| |
| | 1 Yes
| | 2 No
| | 3 Don't know
| | 4 I would prefer not to say
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **AlterTalkTax** alter talk tax
| |
| | 1 Yes
| | 2 No
| | 3 Don't know
| | 4 I would prefer not to say
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **AlterTalkTax** alter talk tax

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| |
| | 1 Yes
| | 2 No
| | 3 Don't know
| | 4 I would prefer not to say
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | AlterTalkTax  alter talk tax
| |
| | 1 Yes
| | 2 No
| | 3 Don't know
| | 4 I would prefer not to say
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | AlterTalkTax  alter talk tax
| |
| | 1 Yes
| | 2 No
| | 3 Don't know
| | 4 I would prefer not to say
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | AlterTalkTax  alter talk tax
| |
| | 1 Yes
| | 2 No
| | 3 Don't know
| | 4 I would prefer not to say
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | AlterTalkTax  alter talk tax
| |
| | 1 Yes
| | 2 No
| | 3 Don't know
| | 4 I would prefer not to say
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | AlterTalkTax  alter talk tax
| |
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|| 1 Yes
|| 2 No
|| 3 Don't know
|| 4 I would prefer not to say
||
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
|| **AlterTalkTax** alter talk tax
||
|| 1 Yes
|| 2 No
|| 3 Don't know
|| 4 I would prefer not to say
||
| ENDIF
|
| [End of table display]
| LOOP FROM 1 TO 10 DO
||
|| IF alter talk tax = Yes THEN
|||
|| ENDIF
||
| ENDDO
|
| IF chosen index 2 > 1 THEN
||
|| [The following questions are displayed as a table]
||
|| **TaxHowOften_intro** tax how often intro
|| For these people, how often do you talk to them about taxes?
||
|| IF alter talk tax = Yes THEN
|||
||| **TaxHowOften** tax how often
|||
||| 1 Once every five years
||| 2 Once every two years
||| 3 Once a year
||| 4 Twice a year
||| 5 Monthly
||| 6 More frequently
||| 7 I don't know or don't remember
|||
|| ENDIF
||
|| IF alter talk tax = Yes THEN
|||
||| **TaxHowOften** tax how often
|||
||| 1 Once every five years
||| 2 Once every two years
||| 3 Once a year
||| 4 Twice a year

||| 5 Monthly
||| 6 More frequently
||| 7 I don't know or don't remember
|||
|| ENDIF
||
|| IF alter talk tax = Yes THEN
|||
||| **TaxHowOften** tax how often
|||
||| 1 Once every five years
||| 2 Once every two years
||| 3 Once a year
||| 4 Twice a year
||| 5 Monthly
||| 6 More frequently
||| 7 I don't know or don't remember
|||
|| ENDIF
||
|| IF alter talk tax = Yes THEN
|||
||| **TaxHowOften** tax how often
|||
||| 1 Once every five years
||| 2 Once every two years
||| 3 Once a year
||| 4 Twice a year
||| 5 Monthly
||| 6 More frequently
||| 7 I don't know or don't remember
|||
|| ENDIF
||
|| IF alter talk tax = Yes THEN
|||
||| **TaxHowOften** tax how often
|||
||| 1 Once every five years
||| 2 Once every two years
||| 3 Once a year
||| 4 Twice a year
||| 5 Monthly
||| 6 More frequently
||| 7 I don't know or don't remember
|||
|| ENDIF
||
|| IF alter talk tax = Yes THEN
|||
||| **TaxHowOften** tax how often
|||
||| 1 Once every five years
||| 2 Once every two years
||| 3 Once a year
||| 4 Twice a year

| | | 5 Monthly
| | | 6 More frequently
| | | 7 I don't know or don't remember
| | |
| | ENDIF
| |
| | IF alter talk tax = Yes THEN
| | |
| | | **TaxHowOften** tax how often
| | |
| | | 1 Once every five years
| | | 2 Once every two years
| | | 3 Once a year
| | | 4 Twice a year
| | | 5 Monthly
| | | 6 More frequently
| | | 7 I don't know or don't remember
| | |
| | ENDIF
| |
| | IF alter talk tax = Yes THEN
| | |
| | | **TaxHowOften** tax how often
| | |
| | | 1 Once every five years
| | | 2 Once every two years
| | | 3 Once a year
| | | 4 Twice a year
| | | 5 Monthly
| | | 6 More frequently
| | | 7 I don't know or don't remember
| | |
| | ENDIF
| |
| | IF alter talk tax = Yes THEN
| | |
| | | **TaxHowOften** tax how often
| | |
| | | 1 Once every five years
| | | 2 Once every two years
| | | 3 Once a year
| | | 4 Twice a year
| | | 5 Monthly
| | | 6 More frequently
| | | 7 I don't know or don't remember
| | |
| | ENDIF
| |
| | IF alter talk tax = Yes THEN
| | |
| | | **TaxHowOften** tax how often
| | |
| | | 1 Once every five years
| | | 2 Once every two years
| | | 3 Once a year
| | | 4 Twice a year

