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THE SCSU SURVEY  
Summary of Methodology-Spring 1987

The SCSU Survey is a twice-a-year omnibus survey of central Minnesota adults that has been conducted since October, 1980. The geographical area has been gradually expanded. In addition to the immediate St. Cloud area the outer geographical areas of the survey include Albany, Foley, Cold Spring, Clearwater and Clear Lake. Occasionally, other surveys are done for contracting clients. The Survey is a joint project of the SCSU Departments of Political Science and Sociology.

Faculty Directors of The SCSU Survey are Dr. Steve Frank (SCSU Professor of Political Science) and Dr. John Murphy (SCSU Associate Professor of Sociology). A group of Senior Student Directors take a lead role in developing, administering and analyzing the survey. Student Directors are Charles Bichler, Lori Nelson, Joel Hebrink, Joeseeph Sizer, Lori Hedeem, Helen Cunningham, Lisa Dalton, David Francis, Matthew Brokl, Patricia Scheuer, and Kim Weihe. Approximately 65 SCSU political science and sociology students participated in the survey. The survey was administered from April 18 through April 23, 1987.

Several steps were taken to ensure that the telephone sample of central Minnesota adults who were 18 years of age or older was representative of the larger population. As part of the sampling methodology all telephone numbers were randomly selected by a computer program. Random Digit Dialing makes available changed, new, and unlisted numbers. Within each household the particular respondent was determined in a statistically unbiased fashion. This means the selection process alternated between men and women and older and younger respondents. Few substitutions were allowed. In order to reach hard-to-get respondents each number was called up to four times over different days and appointments made to interview the designated respondent at her/his convenience. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission estimates that 96% to 98% of all Minnesota households have a telephone. Call were primarily made after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends but weekday day calls were made as necessary. All calls were made from The SCSU Survey Research Laboratory by trained and supervised interviewers.

In samples of 898 interviews the error due to sampling and other random effects is approximately plus/minus 3.5% at the 95% level of confidence for the overall figures. This means if we were to draw 20 samples of the same area we would expect the overall findings to be greater/lesser than 3.5% of the stated findings only one time in twenty. However, in all sample surveys there are other possible sources of error for which precise estimates cannot be calculated. For subsamples, such as males and females the sample error is larger. Even though the demographic characteristics of the sample matched census and other known characteristics of the larger population very well, the sample was be weighted for sex. As is characteristic of telephone surveys females were slightly oversampled. The completion rate of the survey was approximately 71% which is considered good. Completion rate means that once eligible respondents were contacted over 2/3 agreed to participate in the survey.

The total survey consisted of 65 questions. Material on The SCSU Survey's methodology and findings are available by contacting the faculty directors.

THE DIRECTORS ARE MEMBERS OF THE MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH (M.A.P.O.R) AND THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH AND SUBSCRIBE TO THE CODE OF ETHICS OF THE A.A.P.O.R.

TOPIC: Spring 1987 SCSU Survey Local Government Results

QUESTIONS: "First, we would like to ask you some questions concerning your opinion about local government services. That is, your opinion about how well your local government provides certain services.

What do you think of the overall cleanliness of your neighborhood? Would say it is clean, fairly clean, fairly dirty, or dirty?

What do you think of the cleanliness of the streets in your neighborhood? Would you say that they are clean, fairly clean, fairly dirty, or dirty?

How often do garbage collectors miss picking up garbage on schedule? Would say they "never miss", hardly ever miss, miss about once a month, or more than once a month?

Have you ever complained to your local government about the cleanliness of the streets or alleys, or garbage collection services since Thanksgiving?

(IF YES TO ABOVE)-How many times have you complained?

Now we would like to ask you some questions concerning your opinion of police protection in your local area.

During nighttime hours, if you walked around your neighborhood, would you feel very safe, safe, unsafe, or very unsafe?

On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being very poor and 10 being very good, how would you rate the overall quality of police protection in your city?

Since Thanksgiving, have you or anyone in your household reported a crime or contacted the police in any way?

Do you feel that there are places in your local area that need additional police protection?

Would you be willing to pay an increase in your taxes to pay for additional police protection?

QUESTION DISCUSSION: A variety of sources were used for question development. Sources most used included Obtaining Citizen Feedback: The Application of Citizen Surveys to Local Government by Webb, and Hatry; Practical Program Evaluation for State and Local Governments by Hatry and Fisk; "Preference Revelation and Public Policy: Making Sense of Citizen Survey Data," Public Administration Review by L.A. Wilson.

