Hello, I'm calling from the University of Maryland Survey Research Center. My name is _____.

We are conducting a study to find out how people feel about some important issues facing America today. For this study, I need to speak with the adult in your household, who is 18 or older and will have the NEXT birthday. Who would that be?

** PHONE NUMBER IS ([fill area code]-[fill telephone number])

** IF INFORMANT DOES NOT KNOW ALL THE BIRTHDAYS ASK: Of the ones you do know who will have the NEXT birthday?

<1> INFORMANT HAS NEXT BIRTHDAY (BEGIN SURVEY)
<2> SOMEONE ELSE HAS NEXT BIRTHDAY
<7> RESPONDENT PROBLEM (LANGUAGE, HEALTH, AGE, OTHER)
<8> NON HOUSEHOLD - BUSINESS, GROUP HOME, PAY OR CAR PHONE, HOSPITAL
<9> IF CALL BACK OR REFUSAL

<n> ** NO ANSWER / TROUBLE WITH LINES
<h> ** HOME RECORDER / ANSWERING SERVICE

Q12 The next few questions are about high-level radioactive wastes.

Nuclear power plants generate high-level radioactive wastes in producing electricity. This waste is now stored temporarily at the power plants. The federal government is studying a possible disposal site in Nevada for these wastes, but it will not be known for several years if it will be suitable for permanent waste storage.

Have you heard anything about this issue?

<0> NO
<1> YES
<8> DO NOT KNOW

Q13 A bill being considered in Congress would ship these wastes to Nevada for temporary storage before the permanent facility gets final approval. This will require about one thousand shipments by truck or rail each year with routes through 43 states and more than 500 communities.

Do you favor or oppose shipping high-level radioactive waste to Nevada for temporary storage even though the government does not have approval for permanent storage there?

<1> FAVOR
<2> OPPOSE [goto Q15]
<8> DO NOT KNOW [goto Q17]
Q14  Would you say that you favor that strongly or not so strongly?

<1> STRONGLY  
<2> NOT SO STRONGLY  
<8> DO NOT KNOW

→ All respondents who answer Q14 goto Q16.

Q15  Would you say that you oppose that strongly or not so strongly?

<1> STRONGLY
<2> NOT SO STRONGLY
<8> DO NOT KNOW

→ All respondents who answer Q15 goto Q17.

Q16  Suppose a highway or rail transportation route for these waste shipments went through your community, would you favor or oppose the plan?

<1> FAVOR
<2> OPPOSE
<8> DO NOT KNOW

Q17  The transportation of high level radioactive wastes means that state and local governments may have to spend money on things like emergency preparedness. Do you think the federal government should reimburse the states and localities for costs like these?

<0> NO
<1> YES
<8> DO NOT KNOW
<9> REFUSED

Q18  Please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements:

→ By assignment of a random number, Q18 is a split ballot question. Half of the respondents answer Q18a and the other half answer Q18b.
Q18a  There is less risk in shipping high-level radioactive wastes than in shipping gasoline or industrial chemicals.

(Would you say you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?)

<1> STRONGLY AGREE  
<2> AGREE  
<3> DISAGREE  
<4> STRONGLY DISAGREE  
<8> DO NOT KNOW  
<9> REFUSED

→ All respondents who answer Q18a goto Q19.

Q18b  There is more risk in shipping high-level radioactive wastes than in shipping gasoline or industrial chemicals.

(Would you say you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?)

<1> STRONGLY AGREE  
<2> AGREE  
<3> DISAGREE  
<4> STRONGLY DISAGREE  
<8> DO NOT KNOW  
<9> REFUSED

Q19  The value of property located along the main high-level radioactive waste transportation routes would be lowered.

(Would you say you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?)

<1> STRONGLY AGREE  
<2> AGREE  
<3> DISAGREE  
<4> STRONGLY DISAGREE  
<8> DO NOT KNOW  
<9> REFUSED
Q20  Terrorist groups can successfully attack shipments of high-level radioactive wastes.

(Would you say you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?)

<1> STRONGLY AGREE
<2> AGREE
<3> DISAGREE
<4> STRONGLY DISAGREE
<8> DO NOT KNOW
<9> REFUSED

Q21  Personally, I would be willing to live near a high-level radioactive waste transportation route.

(Would you say you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?)

<1> STRONGLY AGREE
<2> AGREE
<3> DISAGREE
<4> STRONGLY DISAGREE
<8> DO NOT KNOW
<9> REFUSED

Q22  The nuclear power industry can safely store high-level radioactive wastes at their power plants for the foreseeable future.

