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T10	Policy makers need federal statistics to make good decisions about things like federal funding.
T11	State and local government officials need federal statistics to make good decisions.
T12	Statistics provided by the federal agencies are generally accurate.
T13	The unemployment rate gives a true picture of what is happening to unemployment.
T14	Statistics provided by federal agencies are often biased.
T15	Elected officials interfere with the production of statistics by federal agencies.
T16	Federal statistics are made public only if approved by the president or congress.
T17	People can trust federal statistical agencies to keep information about them confidential.
T18	Federal statistical agencies give personal information about people to the IRS.
T19	Federal statistical agencies give personal information about people to marketing firms.
T3	The poverty rate
T20	People can easily find out exactly how federal statistics are produced.
T21	Federal statistical agencies are honest.
T22	Federal statistical agencies have the experts they need to produce high quality statistics.
T23	Private companies could produce more accurate statistics than Federal statistical agencies.
T24	Newspapers
T25	The military
T26	Federal statistical agencies
T27	Congress
T29	Ask you for your employment information in a survey -- or ask a state agency, like the employment or workforce office for it?
T30	Ask you for info about use of healthcare services in a survey or ask your insurance company?
T31	Ask you for info about purchases in a survey or use commercial records?
T7	Have you ever used Federal Statistics?
T9	Would you say that you tend to trust or tend not to trust federal statistics?

Item Number	Wording	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
	Now I have some questions on a different topic. At a few points throughout this next series, I will ask you to tell me why you chose your answer to that question. This will be helpful information as we try to understand how different people interpret our questions.	X		
	I will read you some numbers that you may have heard of or read about on the radio, TV, newspapers, the Internet or somewhere else. Please tell me if you have heard of them:	X		
T1	The Unemployment rate	X		
T2	The total number of people in the United States, or the population count	X		
T3	The poverty rate	X		
T4	(You mentioned that you have heard of the unemployment rate.) Do you happen to know who measures the unemployment rate (in the U.S.)?	X	X	
T5	(You mentioned that you have heard of the population count of the total number of people in the United States.) Do you happen to know who conducts the population count? (Do you happen to know who measures the total number of people in the U.S., or the population count?)	X	X	x
T6	(You mentioned that you had heard of the poverty rate.) Do you happen to know who measures the poverty rate (in the U.S.)?	X	X	
T6_1	Do you happen to know who measures the number of deaths in the U.S. caused by different diseases?		x	x
T6_2	Do you happen to know who measures the crime rate in the U.S.?		x	x
T6_3	Do you happen to know who measures the U.S. Consumer Price Index or CPI?		x	x

T7	Numbers like the unemployment rate, the population count and the poverty rate are federal statistics produced by federal statistical agencies that are part of the federal government. Have you ever used federal statistics for study or work?	X	x	x
T8	When important decisions need to be made based on statistics, which of the following sources is the most believable to you: A University, An agency of the Federal Government, A Private Company, A Political Party, The Media?	X	x	x
T9	Personally, how much trust do you have in the federal statistics in the United States? Would you say that you tend to trust federal statistics or tend not to trust them?	X	x	x

T10	Policy makers need federal statistics to make good decisions about things like federal funding.	X	X	x
T11	State and local government officials need federal statistics to make good decisions.	X	X	
T12	Statistics provided by the federal agencies are generally accurate.	X	X	x
T13	The unemployment rate gives a true picture of what is happening to unemployment.	X	X	
T14	Statistics provided by federal agencies are often biased.	X	X	x
T15	Elected officials interfere with the production of statistics by federal agencies.	X	X	x
T16	Federal statistics are made public only if approved by the president or congress.	X	X	
T17	People can trust federal statistical agencies to keep information about them confidential.	X	X	x
T18	Federal statistical agencies give personal information about people to the IRS.	X	X	
T19	Federal statistical agencies give personal information about people to marketing firms.	X	X	
T20	People can easily find out exactly how federal statistics are produced.	X	X	x
T21	Federal statistical agencies are honest.	X	X	x
T22	Federal statistical agencies have the experts they need to produce high quality statistics. (Federal statistical agencies are a reliable source for high quality statistics.)	X	X	x
T23	Private companies could produce more accurate statistics than Federal statistical agencies.	X	X	
	Now I'm going to read you a list of organizations in American society. Please tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in each one – a great deal, quite a lot, some or very little?			
T24	Newspapers	x	x	x
T25	The military	x	x	x
T26	Federal statistical agencies	x	x	x

T27	Congress	x	x	x
	In order to produce statistics, federal agencies can ask people for information in a survey or get it from another source. If you knew your name and other information would never be singled out and would only be used for statistics, would you prefer that federal statistical agencies:			
T29	Ask you for your employment information in a survey -- or ask a state agency, like the employment or workforce office for it?	x	x	x
T30	Ask you for info about use of healthcare services in a survey or ask your insurance company?	x	x	x
T31	Ask you for info about <i>purchases</i> (the cost of products you buy) in a survey or use commercial records?	x	x	x
T32	Ask you for your earnings history info in a survey -- or ask SSA?			x
T33	Ask you for your income info from you -- or ask the IRS?			x