----surveys in this area should be carried out over time with some repeated measures to measure trends

----surveys should be cross-tabulated by various demographic characteristics to identify areas of special concern

----subjective data should be compared to objective data if available

----scales may be the best way of measuring citizen preferences

----citizens may lack information-especially on complex information

----expressed satisfaction does not necessarily reflect service performance

----some research indicated that about two-thirds of respondents who express a desire for increased services are in fact willing to pay more in taxes for the increased services--trade-off questions should be used



FREQUENCY RESULTS:

	<u>OVERALL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANLINESS</u>	<u>OVERALL STREET CLEANLINESS</u>
CLEAN	54%	50%
FAIRLY CLEAN	36	38
FAIRLY DIRTY	5	5
DIRTY	1	2
NO NEIGHBORHOOD(VOL)	2	4
DON'T KNOW	2	<1
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	100% N= 891	100% N= 891

	<u>FREQUENCY OF MISSING GARBAGE PICKUP</u>
NEVER MISS	59%
HARDLY EVER	29
ABOUT ONCE A MONTH	3
MORE THAN ONCE A MONTH	1
NO GARBAGE PICKUP(VOL)	5
DON'T KNOW	3
	-----
	100% N= 890

	<u>COMPLAINED ABOUT LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLEANLINESS/GARBAGE PICKUP</u>	<u>NOT APPLICABLE REMOVED</u>
(SINCE THANKSGIVING)		
YES	2%	3%
NO	78	96
NOT APPLICABLE/DK	20	DON'T KNOW 1%
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	100% N= 886	100% N= 699

	<u>FEEL SAFE WALKING AROUND NEIGHBORHOOD AT NIGHT</u>
VERY SAFE	29%
SAFE	53
UNSAFE	12
VERY UNSAFE	3
NO NEIGHBORHOOD(VOL)	1
DON'T KNOW	2
	-----
	100% N= 890

RATE QUALITY OF POLICE PROTECTION IN YOUR CITY  
The mean was 7.3

	<u>REPORTED CRIME OR CONTACTED POLICE SINCE THANKSGIVING</u>
YES	15%
NO	85%
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	100% N= 887

	<u>FEEL NEED FOR ADDITIONAL LOCAL POLICE PROTECTION</u>
YES	28%
NO	66
DON'T KNOW	6%
	-----
	100% N= 887

FAVOR INCREASED TAXES FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE PROTECTION

YES	38%
NO	54
DEPENDS(VOL)	4
DON'T KNOW	4%
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	100% N= 880

TABLE BREAKDOWNS:

For the questions dealing with neighborhood cleanliness and street cleanliness there were no real differences by the various demographic breakdowns such as age, income, city, rural v. urban, education, occupation and sex.

Respondents with combined household incomes of \$15,000 or less were less likely to report that garbage collectors never missed picking up garbage on schedule.

There were no real differences with respect to frequency of complaints for the various demographics for street/alley cleanliness or garbage collection.

FEEL SAFE WALKING AROUND NEIGHBORHOOD AT NIGHT

VERY SAFE/SAFE (NO NEIGHBORHOOD-DON'T KNOW ELIMINATED) 82% OVERALL

18-21(81%)	22-24(81%)	25-30(80%)	31-35(81%)	36-40(93)
41-45(77%)	46-50(85%)	51-55(88%)	56-60(84%)	61-65(71%)
65+(73%)				

Respondents with household incomes of \$15,00 or less were less likely to report they would feel safe.

Selected Cities

ALBANY(100%) FOLEY(100%) SARTELL(94%) SAUK RAPIDS(90) ST. JOSEPH(89%)  
ST. CLOUD (77%) WAITE PARK(79%) ST. CLOUD TOWNSHIP(90%)

MALE(95%) FEMALE(70)

About 1/4th of females in the following categories reported they would not feel safe walking around their neighborhood at night: under 30 or over 61 years of age; combined household income of \$15,000 or less; live in a city, especially St. Cloud or Waite Park; and have occupations such as sales, administrative support, service, blue collar jobs, are students or retired.

RATE OVERALL QUALITY OF POLICE PROTECTION (OVERALL MEAN 7.3)

Selected Cities

Albany 7.1 Sartell 7.8 Sauk Rapids 7.5 St. Joseph 7.0 St. Cloud 7.1  
St. Cloud Township 6.8 Waite Park 7.6

Male 7.4 Females 7.1



# FRANK

SCSU SURVEY--SPRING 1987

May 17 6:00 PM

I.D. NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

1-3 \_\_\_\_\_

As part of this study, we are interested in some issues that affect the quality of life--that is, people's views about various aspects of local government, family relationships, and so on.

First, we would like to ask you some questions concerning your opinion about local government services. That is, your opinion about how well your local government provides certain services.

1. What do you think of the overall cleanliness of your neighborhood? Would you say it is clean, fairly clean, fairly dirty, or dirty?

1. CLEAN	2. FAIRLY CLEAN
3. FAIRLY DIRTY	4. DIRTY
5. DON'T LIVE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD (VOLUNTEERED)	
8. DON'T KNOW	9. REFUSED

4- \_\_\_\_\_

2. What do you think of the cleanliness of the streets in your neighborhood? Would you say that they are clean, fairly clean, fairly dirty, or dirty?

