

Harvard and Radcliffe Class of 1969 Class Survey Report

1. 1. Gender: Do you identify as

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Male	98	72%
2	Female	37	27%
3	Other	2	1%
	Total	137	100%

Other

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.30
Variance	0.24
Standard Deviation	0.49
Total Responses	137

2. 2. Are you:

#	Answer	Response	%
1	African American	2	1%
2	Asian/Asian American	0	0%
3	Caucasian	129	95%
4	Hispanic	0	0%
5	Native American	0	0%
6	Multi-racial	1	1%
7	None of the above	4	3%
	Total	136	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	7
Mean	3.11
Variance	0.59
Standard Deviation	0.77
Total Responses	136

3. 3. Please select the state in which you currently reside.

Answer	Total Responses
Vermont	2
Massachusetts	31
Florida	3
Alabama	1
Illinois	6
Washington	2
Oregon	2
Maryland	7
Tennessee	2
Connecticut	3
New York	10
Wisconsin	3
Maine	4
California	14
Rhode Island	4
Missouri	2
New Jersey	2
Ohio	4
Michigan	2
Texas	5
South Carolina	1
Colorado	4
Wyoming	1
North Carolina	2
Pennsylvania	5
New Hampshire	2
Virginia	2
Minnesota	1
Total	127

Statistic	State:
Most Common	Massachusetts (24.41%)
Total Responses	127

4. 3a. In which foreign country do you live?

Text Response
Israel
South Africa
n/a
none
Germany
Israel
Bulgaria
Canada
Canada
I do not reside in the United States. I live in Thailand. Until I moved to Thailand, I lived in Oregon. You need to give the option of living some place other than the U.S. in the above question #3.
Québec, Canada
Mexico
Florida
Washington, DC

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	14

5. 4. Are you a user of social media (Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, &c.)?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	78	57%
2	No	58	43%
	Total	136	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.43
Variance	0.25
Standard Deviation	0.50
Total Responses	136

6. 1. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1=low, 5=high), please rate the importance to you of each of the following life goals. Also indicate the 3 goals that have become more important to you in the past 5 years by making a mark in the * column

#	Question	1- low	2- Slightly important	3- Sometime s important	4- Importan t	5- Highly Importan t	*	Total Response s
1	Being well-off financially	3	12	41	63	16	1 9	154
2	Being physically fit	1	5	20	58	50	4 2	176
3	Career fulfillment	7	6	21	53	44	1 0	141
4	Caring for parents/elderly relatives	46	8	13	32	18	1 8	135
5	Fulfillment in intimate relationships	3	6	14	43	68	2 4	158
6	Having.raising children/grandchildre n	24	4	5	29	68	2 4	154
7	Having friends	1	7	17	48	60	2 2	155
8	Having influence	15	31	47	27	10	5	135
9	Having time to pursue own interests	2	4	21	54	56	4 1	178
1 0	Helping others	2	6	30	53	43	1 4	148
1 1	Personal growth	4	8	25	56	37	1 1	141
1 2	Spiritual growth	28	24	25	29	26	1 3	145
1 3	Working for social change	12	22	36	37	24	8	139

Statistic	Being well-off financially	Being physically fit	Career fulfillment	Caring for parents/elderly relatives	Fulfillment in intimate relationships	Having raising children/grandchildren	Having friends	Having influence	Having time to pursue own interests	Helping others	Personal growth	Spiritual growth	Working for social change
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Total Responses	135	136	132	124	135	130	135	131	136	134	130	132	133

7. 2. On a 1-to-5 scale (1=not at all satisfied, 5=very satisfied), how satisfied are you with:

#	Question	1- Not at all satisfied	2- Slightly satisfied	3- Somewhat satisfied	4- Mostly satisfied	5- Very satisfied	Total Responses	Mean
1	Life overall	0	0	10	71	55	136	4.33
2	Occupational choices	4	4	14	56	58	136	4.18
3	Family/personal life	3	4	13	63	53	136	4.17

Statistic	Life overall	Occupational choices	Family/personal life
Min Value	3	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5
Mean	4.33	4.18	4.17
Variance	0.37	0.89	0.78
Standard Deviation	0.61	0.94	0.88
Total Responses	136	136	136

8. 3. Current paid-work status: Which of the following best describes the type of paid work you currently perform (or performed last year)? Check all that apply.

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Full time	60	44%
2	Part time	23	17%
3	Portfolio of jobs	11	8%
4	Occasional work when it presents itself	16	12%
5	Do not work for pay	31	23%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Total Responses	137

9. 4. In an average week, how many paid hours do you work?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1-5	21	19%
2	6-10	4	4%
3	11-15	6	5%
4	16-20	7	6%
5	21-25	6	5%
6	26-30	3	3%
7	30+	64	58%
	Total	111	100%

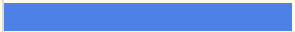





Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	7
Mean	5.14
Variance	6.00
Standard Deviation	2.45
Total Responses	111

10. 5. Do you spend time volunteering for any of the following types of organizations? Are you interested or planning to undertake volunteer work for any of these organizations? Check all that apply.

#	Question	Presently work for	Plan to spend time working for	Total Responses	Mean
1	Aging/senior advocates	5	3	8	1.38
2	Arts entities	18	11	29	1.38
3	Civic groups	28	12	40	1.30
4	Human rights groups	9	12	21	1.57
5	Medical/health providers	14	9	23	1.39
6	Political organizations	23	17	40	1.43
7	Religious groups	25	7	32	1.22
8	Youth	14	7	21	1.33

Statistic	Aging/senior advocates	Arts entities	Civic groups	Human rights groups	Medical/health providers	Political organizations	Religious groups	Youth
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mean	1.38	1.38	1.30	1.57	1.39	1.43	1.22	1.33
Variance	0.27	0.24	0.22	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.18	0.23
Standard Deviation	0.52	0.49	0.46	0.51	0.50	0.50	0.42	0.48
Total Responses	8	29	40	21	23	40	32	21

11. 6. In an average week, how many volunteer hours do you work?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	1-5		63	61%
2	6-10		22	21%
3	11-15		10	10%
4	16-20		5	5%
5	21-25		3	3%
6	26-30		1	1%
7	30+		0	0%
	Total		104	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Mean	1.71
Variance	1.24
Standard Deviation	1.11
Total Responses	104

12. 7. Which of these best describes your career?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Architecture/planning		2	1%
2	Banking/ Finance		8	6%
3	Business		6	4%
4	Computers/Information Technology		6	4%
5	Construction		0	0%
6	Creative arts		2	1%
7	Education		17	13%
8	Engineering		0	0%
9	Government/public service (including NGO's)		10	7%
10	Health/medicine		14	10%
11	Homemaking/childrearing		0	0%
12	Law		26	19%
13	Library/museum		4	3%
14	Performing arts		0	0%
15	Psychology/social services		5	4%
16	Publishing/journalism/communications		5	4%
17	Real Estate		2	1%
18	Religion		2	1%
19	Research/development		10	7%
20	Other		7	5%
21	Journalism		2	1%
22	Teaching		2	1%
23	Writing		5	4%
	Total		135	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	23
Mean	11.41
Variance	34.81
Standard Deviation	5.90
Total Responses	135

13. 8. Do you feel better off financially than your parents were at the same age?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Better	83	61%
2	Worse	21	15%
3	About the same	32	24%
	Total	136	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.63
Variance	0.71
Standard Deviation	0.84
Total Responses	136

14. 9. Approximately how many vacation and personal days do you take per year?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1-5	7	6%
2	6-10	5	4%
3	11-15	13	11%
4	16-20	17	14%
5	21-25	15	13%
6	26-30	12	10%
7	31-35	9	8%
8	36-40	6	5%
9	40+	34	29%
	Total	118	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	9
Mean	5.83
Variance	6.76
Standard Deviation	2.60
Total Responses	118

15. 10. Do you plan to stop working for pay altogether? If so, when?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Next 3 months	0	0%
2	Next 6 months	2	1%
3	Next 9 months	0	0%
4	Next 12 months	3	2%
5	In 2-3 years	20	15%
6	In 5 years	20	15%
7	In 6-10 years	22	16%
8	Never	30	22%
9	Already stopped	38	28%
	Total	135	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	2
Max Value	9
Mean	7.20
Variance	2.64
Standard Deviation	1.62
Total Responses	135

16. 11. Where do you plan to be living at the end of your life?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	My country/state of birth	9	7%
2	A country/state to which I moved or will move	15	11%
3	I plan to stay where I am now	65	48%
4	I haven't thought about it	12	9%
5	Thinking about it, but as yet can't decide	35	26%
	Total	136	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.36
Variance	1.37
Standard Deviation	1.17
Total Responses	136

17. 12. Are you planning to move in the next 5 years?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	10	7%
2	No	90	66%
3	Thinking about it	35	26%
4	Know I have to but can't get around to it	1	1%
	Total	136	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	2.20
Variance	0.32
Standard Deviation	0.57
Total Responses	136

18. 13. Are you presently downsizing?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	19	14%
2	No	96	71%
3	Planning to	21	15%
	Total	136	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	2.01
Variance	0.30
Standard Deviation	0.54
Total Responses	136

19. 14. Have you made, or are you planning to create:

#	Question	Yes	Planning on it	No	Total Responses	Mean
1	A will	115	16	2	133	1.15
2	A living will/end-of-life directive	98	28	7	133	1.32
3	A medical power-of-attorney document	98	29	5	132	1.30
4	A trust	73	18	38	129	1.73

Statistic	A will	A living will/end-of-life directive	A medical power-of-attorney document	A trust
Min Value	1	1	1	1
Max Value	3	3	3	3
Mean	1.15	1.32	1.30	1.73
Variance	0.16	0.32	0.29	0.79
Standard Deviation	0.40	0.57	0.53	0.89
Total Responses	133	133	132	129

20. 15. Comments about career/work/any topics above:

Text Response

I work 60 hours a week on projects that may or may not pay

I was fortunate in my career choice, and would happily choose the same again.

My career worked till about 2001, then I stopped getting good jobs. I imagine it was an age thing.

Regret having backed into law as a career but admit that it's been good to be able to practice alone at a low-intensity pace. Live in a small rental apartment and expect to have to move in a few years in order to reduce rent as I semi-retire and start taking social security. Feel reasonably secure financially with modest savings, a military pension, and eventual social security. Happy to have great children and grandchildren. Parents died more than three years ago (so low importance on caring for them over past few years). Generally satisfied with life now, in large part due to a fine long-term relationship as well as robust health and a high level of fitness.

If I won the lottery (but I don't but tickets) I'd retire now, I think. But maybe not, as I feel good about my work, which is in an area that allows for older people to be effective and valued.

Sometimes, experience counts. I have enough time to pursue other things but always want a bit more, so I love to see "retirement shimmering in the distance". My spouse is dragging his feet about future planning which is a worry, as he is 7 years older and a pack-rat for life.

Question No. 7 should permit multiple choices. If it did, I'd check "Law" and "Songwriting."

I am still involved in active academic medicine and enjoy both research and patient care.

I work for a summer camp about 8 weeks a year and for a Wilderness Medicine teaching company about four weeks a year. Otherwise I am retired from teaching. I do a lot of volunteer work in categories not mentioned: conservation, education, and emergency services.

The choice of 30+ as the most hours working per week as a choice made me pause. I still routinely work 50-60 hours a week on a 40 hour a week salary. Maybe time to pause and think.... also, not caring for parents and elderly relatives because they're all gone. I'm now that generation! and thankfully don't yet need care. maybe yard care!

Some answer options don't fit my current status, which is in transition to retirement. I don't intend to take another full-time job. I am open to part-time consulting, but the opportunities may or may not arise and that is not my top priority.

retired in December '13 from the managed care company for which I worked for the last five years of my career in healthcare management.....prior to that spent 20+ years as a hospital CEO and 15 years in other hospital management roles

Since retiring from medicine, I've embarked upon a second career of fiction writing that is becoming increasingly central to my professional identity.

I worked for 25 years as owner of a commercial real estate development firm, building on my skills from MIT's Master's in City Planning program. At age 44 I returned to school for a Master's in Social Work and became a manager at one of CA's largest homeless shelters. Having the flexibility to shift careers was important to my career satisfaction.

work continues to make a difference in the lives of many and that in itself makes it worthwhile

The questions are difficult for me to answer as they aren't really applicable to the way my choices about how to spend my time have evolved. I have had a series of "careers," some well-paid, some poorly-paid, and some not paid at all, but all were/are serious, time-and-energy-consuming undertakings. Thus, I could have checked several boxes in the question regarding how to describe my career, but simply checked "other" so as not to skew your results.

