

## Your Reactions to the Recent Terrorist Attack

**Participate in a New School survey about your memories of and reactions to the recent terrorist attacks on the United States**

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

In this study, we are going to ask you some questions about the recent terrorist attack on America. It should take approximately 30 minutes to complete the questions in this booklet.

Your participation in this study is strictly voluntary, and if for any reason taking part might prove distressing for you, feel free to discontinue your participation at any time.

To insure that your responses will remain confidential and anonymous, we'd like you to assign an identification code to your response book. We will not keep records that link this code to your name. The only way your name and responses could be linked is if we contact you in the future (e.g. for a follow-up study) and you provide us with the code that you have generated now. This code will be 7 letters and should have two parts that you can easily remember. The first part will be *the first 4 letters of your mother's maiden name*. The second part will be *the first 3 letters of the city or town in which you were born*. Please enter this code now in the space provided:

ID Code: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ — \_ \_ \_ \_

**NOTE:** As you respond to the questions, once you have completed a page and turned to the next one, please do not go back and review your earlier answers.

Do you agree to participate in this study?

Check: yes  no

1) Please describe how you first became aware of the terrorist attack on America.

*NOTE: Please do not turn to the next page until you have completed your response to this question.*

**2) What time was it on the East Coast when you first became aware of the attack?**

How well do you think you will remember this in a year?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (perfectly)

**3) How did you first learn about it (what was the source of the information)?**

How well do you think you will remember this in a year?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (perfectly)

**4) Where were you?**

How well do you think you will remember this in a year?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (perfectly)

**5) What were you doing?**

How well do you think you will remember this in a year?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (perfectly)

**6) Who else was there?**

How well do you think you will remember this in a year?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (perfectly)

**7)** How did you feel when you first became aware of the attack?

How well do you think you will remember this in a year?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (perfectly)

**8)** Who was the first person with whom you communicated about the attack, and how did he/she feel about it?

How well do you think you will remember this in a year?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (perfectly)

**9)** What were you doing immediately before you became aware of the attack?

How well do you think you will remember this in a year?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (perfectly)

**10)** What did you do immediately after you became aware of the attack?

How well do you think you will remember this in a year?

(not at all) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (perfectly)

**11) Did you suffer any personal losses in the attack? If so, please specify.**

**12) Did the attack inconvenience your daily activities in some way? If so, please specify.**

For the following questions, we'd like you to tell us about your **CURRENT FEELINGS CONCERNING THE ATTACK**. Please indicate your response by marking the appropriate point on the scales provided. Note that you may indicate partial numbers (e.g. 3.5)

**13)** At this moment, how strongly or intensely do you feel **sad** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**14)** At this moment, how strongly or intensely do you feel **angry** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**15)** At this moment, how strongly or intensely do you feel **fear** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**16)** At this moment, how strongly or intensely do you feel **confusion** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**17)** At this moment, how strongly or intensely do you feel **frustration** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**18)** At this moment, how strongly or intensely do you feel **shock** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**19)** At this moment, what other emotions might you be experiencing? List and rate their expected intensity: \_\_\_\_\_

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**20)** How closely did you follow the media coverage?

(very little) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (very much)

**21)** How much have you talked about the attack since the announcement?

(very little) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (very much)

**22)** How many airplanes were involved in the attack?

**23)** What airline or airlines had planes hijacked? How many from each airline?

**24)** For each airplane, what was their intended route (departure, arrival)?

**25)** In the vicinity of which cities did the airplanes end up??

**26)** Where was President Bush when the attack occurred?

**27)** When you first became aware of the attack, what did you think was going on?

**28)** Please list the important events that occurred in the attack.

**29)** Many people think that these are the most salient events that occurred in the attack:

- a) The Pentagon was hit by a hijacked plane
- b) A second World Trade Center Tower was hit by a hijacked plane
- c) A World Trade Center Tower collapsed
- d) A World Trade Center Tower was hit by a hijacked plane
- e) A second World Trade Center Tower collapsed
- f) A hijacked plane crashed outside of Pittsburgh

Please indicate the order in which you became aware of each event:

Please indicate the order in which the events actually occurred:



For the following questions, we'd like you to tell us about **HOW YOU THINK YOU'LL FEEL ABOUT THE ATTACK ONE YEAR FROM NOW**. Please indicate your response by marking the appropriate point on the scales provided. Note that you may indicate partial numbers (e.g. 3.5)

**30)** A year from now, how strongly or intensely will you feel **sad** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**31)** A year from now, how strongly or intensely will you feel **anger** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**32)** A year from now, how strongly or intensely will you feel **fearful** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**33)** A year from now, how strongly or intensely will you feel **confused** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**34)** A year from now, how strongly or intensely will you feel **frustrated** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**35)** A year from now, how strongly or intensely will you feel **shock** about the attack?

(low) 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 (high)

**36)** A year from now, what other emotions might you be experiencing? List and rate their expected intensity: \_\_\_\_\_

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Since the attack please estimate the *percentage* of waking hours you have spent doing the following:

- a. Watching television to get information about the attack \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Talking to friends/relatives about the attack \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Listening to radio coverage of the attack \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Consulting the internet for news about the attack \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Reading published accounts of the attack \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Going about your daily activities \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Trying to help those who were hurt in some manner \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Walking around to see what you could see \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**37)** What do you think is the likelihood of another terrorist attack in the United States during the time periods listed below? Note that numbers on the provided scales indicate the percentage chance that an attack is likely to take place. Please circle your selected value for each item.

Next Month    0        10        20        30        40        50        60        70        80        90        100

Next Year        0        10        20        30        40        50        60        70        80        90        100

Next 5 Years    0        10        20        30        40        50        60        70        80        90        100

**38)** In a brief paragraph describe what the attack means to you

**39)** In a brief paragraph describe what the attack means to New York City.

**40)** In a brief paragraph describe what the attack means to the United States.

**41)** What is your greatest concern as a result of the attack?

**42)** How should the United States respond to the attack?

**43)** Who do you think is responsible for the attack?

**Demographic Information:**

1. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you Male or Female? (circle one)

3. Are you a student? Yes No (circle one) If so:

3a. Where are you in school? \_\_\_\_\_

3b. What year are you in school? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is your religion (optional)?

5. What is your race/ethnicity (optional)?

6. How would you describe your political beliefs or affiliation (optional)?

7. Where did you grow up?

8. Where do you consider home?