1. CLEAN	2. FAIRLY CLEAN
3. FAIRLY DIRTY	4. DIRTY
5. DON'T LIVE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD (VOLUNTEERED)	
8. DON'T KNOW	9. REFUSED

5- \_\_\_\_\_

3. How often do garbage collectors miss picking up garbage on schedule? Would you say they "never miss", hardly ever miss, miss about once a month, or more than once a month?

1. NEVER MISS
2. HARDLY EVER
3. ABOUT ONCE A MONTH
4. MORE THAN ONCE/MONTH
5. DON'T HAVE GARBAGE PICKUP (VOLUNTEERED)
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

6- \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you complained to your local government about the cleanliness of the streets or alleys, or garbage collection services since Thanksgiving?

1. YES	GO TO NEXT QUESTION
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3. NO STREET, NO ALLEY, NO GARBAGE COLLECTION
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5. NO
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8. DON'T KNOW
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9. REFUSED
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GO TO QUESTION 6

7- \_\_\_\_\_

5. (IF YES) How many times have you complained?

88. DON'T KNOW
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99. REFUSED
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8-9- \_\_\_\_\_

6. Now we would like to ask you some questions concerning your opinion of police protection in your local area.

During nighttime hours, if you walked around your neighborhood, would you feel very safe, safe, unsafe, or very unsafe?

1. VERY SAFE

3. UNSAFE

2. SAFE

4. VERY UNSAFE

5. NO NEIGHBORHOOD (VOLUNTEERED)

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

10- \_\_\_\_\_

7. On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being very poor and 10 being very good, how would you rate the overall quality of police protection in your city?

RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

66. NOT APPLICABLE

88. DON'T KNOW

99. REFUSED

11-12- \_\_\_\_\_

8. Since Thanksgiving, have you or anyone in your household reported a crime, or contacted the police in any way?

1. YES

5. NO

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

13- \_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you feel that there are places in your local area that need additional police protection?

1. YES-NEED

5. NO-DON'T NEED

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

14- \_\_\_\_\_

10. Would you be willing to pay an increase in your taxes to pay for additional police protection?

1. YES-WILLING TO PAY

5. NO-NOT WILLING TO PAY

8. DON'T KNOW

6. DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)

9. REFUSED

15- \_\_\_\_\_

11. Currently the University of Minnesota is conducting a statewide survey of high school students concerning the issues of eating, study habits, family life, depression, alcohol and drug use, and sexuality. St. Cloud School District 742 is considering participating in the survey: How do you feel about this? Would you say you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose the participation of high school juniors and seniors in this survey.

1. STRONGLY FAVOR

2. FAVOR

3. OPPOSE

4. STRONGLY OPPOSE

8. DON'T KNOW

6. OTHER

9. REFUSED

16- \_\_\_\_\_

12. The U.S. Congress is presently debating on whether or not to raise the speed limit from 55 mph to 65 mph on certain rural roads and highways. How do you feel about this? Would you favor the 55 mile-per-hour speed limit or the 65 mile-per-hour speed limit?

1. 55 mph \_\_\_\_\_

2. 65 mph \_\_\_\_\_

6. OTHER

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

17- \_\_\_\_\_

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about household hazardous wastes.

13. In comparison to other environmental, safety and health issues in Minnesota, would you say that the problem of household hazardous waste is the most important, one of the most important, not very important or not at all important?

1. MOST IMPORTANT  
2. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT  
3. NOT VERY IMPORTANT  
4. NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT  
8. DON'T KNOW  
9. REFUSED

24 - 35

18- \_\_\_\_\_

14. Would you give me an example of a household hazardous waste?  
(DO NOT READ LIST)  
(RECORD ALL RESPONSES)

01. ANTI-FREEZE  
02. BATTERIES  
03. CLEANERS, BLEACHES, DISINFECTANTS  
04. MEDICAL DRUGS  
05. NEWSPAPERS, CANS, GLASS  
06. PAINT (OIL, LATEX, ENAMEL)  
07. PESTICIDES, BUG OR WEED KILLERS  
08. SOLVENT, PAINT THINNER  
09. SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS  
10. USED MOTOR OIL  
11. WOOD PRESERVATIVES, PENTA (WOOD REFINISHER)  
12. OTHER (LIST)  
88. DON'T KNOW  
99. REFUSED

19-20- \_\_\_\_\_  
21-22- \_\_\_\_\_  
23-24- \_\_\_\_\_  
25-26- \_\_\_\_\_  
27-28- \_\_\_\_\_  
29-30- \_\_\_\_\_  
31-32- \_\_\_\_\_  
33-34- \_\_\_\_\_  
35-36- \_\_\_\_\_  
37-38- \_\_\_\_\_  
39-40- \_\_\_\_\_  
41-42- \_\_\_\_\_  
43-44- \_\_\_\_\_

15. What do you do with used paint thinner that you no longer have any use for?  
(DO NOT READ LIST)

01. BRING TO A COLLECTION SITE  
02. DUMP IN BACKYARD OR ALLEY  
03. POUR DOWN DRAIN  
04. PUT IN GARBAGE  
05. RECYCLE  
06. STORE IN BASEMENT/GARAGE  
07. NEVER HAVE ANY  
10. OTHER (LIST)  
88. DON'T KNOW  
99. REFUSED

45-46- \_\_\_\_\_  
47-48- \_\_\_\_\_  
49-50- \_\_\_\_\_  
51-52- \_\_\_\_\_  
53-54- \_\_\_\_\_  
55-56- \_\_\_\_\_  
57-58- \_\_\_\_\_  
59-60- \_\_\_\_\_  
61-62- \_\_\_\_\_



16. If you had materials that you knew were considered hazardous wastes, would you bring them to a designated drop-off site to be recycled or properly disposed of?