Full time work is currently very rewarding, but demanding -- 55 hours per week -- due to work in a university where salary of those who work for me is dependent on continued success in attracting new grants and contracts. Would like to reduce number of hours to the official work week of 35 hours.

I have pursued several lines of work simultaneously for most of my post-college life, so could have checked three of the boxes above as "best" describing my career, electing instead to pick the one that has generated the most revenue in recent years. But I would not recommend this approach unless career satisfaction is one's paramount goal and financial security is of far less concern. I am sure I would have been better prepared for eventual retirement had I been more focused on making money. But I do not think I would have been, nor would be now, anywhere near as happy overall.

I have more career satisfaction as I approach the end of my law career - planning on working some as long as I am sharp and well enough. I am able to pick and choose what I want to do and have the freedom as one self-employed to manage my own time for the most part. I wish that I had time for other pursuits - reading more widely and writing fiction and non-fiction and time for friends.

I plan to retire from my present, full-time position in October & look for part-time work, also in the library field.

I increased my volunteer work after I retired. Working at a food bank reminds me weekly to count my blessings.

I have two full-time jobs. I am a novelist and I work for an educational publisher reinventing itself as an online global educator. My mom is 93. A family member is dealing with addiction, and I'm dealing with dealing with that. I have good friends I don't see enough of. My daughter and grandkids live across the street. I work occasionally for writers' groups and even less occasionally for the Democrats. And that's my life. The house is never going to get clean.

I practiced law until I was 57, and then I retired and moved to Europe. We lived in Italy for 5 years and then moved to Berlin, where we now live. After 8 years as a non-working ex-pat, I stumbled into a part-time job in an art gallery that specializes in Modern and Contemporary art. I was always in love with the visual arts but was too risk-averse to pursue a career in that field. I feel very lucky to have had this opportunity to re-invent myself at age 64. I plan to continue working until I: (1) feel that I've lost my edge, or (2) no longer want an externally imposed structure to my day.

Although I still find my work very fulfilling, although if I had it to all over again, I would try something completely different and maybe become a mechanical engineer. That would have meant going somewhere other than Harvard--maybe MIT--and working outside of academia.

Re #1: Does "intimate" relationships mean "must be sexual"? Or does it include very close relationships with family members, friends or unrelated youth? My close relationship with certain family members and unrelated children is of top importance, but these are not sexual relationships. Also, by "influence", I inferred personal influence, rather than power in politics, etc. Influence is very important to me in terms of having my close friends and family pay attention to what I say; and, secondarily, I like to have my opinions in the local community hold some weight. Also by "physically fit", I mean "in good health", not working out to be at some top level in my class. And, re importance of "having/raising children", this is extremely important in terms of being close to young folks growing up. But none of these children whom I am close to is my own biological/adopted child or grandchild. They are often children in the community whom I have become close to, children of my niece and nephew, my nephews, etc. I think that this Questionnaire is geared a bit too much to the "standard" of being close to those who are one's own progeny, and does not take in to consideration close relationships outside the traditional nuclear family.

My work puts me in touch with a wide variety of people from all sorts of backgrounds across the state. This includes my co-workers, almost all of whom are at least 20 years younger than me, which keeps me on my toes.

You left out a career in science.

I stopped working a year ago, so I could spend more time with my husband, who is slowly dying of metastatic cancer. It was a difficult decision for me, because after years of part-time work in

my field (psychiatry) I was finally free of child-care obligations and was able to work full time. I'm thinking about an "encore career" for after my husband dies. I don't know if it will be in the same field or something completely different.

I did not have a single career in my life. I've had several vocations. I became a professional dancer -- a solo practitioner of Bharatanatyam, classical sacred South Indian dramatic dance -- and did this with varying intensity for 30 years. For 18+ years, my dominant interest was family-making and parenting my daughter. In late middle age, for 5 years, I volunteered as a hospice bedside caregiver and felt this would be my late-life vocation, but upheaval in my personal life 10 years ago brought a halt to this. For the past 9 years, I've been working as a writer/analyst/project manager/researcher in the UC Berkeley College of Chemistry College Relations office -- not a career choice, but rather a paid use of some of my skills.

I'm about to retire. I've enjoyed my work as intellectually interesting but it has not been emotionally fulfilling in the sense of being socially beneficial. At times, I feel I did not live up to or fully fulfill my potential. I will retire at the end of the year, and look forward to doing volunteer work. Still, I am a bit scared about pulling the plug on paid work.

Will work as long as it's interesting/useful.

Will work as long as it's interesting/useful.

Retired from government service two years ago after 43 years. Have no intention to seek any further paid employment. Will very likely look into opportunities to perform volunteer work within the next few years. Right now, just immensely enjoying being fully retired.

Engaged in legal career for some 30 yrs before moving to very exciting bus opportunity which involved leading a co which was one of the pioneers in America's shale energy boom. Upon the sale of that co I happily retired and enjoy spending time ,which I did not have before , with my 6 grandchildren and pursuing personal and philanthropic interests.

Preparation for death seems important. The Dalai Lama said he thinks about death everynday.

I trade from home full time--is that considered work?

Work is winding down -- and I'm trying to figure out what to do now!

I'm essentially retired, though am available to do jobs should they present themselves. At this point I don't find work as attractive as the personal and volunteering opportunities I have.

I succeeded in serving as the intermediary between an individual and a large entity, making the event personal. I succeeded in performing well in a productive role in a group effort. I have led a blessed life, with remembered life events selected to give me a sense of being good, and of being protected. .

Some questions unclear, e.g. if one is working in a job that helps alleviate a societal problem, is that helping others?

I do not know if it is possible in this day and age or going forward, but my traditional Harvard education in the Humanities (Far Eastern Languages), then an MA in Asian Studies, and a Ph.D. in History enabled me to do the following things: Be the Corporate Secretary for the family business, a Director of the State Economic Development Office of Oregon in Japan, the Senior Administrator of the largest American University in Asia, a high-level executive at a multi-national Japanese corporation, the senior American in American in that company, and the head of international education at two major Academic Health Centers, as well as the Director (in retirement) of an important institute of international nursing for the most important academic and medical health center in S.E.Asia and one of America's most important public universities. It an age of emphasis on careers in law, medicine, and finance, it is amazing to me that I rather flourished as a peer in those worlds with a traditional Harvard education, and graduate education at leading universities including the University of Tokyo. I guess what I am saying that this education prepared me for high positions in government, business, and education. While in did not make me rich financially, it made me rich in life.

I am totally flummoxed trying to think about when to stop working and moving to a place where I am not responsible for home maintenance, repair, snow shoveling, etc. I enjoy my job and can't

even figure out how to cut back to work part time. I am sorry I couldn't attend the reunion as I would have loved to hear how others are dealing with the cutting back on work issue.

On item #5, I didn't find any option that fits the focus of my fairly extensive volunteer activity, e.g., environment protection/land conservation. I retired at age 63 in order to be able to devote more time to working with my local land trust, which has no paid staff, and to a lesser extent, to have more time for projects around the house. (Since 1995, I've served on the land trust board for fifteen years, five as president and ten as director. I presently function as sort of the unofficial executive director.)

After 29 years of elementary teaching, two years of social work and two years of Head Start, I feel that I have paid my debt to society. I enjoy my retirement very much. I do a little volunteering, but no longer feel that it is entirely up to me to save the world. There are many other competent humans out there.

I love my work as a couple's therapist and retreat leader. I can't imagine stopping unless medically necessary. My mother-in-law worked as a psychologist until she was 95 and was incredibly wise, helpful and an inspiration to her clients. She is my role model in this.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	44

21. 1. What is your religious preference?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Baha'i	2	1%
2	Buddhist	5	4%
3	Christian Scientist	1	1%
4	Eastern Orthodox	0	0%
5	Evangelical Christian	1	1%
6	Hindu	0	0%
7	Jewish	31	23%
8	Mormon	0	0%
9	Muslim	0	0%
10	Protestant	26	19%
11	Quaker	3	2%
12	Roman Catholic	15	11%
13	Sikh	0	0%
14	Sufi	0	0%
15	Taoist	0	0%
16	No religious preference	27	20%
17	Other (specify)	23	17%
	Total	134	100%

Other (specify)
Atheist
JewBu
Unitarian
atheist
Atheist
Personal Faith
Atheist
atheist
Atheist
Pagan!
Gnostic/Taoist
I feel most at home with Christian metaphor, but my spirituality is deeply imbued by Sufism, Hinduism and Buddhism.
Anglo-Catholic
Atheist
humanist
humanist
raised Protestant
[eastern]
I'm a disciple of D.H. Lawrence
Atheist
none, period -- agnostic -- and why is this not a choice?
Jewish plus part of a non-theistic spiritual group
Being Present to Life

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	17
Mean	11.44
Variance	20.44
Standard Deviation	4.52
Total Responses	134

22. 2. Do you believe in a deity (or deities)?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	46	35%
2	Maybe	31	23%
3	No	55	42%
	Total	132	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	2.07
Variance	0.77
Standard Deviation	0.88
Total Responses	132

23. 3. Over the course of a year, do you take part in organized religious activity?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Never	47	34%
2	A few times	42	30%
3	Monthly	16	12%
4	Weekly	27	20%
5	Daily	6	4%
	Total	138	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	2.30
Variance	1.55
Standard Deviation	1.25
Total Responses	138

24. 4. How central to you is your spiritual life?

#	Question	1- Not at all important	2- Not very important	3- Slightly important	4- Important	5- Most important aspect of myself	Total Responses	Mean
1	My spiritual life is:	26	22	20	50	16	134	3.06

Statistic	My spiritual life is:
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.06
Variance	1.80
Standard Deviation	1.34
Total Responses	134

25. 5. Comments on religion/spirituality:

Text Response

I don't really know what the questionnaire means by "spiritual life." As long as a person isn't brain-dead, what other kind is there?

If "spirituality" encompasses concern about philosophical questions (ontology, epistemology) and fascination with questions like "Why is there anything rather than nothing at all?", then I consider myself highly spiritual. I reject traditional religion outright and without reservation. Much of my internal rumination focuses on what I consider to be spiritual questions such as the basis for ethical behavior in the absence of any "higher power" and the degree to which our ability to understand the universe and our place in it is limited by language and culture.

I don't believe in supernatural entities or agencies; still trying to define spirituality.

Our minyan (Jewish) is our community and the biggest reason we would not move to the sunbelt in retirement.

I have 'migrated' away from Judaism to become a Unitarian, mainly due to increasing dislike of ritual.

important source of inter-generational community and a safe space for important conversations beyond typically defined "religion", an important community in which we raised our children and conveyed important values to them.

contemplating taking my RC background seriously again

My husband and I sing on Sundays in our church choir, but we do so more for musical reasons than for religious reasons.

I define spirituality in terms of adhering to a moral code that governs how I interact with my fellow beings rather than in terms of ritual or organized religion.

You do not provide the options of atheist, agnostic or humanist. I think this was an oversight in the survey. I chose "other" out of necessity but it is an unsatisfactory option.

I participate in a twice monthly discussion of how the Torah reading for the week applies to life experiences. I also engage in culturally related Jewish events: Passover and Hanukkah.

These allow me to pass on values to my granddaughters.

We all rely on our God and our Angels when times are tough

As an ecologist, I believe in the unity of life. As a human being, I believe in the golden rule. As far as the issue of whether God exists or whether there is an afterlife, it doesn't really matter to me. I live my life based on what I feel is a good life without expectation of a reward in the afterlife.

An important set of ethical principles.

I am married to someone of a different religious upbringing and present-day beliefs, so rather than going to two different churches we are simply unchurched. I miss the immediacy of singing in a choir, but continue to compose sacred music and have several choral directors who make good use of what I write.

I am a follower of the Buddha or more accurately I study various books on Buddhism and meditation practice. I am a long way from being a follower of the eight-fold path that leads to an end to suffering - the mental turmoil - monkey mind - that wanting - our craving crates. We are all heir to the suffering of the mind or at least the sense that things are not quite right and we may lose what we have - happiness, family, health and we suffer from various "defilements" - anger, ignorance, envy, exhaustion... . Nonetheless, when I took a 8 week "course" in mediation after years of reading and doing some self-teaching, my life has changed toward a person more at peace with myself. I am accepting my limits, my physical problems as manageable as they are, and concerns about retirement and what it will hold, knowing that with my wife, we are very fortunate.

