Appendix G: Questionnaires

This appendix contains the questionnaires sent out by Thordike and Hagen in 1955 and by the NBER in 1969.
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1. Name ____________________________

2. Present Address ____________________________________________

3. (a) What schooling have you had since your last separation from the Armed Forces? (If none, check here.)

Place: ____________________________
Major Subject: ______________________
Date Started: ________________________
Date Earned: ________________________
Degree: ____________________________

4. Have you had any on-the-job training since you were separated from the Armed Forces?

Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, what kind? ____________________________

(c) If your schooling or on-the-job training was taken under the GI Bill, under what public law did you receive education benefits?

PL 16 (for disabled veterans) [ ] PL 346 (other veterans) [ ]

5. What state have you had since your last separation from the Armed Forces? (Please list your present job title, the one before that, etc.)

State: ____________________________
City: ____________________________
Street: ____________________________
Zip: __________

6. Describe what you do in your present job ____________________________

7. How many employees do you supervise? ____________________________

8. How well do you think you are performing in your present job? (Check one box: Slightly Below Average; Average; Better than Average; Outstanding)

Slightly Below Average [ ] Average [ ] Better than Average [ ] Outstanding [ ]

9. How well do you like the type of work you are now doing? (Check one box: Desires [ ] O.K. [ ] Likes it [ ] Better than a job [ ] Very much [ ] any other ______)

10. Do you have a former or have you passed a令人陶醉的同居关系 of any kind? (Example—Married Phlebotomist Licent, CPA, Licensed Ecologist, Teacher, etc.) Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, what kind? ____________________________

11. When were you last separated from the Armed Forces? Month Year ____________________________

12. Have you had any work or second duty since your last separation from the Armed Forces? (Do not count short tours of duty for reserve training.) Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes, please give dates:

From _______ to _______

13. Did you ever receive vocational counseling through the Veterans Administration? Yes [ ] No [ ]

14. Please give your Social Security number if it is readily available ____________________________

15. (Use the other side of this blank for any comments that you think will give us a better picture of your post-War life.) ____________________________

Questionnaire sent to all men in survey sample.

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We plan to begin tabulations by July 1 and would appreciate your returning the questionnaire as soon as possible.

Categorize the small numbers to the right of each blank.

GENERAL INFORMATION
1. What is your age (last birthday)?

2. Please check X below to indicate

       Single [ ] Married [ ] Widower [ ]
       Divorced [ ] Widower [ ]

3. How many children do you have?

       1 [ ] 2 [ ] 3 [ ] 4 [ ]

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND
1. Please fill in the following form.

SCHOOLS ATTENDED

HIGH SCHOOL

Locust Valley, Pennsylvania ____________________________

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Automatic Repair School ____________________________

UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

U. of Colorado, Boulder ____________________________

GRADUATE SCHOOL ____________________________

2. Please indicate the highest grade by each of the following family graduates would be 12, college

       Wife [ ] Your father [ ]
       Wife's father [ ]

3. Based on your own personal or high schools and colleges such
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Disregard the small numbers to the right of the boxes; they are for tabulation purposes.

IDENTIFICATION

1. What is your age (last birthday)? ....... years.

2. Please check X below to indicate your marital status.

- Single
- Married
- Divorced
- Widow
- Other

3. How many children do you have?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6 or more

4. Do you own your own home or co-operative apartment?

- Yes - house
- Yes - apartment
- No

5. What is the state of your general health?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

6. What is your approximate height?

- Ft.

7. What is your approximate weight?

- Lbs.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1. Please fill in the following form. We have included an illustrative set of responses in dark type.

SCHOOLS ATTENDED

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lunar Valley, Pennsylvania 1938-42 X

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

- Automotive Repair School 1946 X

UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

- U. of Colorado, Boulder 1943-45-46 X B.A. 1948

2. Please indicate the highest grade of schooling completed by each of the following family members: (High school graduate would be 12, college graduate 16, etc.):

- Wife: yrs.
- Your father: yrs.
- Wife’s father: yrs.

3. Based on your own personal experience, what do you think high schools and colleges should concentrate on? Indicate your choice by circling the appropriate number on the scale from 5 (very great importance) to 1 (very little importance).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Highest Grade Completed</th>
<th>Great Importance</th>
<th>Little Importance</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wife</td>
<td>61-63</td>
<td>Basic skills (reading, mathematics, etc.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Your father</td>
<td>52-54</td>
<td>General knowledge (history, literature, science, etc.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wife’s father</td>
<td>55-56</td>
<td>Career preparation (vocational, professional, etc.)</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Activities (school clubs, newspapers, sports, etc.)</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Social awareness (current social problems, community action, etc.)</td>
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WORK EXPERIENCE, EARNINGS, AND INCOME

1. We would like you to describe your work experience below, starting with your present job. An illustrative set of responses have been included in dark type.

