

Note to Reviewer of 1220-0157

I. Introduction and Purpose

The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97) is sponsored by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), and the data are collected under contract with the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago. The principal focus of the NLSY97 is to study transitions throughout life and to examine how early development and influences affect educational, labor market, and other outcomes later in life. The longitudinal focus of this survey requires information to be collected about the same individuals over many years in order to trace their education, training, work experience, fertility, income, and program participation.

BLS requests OMB approval of changes to the NLSY97 questionnaire that will be used for the pretest of Round 11. Each of these changes is described in more detail on the pages that follow. Beyond these questionnaire changes, BLS plans no other changes in the Round 11 pretest from the questionnaire and procedures that OMB approved in May 2006 for the Round 10 pretest.

The Round 11 pretest will be administered from mid-June to mid-July 2007.

II. Burden Hours

The burden hours will not change as a result of this ICW.

Changes to the NLSY97 Pretest Questionnaire from Rounds 10 to 11

The NLSY97 design team works to maintain a constant respondent burden across rounds by balancing all additions to and subtractions from the questionnaire. The transition from Round 10 to Round 11 involves removing the Current Population Survey questions and political participation questions and streamlining the confirmation questions in various parts of the questionnaire. Some questions also have been removed from the sections on fertility and household information. The Round 11 questionnaire also includes questions that have been added on contraceptive choice, health, birth weight, fertility, and financial health and literacy. The locator section is being moved to the main interview for half the respondents.

We estimate the average burden of the “Tell Us What You Think” section will increase from 1.5 minutes in Round 10 to 2 minutes in Round 11. The new contraceptive choice questions will be asked only of a small subset of respondents and therefore will increase the average timings only by about half a minute. Altogether, we expect changes to the NLSY97 questionnaire from Round 10 to Round 11 to result in no net change in total respondent burden from Round 10 to Round 11.

A. Proposed changes to consent and disclosure items in Household Information section.

Round 10 question YHHI-1240:

In order to confirm your contacting information, may we use companies that provide commercial locator services?

Round 11 question YHHI-1240ALT:

We value your participation each year. Address and phone information in directories and public records can help us reach you. May we use them, only if needed?

B. Revisions to the Round 10 questionnaire for Round 11 administration

The Round 11 questionnaire resembles the Round 10 questionnaire with a few modifications. Below, we list the sections of the Rounds 10 and 11 questionnaires, with any differences between the two rounds.

Universal change:

Confirmation questions have been simplified so that revisions to what the respondent reported for the previous round are made only if the respondent volunteers that the information is incorrect in response to a statement about what the respondent reported in the last round. These questions appear in the sections on schooling, assets, employment, training, program participation, and marriage.

Household Information

1. Minor wording changes in introduction described in section A above and round number updated to round 11.
2. Immigration questions will only be administered to those eligible in round 10 who were not interviewed in round 10.

3. Item about grandparents' birth countries and birth will only be asked for those not interviewed in round 10.
4. The highest degree received question will only be asked for household members over age 16.
5. The machine check for living on your own questions changed to only those who missed all rounds since round 7.
6. Added a question about the birth weight of any newly reported children in the household.

YHHI-50465

(tempshi2_name[YHHI-LOOP18])) newly reported

COMMENT: this is a newly reported child

If Answer=1 then go to YHHI-50466

Default next: YHHI-50470

YHHI-50466

What was [tempshi2_name([YHHI-LOOP18]))'s weight at birth?

_____pounds
_____ounces

Default next : YHHI-50480

Current Population Survey employment status questions

Not included in round 11.

Schooling

No changes except confirmation questions.

College Choice

No changes.

Employment

No changes except confirmation questions.

Training

No changes except confirmation questions.

Health

The longer version of the health section is being fielded, which was last fielded in round 6.

1. Included round 9 updates that had been made to health insurance questions.
2. Dropped race and ethnicity questions from round 6 version .
3. Removed health knowledge question from round 6 version.