Religion provides a cultural & community identity more than spirituality.

As I have aged, I have grown in tolerance and cannot abide people judging others about their

religion.

People often speak of "spirituality" -- and that's fine for them. Once upon a time I thought I knew what "spiritual" and "spirituality" meant. Now I do not understand them at all. So when this survey asks "How central to you is your spiritual life?" I don't know how to answer.

Spirituality is basic to the human species, but organized religion is imposed from without and the raison d'etre of most is to control in order to accumulate wealth and power.

Notwithstanding the diffidence of my other answers here, I'm actually quite involved with my church and find being so very satisfying. Even if I find it hard to be spiritual myself, I very much like it in others.

I'm a radical Catholic. I believe in gay marriage, ordaining women, and a reform of the autocratic Church governance. I'd be equally happy as an Episcopalian or Lutheran, but I'd miss my friends.

My Baha'i belief helps me to find meaning and set priorities in life. Activities related to the Baha'i community-building process have kept me at least as busy as I was when working for the International Monetary Fund, and are much more rewarding.

My views on spirituality may be found in my published books: *The Nature of Mind*, *The Conscious Mind and the Physical World*, and *Reimagining the Soul*

What is meant by "spiritual"? My "spiritual" beliefs are not something I share with and celebrate with others, but they are certainly an important part of being human. I don't bring these beliefs to any institution, but feelings of empathy, helping others, acting right, etc. are core parts of my being. I would like, perhaps, to find some institutional outlet for such feelings, but instead they are things I consider every time I take significant action.

I was raised in a secular Jewish environment, with minimal religious education. From an early age I knew I was an atheist. Despite that, I studied for a Bat Mitzvah as an adult, and was active in a Reconstructionist synagogue for about twenty years. I recently withdrew from the synagogue as the services lost meaning for me. I've spent time among Quakers, Unitarians and Buddhists, but none of those communities was a fit for me--not surprising since I'm an atheist. At this point in my life, I don't feel the need for any religion-based affiliation. Probably what I'm looking for I'd find in the Democratic party, but I'd rather spend my time reading and being with friends and family.

Spirituality concerns the not visible powers directing this life and possible experiences in future dimensions.

I am a seeker -- and have been most of my life. Background: I was raised in a benign and reserved (Congregational) Christianity and then studied and immersed myself in Hinduism for years, becoming a practitioner of a sacred devotional dance form. I was married for 25 years to a Zen Buddhist priest and involved in the practice of Zen and Vipassana directly and indirectly. For 5 years I also volunteered in a meditation-based residential hospice, which was staffed by many other seekers on various journeys, and was immensely nurtured by this. In my 60's, I have both felt the necessity and had the opportunity to explore my spiritual urge more deeply. I am currently attending an extraordinary black Pentecostal church in Oakland that has welcomed me and my personality whole-heartedly and in which, despite our differences in experience and style, I feel more at home than in any previous congregation of any faith. I am profoundly nourished there. I spend many hours a week, I would say, grappling with issues of loss and love and God and spirit and darkness and faith and endurance. I am thrilled, each time, when I encounter something that throws light on any of those things for me.

I'm agnostic and concerned about the recrudescence of simplistic religion in this country and the world, and the efforts to impose those beliefs on others.

Contemplation of philosophical questions is what I mean by "spirituality" and it is central to my experience of life.

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So hard to define!

Singing and religion go hand and hand with my spirituality!

There is a huge difference to me between "spirituality" and "religion" - the latter is very unattractive to me, in many respects. The former is quite important - though I haven't yet found a way to do anything "spiritual" in a "collective" manner - and maybe I never will.

the best part of faith in god is the trust that living your life is all that matters, because god gave it to us , and his grace is ok.

I believe that one of the last large challenges that I face in life is becoming the best person that I can, and to do that I have to work and focus on core ethical and moral issues.....not to judge others, but to pick myself up and try again when I inevitably let myself down. I reflect much and often. I have found the things that give me the most joy are those that I do for others; especially for my adopted sons. I have given away much of my personal wealth, and while I worry a bit about financial security, I am very glad that I have. The good that it has done has transformed at least three lives, and the small acts of "loving kindness" that I try to practice every day, do much the same to a smaller degree as well.

An organised religion and a mystic spirituality are wholly different things !

The contradiction between my own lack of belief and my participation in regular observances is that I am an anthropologist and live where I work. I participate as fully as possible in the communal observations of my neighbors, and enjoy it, but without believing the theological part. I am "unchurched", but many of the personal values that I consider important were acquired in part during my church and Sunday school attendance in my youth.

I am a mystic, interested in experiencing what's given in the present, without assumptions, beliefs. I also have an affectionate cultural connection with being Jewish.

My family was Latvian Lutheran, although my father was really an atheist, and my mother has always had a deep connection to Nature. I am trained as a Gestalt therapist (a very present focused type of therapy) and I am a long-time Zen meditator. I love creating rituals and I have cultivated my attention to my body and my breathing for years. As a result I trust the flow of my life and I experience a level of aliveness that feels deeply meaningful and connecting and spiritual to me. .

Participate in a 12-step program on a weekly basis.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	43

26. 1. Do you identify as:

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Democratic	73	53%
2	Green	0	0%
3	Independent	16	12%
4	Liberal/Progressive	18	13%
5	Republican	11	8%
6	Socialist	6	4%
7	Tea Party	3	2%
8	Other	0	0%
9	No party identification	10	7%
	Total	137	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	9
Mean	2.88
Variance	5.99
Standard Deviation	2.45
Total Responses	137

27. 2. Do you generally consider yourself to be:

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Far left	20	15%
2	Liberal	74	57%
3	Middle of the road	25	19%
4	Conservative	10	8%
5	Far right	1	1%
	Total	130	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	2.22
Variance	0.68
Standard Deviation	0.83
Total Responses	130

28. 3. How central in your life has politics/political activity been?

#	Question	1- Not at all central	2- Slightly central	3- Sometimes central	4- Mostly central	5- Totally central	Total Responses	Mean
1	Politics and political activity in my life has been:	24	33	47	28	3	135	2.65

Statistic	Politics and political activity in my life has been:
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	2.65
Variance	1.14
Standard Deviation	1.07
Total Responses	135

29. 4. Are you more politically involved today than you were two decades ago?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	29	21%
2	No, about the same	87	64%
3	No, less so	20	15%
	Total	136	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.93
Variance	0.36
Standard Deviation	0.60
Total Responses	136

30. 5. How important will the following be in shaping the future of the world, or how much of an impact do you think the following will have? Please rate your answer on a 5 point scale (1 = will have little to no impact, 5 = will have a significant impact).

#	Question	1- Will have no impact	2- Will have little impact	3- Will have slight impact	4- Will have definite impact	5- Will have significant impact	Total Responses	Mean
1	Access to good education	0	3	4	38	90	135	4.59
2	Balancing the national budget	13	33	45	29	13	133	2.97
3	Climate change	5	10	10	25	86	136	4.30
4	Continuing existence of Guantanamo	36	44	42	9	2	133	2.23
5	Critical thinking by the electorate	7	23	20	44	39	133	3.64
6	Domestic surveillance of U.S. citizens	9	20	47	44	12	132	3.23
7	International human rights and democratic movements	2	12	35	60	24	133	3.69
8	Poverty	0	8	13	55	60	136	4.23
9	Tax inequities	4	16	19	62	34	135	3.79
10	Terrorist attacks	4	15	32	57	25	133	3.63
11	Upkeep of U.S. infrastructure	1	5	26	72	27	131	3.91
12	U.S. surveillance of citizens of other nations	6	30	55	31	9	131	3.05
13	Wage inequality	3	16	14	64	38	135	3.87

14	War	0	3	18	51	62	134	4.28
15	Wealth inequality	6	11	14	45	60	136	4.04
16	World population growth	7	12	18	48	49	134	3.90

Statistic	Access to good education	Balancing the national budget	Climate change	Continuing existence of Guantanamo	Critical thinking by the electorate	Domestic surveillance of U.S. citizens	International human rights and democratic movements	Poverty	Tax inequities	Terrorist attacks	Upkeep of U.S. infrastructure	U.S. surveillance of citizens of other nations	Wage inequality	War	Wealth inequality	World population growth
Min Value	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	4.59	2.97	4.30	2.23	3.64	3.23	3.69	4.23	3.79	3.63	3.91	3.05	3.87	4.28	4.04	3.90
Variance	0.44	1.26	1.25	0.95	1.49	1.08	0.85	0.73	1.10	1.02	0.62	0.93	1.05	0.61	1.27	1.33
Standard Deviation	0.66	1.12	1.12	0.97	1.22	1.04	0.92	0.85	1.05	1.01	0.79	0.96	1.03	0.78	1.13	1.15
Total Responses	135	133	136	133	133	132	133	136	135	133	131	131	135	134	136	134

31. 6. Do you have a passport?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes (American or other)		130	95%
2	No		4	3%
3	More than one		3	2%
	Total		137	100%

Yes (American or other)
American and Israeli
American
american
American
both standard and Diplomatic
American
US
expired long ago
American
USA
American
american
US
American
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Canadian
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American
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US

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.07
Variance	0.11
Standard Deviation	0.34
Total Responses	137

32. 7. Comments on politics:

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I would have preferred a choice of libertarian to Tea Party.

I'm afraid the West is collapsing from its own purposelessness.

Don't get me started.

I wonder if I am the only class member who admits to identifying with the goals (not all the tactics or spokespersons) of the tea party.

I hate politics, which is a failing of mine. I mostly avoid it.

#5 poorly worded. Hard to understand multiple ambiguous questions.

I believe that the massive increase in the pace with which information flows has radically changed our anxiety about the world at large and our own country.....I have no doubt that the conduct of man and nations has remained as troubled as we perceive it today for centuries, we just have so much greater access to the details that we are overwhelmed by what we are compelled to digest on a daily basis. I am further bothered by the degree to which short term business and political decision making dominate our nation's economic climate. Our continued obsession with quarterly reports as opposed to long term strategic thinking and actions will erode our capacity to prosper over time.....much to our collective disadvantage.

Climate change is far and away the greatest threat to our existence and welfare.

A flaw in the question: "The future of the world" is too broad, especially because so many of the items are pointed at domestic US policy. I don't think the electorate engages in critical thinking, so I have problems with the way this is phrased.

As a social worker and a liberal, I believe that our society needs a social safety net for those who are disabled.

I am proud to have worked for the election of Sen. Warren of MA

The stressors of daily life in a world of burgeoning population and shrinking resources appear to be driving a great many people in multiple countries and cultures towards some form of fascist/punitive-orthodox ideation. This is an alarming trend, not least because it undermines just the sort of education that is a prerequisite for rational problem-solving and the creation and sustaining of egalitarian societies and polities. As Americans we have a collective opportunity to show the world how a modern democratic society can reject reactionary extremism, but at present we do not seem to me to be doing a very good job of it. Still, I continue to have faith in the integrity of the electoral process and the fundamental common sense of the electorate to recognize the potential for an authoritarian regime and to reject that in favor of some form of the Enlightenment liberalism (even if under a different name) underlying our core political texts and civic practices.

We remember the turmoil of the 60's and 70's and some of us were participants at least in spirit. We also had hope for change when politics was the art of the possible and politicians thought government had a duty to govern. Amid all of the political anguish caused by race hatred, war, assassinations, and now the ravages of climate change, we see our institutions of Congress, the Supreme Court and even the Presidency, failing to confront the challenges of our time. Some blame our generation. Do we, the leading edge of the baby boomers, still have the ideals that we had in '69? Or are we so self-absorbed with our own lives and families that we will leave such a mess - species and oceans dieing, land and forests failing, a world becoming uninhabitable in coming decades or centuries? Will we let our children and grandchildren inherit a future where for the first time generations may see life and hope diminished by the failures to act of their parents.

I have no respect for, or faith in, the leaders of either political party.

I characterize myself as liberal rather than as far left because I have little interest in the vanguard issues of gender & sex.

Some of the marked topics under #5 are more important to the US specifically than the world

overall.