For the earnings information, even very rough estimates will be helpful. If you are self-employed, mark column 1 as self-employed and interpret the salary columns as total income. If you have more than one job, please report salary on main job only.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Position Held</th>
<th>Years Worked</th>
<th>Beginning Salary (annual full time)</th>
<th>Ending Salary (annual full time)</th>
<th>Pension Contributions (if any)</th>
<th>Average Weekly Hours by Last Year Job</th>
<th>Other Info</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>F 1961-69</td>
<td>$7,000</td>
<td>$8,000</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Office line</td>
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<tr>
<td>PRESENT JOB</td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>PREVIOUS JOBS</td>
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<tr>
<td>FIRST JOB (Full-time, after finishing school)</td>
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2. For the past year, please indicate the number of weeks spent doing each of the following:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>ACTIVITY</th>
<th>WEEKS</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Full-time work (or both full and part-time)</td>
<td>67</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Part-time work</td>
<td>89</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Paid vacation</td>
<td>15-11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Out of work or on layoff</td>
<td>12-13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unable to work due to illness</td>
<td>15-16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other (please specify)</td>
<td>17-19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>52</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

3. Please indicate your total household income for the following years. If your income was unusually high or low in these years, please indicate the average for surrounding years (e.g. 1967-68-69).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>YEAR</th>
<th>TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME</th>
<th>OTHER INCOME</th>
<th>FAMILY INCOME</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1968</td>
<td>$15,000</td>
<td>$10,000</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1958</td>
<td>$12,000</td>
<td>$8,000</td>
<td>$4,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

NOTE: Totals do not always equal for reasons of rounding.

For the purposes of this section, we define the following:

- **Total income** includes all earnings and other sources of income for the household.
- **Other income** includes sources such as social security, child support, etc.
- **Family income** is the sum of total income and other income.

**J O B D E S C R I P T I O N**

A number of job descriptions are listed below. Please indicate X which of these best describes your current job (A), and which best describes the type of job held by your father (B).

<table>
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<tr>
<th>JOB DESCRIPTION</th>
<th>A</th>
<th>B</th>
<th>C</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Business Proprietor (owner)</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Professional (Doctor, Lawyer, etc.)</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Self-employed</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unskilled</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Managerial (executive, office manager, etc.)</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Technical (draftsman, surveyor, etc.)</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Office worker</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Service worker</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Skilled</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Semi-skilled</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unskilled</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other (please specify)</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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4. Please indicate your total household income for the follow-
ATTITUDE TOWARD JOB

In this section we want to find out how people feel about their work. Just circle the number that best describes your own evaluation. The numbers constitute a scale ranging from five (highest, best, etc.) to one (lowest, worst, etc.).

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<th>High</th>
<th>Low</th>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>3</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>5</td>
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1. Which of the following types of groups, if any, do you devote some amount of time to, either as a member, an active participant, or an officer?

- Service organizations (Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, etc.)
- Youth organizations (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.)
- Veterans' organizations
- Professional and trade associations
- Political organizations
- Educational organizations (PTA, etc.)
- Churches or church-related organizations
- Religious activity
- Educational activity
- Social action
- Community and social action groups
- Organized volunteer work (hospitak, etc.)
- Fund raising
- Personal service
- Informal helping out—neighbors, friends, relatives
- Household tasks

ACTIVITIES

In this section we would like you to indicate X which of the following best describes your voting habits:

1. Do you feel that young people today have too much freedom, too little, or about the right amount?
   - Too much □ 3 2 1 2 Too little □ 1 2
   - About right □ 5 4 3

2. Do you feel that you people today are too much concerned with financial security, too little, or what?
   - Too much □ 3 2 1 2 Too little □ 1 2
   - About right □ 5 4 3

3. During the past ten years or so, do you think that the pace of racial integration has been too fast, too slow, or about right—considering the welfare of the country as a whole?
   - Too fast □ 3 2 1 2 Too slow □ 1 2
   - About right □ 5 4 3

4. Assuming you thought that the financial possibilities were about the same, would you prefer to work for yourself or for somebody else?
   - Prefer self-employment □ 5 4 3
   - Prefer salaried employment □ 1

5. Suppose you thought that the financial advantages were on the average, slightly favorable if you worked for yourself rather than for someone else. Would you then prefer:
   - Self-employment □ 5 4 3
   - Salaried employment □ 1
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ASSETS, DEBTS, SAVINGS, AND PURCHASES—OPTIONAL

The following questions are of considerable interest to us, but we know that some people regard financial information of this sort as very personal. If that is your feeling, just skip this section. Please return the form, since the other information will be of great help in the study. Once again, let us note that all replies will be treated with the strictest confidence.

1. Please check X to indicate the approximate amount of your household's assets or debts in each of the following categories:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Approximate Amount (dollars)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Checking accounts</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Savings accounts and government savings bonds</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Common stock, mutual funds, other marketable securities</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value of your home</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other personal debt (installment, etc.)</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other assets (own business, real estate)</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mortgages on your home</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Instalment and other debts outstanding</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
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2. Please indicate the approximate change (either increase or decrease) over the past 12 months in each of the following:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of DECREASE</th>
<th>Amount of INCREASE</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Checking and savings accounts, government bonds</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Common stock, mutual funds, other marketable securities</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Equity in annuities and life insurance (cash surrender value)</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Equity in pension plan (other than Social Security)</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mortgage balance outstanding</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Instalment and other debts outstanding</td>
<td>$0 - $1,000</td>
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3. During the past 12 months, have you

- Purchased a home                                      | Yes | No | If yes, approximate cost
- Purchased a car                                      |     |    | $0 - $200
- Purchased major durables, appliances, or furniture   |     |    | $0 - $200
- Made major alterations or repairs on your home       |     |    | $0 - $200

Thank you very much for your cooperation in filling out this questionnaire. If you would like to receive a summary of the results when the study is completed, indicate by X.

☑ Would like summary

Before we proceed with our earlier question about the effects of education on income in 1968, we would like to point out that these questions have been revised compared to previous years. We appreciate your cooperation and hope that the new questions are easier to understand. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to let us know.