1. YES 5. NO 8. DON'T KNOW 9. REFUSED - - - - -

63- \_\_\_\_

Now I'd like to change the subject and ask you some questions about your family and personal life. This information will be extremely important in helping us understand what goes on in the family. I want to remind you that we do not know who you are, so anything you say cannot be connected with you in any way. If you do not want to answer a question, please let me know and we'll move on to the next question.

17. First, I'd like to ask you some questions about the family you grew up in. Would you tell me how many brothers and sisters you have?(INCLUDE BOTH LIVING AND DEAD)

NUMBER 88. DON'T KNOW 99. REFUSED - - - - -

64-65- \_\_\_\_

18. Did your parents ever get divorced before you were eighteen years old?

1. YES 5. NO 8. DON'T KNOW 9. REFUSED - - - - -

66- \_\_\_\_

19. Did either of your parents die before you were eighteen years old?

1. YES 5. NO 8. DON'T KNOW 9. REFUSED - - - - -

67- \_\_\_\_

20. Now I'd like you to think back to when you were under the age of eighteen and living with your natural parents [PAUSE] or a natural parent and a step-parent [PAUSE] or legal guardian. When they had a disagreement with each other, do you recall your father or step-father pushing, grabbing, shoving or slapping your mother or step-mother?

1. YES 5. NO 8. DON'T KNOW 9. REFUSED - - - - -

68- \_\_\_\_

21. Do you recall your father or step-father ever doing one of the following things to your mother or step-mother? Did he ever kick, bite, hit or try to hit her with an object, punch, beat her up, threaten to use, or use a gun or knife on her?

1. YES 5. NO 8. DON'T KNOW 9. REFUSED - - - - -

69- \_\_\_\_

22. Now, how about your mother or step-mother? Do you recall her ever pushing, grabbing, shoving or slapping your father or step-father?

1. YES 5. NO 8. DON'T KNOW 9. REFUSED - - - - -

70- \_\_\_\_

23. Do you recall your mother or step-mother ever doing one of the following things to your father or step-father? Did she ever kick, bite, hit or try to hit him with an object, punch, beat him up, threaten to use, or use a gun or a knife on him?

1. YES 5. NO 8. DON'T KNOW 9. REFUSED - - - - -

71- \_\_\_\_

Some parents express a great deal of love and affection to their children while others express very little. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being a lot of affection, how much affection would you say that:

24. Your father expressed toward you? RANK 88. DON'T KNOW 99. REFUSED

72-73- \_\_\_\_

25. Now, how about your mother? RANK 88. DON'T KNOW 99. REFUSED

74-75- \_\_\_\_

Some parents spend a lot of time with their children and others spend very little time with their children. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much time would you say: (10 WOULD BE A LOT OF TIME)

26. That your father spent with you?

NUMBER 88. DON'T KNOW 99. REFUSED - - - - -

1-2- \_\_\_\_

27. Now, how about your mother?

NUMBER 88. DON'T KNOW 99. REFUSED - - - - -

3-4- \_\_\_\_

28. Thinking back to when you were growing up and your parents were angry at you or disciplining you, did either or both of them ever push, grab, shove or slap you?

1. YES 5. NO 8. DON'T KNOW 9. REFUSED - - - - -

5- \_\_\_\_

29. Did either, or both of them ever kick, bite, hit or try to hit you with an object, punch, beat you up, threaten to use, or use a gun or a knife on you?

1. YES 5. NO 8. DON'T KNOW 9. REFUSED - - - - -

6- \_\_\_\_

30. Did either, or both of them ever do any of these things to your brothers or sisters?

☒ 1. YES ☐ 5. NO ☐ 8. DON'T KNOW ☐ 9. REFUSED -----

7- \_\_\_\_

31. I'd like to ask you some more questions about your experiences as a child. Remember, we don't know who you are and your answers are completely anonymous, so we'd appreciate your response.

When you were under the age of 18, did an adult ever expose or show you the sex parts of their body when you did not want them to?

☒ 1. YES ☐ 5. NO ☐ 8. DON'T KNOW ☐ 9. REFUSED -----

8- \_\_\_\_

32. When you were under the age of 18 did an adult ever touch or fondle your breasts or sexual parts of your body when you did not want them to?