Way too much extreme politics in media. Even those to attempt to be fair always search for the extreme position in others.

The book by Thomas Piketty, "Capital in the 21st century," connects wealth and politics in an important way, thereby revealing the biggest single issue facing the US population regarding its likely future. Recent reports by the IMF and even S&P show that wealth inequality in the US is so extreme it's a drag on our nation's present and future.

I don't even know where to start. Here is a partial list of some issues of great concern: US Congressional dysfunction. Propaganda and corruption everywhere in the world. The elevation of democracy over meritocracy. The under-representation of women in almost all governments. Muslims and non-Muslims battling it out for reasons I cannot fathom. Antagonism and competition where there should be cooperation and collaboration. And the blind eye toward the elephant in everyone's living room--climate change.

I believe in using private markets but also in raising marginal tax rates, on both income and wealth. Doing so is unlikely to slow economic growth, and the revenue can be used to fund education, research, and health care--all goods where private markets fail.

The challenges that we have to face (nuclear war, climate change, instability in foreign countries, education and wealth inequality domestically) are so large that it is imperative that we be able to work together and have long-term solutions. Unfortunately, politics seems the wrong medium for this. Where will we turn for solutions?

Question 5 is totally off base, or (worse) useless. For example, domestic surveillance (presumably by the government) might seem to be a big deal. In fact, it isn't that important in the sense that Amazon and Facebook or credit reporting agencies or (you insert the name) probably know WAY more about me than does the government. For example, inequality may have an impact, but far more important is overall economic growth (a rising tide does raise all ships). Are you only attempting to get at impact, impact for good, or impact for bad?

Whole thing is very confusing, and not very useful

It hasn't turned out the way I had hoped when we graduated.

Until the Babylonia system of money magick as defined by the usury system of paying interest on your own money, the charade of political parties is of little relevance except to those employed by them.

I am a liberal and an idealist, with socialist leanings, except where I suddenly find myself being a kind of old-time conservative.

The past six years, with a decent man with progressive views as president, have confirmed my sense that significant structural change is NOT readily possible in this country. The power of dominant institutions and established wealth cannot be readily challenged.

I am a Northern liberal democrat with deep family ties to the rural south. My observation is that liberals talk about "mutual respect and understanding" by which we seem to mean "you understand and respect me because I am smarter and better than you." I believe we liberals lack nuance in our understanding of how many different stances there on gun control, for example, and even abortion and "big government". I believe we are wilfully obtuse with regard to our own blind spots. It is always ridiculous to believe that we are entirely right and others entirely wrong. We, as a group, refuse to accept any blame for the tragic state of American politics. I believe that Barack Obama actually understands this, to his great credit, no matter how difficult it has been for him to deal with conservative politicians.

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Its a shame that our leaders, including the current leaders of both parties, let political

considerations (i.e., election consequences) control their decision making process rather than focusing on the "right thing to do".

Please factor in chance, the unexpected, surprises, miracles, and mysteries. Unconscious forces endure.

I identify as Libertarian which eludes left/right classification.

Strong advocate for free market policies

I abhor the aggressive rhetoric and lack of ability to compromise which seems to characterize the US political scene at present. While there are some things that it is appropriate - and even necessary - to be an "extremist" in support of, in most areas the "middle way" is the right one in my opinion. People of all persuasions need to spend more time listening to others, and less time in bombastic rants.

Both political parties have been bought and paid for by big business and big lobbies. This means that American foreign and domestic policy have been bought by those same groups, to the detriment of rational decision-making. Major changes will have to happen before we get out of this mess.

there does seem to be an attempt at a revolution from the right, but the cast is inept. the most important element of the effort is the subjugation of the American populace to the directors of the global corporations. really, if the movers of global industrialization don't respect the workers of the world, it will not be successful. we have had enough experience with success here in the united states that we should appreciate it, and export that success, not look for enslavement of the whole world.

Of the above, "Critical thinking by the electorate" seems to me by far the most important, the only possible foundation, in fact, for benign change in the other areas.

The Republicans in Congress should all be impeached.

We are witnessing the end of the American Empire, and we are entering an age when we will have war forever. The population of the U.S. as a whole has never had much influence on its government, and will have even less in the future. The very rich will continue to drive this country into the ground, and Harvard will play a large part in this. The Harvard Business School may be the largest contributor to the collapse of the American system of Western business among them all. It has been part of a rapacious and immoral assault on the people of the planet, and a huge facilitator of an economic system designed to extract wealth from all members of society by the elite. It has foisted profit as an end in itself upon the entire world, and this American economic system is responsible for the end of America as we know it.

Structural change, almost by definition, is far more likely by working outside existing institutions than within them.

The ignorance of the American population is beyond belief.

I don't live in the US, and don't identify with many of the issues given above; they seem parochial in the context of the world as a whole. Similarly for the "far left" to "far right" categories. In the eyes of my Republican parents, I would have been the former. In my own eyes, my socialist convictions come from long experience with poor people and inequality. 'nuff said.

The stuckness of Congress is very discouraging. I was very hopeful when Obama was elected. Delighted to have someone so conscious for president. I found the rise of the Tea Party very disturbing. I feel great sadness for all the turmoil and pain in the world.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	44

33. 1. How many children do you have? Stepchildren?

#	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8+	Total Responses	Mean
1	Children	26	54	24	1	2	1	0	0	0	108	2.09
2	Stepchildren	9	5	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	20	2.15

Statistic	Children	Stepchildren
Min Value	1	1
Max Value	6	5
Mean	2.09	2.15
Variance	0.81	1.92
Standard Deviation	0.90	1.39
Total Responses	108	20

34. 2. How old is your oldest child?

#	Question	15-20	21-26	27-32	33-38	39-44	45+	Other please specify	Total Responses	Mean
1	Oldest child	4	11	25	36	25	8	2	111	3.89

Statistic	Oldest child
Min Value	1
Max Value	7
Mean	3.89
Variance	1.62
Standard Deviation	1.27
Total Responses	111

35. 3. How old is your youngest child?

#	Question	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26+	Other please specify	Total Responses	Mean
1	Youngest child	0	1	4	5	16	71	4	101	5.62

Statistic	Youngest child
Min Value	2
Max Value	7
Mean	5.62
Variance	0.78
Standard Deviation	0.88
Total Responses	101

36. 4. How many grandchildren do you have?

#	Question	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11+	Total Responses	Mean
1	Grandchildren	25	21	5	4	0	1	56	1.86

Statistic	Grandchildren
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Mean	1.86
Variance	1.11
Standard Deviation	1.05
Total Responses	56

37. 5. Did you/do you/would you send your children, for all or any part of their education, to:

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Public School	83	75%
2	Private school	79	71%
3	Parochial or religious school	12	11%
4	Home school	5	5%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Total Responses	111

38. 6. Did or do you have children or grandchildren who attended Harvard/Radcliffe? Please enter the number of children or grandchildren in the box.

Default - Children attended

Harvard	Radcliffe
1	
1	
2	
2	
0	
1	
2	
1	
2	
0	0
2	
3	
3	
1	
3	
0	0
1	
1	1
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Default - Grandchildren attended

Harvard	Radcliffe
0	0
0	0
0	

Default - Couldn't afford

Harvard	Radcliffe
0	

Default - Didn't get in

Harvard	Radcliffe
1	
1	
1	
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1	
2	
1	
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1	
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1	
1	
2	
1	
0	
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2	
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2	
	1

Default - They chose not to apply

Harvard	Radcliffe
1	
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2	
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3	
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5	
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1	2
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1	1
1	2
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3	
	2
	2
	1
	1
	1

Default - I discouraged them

Harvard	Radcliffe
2	
2	
1	
0	
1	
1	
	1

Statistic	Children attended	Grandchildren attended	Couldn't afford	Didn't get in	They chose not to apply	I discouraged them
Min Value	-	-	-	-	-	-
Max Value	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Responses	-	-	-	-	-	-

39. 7. Are your parents:

#	Question	Mother	Father	Total Responses	Mean
1	Living independently	8	11	19	1.58
2	Living in assisted setting or nursing home	9	9	18	1.50
3	Living with you	1	5	6	1.83
4	Deceased	35	98	133	1.74

Statistic	Living independently	Living in assisted setting or nursing home	Living with you	Deceased
Min Value	1	1	1	1
Max Value	2	2	2	2
Mean	1.58	1.50	1.83	1.74
Variance	0.26	0.26	0.17	0.20
Standard Deviation	0.51	0.51	0.41	0.44
Total Responses	19	18	6	133

40. 8. How much time per week do you devote to caring for your parents?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Do not do this	100	84%
2	1-2 hours	9	8%
3	2-3 hours	3	3%
4	3-4 hours	1	1%
5	4-5 hours	1	1%
6	5-6 hours	2	2%
7	6-7 hours	1	1%
8	Live with me	2	2%
	Total	119	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	8
Mean	1.44
Variance	1.76
Standard Deviation	1.33
Total Responses	119

41. 9. Are you an empty-nester? How empty? Do you anticipate becoming an empty nester in the next five years? Comments?

Text Response

My only child never contacts me. Couldn't be more empty nester than that, except for G-d forbid.

Yes, empty.

Got divorced in 1987 and haven't lived with my children since getting separated in 1985. In early years of separation/divorce it was a struggle to maintain close relationships with children especially because my very angry wife undermined those relationships. Now have very strong relationships with all three children. Answer to the following question about amount of contact, "Just right", applies to the two children who live nearby but not to the one who lives on Los Angeles--I get out there as often as I can but that amounts to about three times a year.

not now but expect to be soon

empty

No. Not with a 7-year-old. Question 7: it won't give me the option to say that both of my parents are deceased.

Being an empty nester is excellent. All three children have good jobs and careers.

Currently

yes - but I'm blessed - both kids live within 20 minutes. Had a great evening with them tonight over dinner.

Living alone now. Children grew up and moved out many years ago, wife passed away 5 years ago.

neither child lives with us now and post college they spent a total of five years living with us, one for 3 years and one for two years.

Yes: our daughter is 26; she lives and works in a different state, several hours away from us. We're proud that she has made a successful transition to the adult world, but we miss having her at home. SIDE NOTE: When I tried to indicate, above, that both of my parents have died, the survey would allow me to choose "deceased" for only one of them. Something is not working properly!

Yes. No children living at home. Geographically dispersed.

My husband and I have three adult children, none of whom live with us.

yes

Both my children have been living independently for many years. The older is 43 and the younger is 40.

Yes, empty nester

Been an empty nester for 9 years.

Yes. Live by myself

Empty nester. Happy my son is doing well on his own.

Yes... my son is married and has his own family

Empty nester

Since we don't have kids, my husband and I have always been empty-nesters. I guess we were ahead of the curve (-:

My wife and I still live in our house in Wellesley, MA. Children are grown and live in other cities.

Yes. My stepson came back to live with us for about six months before his marriage in 2006 and purchase of a starter home two towns away. We would consider taking in my niece, now in college, should this be necessary, but presently it's just my wife and myself, which is fine with us.

You bet.

We have been empty - nesters for about 15 years. We are very fortunate in that two of our daughters live within 10-15 minutes from us and the other lives 45 minutes away. We see our three grandchildren often. As a blended family (it seems strange to use the term), my own daughter - the youngest - and two step-daughters are very close and all three are very close to both of us. Sometimes I do not realize how much gratitude I have for the joy of having such a loving family - I try to focus on that when sometimes family get-togethers seem to take time from something I feel I should be doing to market my law practice.

Yes, I am an empty-nester - my only child is graduating from college this year.

Yes. No children at home. However, we have regular visits from children and grandchildren.

Our son still lives at home. We expect to become empty-nesters at any time. But he has returned home before, so we are really boomerangers.

No kids, parents, or grandkids at home. But the nest is quite full!

My spouse and I care for our adult disabled child at home.

Nest has been empty for 16 years. It is a distinct new phase in married life where we renew the reasons we got married. We raised our children to expect to be independent after college, and they are.

Yes

No, still have a daughter living with me. She will move out before the reunion.

No. One child left. Yes, hopefully.

second son is a senior in high school; leaves at the end of 2015

The nest has somewhat expanded; my daughter and her husband and children live across the street.

Yes. The kids aren't very nearby, so pretty empty. I feel like we're in pretty good touch.

We still have one child (age 22) at home, but she is eager to move out and will do so once she is sure her new job is permanent.

Yes.

