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## Appendix G: शustionnaires

This appendix contains the questionnaires sent out by Thorndike and Hagen in 1955 and by the NBER in 1969.


Questionnaire sent to all men in wrvey somple.

## A TWENTY-FIVE YEAR FOLLOW-UP SURVEY <br> Sponsored by the National Bureau of Economic Research, New York, New York

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

Identification

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GENERAL INFORMATION


## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

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

| SCHOOLS ATTENDED | $\begin{aligned} & \text { DATES } \\ & \text { ATTENDED } \end{aligned}$ | graduated (xif yes) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TPE OF } \\ & \text { DEGREE } \\ & \text { RECEIVED } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { DATE } \\ \text { REGREE } \\ \text { RECEIVEE } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HIGH SCHOOL |  |  |  |  |
| Locust Valley, Penneytvania | 1938-42 | X |  |  |

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

| Automothve Repair School | 1946 | x |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE
OR UNIVERSITY

| U. of Colorado, Boulder | 1943, 45-48 | X | 8.A. | 1948 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| . . . . . . . . . . . . | ........ |  |  |  |
| .................. | . ....... | -21.1 | .. . 22.1 | . . . . . . 23.24 |
|  |  |  | - 2 |  |
| GRADUATE SCHOOL |  |  |  |  |
| .............. | .... | - | $\cdots$ | . $\cdot$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$. |
| ................... | . . . . . . | -25-1 |  | . 28.27 |

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.):

|  | Hlyhest Grade Completed |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wifo | . ....... yrs. | 61.62 |
| Your father | ........ yrs. | 63-64 |
| Wife's father | . . . . . . . yrs. | 65-68 |

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).

|  | Great Importance |  |  | Littia mportance |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Basic akilis (reading, mathematics, otc.) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 67 |
| General knowlodge (history. titerature, science, etc.) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 68 |
| Career preparation (vocational, professional, etc.) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 89 |
| Actlvities (schcol clubs, newspapers, sports, etc.) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 70 |
| Social ewareness (current social problems, community action, stc.) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 71 |

## WORK EXPERIENCE, EARNINES, 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 eamings Information, even very rough estimates will be holpful. If you are self-omployed, mark column 1 as acifemptoyed and interpre

|  | Position Held | Yan <br> Worted | Beglanin <br> Salary | Ending Salary <br> e) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pention } \\ & \alpha \text { pitan } \\ & \alpha \text { y⿴囗 } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Prerimax | 101* | \$7.800 | \$9,400 | X | 42 |  |
| PRESENT JOB PREVIOUS 10BS | . . . |  |  |  | $\square$ |  |  |
|  | - | . | . . . . $\cdot$ | . . . . | $\square$ |  |  |
|  | . $\cdot$ • $\cdot$ | . . . | . | . | $\square$ | Office Use |  |
|  | . . | . | . |  | $\square$ |  |  |
|  | . . . . | . |  |  | $\square$ |  | 11-15 |
|  | - | . $\cdot$ |  |  | $\square$ |  |  |
|  | . . . . | -....' |  |  | $\square$ |  | $20-81$ |
|  | . . . . | -•••• | . |  | $\square$ |  |  |
| FRST JOB <br> (Full-time, after <br> finishing school) | ' . . . . | . . . . | ..... | - | $\square$ |  |  |

2. For the past year, please indicate the number of weeks spent doing each of the following:
and your wife's father (C) during most of their working lives.


## 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.)

|  | Hien |  |  | Low |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Do you enjoy your workr | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |  |
| Does your work provide a challenge? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |  |
| Is your work interesting? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |  |

For the items listed below, how does your total work experience to date compare with what you expected when you first started? ( $3=$ about as expected)

| Financial compensation | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 21 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Requirement for independent Judgment | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 22 |
| Rasponstbilty | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 23 |

Rasponstbility . . . . . . . . .
Prospects for avancement
Below is llst of possible requiremants for achieving success in a perticular job or protession. Indicate on the scale where your own ype of work should be renked. That Is, to what degres does success in your work depend on: ( 3 = everage importance for succese)

Your own performance
Having the right connections

| 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

Being able to get alang with people
Baing lucky or unlucky
Having t coltage diploma
Warking herd
2. Please check $X$ below to indicate your religious preference.

3. Please indicate $X$ which of the following best describes your voting habits:

| Always vote | $\square$ | 51.1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Always vote in national elections, sometimes in state and locas ones | $\square$ | -2 |
| Usually vote in national elections | $\square$ | - 3 |
| Sometimes vote in national elections | $\square$ | 4 |
| Saldom vote in any elections | $\square$ | -5 |

4. Do you think of yourself as politically conservative or liberal?
Very conservative . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5 .
Moderately consarvativo

| $\square$ | -2 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 0 | -3 |
| $\square$ | -1 |

Moderately iliberal
Vary liberal 5

SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL ATTITUDES
In this section we would like you to indicate your attitude about various social and economic problems. Please check $X$ the appropriate box, and feel free to add additional explanation where necessary.

1. Do you feel that young people today have too much free. dom, too little, or about the right amount?

2. Do you feel that people today are too much concerned with financial security, too little, or what?
Too much . . . DS43 About right . . . Ds4-2 Too little ... D54.i
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?