| | | 5 Monthly
| | | 6 More frequently
| | | 7 I don't know or don't remember
| | |
| | ENDIF
| |
| | [End of table display]
| ENDIF
|
| [The following questions are displayed as a table]
|
| **TaxSelfEmployed_intro** tax self employed intro
| For each of the people below, do you think they are self-employed or have rental income?
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **TaxSelfEmployed** tax self employed
| |
| | 1 Yes
| | 2 No
| | 3 I don't know or don't remember
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **TaxSelfEmployed** tax self employed
| |
| | 1 Yes
| | 2 No
| | 3 I don't know or don't remember
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **TaxSelfEmployed** tax self employed
| |
| | 1 Yes
| | 2 No
| | 3 I don't know or don't remember
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **TaxSelfEmployed** tax self employed
| |
| | 1 Yes
| | 2 No
| | 3 I don't know or don't remember
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |

| | **TaxSelfEmployed** tax self employed
| |
| | 1 Yes
| | 2 No
| | 3 I don't know or don't remember
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **TaxSelfEmployed** tax self employed
| |
| | 1 Yes
| | 2 No
| | 3 I don't know or don't remember
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **TaxSelfEmployed** tax self employed
| |
| | 1 Yes
| | 2 No
| | 3 I don't know or don't remember
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **TaxSelfEmployed** tax self employed
| |
| | 1 Yes
| | 2 No
| | 3 I don't know or don't remember
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **TaxSelfEmployed** tax self employed
| |
| | 1 Yes
| | 2 No
| | 3 I don't know or don't remember
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
| |
| | **TaxSelfEmployed** tax self employed
| |
| | 1 Yes
| | 2 No
| | 3 I don't know or don't remember
| |

| ENDIF
|
| [End of table display]
| [The following questions are displayed as a table]
|
| **TaxAudit_intro** tax audit intro
| For each of the people below, do you know or think that they have been audited by the IRS in the
| past five years?
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
|| **TaxAudit** tax audit
||
|| 1 Yes, I know they have been audited
|| 2 Yes, I think they have been audited
|| 3 I don't know or don't rememeber
|| 4 No, I don't think they have been audited
|| 5 No, I know they have not been audited
||
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
|| **TaxAudit** tax audit
||
|| 1 Yes, I know they have been audited
|| 2 Yes, I think they have been audited
|| 3 I don't know or don't rememeber
|| 4 No, I don't think they have been audited
|| 5 No, I know they have not been audited
||
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
|| **TaxAudit** tax audit
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|| 1 Yes, I know they have been audited
|| 2 Yes, I think they have been audited
|| 3 I don't know or don't rememeber
|| 4 No, I don't think they have been audited
|| 5 No, I know they have not been audited
||
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
|| **TaxAudit** tax audit
||
|| 1 Yes, I know they have been audited
|| 2 Yes, I think they have been audited
|| 3 I don't know or don't rememeber
|| 4 No, I don't think they have been audited
|| 5 No, I know they have not been audited
||
| ENDIF

|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
| | **TaxAudit** tax audit
||
| | 1 Yes, I know they have been audited
| | 2 Yes, I think they have been audited
| | 3 I don't know or don't rememeber
| | 4 No, I don't think they have been audited
| | 5 No, I know they have not been audited
||
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
| | **TaxAudit** tax audit
||
| | 1 Yes, I know they have been audited
| | 2 Yes, I think they have been audited
| | 3 I don't know or don't rememeber
| | 4 No, I don't think they have been audited
| | 5 No, I know they have not been audited
||
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
| | **TaxAudit** tax audit
||
| | 1 Yes, I know they have been audited
| | 2 Yes, I think they have been audited
| | 3 I don't know or don't rememeber
| | 4 No, I don't think they have been audited
| | 5 No, I know they have not been audited
||
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
| | **TaxAudit** tax audit
||
| | 1 Yes, I know they have been audited
| | 2 Yes, I think they have been audited
| | 3 I don't know or don't rememeber
| | 4 No, I don't think they have been audited
| | 5 No, I know they have not been audited
||
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
| | **TaxAudit** tax audit
||
| | 1 Yes, I know they have been audited
| | 2 Yes, I think they have been audited
| | 3 I don't know or don't rememeber

|| 4 No, I don't think they have been audited
|| 5 No, I know they have not been audited
||
| ENDIF
|
| IF alters != empty THEN
||
|| **TaxAudit** tax audit
||
|| 1 Yes, I know they have been audited
|| 2 Yes, I think they have been audited
|| 3 I don't know or don't rememeber
|| 4 No, I don't think they have been audited
|| 5 No, I know they have not been audited
||
| ENDIF
|
| [End of table display]
ENDIF

[The following questions are displayed as a table]