Generally, "empty" but with frequent returns

yes

Somewhat empty-nester - kids are in and out.

No. We have three teenagers at home.

empty

My daughter is in Africa.

Yes, in the sense that they have their own homes and careers and are financially independent. But we all spend a lot of time together (meaning spend a night or more at each other's homes almost every week)

Anticipate an empty nest in the next few years

Empty-nester since 1999

Yes

My 26 year old son "boomeranged" after college graduation. After working full time for two years and saving his salary, he became a free-lancer in his field (robotics) while building up his own business, which is now his primary focus. My husband and I really enjoy having him live with us, as he's a very nice person (not that I'm biased!). I'll feel wistful when he decides he's ready for his own place. My European friends seem to understand this very well, but not so much my American friends.

After 2004, my daughter no longer lived at home. She now lives in Pennsylvania, which makes the nest very very empty.

We had no children. This enabled us to do many things that might not have been possible with children. But at times, I feel that I've missed something fundamental. Perhaps, the simplest purpose of human existence is to propagate, and to leave something of oneself for the future,

Completely empty

We have no children living at home.

Yes, and both parents deceased.

Re 7 above, both parents are deceased (wouldn't let me check both dots). Children long since grown and gone, but got separated from wife when they were young so didn't really experience the emptying of the nest.

children all grown My wife and I live alone...

children all grown My wife and I live alone...

yes. children visit but live on their own.

Yes. How does one define "how empty?" Our last child left for college in 2005. Each of our children is now over a thousand miles away, but we see them both several times a year, both at our home and theirs.

yes

Yes

Only recently did my youngest daughter enter college, so we are empty for the first time

Yes. We still debate Tom Cottle's off-hand remark that adolescence continues to 35.

Yes.

No children at home.

Yes. The independence has been great.

very empty -- too empty

I am the divorced father of two children whom I love dearly, aged 11 and 12 - their existence is the most important thing in my life.

We are empty-nesters. Our closest child lives 25 miles away. The other two live half a continent away

my wife and I keep to ourselves, with a close attachment to her sister. I am still horny enough to avoid social contact out of concern for avoiding being a dirty old man.

Empty Nester - both children married with kids

No kids at home. Cat still lives with us.

yes

One child is still trying to move out, will likely do so soon

My children have never lived with me.

Question seven - inappropriate radio buttons - both my parents are deceased.

Yes. an empty nester, although one son has lived with me intermittently (for a month or two at a time) There is an error in the parent question above (7). I can't check both mother and father are deceased.

My wife and I do not have biological children together. My two children are from my first marriage and lived with their mother in the Boston area after I moved to Connecticut when they were nine and five. They spent much of their school vacation times with me and my wife at first, progressively less as they approached high-school age and acquired activities and friends that kept them near their primary home. My son (the younger child) lived with me for 2-3 months during his last year at Hampshire College while he worked on his final independent study project (2001).

Yes, but daughter lives 2 miles away with her husband and 5 year old son

Our children are grown and gone, but we are together. "Empty nest" implies some lack which I do not feel.

The nest is empty, and little likelihood of a boomerang

One son at home

Yes, I am an empty-nester. My youngest daughter left home (in MA) for her junior year of high school 13 years ago, then moved to CA for college and graduate school and is married to someone from Calif. She has no plans to return to the east coast. My step-daughter lives 45 minutes away. I love being with my husband and I miss the closeness of my daughter. She is still in a PhD program that consumes all of her energy. I am looking forward to when she will have more time to connect.

Yes
 Yes, all children have been gone for more than 10 years.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	88

42. 10. If you have children not living at home, how do you feel about the amount of contact you have with them?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Not enough	45	46%
2	Just right	53	54%
3	Too much	0	0%
	Total	98	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.54
Variance	0.25
Standard Deviation	0.50
Total Responses	98

43. 11. In the last five years have you moved? If yes, from where to where?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	No	107	80%
2	Yes	27	20%
	Total	134	100%

Yes
MA to VT
Same state, from barrier island to country club inland.
from NYS to Alabama
Chicago to Evanston, IL.
empty-nested and moved back into the city (Boston) from the suburbs (Milton) 7 years ago
five miles to a nearby town
From one D.C. area city to another
After divorce from home to apartment, both in SF Bay Area.
Atlanta to rural South Carolina
Castiglione Fiorentino, Italy, to Berlin, Germany
added part-time residence in Watertown, MA
Hawaii to North Carolina
Within Bulgaria.
I moved to a house on almost one level, and with lots of green space, and proximity to some retail life and transportation.
from family home of 22 years' duration to a modern, convenient, urban rental apartment
Northern Virginia (DC) to Florida
NYC to Rome to Toronto to NYC
Cambridge to South Boston
in the same city
same town - about 7 miles - closer to shoreline
From the U.S. to Thailand
From a long-term home in Botswana back to Canada
More that we've shifted, from part time in California and part in Mexico to full in Mexico.
downsized twice in my apartment at work
From one condo to another in the same development in Florida..
from Philly to DC

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.20
Variance	0.16
Standard Deviation	0.40
Total Responses	134

44. 12. Do you anticipate or plan to move in the next five years? If yes, from where to where?

#	Answer	Response	%
2	No	97	73%
4	Yes	35	27%
	Total	132	100%

Yes
US to ISrael
Expect to move to a less expensive apartment, but in the Boston area if I can afford it.
Illinois to my hometown in Ohio.
downsize and move locally
To a suburb close by that has better public schools for our 7-year-old.
CT to some more tax friendly State
If my partner can no longer live at home
From Westchester County, New York, to the "Upper Valley" (of Vermont or New Hampshire) area
From Ocala, FL to Sarasota, FL, at least part-time
further south; tired of snowblowing
Don't know. Depends on where our children settle down.
Uncertain
From our house to an apartment
dont know yet
We may move to a smaller residence - condo - but leaving the beauty of our forested home and gardens will be hard. I hope to stay as long as we can handle - hire what needs to be done.
I don't have plans, but am thinking about it
Second home in Florida
Moving from apartment into home with new life partner.
Larger
We might. Five years or a little less seems like the right timeframe.
Mass to Ga.
Probably within Bulgaria.
I'm debating whether I want to buy or rent a house, so I can have my own garden again. And so I'd have a backyard for future grandchildren (I hope!) to play in.
I don't know
northeast to southeast
still deciding
still deciding
one mile away.
Philadelphia to New England
To a smaller home, and perhaps out of the country
In about 5 years, to Botswana again.
From a home I own to a condo or rental

Statistic	Value
Min Value	2
Max Value	4
Mean	2.53
Variance	0.79
Standard Deviation	0.89
Total Responses	132

45. 13. Do you have pets? If so, of what species, and how many?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	No	85	63%
2	Yes	51	38%
	Total	136	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.38
Variance	0.24
Standard Deviation	0.49
Total Responses	136

46. 13a. Species and number:

Text Response

Two cats one parakeet

1 dog

cats - two

Actually have two beloved cats but they live in my significant other's house in the suburbs.

1 dog

We had 2 dogs who passed away. We would adopt another but we're both working too many hours to take care of it.

Dog - one

cats - 2

cat (1)

1 - Dog (husky mix) 3 - Cats 1 - guinea pig 2 - fish

2 dachshunds

1 dog

Cats (2)

one dog two cats

Dog 1

We had a lovely affectionate little calico cat, Ginger. Fearless, she took on all comers on HER territory and brought in little gifts of half eaten chipmunks, etc. much to Sandy's disgust

Stuffed

Canine, one

one German shepard

1 dog. I would have cats if not for other people's allergies.

Sacred Cats of Burma. 3

Two small dachshunds

dog, 1

A labrador retriever, a King Charles spaniel, a African Gray parrot, and a turtle

1 cat

English Golden Retriever

One German shepherd (female)

Cat and dog

Dogs, bird, fish

one dog

1 elderly miniature poodle

Two Irish Wolfhounds; one golden retriever

dog 1

Animals are not permitted inside my house.

one cat

2 cats, 1 dog

dog (1) fish (2)

Cats - 2

Two cats; they live at my partner's house in the suburbs (pets not allowed in my apartment building in Boston)

dog

Horse

1 Scottish Terrier

Cat1

one cat

Dog - one

black lab/pit bull (one puppy); two domestic short hair cats
1 cat
one cocker spaniel
one schnauser, 18 year old
1 cat
cats, usually several but only one just now
Newfoundland mix
1 dog
One cat.
Dog, 9 cats, 2 horses, 1 mule, 2 sheep, 2 goats, 2 cows
one Cat
golden retriever dog -- one

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	57

47. 14. Other comments on family life:

Text Response

Why not an answer option of "none" for question 1?

It's what it's all about, right?

adult children and their relationships and their children are life's true gift. #6 The two children who attended Harvard ('05 and '08) are the same two I discouraged from attending Harvard - go figure! #8 not involved in elder care because sadly that phase is over and they are gone.

the program will not let me report that both my mother and father are deceased

Father is also deceased.

I would like to have a family pet again. (Our beloved dog has died.) But we currently live, part-time, in a place that already has a dog and a cat -- neither of whom would welcome another animal.

Question #7 didn't allow entries under both mother and father and did enter contradictory entries within either column that could not be unchecked. Both my mother and father are deceased.

would have been good to have a question about how satisfied one is w/ family structure - for instance, i am sorely sorry that i did not have children.

Question 7 is flawed. I have a stepmother with whom I am rarely in contact. The question does not permit me to mention her at all. Question 10 is flawed because it does not allow for my situation. My husband and I have too much contact with one child because he is in crisis and I hope he will come to need us less. We have far too little with the other two. I was not given the option of skipping the question.

My parents are both deceased but your survey will not allow that choice. Nor are there provisions for no or deceased children.

My son and his family live half a block from me. I cherish the opportunity to spend at least one day a week with one of the two granddaughters. My daughter lives in the Dominican Republic. She visits the US 3-4 weeks/year and I visited her for 2 weeks.

zero children is not a survey answer but it is mine

I had a friend who said if he knew how much fun "having" grandchildren was, he would have done that first! Emma just turned 7 and at Christmas was so proud of her new patent leather shoes that she kicked up her heels as she looked back to be sure Grandad appreciated them. William who just turned 5 is the most outgoing, loving little boy and surprises us still with what he comes up with. On his birthday he came over and said "Are you women all set?" Aunt Jen and her friend tried to surpress their laughs.

Each major phase of our marriage (in 1969) has been better than the last, including the current phase--retirement. We do not take for granted having the health and means to travel as we wish.

It's a balancing act between hanging out with family and giving them their independence. We see a lot of each other; sometimes it feels like not enough, sometimes just right.

It beats the heck out of living alone!

Children are incredibly important--more important than anything else.

Both my parents are deceased. This form would not accept marking both.

I have a very rich family life in that I am close with my siblings and their children and grandchildren. We are constantly sharing our lives, tho we may not live geographically nearby.. In addition, I have acquired 3 young folks in my community (one a god-daughter), with whom I feel I am family, and have a direct 1:1 relationship. It is extremely rewarding. I love being with these young people.

My dogs are hugely important to my life.

Both my parents have died, but the buttons on question 7 would not allow this answer. Please correct. The question about children that have left home is ambiguous. I don't want to imply

that I do not have enough contact, but that I would like to have more (she's a great person). After 25 years of cat owning, we didn't acquire any new ones after the last one died. We don't miss the care obligations (even cats need some attention) and don't plan on any future pets. My daughter applied to Harvard College, but withdrew her application when she was admitted to Yale early decision. She came away from our 25th reunion (she was in high school then) with a keen awareness of how ambivalent I and my female classmates were about our undergrad experiences. This awareness strongly influenced her preference for Yale, where she had a wonderful four years. She went to Harvard Law School, which she enjoyed, but is still glad she didn't go Harvard for college. I couldn't figure out how to mark that both my parents are deceased in the questionnaire above. I've been an outlier in having no living parents for years--my father died when I was an infant, my mother never remarried, and she died when I was 25. At this phase of my life, it's a relief not to have to worry about aging parents, but that doesn't balance out the sadness I feel in losing my parents at such a young age.

I experienced a hideous marital detonation in 2005, followed by an excruciating divorce several years later. Family life was the single most important and fulfilling thing to me, so this was devastating.