4. Assuming you thought that the financial possibilities were about the same, would you prefer to work for yourself or for somebody else?

| Prefer solf-employment No preference |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
|  |  |

5. Suppose you thought that the financial advantages were. on the average, slightly favorable if you worked for your self rather than for someone else. Would you then prefer:


## 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：

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dowt } \\ & \text { MANI } \end{aligned}$ | APPROXIMATE AMOUNT（dolars）Cat |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under \＄1，000 |  | $\$ 1,0000$ |  | $\$ 2,000-$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 55,000- \\ & 10,000 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 10,000 \\ \mathbf{2 0}, 000 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 20,000- \\ & 40,000 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 40,000- \\ & 80,000 \end{aligned}$ |  | \&80,000 |  |
| Checking accounts | －8－1 | $\square$ | ． 2 | － | 3 | － | 4 | $\square$ | 3 | $\square$ | － | $\square$ | ． 7 | $\square$ | － | $\square$ | s |
| Savings sccounts and govarnment savings bonds． | ［ 7.1 | － | － 2 | － | 3 | － | 4 | $\square$ | 5 | $\square$ | 6 | $\square$ | ． 7 | $\square$ | 4 | － | －9 |
| Common stock，mutual funds，other markatable securities（currant markut valuo） | ［ 9－1 | $\square$ | －2 | $\square$ | 3 | 口 | 4 | $\square$ | 3 | $\square$ | ${ }^{6}$ | $\square$ | ． 7 | $\square$ | －8 | 口 | 8 |
| value of your home（what it would currently cell for） | ［10．1 | － | － 2 | $\square$ | 3 | － | 4 | $\square$ | 5 | $\square$ | － 6 | $\square$ | ． 7 | － | － 8 | $\square$ | － |
| Equity in annultles and life insurance （cash surrendar value） | ［11．1 | $\square$ | －2 | ᄃ | 3 | $\square$ | 4 | $\square$ | 3 | $\square$ | － 6 | $\square$ | .7 | $\square$ | － 9 | 口 | －9 |
| Equity in pension plan（other than Soclal Security） | －12．1 | $\square$ | －2 | $\square$ | $s$ | $\square$ | 4 | $\square$ | 3 | $\square$ | － 6 | $\square$ | ． 7 | $\square$ | － 0 | $\square$ | S |
| Other assets（own business，real estate） | －13－1 | 口 | － 2 | ㅁ | 3 | － | 4 | $\square$ | 5 | $\square$ | － 6 | $\square$ | ． 7 | $\square$ | － 8 | $\square$ | ง |
| Mortage on your home | －14－1 | － | $\cdot 2$ | $\square$ | 3 | 口 | 4 | $\square$ | 3 | $\square$ | － 6 | $\square$ | ． 7 | $\square$ | － | $\square$ | － |
| Other personal debt（Installment，etc．） | －15－1 | $\square$ | －2 | － | 3 | $\square$ | 4 | $\square$ | 3 | $\square$ | － | $\square$ | ． 7 | $\square$ | － | － | － |

2．Please indicate the approximate change（either increase or decrease）over the past 12 months in each of the following：

|  | Amount of Decrease |  |  |  |  |  |  | No Change |  | Amount of INCREASE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { over } \\ & \$ 2,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1,000- \\ & 2,000 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 8500 \\ & 1,000 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & \$ 500 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & \$ 500 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 500- \\ & \$ .000 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\$ 1.000 .$ |  | $\$ 2,000$ |  |
| Checking and sovings accounts，govarnment bonds | －18．1 | $\square$ | － 2 | － | 3 | － | 4 | $\square$ | $s$ | $\square$ | $\stackrel{8}{8}$ | $\square$ | .7 | $\square$ | － | ［］ | ． 9 |
| Common stock，mutual funds，other markatable securities（count only net now monay put in or taken out） | $\square 17.1$ | $\square$ | － 2 | $\square$ | 3 | $\square$ | 4 | $\square$ | ． 5 | $\square$ | － 6 | $\square$ | .7 | $\square$ | － 8 | － | －9 |
| Equity in annulties and life inaurance （cash surrender value） | $\square 19.1$ | $\square$ | $\cdot 2$ | $\square$ | 3 | $\square$ | 4 | $\square$ | 3 | $\square$ | － 8 | $\square$ | ． 7 | $\square$ | － 8 | $\square$ | ． 9 |
| Equity In a pansion plan（other than Social Security） | $\square \square^{20-1}$ | 口 | －2 | － | 3 | $\square$ | 4 | $\square$ | 5 | $\square$ | ． | $\square$ | ． 7 | $\square$ | －8 | $\square$ | ． 9 |
| Other assots（count only net purchases or sales） | －21．1 | $\square$ | －2 | $\square$ | 3 | $\square$ | 4 | $\square$ | ． 5 | $\square$ | 6 | $\square$ | －7 | $\square$ | － | $\square$ | ． 9 |
| Mortgage baiance outstanding | $\square 22.1$ | $\square$ | －2 | $\square$ | 3 | $\square$ | 4 | － | ． 5 | － | ． 6 | $\square$ | ． 7 | $\square$ | －8 | $\square$ | ． 9 |
| Installment and other debte outatanding | $\square 23.1$ | $\square$ | － 2 | － | 3 | － | 4 |  | $s$ | － | ． 6 | － | ． 7 | $\square$ | － 8 | $\square$ | ． 9 |


| 3．During the past 12 months，have you |  | No |  | If yes， ApproximateCost |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Purchased a home | Yes <br> －24－1 | $\square$ | －2 | 5 |  |
| Purchased a home | －30．1 | $\square$ | ． 2 | \＄． | 23．29 |
| Purchased major durables，appliances，or furniture | －36－1 | $\square$ | －2 | \＄． | 37－41 |
| Made major alterations or repairs on your home | －42．1 | $\square$ | －2 | \＄． | 4347 |

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 $X$ ．