4. Added work limitation questions YHEA-1005 and 1006, originally from NLSY79.

YHEA-1005

(Are you/ Would you be) limited in the kind of work you (could) do on a job for pay because of your health?

1 Yes
0 No

Default next: YHEA-1006

YHEA-1006

(Are you/ Would you be) limited in the amount of work you (could) do because of your health?

1 Yes
0 No

Default next: YHEA-1010A

5. Questions on disabilities were asked in the same way as in round 6. For those who reported a disability in round 6, we ask if it limits the respondent's activities and then ask about any other disabilities they may have.

(a) For those who reported a genetic/mental/developmental disability in round 6:

YHEA-1010A

[R6DISAB_GEN=1]

(YHEA-1010 in R6=1)

IF CONDITION APPLIES THEN GO TO (YHEA- 1010B-loop begin)

Default next: YHEA-1010

YHEA-1010B-loop begin

[]

Section: Health

REPEAT ([R6_genetic condition loop])

COMMENT: loop through all general conditions reported in round 6

Default Next: YHEA-1060A

Lead-In:

YHEA-1060 A[]

Section: Health

Does the [R6_genetic condition] currently limit your activities?

- 1 Yes, limits a little
- 2 Yes, limits a lot
- 0 No, not currently limited by this condition
- 3 Never had this condition
- 4 No longer have this condition

Default Next: YHEA-1010C-LOOP-END

YHEA-1010C-LOOP-END []

Section: Health

UNTIL ([genetic condition loop], ([genetic condition loop] = 5))

- 1 RETURN TO BEGINNING OF LOOP
- 0 END LOOP

Default Next: YHEA-1010D

YHEA-1010D

Apart from the condition(s) we have talked about, do you have any other eating disorders, learning or emotional problems or mental conditions that limit your ability to attend school regularly, do regular school work, or work at a job for pay?

- 1 Yes (Go to YHEA-1020)
- 0 No

Default next: YHEA-1110A

(b) For those who reported a sensory disability in round 6
YHEA-1110A

[R6DISAB_SENS =1]

(YHEA-1110 in R6=1)
IF CONDITION APPLIES THEN GO TO (YHEA- 1110B-loop begin)

Default next: YHEA-1110

YHEA-1110B-loop begin
[]

Section: Health

REPEAT ([R6_sensory condition loop])
COMMENT: loop through all sensory conditions reported in round 6

Default Next: YHEA-1160A

Lead-In:

YHEA-1160 A[]

Section: Health

Does the [R6_sensory condition] currently limit your activities?

- 1 Yes, limits a little
- 2 Yes, limits a lot
- 0 No, not currently limited by this condition
- 3 Never had this condition
- 4 No longer have this condition

Default Next: YHEA-1110C loop end

YHEA-1110C-LOOP-END []

Section: Health

UNTIL ([genetic condition loop], ([genetic condition loop] = 7))

- 1 RETURN TO BEGINNING OF LOOP
- 0 END LOOP

Default Next: YHEA-1110D

YHEA-1110D

Apart from the condition(s) we have talked about, do you have any other problems with hearing, seeing or speaking?

- 1 Yes (Go to YHEA-1120)
- 0 No

Default next: YHEA-1210A

(c)For respondents who reported a deformity in round 6:
YHEA_1210A

[R6DISAB_DEF=1]

(YHEA-1210 in R6=1)
IF CONDITION APPLIES THEN GO TO (YHEA- 1210B-loop-begin)

Default next: YHEA-1210

YHEA-1210B-loop-begin
[]

Section: Health

REPEAT ([R6_deformity loop])
COMMENT: loop through all deformities reported in round 6

Default Next: YHEA-1260A

YHEA-1260A

Does the [R6_deformity] currently limit your activities?