I am surprised and moved to see how much more contact our cohort has with their children than our parents' American generation did. We, and our friends, are more involved with supporting our children in every way, and we are closer to them and spend more time with them, than our parents and their generation did. Many of our friends have grown children living at home or in their neighborhood and are quite involved in child care as well as financial support. I grew up in suburban Boston so perhaps other classmates had different experiences growing up. But it is a sea change from where I sit, rather a move to a more traditional extended family, in this sense. It seems wonderful to me, even though I acknowledge that some of the "dependence" also reflects economic times that are not fortuitous.

May live part of the year near a child in the next five years.

Large and very close family life, many,many parties, wonderful meals, vacations together

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Retirement is wonderful - I highly recommend it. Never, ever bored, even for a minute.

Highly important to me, particularly the vagaries of the extended family and playing patriarch.

Block concerning parents was improperly set up. Both my parents are deceased and in their last 5 years I spent almost full time caring for them. This makes me very concerned to plan, somehow, so that my children do not have to face a similar situation.

This does not clearly allow a no children response!

I could not make the questionnaire work. The correct answer to question #7 above is that both of my parents are deceased.

I missed out . from childhood, on seeing my father struggle to feed eight children, I would not seek to marry unless there was certainty in my finances, as well as a partner who fit into my family. I was out of place or poor for a long time, and married at age forty five years. I am more of a priest type (but not gay). I expect in my next incarnation I will seek a mate no matter what.

Youngest child is 40

web form messed up, my parents are both deceased but it won't let me enter that

Having recently returned to Canada, am trying to regain a family life by finding a foster child or similar.

See grandchildren too infrequently (partly because they live far away and partly because I work too much) but they are moving closer.

My family is the greatest source of satisfaction and happiness.

I am very happy that I had the chance to help my father as he declined before he died. I helped him through several surgeries and I felt very close to him. I had felt very close to him as a young child, but for many years I had felt distant, so it was wonderful that my father needed me and that he was able to take in my help. Now I have journeyed with my mother and her grief in

losing my dad. My mom is 89, lives alone and gardens. She has managed to be at peace. I am very grateful for her love.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	39

48. 1. In the past 5 years, have you or your partner had a serious illness?

#	Question	Yes	No	Ongoing condition	Total Responses	Mean
1	Myself	12	113	10	135	1.99
2	Partner	16	81	11	108	1.95

Statistic	Myself	Partner
Min Value	1	1
Max Value	3	3
Mean	1.99	1.95
Variance	0.16	0.25
Standard Deviation	0.40	0.50
Total Responses	135	108

49. 2. Do you feel:

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Young	22	16%
2	Middle-aged	106	79%
3	old	6	4%
	Total	134	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.88
Variance	0.20
Standard Deviation	0.44
Total Responses	134

50. 3. How is your health in general?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Excellent	77	57%
2	Good	53	39%
3	Fair	6	4%
4	Poor	0	0%
	Total	136	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.48
Variance	0.34
Standard Deviation	0.58
Total Responses	136

51. 4. Have you (check if yes at any time)

#	Question	In college or before	Past ten years	In between	Total Responses	Mean
1	Sought psychiatric/psychological/counseling help	17	26	37	80	2.25
2	Joined AA. AI-anonymous, or similar program	1	5	6	12	2.42

Statistic	Sought psychiatric/psychological/counseling help	Joined AA. AI-anonymous, or similar program
Min Value	1	1
Max Value	3	3
Mean	2.25	2.42
Variance	0.62	0.45
Standard Deviation	0.79	0.67
Total Responses	80	12

52. 5. Have you experienced the death of (please answer for all that are relevant) :

#	Question	In college or before	Past ten years	In between	Total Responses	Mean
1	Spouse/lover/partner	0	5	4	9	2.44
2	Sibling	3	8	2	13	1.92
3	Child	0	3	2	5	2.40
4	Grandchild	3	2	1	6	1.67
5	Parent	8	72	47	127	2.31
6	Close friend	5	54	20	79	2.19

Statistic	Spouse/lover/partner	Sibling	Child	Grandchild	Parent	Close friend
Min Value	2	1	2	1	1	1
Max Value	3	3	3	3	3	3
Mean	2.44	1.92	2.40	1.67	2.31	2.19
Variance	0.28	0.41	0.30	0.67	0.34	0.28
Standard Deviation	0.53	0.64	0.55	0.82	0.58	0.53
Total Responses	9	13	5	6	127	79

53. 6. How would you characterize your involvement with the following:

#	Question	1- Not at all	2- yes, but decreasing	3- About the same as 10 years ago	4- Increased somewhat	5- Increased a great deal in last 10 years	Total Responses	Mean
1	Drinking coffee	29	17	64	22	4	136	2.67
2	Drinking alcohol	27	22	68	17	1	135	2.58
3	Using recreational drugs	125	1	5	2	1	134	1.16
4	Smoking cigarettes	131	2	0	0	0	133	1.02
5	Eating meat	14	48	70	2	0	134	2.45

Statistic	Drinking coffee	Drinking alcohol	Using recreational drugs	Smoking cigarettes	Eating meat
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	2	4
Mean	2.67	2.58	1.16	1.02	2.45
Variance	1.16	0.95	0.39	0.01	0.49
Standard Deviation	1.08	0.97	0.62	0.12	0.70
Total Responses	136	135	134	133	134

54. 7. How often do you exercise?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Never	4	3%
2	Less than once/week	9	7%
3	1-2 times/week	20	15%
4	3-5 times/week	61	45%
5	More than 5 times/week	42	31%
	Total	136	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.94
Variance	0.99
Standard Deviation	0.99
Total Responses	136

55. 8. If you exercise, what sort?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Bicycling	48	36%
2	Dancing	8	6%
3	Fencing	0	0%
4	Horseback riding	1	1%
5	Pilates	10	8%
6	Rock/mountain climbing	2	2%
7	Rowing	8	6%
8	Running	23	17%
9	Sailing	5	4%
10	Skating	3	2%
11	Skiing	10	8%
12	Strength exercises	66	50%
13	Swimming	26	20%
14	Team sports participation	2	2%
15	Walking	96	73%
16	Yoga	21	16%
17	Other (specify)	47	36%

Other (specify)
stretching
golf
Elliptical trainer
Backpacking.
squash, hiking
Elliptical trainer
kayaking
golf
Hiking
aerobic exercise on elliptical climber and stationary bike
gardening/mowing/landscaping
tai chi
tennis
squash
aerobics classes with stretch-strength-other elements
SCUBA diving
Do low level of weight lifting and work out on elliptical machine.
Squash
farm work, brush clearing
Golf and Tennis
gardening, home maintenance
tennis
Cross trainer machine, stationary bike,
tennis, golf
elliptical
tennis
ski machine
ping pong
farm work / property maintenance
gardening
subtle body stretches and engagement
Tennis
Tennis, kayaking
Elliptical trainer
tennis
tennis
kayaking, tennis
with trainer twice a week
tennis
workout at gym
Elliptical
farming
kayaking
water aerobics

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	17
Total Responses	132

56. 9. How would you describe your general level of fitness?

#	Question	1- Very out of shape	2- Slightly out of shape	3- Slightly fit	4- Fairly fit	5- Very fit	Total Responses	Mean
1	I would describe my fitness level as:	5	18	27	62	25	137	3.61

Statistic	I would describe my fitness level as:
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.61
Variance	1.09
Standard Deviation	1.04
Total Responses	137

57. 10. How would you classify your current weight?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Much too thin	0	0%
2	Underweight	4	3%
3	About right	84	61%
4	Overweight	47	34%
5	Obese	2	1%
	Total	137	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	2
Max Value	5
Mean	3.34
Variance	0.32
Standard Deviation	0.56
Total Responses	137

58. 11. Compared to your college days, do you weigh:

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Much less	2	1%
2	Less	15	11%
3	About the same	29	21%
4	More	61	45%
5	Substantially (>15%) more	30	22%
	Total	137	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.74
Variance	0.94
Standard Deviation	0.97
Total Responses	137

59. 12. Since graduation, have you had (check all that apply)

:

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Blood disease	4	13%
2	Cancer	19	61%
3	Cognitive impairment	1	3%
4	Heart attack	4	13%
5	Knee/hip replacement	7	23%
6	Respiratory disease	6	19%
7	Serious injury causing permanent impairment	1	3%
8	Stroke	1	3%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	8
Total Responses	31

60. 13. Have you had, or thought about having:

#	Question	Yes	No	Total Responses	Mean
1	Plastic Surgery	6	102	108	1.94
2	Botox	1	107	108	1.99
3	Liposuction	0	107	107	2.00
4	Hair coloring	29	86	115	1.75
5	Hair loss	48	67	115	1.58

Statistic	Plastic Surgery	Botox	Liposuction	Hair coloring	Hair loss
Min Value	1	1	2	1	1
Max Value	2	2	2	2	2
Mean	1.94	1.99	2.00	1.75	1.58
Variance	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.19	0.25
Standard Deviation	0.23	0.10	0.00	0.44	0.50
Total Responses	108	108	107	115	115

61. 14. What bothers you most about getting older? For items relevant to you, please use a 5 point score (1=bothers me a little, 5=bothers me a great deal). Check all that apply.

#	Question	1- Bothers me a little	2- Slightly bothers me	3	4	5- Bothers me a great deal	Total Responses	Mean
1	Failing health	20	19	26	30	17	112	3.04
2	Being alone	33	20	21	10	9	93	2.38
3	Diminishing mental powers	19	22	18	25	19	103	3.03
4	Reduced ability to make money	44	20	16	6	6	92	2.02
5	Fear of death	34	26	18	10	4	92	2.17
6	Reduced romantic intimacy	24	31	15	18	5	93	2.45
7	Distance from family	30	17	20	13	4	84	2.33
8	Inability to influence the government	28	21	17	9	8	83	2.37
9	Lack of spiritual life	50	12	2	2	0	66	1.33
10	Loss of Friends	15	23	24	20	4	86	2.71
11	Irrelevance	31	20	10	10	6	77	2.22
12	Age discrimination	42	15	10	9	3	79	1.94
13	Realizing people see me as old	31	31	17	9	5	93	2.20
14	Other (please specify)	1	0	1	2	3	7	3.86

Other (please specify)
reduced physical powers
Bothered by chronic non-fatal medical conditions
failing eyesight
I could not figure out how to uncheck Age Discrim
I think my spiritual life can grow in old age.
more to do; seems like less time
more to do; seems like less time
This question needs a "doesn't bother me at all" category.
Whining of peers; pressure to retire
That my death will be painful
Not enough time to do things; getting tired

Statistic	Failing health	Being alone	Diminishing mental powers	Reduced ability to make money	Fear of death	Reduced romantic intimacy	Distance from family	Inability to influence the government	Lack of spiritual life	Loss of Friends	Irrelevance	Age discrimination	Realizing people see me as old	Other (please specify)
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	3.04	2.38	3.03	2.02	2.17	2.45	2.33	2.37	1.33	2.71	2.22	1.94	2.20	3.86
Variance	1.77	1.76	1.95	1.52	1.38	1.49	1.55	1.72	0.47	1.31	1.73	1.47	1.36	5.08
Standard Deviation	1.33	1.33	1.40	1.23	1.17	1.22	1.25	1.31	0.69	1.15	1.31	1.21	1.17	2.25
Total Responses	112	93	103	92	92	93	84	83	66	86	77	79	93	13

62. 15. About how many hours per week do you devote to:

#	Question	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	40+	Total Responses	Mean
1	Reading	17	48	29	19	9	2	3	2	7	136	4.80
10	Watching television	51	30	22	10	2	0	0	0	4	119	3.45
11	Attending performances or cultural events	93	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	2.18
12	Arts and crafts	47	10	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	62	2.40
13	Volunteer work	56	17	7	6	2	1	0	0	1	90	2.86
14	Child care	38	5	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	50	2.74
15	Housekeeping	59	42	6	2	0	0	0	0	1	110	2.68
16	On the Internet	19	28	38	15	10	8	2	2	4	126	4.72
17	Computer/video games	37	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	2.16
18	Watching movies	67	17	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	93	2.43
19	Religious activities	53	7	5	0	0	1	0	1	0	67	2.54
20	Sporting events	43	8	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	56	2.36
21	Gardening	49	21	4	2	1	0	0	0	1	78	2.69

Statistic	Reading	Watching television	Attending performances or cultural events	Arts and crafts	Volunteer work	Child care	Housekeeping	On the Internet	Computer/video games	Watching movies	Religious activities	Sporting events	Gardening
Min Value	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Max Value	17	17	4	7	17	16	17	17	4	7	16	5	17
Mean	4.80	3.45	2.18	2.40	2.86	2.74	2.68	4.72	2.16	2.43	2.54	2.36	2.69
Variance	14.20	7.55	0.21	0.87	3.54	4.73	2.37	10.97	0.19	0.75	3.46	0.56	3.36
Standard Deviation	3.77	2.75	0.45	0.93	1.88	2.17	1.54	3.31	0.43	0.86	1.86	0.75	1.83
Total Responses	134	119	110	62	90	50	110	126	43	93	67	56	78

63. 16. How many hours a night do you normally sleep:

#	Answer	Response	%
1	5	9	7%
2	6-7	80	59%
3	8-9	45	33%
4	10 or more	1	1%
	Total	135	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	2.28
Variance	0.35
Standard Deviation	0.59
Total Responses	135

64. 17. Other comments on health and welfare:

Text Response

Your answer table #15 is not working right. WHY not have someone fill out the survey before publicizing it?

