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Thinking back over the last five years, do you think the number of homeless people in Louisiana increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

Do you think most homeless people are homeless through their own fault and responsible for their own situation OR are homeless because of circumstances beyond their control?

Imagine a homeless man who has been living on the street for a few years. He refuses to go to a shelter or to accept help, but he has never bothered anyone. Do you think it's his right to be left alone and live the way he chooses, should the police take him off the streets, or is this too tough to call?

Now suppose that a large number of homeless people are eating and sleeping in a park where families and children used to visit but now avoid. Do you think the homeless should be left alone, should the police move them out of the park, or is this too tough to call?

Now suppose several homeless people are constantly hanging out in a local shopping area. The store owners complain that they are driving away customers and want the police to move them away. Do you think the homeless people should be left alone, should the police move them out of the area, or is this too tough to call?

If parents are homeless, should they be allowed to keep their children with them?

Governments should spend more on preventing homelessness, even if the money must come out of other areas or possibly from increased taxes.

If housing was more affordable, there would be fewer homeless people.

There are jobs available for most homeless people if they really want to work.

Most homeless people are addicted to drugs or alcohol, or suffer from some form of mental illness.

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?

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 statement: a. 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 statement: b. 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 statement: c. 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 statement: d. 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 2007 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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