- 1 Yes, limits a little
- 2 Yes, limits a lot
- 0 No, not currently limited by this condition
- 3 Never had this condition
- 4 No longer have this condition

Default next: YHEA-1210C-LOOP_END

YHEA-1210C-LOOP-END

UNTIL ([deformity loop], [deformity loop]=4)

- 1 Return to beginning of loop
- 0 End loop

Default next: YHEA-1210D

YHEA-1210D

Apart from the condition(s) we talked about do you have any other part of your body that is deformed or missing?

- 1 Yes (go to YHEA-1220)
- 0 No

Default next: YHEA-1310A

(d) For respondents who reported a chronic health condition in round 6:
YHEA-1310A

[R6DISAB_CHR=1]

(YHEA-1310 in R6=1)

IF CONDITION APPLIES THEN GO TO (YHEA- 1310B-loop begin)

Default next: YHEA-1310

YHEA-1310B-loop begin

[]

Section: Health

REPEAT ([R6_chronic conditions loop])

COMMENT: loop through all chronic conditions reported in round 6

Default Next: YHEA-1360A

YHEA-1360A

Does the [R6_chronic condition] currently limit your activities?

- 1 Yes, limits a little
- 2 Yes, limits a lot
- 0 No, not currently limited by this condition
- 3 Never had this condition
- 4 No longer have this condition

Default next: YHEA-1310C-LOOP END

YHEA-1310C-LOOP_END

UNTIL ([chronic condition loop], [chronic condition loop]=9)

- 1 Return to beginning of loop
- 0 End loop

Default next: YHEA-1310D

YHEA-1310D

Apart from the condition(s) we talked about, do you have any other chronic health conditions or life threatening diseases?

- 1 Yes (go to YHEA-1320)
- 0 No

Default next: YHEA-1880

In the series of questions on major events in the respondent's life, the following changes were made to the round 6 version:

6. Added a question on hospital stay for respondent in the last 5 years YHEA-2308, 2309 YHEA-2308

In the last five years, that is since you were [R's age 5 years ago] have you stayed in a hospital for at least 24 hours for treatment of an illness or injury?

- 0 No
- 1 Yes (go to YHEA-2309)

Default next: YHEA-2310

YHEA-2309

In the last five years, how many nights in total have you spent in the hospital because you were injured or ill?

____ nights

Default next: YHEA-2310

7. Added respondent's child as a response category for death in the family YHEA-2320
YHEA-2320

Was the person who died your... [CODE ALL THAT APPLY]?

- 1 Mother/stepmother
- 2 Father/stepfather
- 3 Grandparent
- 4 Brother/sister
- 5 Spouse or partner
- 7 Child
- 6 Other relative

Default next: YHEA-2500

8. Reworded the question on homelessness YHEA-2600A, 2620A
YHEA-2600A

In the last five years, have you had two or more nights in a row when you were living in an emergency or transitional shelter, in a welfare or voucher hotel, or in an abandoned building, a place of business, a car/other vehicle, or anywhere outside?

1 YES (Go to YHEA-2620A)

0 NO

Default next: YHEA-2700

YHEA-2620A

How old were you when you last had two or more nights in a row when you were living in one of these places?

.....years

Default next: YHEA-2700

9. Added a category for brother/sister to the question on family member's incarceration.

YHEA-2820

Was the person sent to jail or prison your...? (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)

1 Parent

2 Partner or spouse

5 Brother/sister

3 Other relative

4 Nonrelative

Default next: YHEA-2850

10. Added a question on age of respondent when relative was incarcerated YHEA-2850, 2860

YHEA-2850

INLIST([YHEA-2820], [incarceratedrelativeloop])

/*this condition was chosen*/

If answer=1, then Go To YHEA-2860

Default next: YHEA-2900

YHEA-2860

How old were you when your [incarceratedreltxt] went to jail or prison? If they went to jail or prison more than one time, please give me your age the last time they were incarcerated.