For me, failing health (and the fear of it) are the single worst part of aging.

Almost all TV and movie time is while exercising on elliptical trainer (watch on iPad). "Child care" in my case is being nanny to two granddaughters (1.5 and 3.5 years old now). Did that once a week for about three years but now only sporadically as they are recently enrolled in 5-day-a-week daycare/preschool.

Question 15 should allow the possibility of none. I never do some of the listed things. The results are going to be unreliable because no one can answer 0.

Complications from cancer treatment and other problems which prevent the travel I had hoped to do

I'm more aware of the fact that I'm simply not as young as I used to be.

Gardening 3/4 of an acre and the physical aspect of a manufacturing crafts studio compensate somewhat for a lack of formal exercise. I am monitoring my health more closely now that I am in my later 60s and taking a cholesterol-reducing drug but apart from that have a clean bill or health so far. Still, the sort of vigorous work that would have left me aching the next day and fine the day after now can leave me sore for a month or two. The handwriting is on the wall, and I expect that I shall have to be increasingly careful in coming years not to overdo it.

I have worked to come to grips with health problems that are chronic and one of which is somewhat disabling in the sense that trouble with feet and legs means I cannot hike in the mountains as I did perhaps ten years ago. Until I get shoulder surgery, I cannot paddle. I have managed to lose 40 pounds, looking and feeling better. Some chest pain lead to a stent a year ago, well short of a heart attack. I learned then how important I was in the lives of my step-daughters. . I am working on a better diet and less of meats and sweets and starches.

Fixed single choice on deaths kept me from answering 1 in college, one w/in 10 years for each (2 sibs, 2 parents dead);

If "arts & crafts"=writing...

I am blessed with good health.,

Re psychiatric care, I've been in treatment during and after college, most recently about six years ago. Prozac has vastly improved my life. If it had been available when I was in college, my life now would be completely different. I've done well, but not to the degree I could have if I hadn't been dogged by anxiety and depression for so many years.

Access to excellent tv series and movies, via VCR/CDs/Roku/public and cableTV, saved my life once I was living on my own and lonely.

I don't understand what you are asking in the question about whether I have thought about or have "hair loss." I have lost a lot of hair -- so the answer is yes. I assume the question was not asking whether I want to do anything about it.

Error in answer to question five that I could not delete. Have not experienced death of grandchild.

I've found drinking LOTS of water and deep breathing really helpful to health.

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Psychosomatics and attitude help finesse many exciting close calls.

lost one parent before college and one in between but it won't let me put two entries in the parent row

I would have liked more discussion at the reunion on "The End of Life". How does one do this as well as possible?

Regarding exercise, I don't work out or use exercise equipment at home, but I stay very active, working around the house and on stewardship projects or leading hikes for the land trust.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	21

65. 1. Are you currently?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Married or in a committed relationship	109	79%
2	Divorced or separated	14	10%
3	Single/never married	11	8%
4	Widowed	4	3%
	Total	138	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	1.35
Variance	0.56
Standard Deviation	0.75
Total Responses	138

66. 2. How many times have you been married?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Never	13	9%
2	Once	86	62%
3	Twice	32	23%
4	Thrice	7	5%
5	More	0	0%
	Total	138	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	2.24
Variance	0.48
Standard Deviation	0.69
Total Responses	138

67. 3. How fulfilled are you in your current relationship?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Not in a relationship		25	18%
2	Not very fulfilled		6	4%
3	All right		16	12%
4	Fulfilled		53	39%
5	Extremely fulfilled		37	27%
	Total		137	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.52
Variance	1.99
Standard Deviation	1.41
Total Responses	137

68. 4. If you are currently not in a relationship; or you lost your partner, would you like to start a new relationship if the chance presented itself?

Text Response
NO
yes
no
Possibly
My partner is quadriplegic, so the relationship is difficult and not very fulfilling for me
yes. very unlikely to happen.
Yes
yes
Yes, of course
absolutely but out of time to recover from a mistake
I probably would, but that is something that is hard to predict. I expect my wife who exercises more and has few medical issues to outlive me, but one never knows. I like being with people and would seek companionship if not re-marriage.
No.
Yes.
Yes
Yes
No
It would probably require too much diminishment of my current non-romantic relationships and activities, which are extremely fulfilling to me.
I'm ready now, if the chance presents itself. I've only been ready in recent months, I think.
Yes
probably not
yes
Maybe -- if it really seemed too perfect not to at least attempt!
yes
Want to start a new relationship if one can be developed.
This is something one does not know unless it happens.
No
Yes !
Yes
Yes
Yes

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	30

69. 5. Have you ever joined an Internet dating site?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	22	16%
2	No	115	84%
	Total	137	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.84
Variance	0.14
Standard Deviation	0.37
Total Responses	137

70. 6. Have you ever joined a face-to-face singles/dating group?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	3	2%
2	No	134	98%
	Total	137	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.98
Variance	0.02
Standard Deviation	0.15
Total Responses	137

71. 7. How many times per month do you have sexual relations?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	0	43	35%
2	1-7	68	55%
3	8-14	10	8%
4	15-21	2	2%
5	More	1	1%
	Total	124	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	1.79
Variance	0.52
Standard Deviation	0.72
Total Responses	124

72. 8. Have you ever been unfaithful to your partner?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		18	15%
2	No		106	85%
3	Have an open relationship		0	0%
	Total		124	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.85
Variance	0.13
Standard Deviation	0.35
Total Responses	124

73. 9. Other comments on love and partnership:

Text Response

Overrated, dangerous, passé

My spouse is the center of my world, and I'm delighted that she is.

Not married to current partner, but together ten years now. Quite happy with the relationship except that sex has become infrequent and partner seems to want less and less (in part because she finds it increasingly painful). Would consider changing partners if a more sexually available and interested partner came into my life.

I miss intimacy but my partner is unable. Marital love is sometimes compromised and it takes moral courage to keep going, and I have chosen this path.

Item 7 should have a "do not choose to answer" option.

Quality of marriage has grown over years. More fulfilling now than ever.

again, would have been good to have a question about whether one would have liked to have a partner...

It would be very interesting to know how many people actually entered into a relationship with someone they met through the internet.

My first marriage was the result of mutual youthful (22) impetuosity and mercifully brief; my second was to someone I had known since childhood and much more long-lived, though we gave each other plenty of space and perhaps as a result grew away from each other. My present marriage is much more of the ma-and-pa-store sort and I think is probably what both of us truly wanted all along. Sometimes one can only learn through trial and error.

Aging has made sexual relations something that is not as easy or as frequent as it was even five years ago. Nonetheless, it remains an important aspect of our married life and affection and being close has a growing importance.

The relationships I have enjoyed most in my life have been those with children, and they have not been my own biological or adopted children - a fact which has probably taken a lot of stress out of these relationships - and allows them to be so wonderful for me.

Nobody our age is having sex more than 21 times a month. You are asking for false responses.

My husband is chronically ill and has no energy for any sexual activity. Even before he became ill, we came close to divorce several times, but always backed away, feeling that our children were better off within our so-so marriage than they would be in a divorce situation.

Oh, where to start!

In a relationship with a lovely woman but sexual intimacy and activity has diminished significantly. I think about finding someone new but recognize that at 67 it's not so simple; and in other respects my present relationship (ten years and counting) is great. It's an ongoing, low-intensity concern.

Enormously important!

Enormously important!

Love is our pre-eminent challenge.

this stuff is inappropriate for sharing.

Being in a committed relationship over decades is one of the greatest joys of life. What I would wish for my classmates is that they will never experience the pain of losing their loved one EVER. It cannot be understood until it happens, and it makes me very sad.

one too many questions -- not anonymous enough to answer

I had an affair when I was young and the pain, as a consequence for everyone, was so great that I have a deep, unwavering resolve to never cause that kind of pain again. I don't think that I could be as committed as I am without having gone through that trauma.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	22

74. 1. What is your annual salary (including bonuses and commissions) in U.S. dollars?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	\$0 - \$30,000	25	20%
2	\$30,001 - \$75,000	27	21%
3	\$75,001 - \$100,000	17	13%
4	\$100,001 - \$200,000	24	19%
5	\$200,001 - \$300,000	16	13%
6	\$300,001 - \$500,000	8	6%
7	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	4	3%
8	More than \$1,000,000	5	4%
	Total	126	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	8
Mean	3.35
Variance	3.69
Standard Deviation	1.92
Total Responses	126

75. 2. Have you begun receiving Social Security?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	60	44%
2	No	77	56%
	Total	137	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.56
Variance	0.25
Standard Deviation	0.50
Total Responses	137

76. 3. What is your household's net worth?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Less than \$100,000		4	3%
2	\$100,000-\$250,000		8	6%
3	\$250,001-\$500,000		6	5%
4	\$500,001-\$1,000,000		20	16%
5	\$1,000,001-\$3,000,000		34	27%
6	\$3,000,001-\$7,000,000		30	24%
7	\$7,000,001-\$10,000,000		8	6%
8	More than \$10,000,000		15	12%
	Total		125	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	8
Mean	5.15
Variance	3.02
Standard Deviation	1.74
Total Responses	125

77. 4. What is the value of your primary residence?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Don't own a residence		10	8%
2	Less than \$150,000		5	4%
3	\$150,000-\$500,000		43	33%
4	\$500,001-\$1,000,000		37	28%
5	\$1,000,001-\$2,000,000		25	19%
6	More than \$2,000,000		10	8%
	Total		130	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Mean	3.71
Variance	1.60
Standard Deviation	1.27
Total Responses	130

78. 5. Do you own a vacation/retirement home?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	51	37%
2	No	86	63%
	Total	137	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.63
Variance	0.24
Standard Deviation	0.49
Total Responses	137

79. 6. About how much do you give each year to:

#	Question	Under \$100	\$100-\$500	\$501-\$1000	\$1001-\$5000	More than \$5000	Total Responses	Mean
1	Arts organizations	23	42	14	15	11	105	2.51
2	Churches, religious groups	30	19	9	25	13	96	2.71
3	Environmental causes	41	26	11	12	8	98	2.18
4	Harvard/Radcliffe	43	43	10	10	6	112	2.04
5	Non-Harvard educational entities	26	24	13	21	10	94	2.63
6	Political causes and campaigns	26	40	14	17	5	102	2.36
7	Other (specify)	2	5	6	20	14	47	3.83

Other (specify)

Charity

community foundations and disaster relief organizations

Other charitable

social service organizations

Public radio, Room to Read, Portland Mission, Equal Access to Justice, Habitat for Humanity

Oxfam etc

Community groups (habitat, pantry, etc

Misc. charities

animal rights entities

animal welfare

Medical research, humanitarian projects

medical causes, local educational, etc

Non profit public interest

social action

high school

social welfare agencies

Human rights, welfare

Charities

United Way and other charities

Various

local youth club

Parkinson foundations

Various

Health organizations

Planned Parenthood, Zoo

Food bank, YMCA

Science Organizations

Private people in need

charities - world health

local non-profits, and national progressive organizations

Social Justice

Planned Parenthood

Other charitable

charities

charities

Veterans Orgs., Medical charities

Medical and poverty relief orgs

other charities

human rights organizations

mentalhealth advocacy and research; homeless services; medical research

hospitals etc.

women's causes, internat'l groups

veterans health

Help the needy

Orgs involved in comm dev

Social, medical, community

Statistic	Arts organizations	Churches, religious groups	Environmental causes	Harvard/Radcliffe	Non-Harvard educational entities	Political causes and campaigns	Other (specify)
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	2.51	2.71	2.18	2.04	2.63	2.36	3.83
Variance	1.62	2.19	1.74	1.32	1.89	1.38	1.51
Standard Deviation	1.27	1.48	1.32	1.15	1.38	1.18	1.23
Total Responses	105	96	98	112	94	102	48

80. 7. Other comments on money:

Text Response

Have never had a talent for earning money, but also have never been financially ambitious. Like politics, I hate this too. Letting my OCD spouse do most of the work.