PerceivedAuditRate PerceivedAuditRate
The following questions ask about your thoughts and experiences regarding US federal income taxes.
Specifically, they ask you about three aspects of how income taxes work: The audit rate: The
percentage of taxpayers whose returns are audited by the IRS, The penalty rate: The size of the
penalty for not paying all of your owed taxes, and The effective income tax rate: The percentage of
your income that you owe to the government in taxes. First let's consider the audit rate. In
a typical year, what percent of taxpayers in the U.S. will have their income tax return audited by
the IRS?
Range: 0.0..100.0

[End of table display]
IF PerceivedAuditRate <= 1 THEN
|
| **PerceivedAuditRateMagnifier** PerceivedAuditRateMagnifier
| We would like to get extra information about the last question. In a typical year, what percent of
| people will have their income tax return audited by the IRS?
| 1 0%
| 2 More than 0% and less than or equal to .001% (1/100,000)
| 3 More than .001% (1/100,000) and less than or equal to .01% (1/10,000)
| 4 More than .01% (1/10,000) and less than or equal to .1% (1/1,000)
| 5 More than .1% (1/1,000) and less than or equal to 1% (1/100)
| 6 1%
|
ENDIF

IF AuditRandom = 1 THEN
|
ELSEIF AuditRandom = 2 THEN
|
ELSE
|
ENDIF

PerceivedARUnderreport PerceivedARUnderreport

Imagine a taxpayer that only paid [fill for PerceivedARUnderreport] of the taxes he or she owes. Do you think the chances of that person being audited that year would be higher, lower, or the same as if he or she had paid all taxes owed?
1 Higher
2 Lower
3 The same

IF PerceivedARUnderreport = Higher or PerceivedARUnderreport = Lower THEN
|
| [The following questions are displayed as a table]
|
| **PerceivedARUProb** PerceivedARUProb
| What is the percent chance that person will have their income tax return audited by the IRS?
| Range: 0.0..100.0
|
| [End of table display]
| IF PerceivedAuditRate > Higher and PerceivedARUnderreport = 1 and PerceivedARUProb <= 1 THEN
| |
| | **PerceivedARUProb_check1** PAR > 1 and PARU = 1 and PARUProb <= 1
| | You entered [PerceivedAuditRate]% for the perceived audit rate and entered "Higher", but then
| | gave an answer less than or equal to 1%. Your answers are important to us. Please return to the
| | previous question and answer it to the best of your ability.
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF PerceivedAuditRate <= 1 and PerceivedARUnderreport = Lower and PerceivedARUProb > 1 THEN
| |
| | **PerceivedARUProb_check2** PAR <= 1 and PARU = 2 and PARUProb > 1
| | You entered [PerceivedAuditRate]% for the perceived audit rate and entered "Lower", but then
| | gave an answer greater than or equal to the perceived audit rate. Your answers are important to
| | us. Please return to the previous question and answer it to the best of your ability.
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF PerceivedAuditRate > 1 and PerceivedARUnderreport = Lower and PerceivedARUProb > 1 and
| PerceivedARUProb >= PerceivedAuditRate THEN
| |
| | **PerceivedARUProb_check3** PAR > 1 and PARU = 2 and PARUProb > 1 and PARUProb >= PAR
| | You entered [PerceivedAuditRate]% for the perceived audit rate and entered "Lower", but then
| | gave an answer greater than or equal to the perceived audit rate. Your answers are important to
| | us. Please return to the previous question and answer it to the best of your ability.
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF PerceivedAuditRate > Higher and PerceivedARUnderreport = 1 and PerceivedARUProb > 1 and
| PerceivedARUProb <= PerceivedAuditRate THEN
| |
| | **PerceivedARUProb_check4** PAR > 1 and PARU = 1 and PARUProb > 1 and PARUProb <= PAR
| | You entered [PerceivedAuditRate]% for the perceived audit rate and entered "Higher", but then
| | gave an answer less than or equal to the perceived audit rate. Your answers are important to
| | us. Please return to the previous question and answer it to the best of your ability.
| |
| ENDIF
|
| IF PerceivedARUProb <= 1 THEN
| |

|| **PerceivedARUMagnifier** PerceivedARUMagnifier
|| We would like to get extra information about the last question. What is the percent chance that
|| person will have their income tax return audited by the IRS?
|| 1 0%
|| 2 More than 0% and less than or equal to .001% (1/100,000)
|| 3 More than .001% (1/100,000) and less than or equal to .01% (1/10,000)
|| 4 More than .01% (1/10,000) and less than or equal to .1% (1/1,000)
|| 5 More than .1% (1/1,000) and less than or equal to 1% (1/100)
|| 6 1%
||
| ENDIF
|
ENDIF

