
Appendix J: Questionnaire



1. What was your age at your last birthday? _____
2. What is your sex? _____ Female _____ Male
3. What is your current marital status?
____ Single, never married
____ Married
____ Divorced
4. How many children do you have? _____
5. Which of the following best represents your current GPA?
____ A+ ____ A ____ A- ____ B+ ____ B ____ B- ____ C+ ____ C ____ C- ____ Other
6. Do you think the knowledge of statistical analysis that you will acquire in the course will be helpful to you in your career?
____ Will be very helpful
____ Will be somewhat helpful
____ Will not be helpful at all
7. Which of the following best describes your current career plans? (Please check only one.)
____ I plan a career as a practitioner (e.g., parole/probation officer, police officer, corrections officer, lawyer, court administrator, etc.)
____ I plan a career as a policymaker
____ I plan a career as a researcher
____ I plan a career as a college professor
____ Other

8. Which of the following best describes your religious affiliation?
- Protestant
 - Catholic
 - Jewish
 - Muslim
 - Atheist
 - Other
9. How religious would you say you are?
- Very religious
 - Somewhat religious
 - Not religious at all
10. Which of the following best describes your political affiliation?
- Republican
 - Democrat
 - Independent
 - Other
11. On fiscal (budgetary) issues, which of the following best describes your general views?
- Very conservative
 - Somewhat conservative
 - Moderate
 - Somewhat liberal
 - Very liberal
12. On social issues, which of the following best describes your general views?
- Very conservative
 - Somewhat conservative
 - Moderate
 - Somewhat liberal
 - Very liberal

13. Have you voted in any local, state, or national election in the past 4 years?
- Yes
- No
14. Do you think the death penalty should be abolished or not?
- Should be abolished
- Should not be abolished
15. Do you think marijuana use should be decriminalized (i.e., made a ticketable but not a criminal offense)?
- No
- Yes
16. Do you think marijuana use should be legalized?
- No
- Yes
17. Do you think all drugs should be decriminalized?
- No
- Yes
18. Do you think trial by a judge or trial by a jury is more likely to result in a just verdict?
- Trial by judge
- Trial by jury
19. What do you believe is the main reason for incarcerating a convict? (Please check only one.)
- Incapacitation (punishment removes convict from society so he/she can't continue offending)
- General deterrence (punishment provides an example for others not to offend)
- Specific deterrence (punishment provides an example to the convict so he/she won't offend again)
- Rehabilitation (punishment changes the convict's outlook on life to law-abiding)
- Retribution (society does harm to the convict for the harm to society he/she has done)

20. Do you think drug courts for juvenile offenders are an effective way of dealing with juvenile drug offenses?
- ___ Yes
- ___ No
- ___ Don't know
21. Should criminal justice policy and practice be based mainly on careful scientific research into what works and what doesn't, or on a guiding philosophy and the best ideas of policymakers?
- ___ Mainly scientific research
- ___ Mainly philosophy and ideas
22. In general, do you think public defenders provide adequate criminal defenses for accused citizens who qualify?
- ___ Yes
- ___ No
- ___ Don't know
23. Do you think "scared straight" programs are effective deterrents for juvenile offenders?
- ___ Yes
- ___ No
- ___ Don't know
24. What is your opinion about "stand your ground" laws that extend the self-defense doctrine beyond the home?
- ___ Very strongly favor
- ___ Strongly favor
- ___ Somewhat favor
- ___ Neutral
- ___ Somewhat disfavor
- ___ Strongly disfavor
- ___ Very strongly disfavor

Thank you for participating in this survey!