Hard to believe Harvard really needs my money after I've paid full tuition with no assistance for my kids. I'm done. Will contribute to the Choral Society and other specific causes.

since I just retired I answered the salary question based on the last year that I was employed

Each of the money questions should have a "do not choose to answer" option.

concerned for long term

I wonder if you should have asked about annual income rather than annual salary?

My life has never been focused on maximizing earnings; if I had more, I would give more of it away. As it is, I do what I can with what I've got.

I have money worries and try to save more for retirement. While I expect that once we sell our residence and I start collecting on my social security at 70, if I continue to work until I am 75, I will have enough if we live in a modest life style as we do now. My wife has retired except for perhaps 2-5 days a month.

Currently give a lot to children.

Time is more important than money.

I inherited quite a bit, and it has enabled me to be able to have part-time work of my choice , which has been very personally rewarding to me.

Money does not buy happiness, but it does provide options and security.

I have stopped giving money to Harvard, with the exception of our class reunion gift, which I directed to the Radcliffe Institute. I don't have any loyalty to "Harvard," as I recall how second class women were while I was an undergraduate. I feel that Harvard already has more money than it needs, and would rather give to smaller causes that really need my donation. I also have a lot of bitterness about how stingy Harvard was with my financial aid package, and that I had to work during the academic year.

Planning on waiting to 70 to start social security, in part because I want to aim at being mostly retired by then.

somewhat important

somewhat important

It's nice to have a financial planner.

Are the above categories really the only ones you can think of? Do you not donate to any other kinds of charities and non-profits?

I blew my savings during the great recession to help jump-start the economy/

Harvard has more money than gawd. It is obscene that it asks anyone for money, and that it is so cheap that it even charges for the costs of holding the reunion in terms of space rental, etc. All we members of our class should give our money directly ourselves to those in need.

Harvard does not need or deserve our money. I have done far more with my giving away my money directly and transformed lives by doing so. A small donation to Harvard could be the equivalent of sending 100s of children to school in Laos.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	21

81. 1. Do you favor a National Health/Single Payer plan for the U.S.?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	100	73%
2	No	18	13%
3	Undecided	19	14%
	Total	137	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.41
Variance	0.52
Standard Deviation	0.72
Total Responses	137

82. 2. Do you think Obamacare should:

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Be extended and supported	94	70%
2	Be reformed	20	15%
3	Be repealed	16	12%
4	Stay as is	4	3%
	Total	134	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	1.48
Variance	0.67
Standard Deviation	0.82
Total Responses	134

83. 3. How do you feel about the taxes you pay?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	I pay too much	19	14%
2	I pay about the right amount	95	69%
3	I pay too little	22	16%
4	I don't pay taxes	1	1%
	Total	137	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	2.04
Variance	0.33
Standard Deviation	0.57
Total Responses	137

84. 4. At what stage do you feel the unborn should be accorded some degree of legal personhood distinct from the mother?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	From conception	15	11%
2	Second trimester	9	7%
3	Third trimester	30	22%
4	At birth	61	45%
5	Don't know/can't decide	20	15%
	Total	135	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.46
Variance	1.35
Standard Deviation	1.16
Total Responses	135

85. 5. Do you favor decriminalizing marijuana?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	No	11	8%
2	Yes, completely	97	73%
3	By prescription for medical purposes only	25	19%
	Total	133	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	2.11
Variance	0.26
Standard Deviation	0.51
Total Responses	133

86. 6. How strongly do you agree with the following statements? Please rate your opinions using a 5 point scale (1=do not agree at all, 5=agree completely).

#	Question	1- Do not agree at all	2	3- Sometimes agree	4	5- Agree completely	Total Responses	Mean
1	All citizens should have unrestricted access to handguns	115	8	5	5	3	136	1.33
2	All citizens should have unrestricted access to rifles and shotguns	103	8	13	7	5	136	1.55
3	All citizens should have unrestricted access to assault weapons	127	3	3	0	2	135	1.13
4	There should be background checks (e.g mental and criminal) before a person can legally purchase a firearm	3	0	3	12	119	137	4.78
5	Teachers or school staff members should carry firearms to protect the children and themselves	99	14	15	4	3	135	1.50

7	People should be allowed to carry their firearms in any public area or building	120	7	4	1	3	135	1.22
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Statistic	All citizens should have unrestricted access to handguns	All citizens should have unrestricted access to rifles and shotguns	All citizens should have unrestricted access to assault weapons	There should be background checks (e.g mental and criminal) before a person can legally purchase a firearm	Teachers or school staff members should carry firearms to protect the children and themselves	People should be allowed to carry their firearms in any public area or building
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	1.33	1.55	1.13	4.78	1.50	1.22
Variance	0.79	1.20	0.33	0.48	0.92	0.55
Standard Deviation	0.89	1.09	0.58	0.69	0.96	0.74
Total Responses	136	136	135	137	135	135

87. 7. An American should not be allowed to purchase firearms before the age of :

#	Answer	Response	%
1	12	0	0%
2	16	3	2%
3	18	38	29%
4	21	91	69%
	Total	132	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	2
Max Value	4
Mean	3.67
Variance	0.27
Standard Deviation	0.52
Total Responses	132

88. 8. Should capital punishment in the U.S. be:

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Abolished altogether	95	69%
2	Made to conform to a federally-imposed protocol	14	10%
3	Left to the discretion of the individual states	28	20%
Total		137	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.51
Variance	0.66
Standard Deviation	0.81
Total Responses	137

89. 9. Do you agree with Supreme Court decisions (e.g., Citizens United) relaxing campaign finance laws by broadening corporate First Amendment rights?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	20	15%
2	No	113	85%
Total		133	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.85
Variance	0.13
Standard Deviation	0.36
Total Responses	133

90. 10. Anything else, in any category, that you would like to add:

Text Response

My mother and father are both deceased. The questionnaire fails to permit such an answer. (There's also stepparents, but that's another issue...)

I fear for the future of democracy in America. The extremists in the Republican Party and their allies on the Supreme Court and in the media are destroying the social contract and opening wounds from which this society may never heal. My greatest long-term fear is the collapse of the world ecosystem, and the horrifying failure of the world community and especially of the United States to take action to save the planet is attributable in large part to the shortsightedness and greed of the right wing. The administration of George W. Bush was an unmitigated disaster for the U.S. and the world. The feeling of impotent rage has dominated my response to political news since 2001.

As an employee of the federal government, I am appalled by the dysfunctionality in Washington and the fact that we are even being asked the questions directly above.

would be good to add "na" choices in this survey

Who chose these questions - CNN or Fox News? They tap into some hot-button daily news cycle themes but without any nuance at all. The completely omit huge issues like climate change, wage inequality, torture, gay rights, racial injustice.

That biblical quote over the stage in Sanders Theater has it right: It's our calling as learned folk to educate the people in what is right. At our age we carry some additional epistemic clout owing to our experience above and beyond our schooling and what we made of it in the world beyond the college gates, and I believe we still can play a powerful role as counselors to those who are younger and still in the thick of running things and making their way through life's labyrinth. Thanks to our age and track record at thinking well, we no longer need to waste time on proving we're the smartest brain in the room just to be heard. The trick is picking one's battles, steering a prudent course between the Scylla of taking up arms in every cause that deserves our help and the Charybdis of shrugging them all off as too much to handle at our age. I am as active as my law practice and family life permits, in my local Democratic party, having served on the town Democratic Town Committee for the past 20 years. We work for the election of state and local candidates. I follow closely national political and legal issues. How I wish that our class could hear from some of Harvard's professors how we may still influence political and social change as we face a number of good years to contribute. I have read parts of the book *Ageing Well: Surprising Guideposts to a Happier Life* from the Landmark Harvard Study of Adult Development by George E. Vaillant. I recall how we talked of finding meaning in the last part of life. It would be great to hear from someone familiar with Vaillant's study.

I found parts of this survey very frustrating. For example, where I was asked if either of my parents were deceased, I could only select one of my parents, not both, even though both are deceased. Also, I thought a number of questions did not allow for an answer of zero (eg, how many vacation days do you take a year, or how many hours a week do you work). Other questions seemed not to be neutral but to have a subtext which seemed inappropriate to a survey.

I am very skeptical that our political system can meet the challenges of the 21st century both because of the influence of money and the growing public sense that Congress is so ineffective that politics is a waste of time. I think nothing short of a Constitutional Convention can reform the political system to be workable. The best model is a parliamentary system based strictly on population. That makes democracy representational and replaces the executive when he or she lacks a majority. Our system was designed not to be able to. I've quickly and now it has ground to a halt with the exception of issues deemed vital to plutocrats.

There is nothing here about economic and foreign policy priorities of the U. S. I find this survey to be narrow and incomplete. John Hook

In the absence of a change to the First Amendment itself, I'm not in favor of efforts to regulate political speech.

I would favor a constitutional amendment to regulate firearms: look at what happened in Australia after they enacted a ban--it's a natural experiment. And if it were up to me, I'd make them almost impossible to obtain. I'd favor a similar amendment to regulate election spending. These questions certainly don't reflect nuances. For example, on gun control, neither I nor anyone in my immediate family have ever owned or used a gun, except for some basic training I had while serving in the military. I never intend to. However, I suspect my views would be totally different if I did not live in entirely safe places. And gun control hasn't worked -- whether in Chicago or Norway. Providing a safe environment (where people don't feel the need for a gun for personal protection) does work, but is pretty difficult to achieve.

Don't get me started.

need much better early childhood education!

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L&W Question 1 - how about goals that have become less important? L&W Question 3 gives "do not work for pay" as an option but Question 4 does not have zero as a choice. Perhaps leaving a line blank would have been interpreted as a zero response, but it doesn't say that, and once a selection is made, you apparently cannot go back and blank that item. L&W Question 5 is too limited and does not include many community service type activities. L&W Question 6 does not include a zero option. H&W Question 13 - how do you "think about" having hair loss? H&W Question 14 - why is "does not bother me at all" not an option? H&W Question 15 - why is zero not an option? H&W Question 16 gives "6-7 hours" and "8-9 hours" as options, but how do you express "7-8 hours," which may potentially be one of the most common responses?

I generally do not agree with a socialistic/ big government approach to the country's problems. The federal government's safety net programs are poorly administered and clogged with waste and too many people who take advantage of the system.

Thank you for trying to keep research fun.

A number of the choices offered here and throughout the survey are, to me, inherently biased. You people need to get out of Dodge occasionally and see what your fellow citizens are feeling and thinking.

The present mix of money and politics is completely toxic and corrosive. Campaign finance laws MUST be reform to radically limit the influence of money on elections.

do not limit the franchise (voting)

I believe that every American should be entitled to free and universal health protection to the highest possible degree. I believe that every American should be entitled to free and universal education to the highest degree and to the best institutions to which they are admitted. I believe that all income and wealth should be taxed at rates prevalent in the 1950's. I believe that usury is immoral and must be banned. I believe that corporations should hold employees, the community, and investors as all equal and equivalent partners. I do not believe that corporations are people, and believe that they do not have the rights of citizens. I believe that the investments of the Harvard endowment and that of other universities should be taxed as above.

Regarding question 7, I don't think Americans of any age should be permitted to buy firearms. Another relevant question would be: How angry are you at the current world order? Very!

Q 3 - I think that the Bush tax cuts should be allowed to lapse and the special treatment of investment income should be reduced or eliminated. If those things were done and more tax receipts were needed to reduce the federal deficit, I might agree that I should pay more taxes.

Q 4 - I need to know what "some degree of legal personhood" means before I can decide at

what stage that would be appropriate. Q 5 - I'm fairly indifferent to complete decriminalization of marijuana. I think more iike alcohol and tobacco than like hard drugs, for example, opiates and cocaine.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	27