IF PerceivedAuditRate != empty THEN
|
| **BombCrater** BombCrater
| If your tax return was audited last year, do you think the chances of being audited the following
| year are higher, lower, or the same?
| 1 Higher
| 2 Lower
| 3 The same
|
| IF BombCrater = Lower and PerceivedAuditRate <= 0% and PerceivedAuditRateMagnifier = 1 THEN
||
|| **BombCrater_check0** BombCrater < 0
|| The audit rate cannot go lower than 0%. Your answers are important to us. Please return to the
|| previous question and answer it to the best of your ability.
||
| ENDIF
|
| IF BombCrater = Higher and PerceivedAuditRate = 100 THEN
||
|| **BombCrater_check100** BombCrater > 100
|| The audit rate cannot go higher than 100%. Your answers are important to us. Please return to
|| the previous question and answer it to the best of your ability.
||
| ENDIF
|
| IF BombCrater = Higher or BombCrater = Lower THEN
||
|| IF PerceivedAuditRateMagnifier != empty THEN
|||
||| IF PerceivedAuditRateMagnifier = 0% THEN
||||
||| ELSEIF PerceivedAuditRateMagnifier = More than 0% and less than or equal to .001% (1
|||| 100,000) THEN
||||
||| ELSEIF PerceivedAuditRateMagnifier = More than .001% (1/100,000) and less than or equal to
|||| .01% (1/10,000) THEN
||||
||| ELSEIF PerceivedAuditRateMagnifier = More than .01% (1/10,000) and less than or equal to
|||| .1% (1/1,000) THEN
||||
||| ELSEIF PerceivedAuditRateMagnifier = More than .1% (1/1,000) and less than or equal to 1%
|||| (1/100) THEN

| | | |
| | | ELSEIF PerceivedAuditRateMagnifier = 1% THEN
| | | |
| | | ENDIF
| | |
| | ELSE
| | |
| | ENDIF
| |
| | IF BombCrater = Higher THEN
| | |
| | ELSEIF BombCrater = Lower THEN
| | |
| | ELSEIF BombCrater = The same THEN
| | |
| | ENDIF
| |
| | [The following questions are displayed as a table]
| |
| | **BombCraterAmount** BombCraterAmount
| | As a reminder, you said earlier that [fill for BombCraterAmount] of taxpayers will be audited in
| | a given year. You also said that after an audit the chances of being audited the next year are
| | [fill for BombCraterAmount]2. What do you think are these new chances of getting audited?
| | Range: 0.0..100.0
| |
| | [End of table display]
| | IF PerceivedAuditRate > Higher and BombCrater = 1 and BombCraterAmount <= 1 THEN
| | |
| | | **BombCraterAmount_check1** PAR > 1 and BC = 1 and BCA <= 1
| | | You entered [PerceivedAuditRate]% for the perceived audit rate and entered "Higher", but then
| | | gave an answer less than or equal to the perceived audit rate. Your answers are important to
| | | us. Please return to the previous question and answer it to the best of your ability.
| | |
| | ENDIF
| |
| | IF PerceivedAuditRate <= 1 and BombCrater = Lower and BombCraterAmount > 1 THEN
| | |
| | | **BombCraterAmount_check2** PAR <= 1 and BC = 2 and BCA > 1
| | | You entered [PerceivedAuditRate]% for the perceived audit rate and entered "Lower", but then
| | | gave an answer greater than or equal to the perceived audit rate. Your answers are important
| | | to us. Please return to the previous question and answer it to the best of your ability.
| | |
| | ENDIF
| |
| | IF PerceivedAuditRate > 1 and BombCrater = Lower and BombCraterAmount > 1 and
| | BombCraterAmount >= PerceivedAuditRate THEN
| | |
| | | **BombCraterAmount_check3** PAR > 1 and BC = 2 and BCA > 1 and BCA >= PAR
| | | You entered [PerceivedAuditRate]% for the perceived audit rate and entered "Lower", but then
| | | gave an answer greater than or equal to the perceived audit rate. Your answers are important
| | | to us. Please return to the previous question and answer it to the best of your ability.
| | |
| | ENDIF
| |
| | IF PerceivedAuditRate > Higher and BombCrater = 1 and BombCraterAmount > 1 and
| | BombCraterAmount <= PerceivedAuditRate THEN

| | |
| | | **BombCraterAmount_check4** PAR > 1 and BC = 1 and BCA > 1 and BCA <= PAR
| | | You entered [PerceivedAuditRate]% for the perceived audit rate and entered "Higher", but then
| | | gave an answer less than or equal to the perceived audit rate. Your answers are important to
| | | us. Please return to the previous question and answer it to the best of your ability.
| | |
| | ENDIF
| |
| | IF BombCraterAmount <= 1 THEN
| | |
| | | **BombCraterAmountMagnifier** BombCraterAmountMagnifier
| | | We would like to get extra information about the last question. What do you think are these
| | | new chances of getting audited?
| | | 1 0%
| | | 2 More than 0% and less than or equal to .001% (1/100,000)
| | | 3 More than .001% (1/100,000) and less than or equal to .01% (1/10,000)
| | | 4 More than .01% (1/10,000) and less than or equal to .1% (1/1,000)
| | | 5 More than .1% (1/1,000) and less than or equal to 1% (1/100)
| | | 6 1%
| | |
| | ENDIF
| |
| ENDIF
|
ENDIF