☒ 1. YES ☐ 5. NO ☐ 8. DON'T KNOW ☐ 9. REFUSED -----

9- \_\_\_\_

33. When you were under the age of 18, did an adult ever have you touch their body in a sexual way when you did not want to?

☒ 1. YES ☐ 5. NO ☐ 8. DON'T KNOW ☐ 9. REFUSED -----

10- \_\_\_\_

34. When you were under the age of 18, did an adult ever sexually attack you or force you to have sexual intercourse with them when you were not willing?

☒ 1. YES ☐ 5. NO ☐ 8. DON'T KNOW ☐ 9. REFUSED -----

11- \_\_\_\_

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about your past and present dating and marriage experiences.

35. Have you ever dated someone of the same sex?

☒ 1. YES ☐ 5. NO ☐ 8. DON'T KNOW ☐ 9. REFUSED -----

12- \_\_\_\_

36. Have you ever dated someone of the opposite sex?

☒ 1. YES ☐ 5. NO ☐ 8. DON'T KNOW ☐ 9. REFUSED -----

13- \_\_\_\_

☐ 5. NO

☐ 8. DON'T KNOW

GO TO QUESTION 41

☐ 9. REFUSED

37. During a disagreement with a past date, did they ever push, slap, kick, punch, bite, hit or try to hit you with an object or beat you up?

☒ 1. YES ☐ 5. NO ☐ 8. DON'T KNOW ☐ 9. REFUSED -----

14- \_\_\_\_

38. Now, how about you-during a disagreement with a past date, did you ever push, slap, kick, bite, hit or try to hit them with an object, punch or beat them up?

☒ 1. YES ☐ 5. NO ☐ 8. DON'T KNOW ☐ 9. REFUSED -----

15- \_\_\_\_

39. Do you feel that you were ever forced to have sexual intercourse with a past date when you were not willing?

☒ 1. YES ☐ 5. NO ☐ 8. DON'T KNOW ☐ 9. REFUSED -----

16- \_\_\_\_

40. Have you, personally, ever forced a past date to have sexual intercourse when they were not willing?

☒ 1. YES ☐ 5. NO ☐ 8. DON'T KNOW ☐ 9. REFUSED -----

17- \_\_\_\_

41. Now we'd like to ask you what your present marital status is. Which of the following categories best describes your present situation? Are you: (READ CATEGORIES)

<input type="checkbox"/> 01. married	} (GO TO QUESTION 43) -----
<input type="checkbox"/> 02. divorced and presently dating someone	
<input type="checkbox"/> 03. widowed and presently dating someone	
<input type="checkbox"/> 04. single and presently dating someone	
-----	
<input type="checkbox"/> 05. single but not dating someone at the present time	} GO TO QUESTION 42 -----
<input type="checkbox"/> 06. divorced and not dating	
<input type="checkbox"/> 07. widowed and not dating	
-----	
<input type="checkbox"/> 88. DON'T KNOW	} GO TO QUESTION 48 -----
<input type="checkbox"/> 99. REFUSED	

42. Are you currently in a dating relationship with a person of the same sex?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. YES	<input type="checkbox"/> 5. NO	<input type="checkbox"/> 8. DON'T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> 9. REFUSED	-----
} GO TO QUESTION 44				

43. Have you ever been married to someone other than your present partner?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. YES	<input type="checkbox"/> 5. NO	<input type="checkbox"/> 8. DON'T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> 9. REFUSED	-----
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44. During a disagreement with your present partner, did they ever push, slap, kick, bite, hit or try to hit you with an object, punch you or beat you up?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. YES	<input type="checkbox"/> 5. NO	<input type="checkbox"/> 8. DON'T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> 9. REFUSED	-----
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45. Now, how about you-during a disagreement with your present partner, did you ever push, slap, kick, bite, hit or try to hit them with an object, punch them or beat them up?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. YES	<input type="checkbox"/> 5. NO	<input type="checkbox"/> 8. DON'T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> 9. REFUSED	-----
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46. Do you feel that you were ever forced to have sexual intercourse with your present partner when you were not willing?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. YES	<input type="checkbox"/> 5. NO	<input type="checkbox"/> 8. DON'T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> 9. REFUSED	-----
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47. Have you, personally, ever forced your present partner to have sexual intercourse when they were not willing?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. YES	<input type="checkbox"/> 5. NO	<input type="checkbox"/> 8. DON'T KNOW	<input type="checkbox"/> 9. REFUSED	-----
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48. Which of the following categories would best describe your sexual preference for a relationship: (READ CATEGORIES)

<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Heterosexual - that is, being attracted to people of the opposite sex
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Homosexual - that is, being attracted to people of the same sex
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Bisexual - that is, being attracted to people of both sexes
<input type="checkbox"/> 8. DON'T KNOW
<input type="checkbox"/> 9. REFUSED

18-19- \_\_\_\_\_

20-21- \_\_\_\_\_

22-23- \_\_\_\_\_

24-25- \_\_\_\_\_

26-27- \_\_\_\_\_

28-29- \_\_\_\_\_

30-31- \_\_\_\_\_

32-33- \_\_\_\_\_

34-35- \_\_\_\_\_

20 36- \_\_\_\_\_

21 37- \_\_\_\_\_

22 38- \_\_\_\_\_

20 39- \_\_\_\_\_

21 40- \_\_\_\_\_

20 41- \_\_\_\_\_

26 42- \_\_\_\_\_



49. Now we'd like to ask you some questions about what you do and how you feel. Using a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being very good and 1 being very bad, would you tell us how ████ you feel about yourself?

