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How closely would you say that you follow news on state government and public affairs in Louisiana? Would you say follow the news very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely or not at all?

Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for crimes other than murder, for example, rape or sexual assault against a young child?

Assuming you knew the defendant was guilty, would you support or not support the death penalty if: The defendant was mentally retarded?

Assuming you knew the defendant was guilty, would you support or not support the death penalty if: The defendant was a juvenile?

Assuming you knew the defendant was guilty, would you support or not support the death penalty if: The defendant was a woman?

In your opinion, is the death penalty imposed too often, about the right amount, or not often enough?

Generally speaking, do you believe the death penalty is applied fairly or unfairly in Louisiana today?

Do you think that innocent people are sometimes convicted of murder, or would you say this never happens?

Do you feel that the death penalty acts as a deterrent to the commitment of murder -- that it lowers the murder rate -- or not?

Some people say there should be a halt in all executions in this country while a commission studies whether the death penalty has or has not been administered fairly. Others say there already are enough safeguards to prevent unfair or mistaken executions. What do you think? Would you support or oppose a halt in executions while this issue is studied?

In general, do you think that death row inmates are given too much help and opportunity to appeal their cases and try to prove their innocence, or are inmates not given sufficient help and opportunity to appeal their cases and prove their innocence?

In Louisiana as in many states, the governor may commute a death penalty sentence. Here is a reason for commuting a death penalty sentence. Please tell whether you think it is a good reason or not a good reason for commuting a sentence: Evidence the defendant did not have a fair trial

In Louisiana as in many states, the governor may commute a death penalty sentence. Here is a reason for commuting a death penalty sentence. Please tell whether you think it is a good reason or not a good reason for commuting a sentence: The defendant displays a change in character, such as undergoing a religious conversion.

Would you say the government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or that it is run for the benefit of all the people?

How much attention do you feel the government pays to what the people think when it decides what to do -- a good deal, some, or not much?

Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements: I am generally well informed about this show's topic.

Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements: I understand why people would disagree with my perspective on this issue. .

Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements: Discussions - even those that involve serious disagreements - should be an important part of the political processes.

Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements: Democracy requires hearing from all sides of a political issue, even those with unpopular views.

What is your political party affiliation?

The terms "liberal" and "conservative" may mean different things to people, depending on the kind of issue one is considering. In terms of ECONOMIC issues, would you say you are:

Now, thinking in terms of social issues and people's behavior, would you say you are:

What race or ethnicity do you consider yourself?

What is the highest level of education you have received?

What was your age on your last birthday?

What is your marital status?

What is your total 2005 household income before taxes? Please keep in mind this information is only for statistical purposes and will remain strictly confidential.

Gender?

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