.....years

Default next: YHEA-2900

11. Added a question on age of respondent when relative became unemployed YHEA-2950, 2980

YHEA-2950

INLIST ([YHEA-2920], [unemployedrelativeloop]);

/*This condition was chosen*/

If Answer=1 Then Go To YHEA-2980

Default next: YHEA-3000

YHEA-2980

How old were you when your[unemployedreltxt] last became unemployed?

.....years

Default next: YHEA-3000

SAQ1

The questions in this section are included in different rounds based on a planned rotation. As planned, the respondents will be asked about communication with parents, family events, social support, religious attendance and volunteering.

Marriage

No changes except confirmation questions.

Fertility

1. Questions on the other biological parent of existing children and questions about existing non-resident children are being skipped.
2. Questions on the marital status and additional children of the other biological parent were added.

YFER-11410

What is the current legal marital status of [parents3_purname([Y10ADDED_LOOP])]?

- 0 Never-married
- 1 Married
- 2 Separated
- 3 Divorced
- 4 Widowed

Default next: YFER-11420

YFER-11420

Are you the parent of all of [parents3_purname([Y10ADDED_LOOP])]’s children?

- 1 Yes
- 0 No

Default next: YFER-11500 []

3. Dropped questions on the involvement of the father (YFER 15220 to 15240), but kept the question on the father’s presence at the birth of the child (YFER-15250)

4. Dropped question on major decisions (YFER-15260)
5. Added a question on birth weight for new biological or adopted children, who were not in the household.

YFER-5650

What was [newbioadoptchild_name([NEWBIOADOPTCHILD_LOOP]))]'s weight at birth?

-----pounds

-----ounces

Default next: YFER-5700

Child Care (short version only)

No changes from round 10.

Income

1. Updated year references throughout the section.
2. Add financial literacy and financial health questions. The order of the financial health question is determined by the value of an experimental flag.

YINC-7900

We are interested in how you think about different options for handling your money.

Default next: YINC—7910

YINC-7910

Do you think that the following statement is true or false? Buying a single company stock usually provides a safer return than a stock mutual fund.

- 1 True
- 2 False

Default next: YINC-7920

YINC-7920

Suppose you had \$100 in a savings account and the interest rate was 2% per year. After 5 years, how much do you think you would have in the account if you left the money to grow: more than \$102, exactly \$102 or less than \$102?

- 1 More than \$102
- 2 Exactly \$102
- 3 Less than \$102

Default next: YINC-7930

YINC-7930

Imagine that the interest rate on your savings account was 1% per year and inflation was 2% per year. After 1 year, would you be able to buy more than, exactly the same as, or less than today with the money in this account?

1 More than today

2 Exactly the same as today

3 Less than today

Default next: YINC-7940

YINC-7940

IF EXPT_FLAG=1 go to YINC-7950

IF EXPT_FLAG=0 go to YINC-7990

YINC-7950

During the last 12 months, have you (or your spouse/partner) used a cash advance service using any of your credit cards?

1 yes

0 no

Default next: YINC-7960

YINC-7960

During the past 12 months, have you (or your spouse/partner) obtained a payday loan?

1 Yes

0 No

Default next: YINC-7970

YINC-7970

During the past 12 months, have you (or your spouse/partner) been late in paying your rent or your mortgage by more than 60 days?

1 yes

0 no

Default next: YINC-7980

YINC-7980

During the past 12 months, were you (or your spouse/partner) pressured to pay bills by stores, creditors, or bill collectors?

1 yes

0 no

Default next: YINC-7980A

YINC-7980A

IF EXPTFLAG=1 THEN Go To YINC-7990

IF EXPTFLAG=0 THEN Go To YAST-NEW1

Default next: YINC-7990

YINC-7990

Which of the following best describes your (and your spouse/partner's) financial condition?