(Would you say you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?)

<1> STRONGLY AGREE
<2> AGREE
<3> DISAGREE
<4> STRONGLY DISAGREE
<8> DO NOT KNOW
<9> REFUSED
Q23 Until recently, the Department of Energy had planned to directly manage the transportation of high-level radioactive wastes. Now, the Department has developed a plan to hire private companies to manage the transportation of these wastes.

Would you prefer:

<1> Contracting with private companies to manage the transportation?  Or
<2> Having the federal government manage the transportation?
<8> DO NOT KNOW
<9> REFUSED

Q45 In what month and year were you born?

ENTER MONTH

<1> JANUARY   <7> JULY
<2> FEBRUARY   <8> AUGUST
<3> MARCH      <9> SEPTEMBER
<4> APRIL      <10> OCTOBER
<5> MAY        <11> NOVEMBER
<6> JUNE       <12> DECEMBER

<99> REFUSED

Q45a ENTER YEAR

<00> BEFORE 1900
<01-79>
<99> REFUSED

<8> DO NOT KNOW [goto P1]
<9> REFUSED [goto P1]

P1 Finally, I'd like to ask you some background questions. Counting yourself, how many adults age 18 or older live in this household?

<1-10>
<11> MORE THAN 10
<99> REFUSED
P2 How many children younger than 18 live in this household?

<0-7>  
<8> MORE THAN 7  
<9> REFUSED

P3 What is the last grade or year of school you completed?

<0> NONE
<1-7> SOME ELEMENTARY
<8> ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
<9-11> SOME HIGH SCHOOL
<12> HIGH SCHOOL GRAD
<13-15> SOME COLLEGE
<16> COLLEGE GRAD
<17> SOME GRADUATE SCHOOL
<18> GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL DEGREE
<99> REFUSED

P4 Are you of Spanish or Hispanic origin or descent?

<0> NO  
<1> YES  
<9> REFUSED

P5 Are you:

<1> white
<2> black
<3> Asian
<4> or another race?: SPECIFY [specify]
<9> REFUSED

P6 Are you currently:

<1> married
<2> separated
<3> divorced
<4> widowed
<5> or have you never been married?
<9> REFUSED
P7 Are you currently:

<1> employed full-time [goto P8]
<2> part-time [goto P8]
<3> or not employed at all?
<9> REFUSED [goto P8]

P7a Is that mainly because you are:

<1> retired
<2> keeping house
<3> temporarily unemployed
<4> a student
<5> or disabled?
<7> OTHER -- SPECIFY
<9> REFUSED

P8 If you added together all the yearly incomes, before taxes, of all the members of your household for last year, 1996, would the total be more than $30,000?

<0> NO
<1> YES [goto P8c]
<9> DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED [goto hinc]

P8a Was it more than $20,000?

<0> NO
<1> YES [goto hinc]
<9> DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED [goto hinc]

P8b Was it more than $12,000?

<0> NO
<1> YES
<9> DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED

→ All respondents who answer P8b goto hinc.

P8c Was it more than $50,000?

<0> NO [goto hinc]
<1> YES
<9> DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED [goto hinc]
P8d  Was it more than $75,000?

<0>  NO [goto hinc]
<1>  YES
<9>  DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED [goto hinc]

P8e  Was it more than $100,000?

<0>  NO
<1>  YES
<9>  DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED

hinc  Household Income (recoded from the P8 question series)

<1>  $12,000 or less
<2>  $20,000 or less
<3>  $30,000 or less
<4>  $12,001 - $20,000
<5>  $20,001 - $30,000
<6>  $30,001 - $50,000
<7>  $50,001 - $75,000
<8>  more than $30,000
<9>  more than $50,000
<10>  $75,000 - $100,000
<11>  more than $75,000
<12>  more than $100,000
<99>  MISSING

zip  What is your zipcode?

<0-99990>
<99999>  DO NOT KNOW/REF

VERF  And, your number is [fill area code] [fill telephone number]?

<0>  NO - What number have I reached? (SPECIFY) [specify] [goto pfon]
<1>  YES
<9>  REF
fon1 Does your household have any other telephone numbers besides [fill area code] [fill telephone number] that are for non-business use?

<0> NO
<1> YES [goto fone]
<9> REF

pfon [store <0> in fone] [goto Rsex]

fone In addition to [fill area code] [fill telephone number], how many other telephone numbers does your household have for non-business use?

<1-6>
<7> 7 or more
<9> REF

Rsex Those are all the questions I have. Thank you for your time and help.
Appendix A

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