PerceivedPenaltyRate PerceivedPenaltyRate
Now let's consider the penalty rate. If the IRS detects that a person has underreported their
taxes, they will first have to pay the unpaid taxes that were due. In addition, they will be
assessed a penalty that is a percentage of the amount they underpaid. This percentage is the penalty
rate. Imagine a person was caught underpaying their taxes by $1000. In addition to having to pay
that $1000, how much of a penalty would they have to pay? (Please enter this as a dollar amount. Do
not use commas.)
Integer

[The following questions are displayed as a table]

PerceivedTaxRate PerceivedTaxRate
Now let's consider the effective income tax rate. This is the percent of your income that you owe in
taxes to the federal government each year. What do you think your effective income tax rate was
this past year?
Range: 0.0..100.0

[End of table display]
[The following questions are displayed as a table]

PerceivedEvasionRatePopulation PerceivedEvasionRatePopulation
In a typical year, out of all taxpayers in the United States, what percent intentionally underreport
their taxes?
Range: 0.0..100.0

[End of table display]
[The following questions are displayed as a table]

PerceivedEvasionRate PerceivedEvasionRate
Now consider people like you. In a typical year, out of 100 people like you, how many intentionally

underreport their taxes?
Range: 0.0..100.0

[End of table display]
[The following questions are displayed as a table]

PerceivedEvasionManyEvaders PerceivedEvasionManyEvaders
Imagine that a widely-disseminated news story comes out that half of all US taxpayers underreport
their taxes. Out of 100 people like you, how many would now underreport their taxes?
Range: 0.0..100.0

[End of table display]
[The following questions are displayed as a table]

PerceivedCaught PerceivedCaught
You previously stated that [PerceivedEvasionRatePopulation]% of taxpayers in the U.S. will
intentionally underreport on their taxes. In a typical year, what percent of these people will be
caught by the IRS?
Range: 0.0..100.0

[End of table display]
IF (PerceivedEvasionRate = 0 or BehavReactionRandom = 1) and PerceivedEvasionRate != 100 THEN
|
| [The following questions are displayed as a table]
|
| **PerceivedUnderreportTaxHigher** PerceivedUnderreportTaxHigher
| Now let's consider the effect of changing the effective income tax rate (but the audit and penalty
| rates remain unchanged). As a reminder, you stated earlier that [PerceivedEvasionRate] out of 100
| of people like you underreport their taxes to the IRS. Imagine instead that people's effective
| income tax rates were 50% higher than they currently are. Out of 100 US taxpayers like you, who
| continue to work just as many hours, how many do you think would intentionally underreport their
| taxes to the IRS?
| Range: 0.0..100.0
|
| [End of table display]
| [The following questions are displayed as a table]
|
| **PerceivedUnderreportTaxMuchHigher** PerceivedUnderreportTaxMuchHigher
| Imagine instead that people's effective income tax rates were twice as high as they currently are.
| Out of 100 US taxpayers like you, who continue to work just as many hours, how many do you think
| would intentionally underreport their taxes to the IRS?
| Range: 0.0..100.0
|
| [End of table display]
ELSEIF PerceivedEvasionRate = 100 or BehavReactionRandom = 2 THEN
|
| [The following questions are displayed as a table]
|
| **PerceivedUnderreportTaxLower** PerceivedUnderreportTaxLower
| Now let's consider the effect of changing the effective income tax rate (but the audit and penalty
| rates remain unchanged). As a reminder, you stated earlier that [PerceivedEvasionRate] out of 100
| of people like you intentionally report less income to the IRS than they actually earned. Imagine
| instead that people's effective income tax rates were 25% lower than what they currently are. Out
| of 100 US taxpayers like you, who continue to work just as many hours, how many do you think would
| intentionally report less income to the IRS than they actually earned?
| Range: 0.0..100.0

|
| [End of table display]
| [The following questions are displayed as a table]
|
| **PerceivedUnderreportTaxMuchLower** PerceivedUnderreportTaxMuchLower
| Imagine instead that people's effective income tax rates were half of what they currently are. Out
| of 100 US taxpayers like you, who continue to work just as many hours, how many do you think would
| intentionally report less income to the IRS than they actually earned?
| Range: 0.0..100.0
|
| [End of table display]
ENDIF