- 1 very comfortable and secure
- 2 able to make ends meet without much difficulty
- 3 occasionally have some difficulty making ends meet
- 4 tough to make ends meet but keeping your head above water
- 5 in over your head

Default next : YINC-7990A

YINC-7990A

IF EXPTFLAG=1 go to YAST-NEW1
IF EXPTFLAG=0 go to YINC-7950

Default next: YAST-NEW1

Assets

No changes except confirmation questions.

Program Participation

No changes except confirmation questions.

SAQ2

1. Added some more options of birth control to questions on the methods of birth control used by the respondent.

YSAQ2-311B []

Section: SAQ2

Still thinking about birth control you used since the last interview, which one of these methods did you or your partner use most often, either with or without a condom or female condom?

- 3 WITHDRAWAL (PULLING OUT)
- 5 RHYTHM (SAFE TIME)
- 2 SPERMICIDE (FOAM, GEL, JELLY, CREME, SPONGE OR SUPPOSITORIES)
- 4 DIAPHRAGM (WITH OR WITHOUT GEL)
- 7 IUD (INTRAUTERINE DEVICE)
- 11 MORNING AFTER PILL
- 6 BIRTH CONTROL PILLS
- 8 DEPO-PROVERA OR INJECTABLES
- 10 NORPLANT
- 13 PATCH (ORTHO EVRA) OR RING (NUVA RING)
- 14 CAP (FEMCAP) OR SHIELD (LEA'S SHIELD)
- 15 HAD VASECTOMY OR TUBAL LIGATION
- 12 NO OTHER METHOD

Default Next: YSAQ2-312A

Lead-In: YSAQ2-309X [1:1], YSAQ2-310 [Default]

YSAQ2-302M1 []

Section: SAQ2

Still thinking about that first time that you had sexual intercourse, did you or your sexual partner use one of these other methods of birth control?

- 3 WITHDRAWAL (PULLING OUT)
- 5 RHYTHM (SAFE TIME)
- 2 SPERMICIDE (FOAM, GEL, JELLY, CREME, SPONGE OR SUPPOSITORIES)
- 4 DIAPHRAGM (WITH OR WITHOUT GEL)
- 7 IUD (INTRAUTERINE DEVICE)
- 11 MORNING AFTER PILL
- 6 BIRTH CONTROL PILLS
- 8 DEPO-PROVERA OR INJECTABLES
- 10 NORPLANT
- 13 PATCH (ORTHO EVRA) OR RING (NUVA RING)
- 14 CAP (FEMCAP) OR SHIELD (LEA'S SHIELD)
- 15 HAD VASECTOMY OR TUBAL LIGATION
- 12 NONE OF THESE METHODS

Default Next: YSAQ2-298D40

Lead-In: YSAQ2-302L1 [Default]

- 2. Included female condom in questions about condom use.

YSAQ2-302L1 []

Section: SAQ2

That first time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your sexual partner use a condom or female condom, either to avoid pregnancy or for some other reason?

- 1 YES
- 0 NO

Default Next: YSAQ2-302M1

Lead-In: YSAQ2-301 [1:1], YSAQ2-301 [3:3]

YSAQ2-308M []

Section: SAQ2

Thinking about **ALL THE TIMES** that you have had sexual intercourse since the last interview, how many of those times did you or your sexual partner or partners use a condom or female condom?

Enter : <>

If Answer = -2 Then GoTo YSAQ2-309M

If Answer = -1 Then GoTo YSAQ2-309M

Default Next: YSAQ2-309X

Lead-In: YSAQ2-308 [Default]

YSAQ2-309M []

Section: SAQ2

Thinking about all the times that you have had sexual intercourse since the last interview, about what percent of the time, from 0 to 100, have you or your sexual partner or partners used a condom or female condom?