RANK  88. DON'T KNOW 99. REFUSED - - - - -

50. How often do you feel depressed? Would you say that it is always, often, sometimes, rarely, or never?

1. ALWAYS

2. OFTEN

3. SOMETIMES

4. RARELY

5. NEVER

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED - - - - -

51. How many children do you have, if any? (NATURAL OR ADOPTED)

01. NUMBER 88. DON'T KNOW 99. REFUSED - - - - -

52. People in the United States are very conscious about their weight. Would you say that you are overweight, underweight, or just about right?

1. OVERWEIGHT

2. UNDERWEIGHT

3. JUST ABOUT RIGHT

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED - - - - -

53. Have you ever been on a diet?

X 1. YES 5. NO 8. DON'T KNOW 9. REFUSED - - - - -

54. Do you ever notice that you tend to eat just to fill time?

X 1. YES 5. NO 8. DON'T KNOW 9. REFUSED - - - - -

55. Do you ever feel guilty about eating too much food?

1. YES > GO TO NEXT QUESTION

X 5. NO

8. DON'T KNOW

9. REFUSED

> GO TO QUESTION 57

56. When you feel you have eaten too much food, do you get angry with yourself for letting this happen?

X 1. YES 5. NO 8. DON'T KNOW 9. REFUSED - - - - -

57. Sometimes people feel they lose control when they eat. Which of the following statements would characterize you? I sometimes lose control when I eat, I always lose control when I eat, or I never lose control when I eat?

1. SOMETIMES 2. ALWAYS 5. NEVER 8. DON'T KNOW 9. REFUSED - - - - -

43-44- \_\_\_\_\_

45- \_\_\_\_\_

46-47- \_\_\_\_\_

48- \_\_\_\_\_

49- \_\_\_\_\_

50- \_\_\_\_\_

51- \_\_\_\_\_

52- \_\_\_\_\_

53- \_\_\_\_\_

58. Would you identify yourself as a binge eater?

1. YES 5. NO 8. DON'T KNOW 9. REFUSED

Finally, the following are demographic questions to help us determine if we are getting a random sample and for statistical analysis. You don't have to answer all the questions, but it will help us if you do.

59. What age group are you? Are you...(READ LIST UNTIL STOPPED IF NECESSARY)

01. 18-21 07. 46-50  
02. 22-24 08. 51-55  
03. 25-30 09. 56-60  
04. 31-35 10. 61-65  
05. 36-40 11. 65+  
06. 41-45 99. REFUSED

60. What...if any...is your religious preference? (IF DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE) -- well, are you closer to being Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, Presbyterian, or something else?

01. CATHOLIC 04. BAPTIST 07. EPISCOPALIAN 12. OTHER(EXPLAIN)  
02. JEWISH 05. PRESBYTERIAN 08. PROT/OTHER 99. REFUSED  
03. LUTHERAN 06. METHODIST 11. NONE

61. Would you please tell me the range which best represents the total income, before taxes, of all immediate family living in your household? (READ LIST AS NECESSARY)

1. Under \$10,000 5. \$25-\$30 Thousand  
2. \$10-\$15 Thousand 6. \$30-\$40 Thousand  
3. \$15-\$20 Thousand 7. \$40-\$50 Thousand  
4. \$20-\$25 Thousand 8. \$50 Thousand Plus  
REFUSED

62. Could you please tell me in what city or area you presently reside?

01. ALBANY AND AREA 13. SARTELL AND AREA  
02. AVON AND AREA 14. SAUK RAPIDS AND AREA  
03. CLEAR LAKE AND AREA 15. ST. AUGUSTA AND AREA  
04. CLEARWATER AND AREA 16. ST. JOSEPH AND AREA  
05. COLD SPRING AND AREA 17. ST. CLOUD (WITHIN CITY LIMITS)  
06. FOLEY AND AREA 18. ST. CLOUD TOWNSHIP  
07. GILMAN AND AREA 19. WAITE PARK AND AREA  
10. HOLDINGFORD AND AREA 60. OTHER (LIST)  
11. RAMEY AND AREA 99. REFUSED  
12. RICE AND AREA

63. Do you currently live within city limits or outside of a city?

1. IN A CITY 2. OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS  
8. DON'T KNOW 9. REFUSED

54-

55-56-

57-58-

59-

60-61-

62-

64. What was the last grade in school you completed?

1. LESS THAN 9

4. POST HIGH-NOT COLLEGE

7. 16 YEARS PLUS

2. 9-11 YEARS

5. 13-15 YEARS

9. REFUSED

3. 12 YEARS

6. 16 YEARS

63- 47

65. What is your job--your occupation? (PROBE TO GET A FAIRLY SPECIFIC RESPONSE--IF MORE THAN ONE IS GIVEN-GET MAJOR OCCUPATION)

99. REFUSED

64-65- 48-49

I would like to thank you very much for your time and cooperation. You have been very helpful. If you would like the results of the study, either let me know now--(GET NAME AND FULL ADDRESS) - or contact the St. Cloud State University, Political Science Department or Sociology Department. Goodbye!