IF PerceivedEvasionRate > 0 THEN
|
| [The following questions are displayed as a table]
|
| **PerceivedUnderreportAuditHigher** PerceivedUnderreportAuditHigher
| Now let's consider the effect of changing the audit rate (but the tax and penalty rates remain
| unchanged). Imagine that the audit rate was twice as high as it currently is. Out of 100 US
| taxpayers like you, how many do you think would intentionally underreport their taxes to the IRS?
| Range: 0.0..100.0
|
| [End of table display]
| IF PerceivedUnderreportAuditHigher > 0 THEN
| |
| | [The following questions are displayed as a table]
| |
| | **PerceivedUnderreportAuditMuchHigher** PerceivedUnderreportAuditMuchHigher
| | Imagine that the audit rate was three times as high as it currently is. Out of 100 US taxpayers
| | like you, how many do you think would intentionally underreport their taxes to the IRS?
| | Range: 0.0..100.0
| |
| | [End of table display]
| ENDIF
|
ENDIF

IF (PerceivedEvasionRate = 100 or BehavReactionRandom = 1) and PerceivedEvasionRate != 0 THEN
|
| [The following questions are displayed as a table]
|
| **PerceivedUnderreportPenaltyHigher** PerceivedUnderreportPenaltyHigher
| Now let's consider the effect of changing the penalty rate (but the tax and audit rates remain
| unchanged). If the federal government detects that you have underreported how much taxes you owe,
| you will have to pay the unpaid taxes that were due. In addition, you will be assessed a penalty
| that is a percentage of the amount of taxes due that were unpaid. This percentage is the penalty
| rate. Imagine instead that the penalty rate was 50% higher than it currently is. Out of 100 US
| taxpayers like you, how many do you think would intentionally underreport their taxes to the IRS?
| Range: 0.0..100.0
|
| [End of table display]
| IF PerceivedUnderreportPenaltyHigher > 0 THEN
| |
| | [The following questions are displayed as a table]
| |

|| **PerceivedUnderreportPenaltyMuchHigher** PerceivedUnderreportPenaltyMuchHigher
|| Now imagine that the penalty rate was twice as high as it currently is. Out of 100 US taxpayers
|| like you, how many do you think would intentionally underreport their taxes to the IRS?
|| Range: 0.0..100.0
||
|| [End of table display]
| ENDIF
|
ELSEIF PerceivedEvasionRate = 0 or BehavReactionRandom = 2 THEN
|
| [The following questions are displayed as a table]
|
| **PerceivedUnderreportPenaltyMuchLower** PerceivedUnderreportPenaltyMuchLower
| Now let's consider the effect of changing the penalty rate (but the tax and audit rates remain
| unchanged). If the federal government detects that you have underreported how much taxes you owe,
| you will have to pay the unpaid taxes that were due. In addition, you will be assessed a penalty
| that is a percentage of the amount of taxes due that were unpaid. This percentage is the penalty
| rate. Imagine instead that the penalty rate was half of what it currently is. Out of 100 US
| taxpayers like you, how many do you think would intentionally underreport their taxes to the IRS?
| Range: 0.0..100.0
|
| [End of table display]
| IF PerceivedUnderreportPenaltyMuchLower > 0 THEN
||
|| [The following questions are displayed as a table]
||
|| **PerceivedUnderreportPenaltyLower** PerceivedUnderreportPenaltyLower
|| Imagine instead that the penalty rate was 25% lower than it currently is. Out of 100 US
|| taxpayers like you, how many do you think would intentionally underreport their taxes to the IRS?
|| Range: 0.0..100.0
||
|| [End of table display]
| ENDIF
|
ENDIF

IF BehavReactionRandom2 = 1 THEN
|
ELSE
|
ENDIF

[The following questions are displayed as a table]

PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty_intro intro
Now finally consider the situation where both audit rate and penalty rate are zero. In this
situation no one is audited and hence no one is penalized. Let's consider how low the effective
income tax rate would need to be before everyone reported 100% of their taxes to the IRS, assuming
there are no audits or penalties. For this question, assume for the moment that everyone has the
same effective tax rate. If each of the effective income tax rates below were applied to everyone,
please indicate if you think (a) the majority of [fill for PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty] would
report their full income OR (b) the majority of [fill for PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty] would
underreport their income.

PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty_a Income tax rate = 1%
Income tax rate = 1%

1 Majority of [fill for PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty] would report 100% of their taxes
2 Majority of [fill for PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty] would underreport their taxes

PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty_b Income tax rate = 2.5%
Income tax rate = 2.5%
1 Majority of [fill for PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty] would report 100% of their taxes
2 Majority of [fill for PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty] would underreport their taxes

PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty_c Income tax rate = 5%
Income tax rate = 5%
1 Majority of [fill for PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty] would report 100% of their taxes
2 Majority of [fill for PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty] would underreport their taxes

PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty_d Income tax rate = 10%
Income tax rate = 10%
1 Majority of [fill for PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty] would report 100% of their taxes
2 Majority of [fill for PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty] would underreport their taxes

PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty_e Income tax rate = 15%
Income tax rate = 15%
1 Majority of [fill for PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty] would report 100% of their taxes
2 Majority of [fill for PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty] would underreport their taxes

PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty_f Income tax rate = 20%
Income tax rate = 20%
1 Majority of [fill for PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty] would report 100% of their taxes
2 Majority of [fill for PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty] would underreport their taxes

PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty_g Income tax rate = 25%
Income tax rate = 25%
1 Majority of [fill for PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty] would report 100% of their taxes
2 Majority of [fill for PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty] would underreport their taxes

PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty_h Income tax rate = 30%
Income tax rate = 30%
1 Majority of [fill for PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty] would report 100% of their taxes
2 Majority of [fill for PerceivedUnderreportAuditPenalty] would underreport their taxes

[End of table display]
IF BehavReactionRandom3 = 1 THEN
|
ELSE
|
ENDIF

[The following questions are displayed as a table]

RefundDebt RefundDebt
Imagine for the moment that last year you [fill for RefundDebt] on your federal income taxes. You are now preparing your taxes for this year. You are considering claiming a $1000 deduction, but to the best of your own knowledge you are not entirely sure if it is appropriate for you to take. Without consulting anyone else, what is the percent chance that you will claim this deduction?
Range: 0.0..100.0

[End of table display]
[The following questions are displayed as a table]

TaxesImportant_intro intro
For each of the next several sections, we would like to determine how important each of the following issues is to you. For each screen, imagine that you have 100 tokens. Please allocate 100 tokens to the issues below. More tokens means more important. In terms of how you think about taxes and paying your taxes, how important is each of the following?

TaxesImportant_a The amount of taxes that I owe
The amount of taxes that I owe (that is, your effective tax rate)
Range: 0.0..100.0

TaxesImportant_b The cost (in time and money) to figure out my taxes
The cost (in time and money) to figure out my taxes
Range: 0.0..100.0

TaxesImportant_c Benefits and public services supported by taxes
Benefits and public services supported by taxes (for example, public education, security, welfare programs)
Range: 0.0..100.0

TaxesImportant_d A moral obligation to correctly report and pay all my taxes
A moral obligation to correctly report and pay all my taxes
Range: 0.0..100.0

TaxesImportant_total Total
Total

[End of table display]
IF (The amount of taxes that I owe + The cost (in time and money) to figure out my taxes + Benefits and public services supported by taxes + A moral obligation to correctly report and pay all my taxes) != 100 THEN
|
| **error_tokens** error tokens
| Please make sure the total adds up to 100. Your answers are important to us. Please return to
| the previous question and answer it to the best of your ability.
|
ENDIF

[The following questions are displayed as a table]

TaxesFairness_intro intro
Now let's consider your thoughts on the fairness of taxes, and what you've seen and heard from those around you. Again, please allocate 100 tokens to the issues below. In terms of how fair taxes seem to you, how important is each of the following?

TaxesFairness_a Your own thoughts
Your own thoughts on the fairness of taxes and the tax system (for example, equity in how different people are taxed and how tax revenue is used by the government)
Range: 0.0..100.0

TaxesFairness_b What you hear and know from friends, family, and other close contacts
What you hear and know from friends, family, and other close contacts about the fairness of taxes and the tax system (for example, how often people cheat on their taxes)
Range: 0.0..100.0

TaxesFairness_c What you hear broadly from the media and other sources

What you hear broadly from the media and other sources about the fairness of taxes and the tax system (for example, how often people cheat on their taxes)
Range: 0.0..100.0

TaxesFairness_total Total
Total

[End of table display]
IF (Your own thoughts + What you hear and know from friends, family, and other close contacts +
What you hear broadly from the media and other sources) != 100 THEN
|
| **error_tokens** error tokens
| Please make sure the total adds up to 100. Your answers are important to us. Please return to
| the previous question and answer it to the best of your ability.
|
ENDIF

[The following questions are displayed as a table]

RiskAuditsPenalties_intro intro
Now let's consider your thoughts on the risk of audits and penalties for not paying one's taxes.
Again, please allocate 100 tokens to the issues below. In terms of how you think about these
risks, how important is each of the following?

RiskAuditsPenalties_a Your own thoughts
Your own thoughts on the risk of audits and penalties if you don't pay your taxes
Range: 0.0..100.0

RiskAuditsPenalties_b What you hear and know from friends, family, and other close contacts
What you hear and know from friends, family, and other close contacts about audits and penalties for
not paying taxes
Range: 0.0..100.0

RiskAuditsPenalties_c What you hear broadly from the media and other sources
What you hear broadly from the media and other sources about audits and penalties for not paying
taxes
Range: 0.0..100.0

RiskAuditsPenalties_total Total
Total

[End of table display]
IF (Your own thoughts + What you hear and know from friends, family, and other close contacts +
What you hear broadly from the media and other sources) != 100 THEN
|
| **error_tokens** error tokens
| Please make sure the total adds up to 100. Your answers are important to us. Please return to
| the previous question and answer it to the best of your ability.
|
ENDIF

ServicesTaxes Many public goods and services, such as interstate highways, national defense, national parks, and
environmental protection, are in part paid for...
Many public goods and services, such as interstate highways, national defense, national parks, and
environmental protection, are in part paid for by federal income taxes. To what extent are the
public goods and services that you receive worth the federal income taxes you pay?