Enter : <>

Default Next: YSAQ2-311

Lead-In: YSAQ2-308M [-2:-2], YSAQ2-308M [-1:-1], YSAQ2-309 [Default]

YSAQ2-309X []

Section: SAQ2

[YSAQ2-308]==[YSAQ2-308M]

COMMENT: times having sex equals times having sex with a condom or female condom

If Answer = 1 Then GoTo YSAQ2-311B

Default Next: YSAQ2-310

Lead-In: YSAQ2-308M [Default]

YSAQ2-310 []

Section: SAQ2

Thinking about **ALL THE TIMES** that you have had sexual intercourse since the last interview, how many of those times did you or your sexual partner or partners use any method of birth control, including a condom or female condom?

Enter : <>

If Answer >= -2 AND Answer <= -1 Then GoTo YSAQ2-311

If Answer = 0 Then GoTo YSAQ2-312A

Default Next: YSAQ2-311B

Lead-In: YSAQ2-309X [Default]

YSAQ2-311 []

Section: SAQ2

Thinking about all the times that you have had sexual intercourse since the last interview, about what percent of the time, from 0 to 100, have you or your sexual partner or partners used any method of birth control, including a condom or female condom?

Enter : <>

If Answer >= -2 AND Answer <= 0 Then GoTo YSAQ2-312A

Default Next: YSAQ2-312A

Lead-In: YSAQ2-310 [-2:-1], YSAQ2-309M [Default]

3. Added a series of questions on contraceptive choice and knowledge at the end of the SAQ2 section.

These questions will be administered to 2 in 5 randomly selected males in 1983 cohort, 4 in 5 females in 1983 cohort.

YPECC-1 /*is R selected for PECC questions?*/

1 if condition applies, ask YPECC-5

Default: SAQ2-313

Lead-In: SAQ2-312A

YPECC-5 These next questions are about various factors that you may consider when you decide what, if any, birth control methods you will use. Information about birth control decisions help researchers understand how people make choices about their health, whether or not they want to have children, and how they involve others in their personal decisions. Some of the factors that people take into account may be general while others may be more personal or intimate. Since all of those might be relevant to the birth control decision, we will ask you about a wide range of factors.

[If R has ever had sex] As you answer these questions about birth control methods, assume that only the method of birth control is changing – things like how often you have sex or with whom you have sex would stay the same.

YPECC-6 Are you familiar with the following methods of birth control?

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| a. Withdrawal or pulling out | Y | N |
| b. Depo-Provera or other injectables | Y | N |

YPECC-7 /* define methods 1 and 2.*/

YPECC-8 The following questions are about two methods of birth control. The first method is [method 1 definition]. The second method is [method 2 definition]. We may not include all of the examples when we mention each method in the questions below, but please keep them in mind as you give your answers.

YPECC-10 /* is R male?*/

1 if condition applies, go to PECC-105_1

Default: PECC-15

YPECC-15) What do you think is the percent chance that you would get pregnant during the next twelve months

_1) if you were using [METHOD1] during that period?

_2) if you were using [METHOD2] during that period?

PECC_20) What do you think is the percent chance that you would contract a sexually transmitted disease during the next twelve months

_1) while using [METHOD1] during that period?

_2) while using [METHOD2] during that period?

YPECC-22) What do you think is the percent chance that

_1) [METHOD1] would interfere with romance and intimacy?

_2) [METHOD2] would interfere with romance and intimacy?

YPECC_25) What do you think is the percent chance that your partner would object

_1) to using [METHOD1]?

_2) to using [METHOD2]?

YPECC_30) Some methods of contraception can have unpleasant side effects like vomiting, headaches, menstrual irregularities, vaginal infection, or difficulty getting pregnant within the first twelve months of discontinuing the method. What do you think is the percent chance that you would experience an unpleasant side effect

_1) [if NOT withdrawal, rhythm or no method] due to your use of [method1]?

_2) [if NOT withdrawal] due to your use of [method2]?

If neither method will be asked, don't show PECC_30 at all.

YPECC- 35) How much do you think you would spend per month if you were using

_1) [if NOT withdrawal, rhythm or no method] only [METHOD1]?

