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**Why is this survey important?** In this survey we will ask you questions about what is referred to as your socioeconomic status. This is a measure of the social standing, or class, of an individual or group. This measure is used frequently in science. Your answers to these questions are important to us because we are interested in exploring the links between socioeconomic status and brain performance.

**How long will this survey take to complete?** 5 minutes or less.

**Think of this ladder as representing where people stand in their communities.**

People define community in different ways; please define it in whatever way is most meaningful to you. At the **top** of the ladder are the people who have the highest standing in their community. At the **bottom** are the people who have the lowest standing in their community.

**Where would you place yourself on this ladder?**

Please place a large "X" on the rung where you think you stand at this time in your life, relative to other people in your community.



**Think of this ladder as representing where people stand in the United States.**

At the **top** of the ladder are the people who are the best off – those who have the most money, the most education and the most respected jobs. At the **bottom** are the people who are the worst off – who have the least money, least education, and the least respected jobs or no job. The higher up you are on this ladder, the closer you are to the people at the very top; the lower you are, the closer you are to the people at the very bottom.

**Where would you place yourself on this ladder?**

Please place a large "X" on the rung where you think you stand at this time in your life, relative to other people in the United States.



Dev note – for both of the ladder questions above we can just number the ladder rungs and ask them to enter in the run of the ladder using our numbering system. The ladder needs to be numbered for their reference from bottom to top. Also – these above images need to be larger on the survey – they are very hard to read. Thanks.

**Which of the following best describes the highest level of education you have completed?**

- a. Didn't Finish High School
- b. Didn't Finish High School, but completed a technical/vocational program
- c. High School Graduate or GED (General Education Diploma)
- d. Completed High School and a technical/vocational program
- e. Less than 2 Years of College
- f. 2 Years of College or more/ including associate degree or equivalent
- g. College graduate (4 or 5-year program)

- h. Master's degree (or other post-graduate training)
- i. Doctoral degree (PhD, MD, EdD, DVM, DDS, JD, etc)

What is your primary occupation? \_\_\_\_ [free text field] \_\_\_\_

What is your current employment status?

- a. Working full time
- b. Working part time
- c. Self-employed
- d. Not currently employed
- e. Retired
- f. Homemaker
- g. Disabled

What is your current marital status?

- j. Single
- k. Married or domestic partnership
- l. Separated or divorced
- m. Widowed

Which category best describes your yearly household income before taxes? Include all income received from employment, social security, investments, retirement accounts, etc.

- Less than \$5,000
- \$5,000 - \$9,999
- \$10,000 - \$14,999
- \$15,000 - \$19,999
- \$20,000 - \$29,999
- \$30,000 - \$39,999
- \$40,000 - \$49,999
- \$50,000 - \$59,999
- \$60,000 - \$74,999

- \$75,000 - \$99,999
- \$100,000 - \$124,999
- \$125,000 - \$149,999
- \$150,000 - \$299,000
- Above \$300,000

Do you own a home (includes currently paying a mortgage)?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

n. If yes, how many people (NOT including yourself) live in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

How many bedrooms (including guest bedrooms, bedrooms used as offices etc...) are in the house or apartment which is your PRIMARY residence? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own a working motor vehicle (car, truck, van, SUV) now?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, how many do you own? \_\_\_\_\_

During the last year, did you take an out-of-town vacation?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_