66. RESPONDENT SEX. DON'T ASK

1. MALE

5. FEMALE

66- 50

INTERVIEWER--CAREFULLY CHECK QUESTIONNAIRE FOR COMPLETENESS, ACCURACY, AND LEGIBILITY. PLEASE DESCRIBE ON THE BACK OF THE SHEET ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE INTERVIEW, SUCH AS DIFFICULT QUESTIONS, CODING PROBLEMS, ETC.



TOPIC: Spring 1987 SCSU Survey Local Government Results

QUESTIONS: "First, we would like to ask you some questions concerning your opinion about local government services. That is, your opinion about how well your local government provides certain services.

What do you think of the overall cleanliness of your neighborhood? Would say it is clean, fairly clean, fairly dirty, or dirty?

What do you think of the cleanliness of the streets in your neighborhood? Would you say that they are clean, fairly clean, fairly dirty, or dirty?

How often do garbage collectors miss picking up garbage on schedule? Would say they "never miss", hardly ever miss, miss about once a month, or more than once a month?

Have you ever complained to your local government about the cleanliness of the streets or alleys, or garbage collection services since Thanksgiving?

(IF YES TO ABOVE)-How many times have you complained?

Now we would like to ask you some questions concerning your opinion of police protection in your local area.

During nighttime hours, if you walked around your neighborhood, would you feel very safe, safe, unsafe, or very unsafe?

On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being very poor and 10 being very good, how would you rate the overall quality of police protection in your city?

Since Thanksgiving, have you or anyone in your household reported a crime or contacted the police in any way?

Do you feel that there are places in your local area that need additional police protection?

Would you be willing to pay an increase in your taxes to pay for additional police protection?

QUESTION DISCUSSION: A variety of sources were used for question development. Sources most used included Obtaining Citizen Feedback: The Application of Citizen Surveys to Local Government by Webb, and Hatry; Practical Program Evaluation for State and Local Governments by Hatry and Fisk; "Preference Revelation and Public Policy: Making Sense of Citizen Survey Data," Public Administration Review by L.A. Wilson.

----surveys in this area should be carried out over time with some repeated measures to measure trends

----surveys should be cross-tabulated by various demographic characteristics to identify areas of special concern

----subjective data should be compared to objective data if available

----scales may be the best way of measuring citizen preferences

----citizens may lack information-especially on complex information

----expressed satisfaction does not necessarily reflect service performance

----some research indicated that about two-thirds of respondents who express a desire for increased services are in fact willing to pay more in taxes for the increased services--trade-off questions should be used

FREQUENCY RESULTS:

	<u>OVERALL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANLINESS</u>	<u>OVERALL STREET CLEANLINESS</u>
CLEAN	54%	50%
FAIRLY CLEAN	36	38
FAIRLY DIRTY	5	5
DIRTY	1	2
NO NEIGHBORHOOD(VOL)	2	4
DON'T KNOW	2	<1
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	100% N=891	100% N=891

	<u>FREQUENCY OF MISSING GARBAGE PICKUP</u>
NEVER MISS	59%
HARDLY EVER	29
ABOUT ONCE A MONTH	3
MORE THAN ONCE A MONTH	1
NO GARBAGE PICKUP(VOL)	5
DON'T KNOW	3
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	100% N=890

	<u>COMPLAINED ABOUT LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLEANLINESS/GARBAGE PICKUP</u>	<u>NOT APPLICABLE REMOVED</u>
(SINCE THANKSGIVING)		
YES	2%	3%
NO	78	96
NOT APPLICABLE/DK	20	DON'T KNOW 1%
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	100% N=886	100% N=699

	<u>FEEL SAFE WALKING AROUND NEIGHBORHOOD AT NIGHT</u>
VERY SAFE	29%
SAFE	53
UNSAFE	12
VERY UNSAFE	3
NO NEIGHBORHOOD(VOL)	1
DON'T KNOW	2
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	100% N=890

RATE QUALITY OF POLICE PROTECTION IN YOUR CITY  
The mean was 7.3

	<u>REPORTED CRIME OR CONTACTED POLICE SINCE THANKSGIVING</u>
YES	15%
NO	85%
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	100% N=887

	<u>FEEL NEED FOR ADDITIONAL LOCAL POLICE PROTECTION</u>
YES	28%
NO	66
DON'T KNOW	6%
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	100% N= 887



FAVOR INCREASED TAXES FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE PROTECTION

YES	38%
NO	54
DEPENDS(VOL)	4
DON'T KNOW	4%
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100%	N= 880

TABLE BREAKDOWNS:

For the questions dealing with neighborhood cleanliness and street cleanliness there were no real differences by the various demographic breakdowns such as age, income, city, rural v. urban, education, occupation and sex.