_2) [if NOT withdrawal] only [METHOD2]?

If neither method will be asked, don't show PECC_35 at all.

Default: SAQ2-313

/*begin questions for males*/

YPECC-115) What do you think is the percent chance that your partner would get pregnant during the next twelve months

_1) if you were using [METHOD1] during that period?

_2) if you were using [METHOD2] during that period?

YPECC_120) What do you think is the percent chance that you would contract a sexually transmitted disease during the next twelve months

_1) while using [METHOD1] during that period?

_2) while using [METHOD2] during that period?

YPECC-122) What do you think is the percent chance that

_1) [METHOD1] would interfere with romance and intimacy?

_2) [METHOD2] would interfere with romance and intimacy?

YPECC_125) What do you think is the percent chance that your partner would object

_1) to using [METHOD1]?

_2) to using [METHOD2]?

YPECC- 135) How much do you think you would spend per month if you were using

_1) [if NOT withdrawal, rhythm or no method] only [METHOD1]?

_2) [if NOT withdrawal] only [METHOD2]?

If neither method will be asked, don't show PECC-135 at all.

Default: SAQ2-313

Definition text fills for YPECC-8:

No method: if you were not using any birth control method

Withdrawal: withdrawal or pulling out

Rhythm: rhythm or safe time

Spermicide: foam, jelly, crème, sponge or suppositories

Diaphragm: a diaphragm, with or without jelly
IUD: an IUD (intrauterine device)
Morning after pill: the morning-after pill
Birth control pills: the pill
Depo-provera: Depo-provera or other injectables, sometimes called ‘the shot’
Norplant
Condom: condoms or female condoms
Cap or shield (e.g. Femcap, Lea’s shield)
Ring or patch (e.g. Nuvaring., Ortho Evra)

Political Participation

This section will not be included in Round 11.

End of interview section “Tell us what you think”

This section continues our efforts to improve respondents’ engagement with the NLSY97, especially to improve data quality and response rates. The section includes a four-mode experiment with end-of-interview questions. We wish to investigate whether different types of questions might imbue respondents with different feelings toward the NLSY97 interview and therefore their survey participation. In general, we hypothesize that subjective items, personal items, and unstructured items all increase respondent engagement and may be more enjoyable for respondents to answer. All of the items in the proposed modes are subjective (objective items dominate the remainder of the NLSY97 interview), but we vary the personal or impersonal and structured or unstructured characteristics in the proposed questions.

We will assign respondents randomly to each of the four modes. The first group will be asked subjective questions about the respondent’s impression of their lives over the past year (see questions YTEL-21 to YTEL-22 below). The second and third group of respondents will be asked about their impression of the importance of NLSY97 and how well the survey captures information about respondent’s lives. These are questions YTEL-41 to 44. The final quarter of respondents will be asked YTEL51 through 53 which are questions about respondents’ attitudes towards society and civic duties.

YTEL-10 /*if txgroup=1, then ask YTEL-21. Else skip to YTEL-40*/

YTEL-21. Now let’s wrap up our conversation. Thinking about your life since [MONTH/YEAR OF LAST INTERVIEW], would you say overall that this has been a very good time in your life, a pretty good time in your life, a pretty bad time in your life, or a very bad time in your life?

- 1 VERY GOOD TIME
- 2 PRETTY GOOD TIME
- 3 PRETTY BAD TIME
- 4 VERY BAD TIME
- 5 MIXED

YTEL-21a. Why is that?

Verbatim entry:

YTEL-22. Twenty years from now, what do you think you'll remember most about your life between [MONTH/YEAR OF LAST INTERVIEW] and today?

Verbatim entry:

Default: Locator Section

YTEL-40 /*if txgroup=2 or 3, ask YTEL-41, else skip to YTEL-50*/

YTEL-41. Overall, how important do you believe the NLSY97 data are to understanding the lives of Americans in their twenties?

