

Appendix A: Questionnaire

Student Background and Victimization Study

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Welcome to the research study!

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Title of Study: Student Background and Victimization Study

You have been invited to participate in a research project titled “Student Background and Victimization Study.” This consent document will explain the purpose of this research project, all of the time commitments, the procedures used in the study, and the risks and benefits of participating in this research project. Please read this consent form carefully and completely and please ask any questions for more clarification.

What are we trying to find out in this study?

This study aims to understand possible consequences of victimization.

Who can participate in this study?

Students of Western Michigan University ages 18 or older may participate in this study.

Where will this study take place?

The study is online-based.

What is the time commitment for participating in this study?

It is expected that this online-based survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

What will you be asked to do if you choose to participate in this study?

You will be asked to anonymously complete the electronic questionnaire. Nothing further will be asked of you, and the decision to stop participating at any time is entirely up to you.

What information is being measured during the study?

The survey will ask about how you deal with unpleasant situations, your involvement in substance use

and deviance, how you make decisions, and any experienced childhood trauma. All of the answers you provide are anonymous.

What are the risks of participating in this study and how will these risks be minimized?

Because this survey asks personal information regarding your involvement in criminal activity and any experienced childhood trauma, the risk of participation may be the experience of discomfort. All responses will be anonymous, and the datasets used to analyze responses will not include any names or identifiers that could connect your responses back to you. You are not required to answer anything that you aren't comfortable answering.

What are the benefits of participating in this study?

While there is no direct benefit for participating in this study, your responses may potentially benefit the discipline. Your participation and responses may help us better understand possible consequences of victimization.

Are there any costs or compensation associated with participating in this study?

There are no direct costs to you. There is no compensation for participation at this time.

Who will have access to the information collected during this study?

Only the principal investigator will have access to the dataset. Future studies and uses may necessitate sharing of the data with other approved researchers, however, only datasets without any identifying information will be shared. No one will learn your personal responses or identity.

What if you want to stop participating in this study?

You can choose to stop participating in the study at any time for any reason. You will not suffer any prejudice or penalty by your decision to stop your participation. You will experience NO consequences either academically or personally if you choose to withdraw from this study.

Should you have any questions prior to or during the study, you can contact the primary investigator, Dr. Whitney DeCamp at (269) 387-3597 or whitney.decamp@wmich.edu. You may also contact the Chair, Human Subjects Institutional Review Board at 269-387-8293 or the Vice President for Research at 269-387-8298 if questions arise during the course of the study.

I have read this informed consent document. The risks and benefits have been explained to me. I agree to take part in this study. If you agree with these statements, please click the button below to continue onto the survey.

Q2 Are you male or female?

Female (1)

Male (2)

Q3 How old are you?

Q4 Which best describes your race/ethnicity?

- Alaska Native / American Indian (1)
- Asian (2)
- Black / African American (3)
- Middle Eastern (4)
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (5)
- White / Caucasian (6)
- Other or biracial/multiracial (please specify): (7)

Q5 Are you Hispanic or Latino/a?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q6 Which best describes your marital status?

- Single (1)
 - Married (2)
 - Divorced (3)
 - Widowed (4)
 - Other (please specify): (5) _____
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Q7 Which of the following best describes your religious/spiritual beliefs or affiliation?

- Catholic Christianity (1)
 - Protestant Christianity (2)
 - Other Christianity (please specify): (3) _____
 - Muslim (4)
 - Jewish (5)
 - Hinduism (6)
 - Buddhist (7)
 - Atheist (8)
 - Agnostic (9)
 - No religious affiliation (10)
 - Other religion (please specify): (11) _____
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Q8 Please answer these questions about yourself currently.

Q9 Please answer these questions about yourself currently.

I rarely do something if there is a chance that it will upset me. (8)

I usually try to distract myself when I feel something painful. (9)

I am able to "turn off" my emotions when I don't want to feel. (10)

I am willing to put up with pain and discomfort to get what I want. (11)

I work hard to avoid situations that might bring up unpleasant thoughts and feelings in me. (12)

I prefer to stick to what I am comfortable with, rather than try new activities. (13)

I work hard to keep out upsetting feelings. (14)

Fear or anxiety won't stop me from doing something important. (15)

If I have any doubts about doing something, I just won't do it. (16)

When unpleasant memories come to me, I try to put them out of my mind. (17)

Others have told me that I suppress my feelings. (18)

I try to put off unpleasant tasks for as long as possible. (19)