Respondents with combined household incomes of \$15,000 or less were less likely to report that garbage collectors never missed picking up garbage on schedule.

There were no real differences with respect to frequency of complaints for the various demographics for street/alley cleanliness or garbage collection.

FEEL SAFE WALKING AROUND NEIGHBORHOOD AT NIGHT

VERY SAFE/SAFE (NO NEIGHBORHOOD-DON'T KNOW ELIMINATED) 82% OVERALL

18-21(81%)	22-24(81%)	25-30(80%)	31-35(81%)	36-40(93)
41-45(77%)	46-50(85%)	51-55(83%)	56-60(84%)	61-65(71%)
65+(73%)				

Respondents with household incomes of \$15,00 or less were less likely to report they would feel safe.

Selected Cities

ALBANY(100%) FOLEY(100%) SARTELL(94%) SAUK RAPIDS(90) ST. JOSEPH(89%)  
ST. CLOUD (77%) WAITE PARK(79%) ST. CLOUD TOWNSHIP(90%)

MALE(95%) FEMALE(70)

About 1/4th of females in the following categories reported they would not feel safe walking around their neighborhood at night: under 30 or over 61 years of age; combined household income of \$15,000 or less; live in a city, especially St. Cloud or Waite Park; and have occupations such as sales, administrative support, service, blue collar jobs, are students or retired.

RATE OVERALL QUALITY OF POLICE PROTECTION (OVERALL MEAN 7.3)

Selected Cities

Albany 7.1 Sartell 7.8 Sauk Rapids 7.5 St. Joseph 7.0 St. Cloud 7.1  
St. Cloud Township 6.8 Waite Park 7.6

Male 7.4 Females 7.1



# NEWS

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### SURVEY FINDS GOVERNMENT SERVICES GENERALLY PLEASE AREA RESIDENTS

6-12-87

ST. CLOUD, Minn., June--Central Minnesota residents are generally pleased with the basic service provided by local governments, according to the findings of the most recent St. Cloud State University (SCSU) Survey.

The results of the survey, released Thursday, June 11, are based on telephone interviews with nearly 900 residents of Central Minnesota conducted between April 18 and 23.

Questions dealt with neighborhood cleanliness, garbage collection, neighborhood safety and the perceived quality of police protection.

None of the results was particularly surprising, says Dr. Stephen Frank, SCSU professor of political science and one of the co-directors of the SCSU Survey, along with Dr. John Murphy, SCSU associate professor of sociology.

A total of 54 percent of those responding said they thought their neighborhood was generally clean, and 36 percent said they thought it was fairly clean. As to street cleanliness, 50 percent thought their streets were clean and 38 percent said they thought their streets were fairly clean.

A total of 59 percent said that sanitation workers never miss a scheduled garbage pickup and 29 percent responded that garbage pickup is rarely missed.

"This has to be pretty good news for local officials," Frank says. "It shows that Central Minnesota residents are pretty positive about government services." He cautioned, however, that just because residents express satisfaction with government services, that does not necessarily mean that the performance of those services is actually satisfactory.

Only 2 percent of those contacted had complained to local officials about cleanliness since Thanksgiving, and only 3 percent had complained about garbage collection in the same period of time.

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Area residents generally feel safe walking in their neighborhoods at night, according to the figures released. A total of 29 percent of the respondents said they felt very safe in their neighborhood at night, while 53 percent of those responding said they felt safe.

The question of neighborhood safety brought about what Frank saw as the only significant difference for various demographic categories in the findings released June 11. While 95 percent of the males responding to the survey said they felt very safe or safe walking in their neighborhood at night, only 70 percent of the women responding felt safe.

"Seventy percent may sound like a lot, but if you look at it the other way," Frank says, "that means that nearly one-third of the women responding do not feel safe in their own neighborhoods." Generally, Frank noted, the women who said they do not feel safe are younger than 30 or older than 61; live in a household with a combined income of less than \$15,000; live in a city, especially St. Cloud and Waite Park; and have occupations such as sales, administrative support, service, blue-collar jobs, are students or retired.

Area residents have a generally positive view of local police protection, according to the survey results. Those questioned were asked to rate police protection on a 1-to-10 scale, and the average response for the nearly 900 interviewed was 7.3.

Still, 28 percent of those contacted said they felt a need for additional local police protection, and 38 percent said they would favor increased taxes to pay for that additional protection.

The SCSU Survey is conducted twice a year, and contacts residents generally within a 20-mile radius of St. Cloud. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

More information on the SCSU Survey is available from Frank at (612)-255-4131.

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