1 1 Not at all worth it
2 2
3 3
4 4
5 5 Definitely worth it

[The following questions are displayed as a table]

FR1_intro intro
Imagine each of the following situations. For each, please indicate if it is always OK to engage in the described behavior, sometimes OK to do it, or never OK to do that behavior.

FR11 Regularly listen to public radio without ever contributing
Regularly listen to public radio without ever contributing
1 Always OK
2 Sometimes OK
3 Never OK

FR12 Illegally copying, downloading, or streaming movies
Illegally copying, downloading, or streaming movies
1 Always OK
2 Sometimes OK
3 Never OK

FR13 Have a dog but not getting it spayed or neutered
Have a dog but not getting it spayed or neutered
1 Always OK
2 Sometimes OK
3 Never OK

FR14 Avoid getting the flu vaccine
Avoid getting the flu vaccine
1 Always OK
2 Sometimes OK
3 Never OK

FR15 Avoid paying all of the income tax that you owe
Avoid paying all of the income tax that you owe
1 Always OK
2 Sometimes OK
3 Never OK

[End of table display]
[The following questions are displayed as a table]

FR2_intro intro
Imagine each of the following situations. For each, how many people out of 100 would say that it is at least sometimes OK to engage in the described behavior?

FR21 Regularly listen to public radio without ever contributing
Regularly listen to public radio without ever contributing
0 0
10 10
20 20
30 30
40 40

50 50
60 60
70 70
80 80
90 90
100 100

FR22 Illegally copying, downloading, or streaming movies
Illegally copying, downloading, or streaming movies
0 0
10 10
20 20
30 30
40 40
50 50
60 60
70 70
80 80
90 90
100 100

FR23 Have a dog but not getting it spayed or neutered
Have a dog but not getting it spayed or neutered
0 0
10 10
20 20
30 30
40 40
50 50
60 60
70 70
80 80
90 90
100 100

FR24 Avoid getting the flu vaccine
Avoid getting the flu vaccine
0 0
10 10
20 20
30 30
40 40
50 50
60 60
70 70
80 80
90 90
100 100

FR25 Avoid paying all of the income tax that you owe
Avoid paying all of the income tax that you owe
0 0
10 10
20 20
30 30
40 40

50 50
60 60
70 70
80 80
90 90
100 100

[End of table display]
Actor Actor
Imagine that you heard a famous actor was caught and prosecuted for tax evasion. In your mind, would hearing about this make you more or less likely to report all of taxes you owe to the IRS?
1 I would be much more likely to fully report my income
2 I would be somewhat more likely to fully report my income
3 It would not affect my income reporting either way
4 I would be somewhat less likely to fully report my income
5 I would be much less likely to fully report my income

IF !(Working Now in CURRENT JOB STATUS) THEN
|
| **WorkForPay** WorkForPay
| Have you ever worked for pay?
| 1 Yes
| 2 No
|
ENDIF

IF Working Now in CURRENT JOB STATUS THEN
|
| **SelfEmployed** SelfEmployed
| Do you work for someone else, are you self-employed, or what?
| 1 Work for someone else
| 2 Self-employed
| 3 Other
|
ENDIF

EverFiledTaxes EverFiledTaxes
Have you ever filed a tax return yourself or had someone file it for you?
1 Yes
2 No
3 Don't know or can't remember

PrepTaxes PrepTaxes
Do you typically prepare your own tax returns or do you pay someone (e.g., an accountant or lawyer) to prepare them for you?
1 I prepare my own tax returns using tax software on the computer
2 I prepare my own tax returns, without using tax software
3 I pay someone else to prepare my tax returns
4 I do not prepare a tax return
5 I don't know or would prefer not to say

EverAudited EverAudited
Have you ever been audited by the IRS?
1 Yes
2 No
3 Don't know or can't remember

4 Prefer not to say

IF CURRENT LIVING SITUATION = Married or living with a partner THEN
|
| **SpouseAudit** SpouseAudit
| Has your spouse or domestic partner ever been audited by the IRS at any time during the past five
| years?
| 1 I am not currently married or living with a domestic partner
| 2 Yes
| 3 No
| 4 Don't know or can't remember
| 5 Prefer not to answer
|
ENDIF

CS_001 HOW PLEASANT INTERVIEW
Could you tell us how interesting or uninteresting you found the questions in this interview?
1 Very interesting
2 Interesting
3 Neither interesting nor uninteresting
4 Uninteresting
5 Very uninteresting