Very important
Somewhat important
Not very important
Not important at all

YTEL-42. Overall, how important do you think most people would believe the NLSY97 data are to understanding the lives of Americans in their twenties?

Very important
Somewhat important
Not very important
Not important at all

YTEL-43. Overall, how well do you feel that this NLSY97 interview captured information about your life?

Very well (skip to TEL-60)
Somewhat well
Somewhat poorly
Very poorly
Default: TEL-44

YTEL-44. What topics could we include in the interview to better capture information about your life?

Verbatim: _____

YTEL-50 /*if txgroup=4 then ask TEL-51, else skip to TEL-60*/

- YTEL-51 During the past 12 months, have you even once...
- | | | |
|--|-----|----|
| a. Donated blood | Yes | No |
| b. Given food or money to a homeless person | Yes | No |
| c. Returned money to a cashier after getting too much change | Yes | No |
| d. Allowed a stranger to go ahead of you in line | Yes | No |
| e. Let someone you didn't know well borrow an item of some value like dishes or tools. | Yes | No |

YTEL-52 Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements:

| | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|---|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| a. People should be willing to help others who are less fortunate. | | | | | |
| b. Those in need have to learn to take care of themselves and not depend on others. | | | | | |
| c. Personally assisting people in trouble is very important to me. | | | | | |
| d. These days people need to look after themselves and not overly worry about others. | | | | | |

YTEL-53 Here are some ways that we can participate in our society. Please tell me if you think it is very important to do these things, somewhat important to do these things, or not at all important to do these things:

| | Very Important | Somewhat Important | Not at all Important |
|--|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| a. vote in elections? | | | |
| b. serve on a jury if called? | | | |
| c. report a crime that you may have witnessed? | | | |
| d. keep fully informed about news and public issues? | | | |

YTEL-60 /*if locatorchange=1 then read YTEL-61, else default to LOCATOR Section*/

YTEL-61 Those are all of the questions that we have for you this year. As usual we appreciate the time and the attention that you give to the NLSY97.

Default: Interviewer Remarks

Locator section

The following changes were made to the locator section.

1. Half the respondents will get the locator questions distributed in the relevant sections of the interview itself so that they end with interview questions rather than locator questions. The other half of respondents, the locator section will remain at the end of the interview as in previous rounds. The two groups are randomly assigned and locatorchange takes on a value of 1 for the first group and 2 for the second group.

If locatorchange=1 then:

Questions about R's own contact information: YLOC-110 through YLOC_780A_000005. Ask after roster information and before parents (between YHHI-51900_LOOP_END and YHHI-51901)

Ask YHHI-1240 commercial locating after YHHI-1230 in Household Information section.

R's employment contact info: YLOC-1200 through YLOC-1400-000002, ask after domains of influence question and before employment roster (between YEMP-9812 and YEMP-9840R).

Expect to move YLOC-1500 through YLOC-1700 should be asked just after migration history questions (between YHHI-4300-LOOP_END and YHHI_4400)

Parental contacts (need to make sure to skip out those who at HHI-1220 said 'no'): YLOC-1750B through YLOC-1754C_000017. Ask after YHHI-56500 (Before schooling).

Contacts (need to make sure to skip out those who at HHI-1220 said 'no'): YLOC-1755 through YLOC-2098. Ask after COI (SAQ2 end), just before Health section.

Ask R's full name, nick name and driver's license between YCOI-200-000003 and YCOI-300A.
R's full name: YLOC-2110_000001 through YLOC-2110-000003
Nickname: YLOC-2200 through YLOC-2300
Driver's license YLOC-3350 through YLOC-3360_000002

2. For all respondents, we will drop Social Security Number question YLOC-3340

3. We will capture only first and last name of person in whose name phone is listed (delete YLOC-760_00002, and YLOC-760_00004 through YLOC-760_00009. Also delete YLOC-700_00002 and YLOC-700_00004 through YLOC-700_00009.)