When I am hurting, I still do what needs to be done. (20)

If I am starting to feel trapped, I leave the situation immediately. (21)

When a negative thought comes up, I immediately try to think of something else. (22)

I don't let pain and discomfort stop me from getting what I want. (23)

I go out of my way to avoid uncomfortable situations. (24)

I can numb my feelings when they are too intense. (25)

I continue working toward my goals even if I have doubts. (26)

I wish I could get rid of all of my negative emotions. (27)

I avoid situations if there is a chance that I'll feel nervous. (28)

I don't let gloomy thoughts stop me from doing what I want. (29)

People have told me that I'm not aware of my problems. (30)

When working on something important, I won't quit even if things get difficult. (31)



Q10 Did you ever experience the loss of a loved one?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
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Display This Question:

If Did you ever experience the loss of a loved one? = Yes

Q11 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
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Q12 Did your parents gets divorced or separate?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
-

Display This Question:

If Did your parents gets divorced or separate? = Yes

Q13 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
-

Q14 Did you ever have a traumatic emotional experience (name calling, degrading, verbal abuse, etc.) at home?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
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Display This Question:

If Did you ever have a traumatic emotional experience (name calling, degrading, verbal abuse, etc.)... = Yes

Q15 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
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Q16 Did you ever have a traumatic sexual experience (rape, molestation, etc.) prior to the age of 18?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
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Display This Question:

If Did you ever have a traumatic sexual experience (rape, molestation, etc.) prior to the age of 18? = Yes

Q17 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
-

Q18 Did you ever have a traumatic physical experience (parental abuse, child abuse, child neglect, etc.) at home?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
-

Display This Question:

If Did you ever have a traumatic physical experience (parental abuse, child abuse, child neglect, et... = Yes

Q19 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
-

Q20 Did you ever suffer from an illness or injury that significantly changed your life?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
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Display This Question:

If Did you ever suffer from an illness or injury that significantly changed your life? = Yes

Q21 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
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Q22 Did you ever witness a situation of sexual, emotional, or physical abuse at home to someone other than yourself?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
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Display This Question:

If Did you ever witness a situation of sexual, emotional, or physical abuse at home to someone other... = Yes

Q23 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
-

Q24 Did you ever witness a situation of sexual, emotional, or physical abuse outside of home to someone other than yourself?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
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Display This Question:

If Did you ever witness a situation of sexual, emotional, or physical abuse outside of home to someo... = Yes

Q25 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
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Q26 Were you ever the victim of bullying in school?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
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Display This Question:

If Were you ever the victim of bullying in school? = Yes

Q27 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
-

Q28 Have you ever feared for your safety?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
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Display This Question:

If Have you ever feared for your safety? = Yes

Q29 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
-

Q30 Have you ever been threatened with a weapon?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
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Display This Question:

If Have you ever been threatened with a weapon? = Yes

Q31 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
-

Q32 Have you ever been left out of activities on purpose?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
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Display This Question:

If Have you ever been left out of activities on purpose? = Yes

Q33 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
-

Q34 Has anyone ever spread rumors or lies about you?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- I prefer not to answer (3)

Display This Question:

If Has anyone ever spread rumors or lies about you? = Yes

Q35 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
-

Q36 Did you ever have to care for someone that suffered from a severe illness?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
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Display This Question:

If Did you ever have to care for someone that suffered from a severe illness? = Yes

Q37 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
-

Q38 Did you ever experience intentional, ongoing isolation at home from your parent(s) or guardian(s)?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
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Display This Question:

If Did you ever experience intentional, ongoing isolation at home from your parent(s) or guardian(s)? = Yes

Q39 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
-

Q40 Did your parent(s) or guardian(s) explain what you did wrong prior to punishing you?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
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Display This Question:

If Did your parent(s) or guardian(s) explain what you did wrong prior to punishing you? = Yes

Q41 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
-

Q42 Did you ever feel that you went without (food, clean water, heat, money, clothes, etc.)?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
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Display This Question:

If Did you ever feel that you went without (food, clean water, heat, money, clothes, etc.)? = Yes

Q43 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
-

Q44 Did you ever have to support a sibling or yourself (financially, emotionally, academically, etc.)

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- I prefer not to answer (3)

Display This Question:

If Did you ever have to support a sibling or yourself (financially, emotionally, academically, etc.) = Yes

Q45 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
- Somewhat Traumatic (2)
- Extremely Traumatic (3)

Q46 Have you ever been pressured into doing something that you didn't want to do?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- I prefer not to answer (3)

Display This Question:

If Have you ever been pressured into doing something that you didn't want to do? = Yes

Q47 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
-

Q48 Did you ever experience thoughts of or behavior related to suicide or homicide?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
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Display This Question:

If Did you ever experience thoughts of or behavior related to suicide or homicide? = Yes

Q49 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
-

Q50 Have you ever made a decision that made you dislike yourself then and now?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
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Display This Question:

If Have you ever made a decision that made you dislike yourself then and now? = Yes

Q51 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
-

Q52 Did you ever experience an event that you consider to have shaped your personality significantly?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - I prefer not to answer (3)
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Display This Question:

If Did you ever experience an event that you consider to have shaped your personality significantly? = Yes

Q53 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
 - Somewhat Traumatic (2)
 - Extremely Traumatic (3)
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Q54 Were you ever homeless?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- I prefer not to answer (3)

Display This Question:

If Were you ever homeless? = Yes

Q55 How traumatic was this?

- Not at all (1)
- Somewhat Traumatic (2)
- Extremely Traumatic (3)

Q56 Have you ever...

	Never (1)	Before, but not in the past year (2)	Once or twice in the past year (3)	Three or four times in the past year (4)	Five or more times in the past year (5)
Taken a weapon to school or event where it was not permitted? (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stolen anything from a store without paying for it? (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Engaged in a physical fight? (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Broken into a vehicle, house, or other property? (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Been arrested? (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cheated on a test? (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Driven a vehicle while legally intoxicated? (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Driven a vehicle while high? (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stolen money from another person or organization? (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Been questioned by police regarding something that you did? (10)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skipped or missed class without permission (high school)? (11)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Participated in gang activities / been a part of a gang? (12)

Damaged or destroyed property that did not belong to you? (13)

Smoked cigarettes? (14)

Used tobacco? (15)

Used marijuana without a prescription? (16)

Used marijuana with a prescription? (17)

Used over the counter medication to get high? (18)

Sold illegal drugs? (19)

Supplied someone under the age of 21 with alcohol? (20)

Been high or drunk at school or public event? (21)

Harassed someone through social media? (22)

Harassed someone face to face? (23)

Been pulled over for suspected drug/alcohol use? (24)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Had a hangover that interfered with accomplishing your daily tasks? (25)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Felt addicted to a drug or alcohol? (26)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relied on a drug in order to accomplish a task? (27)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attempted to hurt someone with the intention of impairing or killing them? (28)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stolen vehicles? (29)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Been to court for charges against you? (30)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Been charged with a felony? (31)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Been charged with a misdemeanor? (32)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Engaged in intercourse without protection? (33)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q57 Have you ever used any of the following illegally?

	Never (1)	Before, but not in the past year (2)	Once or twice in the past year (3)	Three or four times in the past year (4)	Five or more times in the past year (5)
Ecstasy (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ritalin/Adderall/Strattera or equivalent without a prescription (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Heroin (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cocaine (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inhalants (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LSD / Acid (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Methamphetamine (meth) without a prescription (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify): (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q58

DIRECTIONS: People differ in the ways they act and think in different situations. This is a test to measure some of the ways in which you act and think. Read each statement and put an X on the appropriate circle on the right side of this page. Do not spend too much time on any statement. Answer quickly and honestly.

	Rarely / never (1)	Occasionally (2)	Often (3)	Almost Always / Always (4)
I plan tasks carefully (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I do things without thinking. (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I make-up my mind quickly. (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am happy-go-lucky. (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't "pay attention." (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have "racing" thoughts. (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I plan trips well ahead of time. (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am self controlled. (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I concentrate easily. (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I save money regularly. (10)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I "squirm" at plays or lectures. (11)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am a careful thinker. (12)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I plan for job security. (13)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I say things without thinking. (14)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I like to think about complex problems. (15)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

I change jobs. (16)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I act "on impulse." (17)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I get easily bored when solving thought problems. (18)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I act on the spur of the moment. (19)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am a steady thinker. (20)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I change residences. (21)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I buy things on impulse. (22)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can only think about one thing at a time. (23)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I change hobbies. (24)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I spend or charge more than I earn. (25)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I often have unrelated thoughts when thinking. (26)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am more interested in the present than the future. (27)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am restless at the theater or lectures. (28)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I like puzzles. (29)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am future oriented. (30)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

I complete a task before moving onto another. (31)



End of Block: Informed Consent
