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March 2020

Screening Questions

- {Age}

Under 18 [TERMINATE]	--
18-24	22%
25-29	25%
30-34	25%
35-39	28%
40+ [TERMINATE]	--

- Are you currently enrolled in college?

Yes	27%
No	73%

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Survey Questions

Intro: Thank you for your participation in this survey. The next questions in the survey are going to ask you about a particular historical topic that you may or may not know much about – the Holocaust. All answers and responses are confidential, so please be as honest and open as you can.

1. Have you ever seen or heard the word Holocaust before?

Yes, I have definitely heard about the Holocaust	76%
Yes, I think I've heard about the Holocaust	15%
No, I don't think I have heard about the Holocaust	3%
No, I definitely have not heard about the Holocaust	6%

IF NO, SKIP TO Q7

2. Who or what do you think caused the Holocaust? [OPEN ENDED AND MULTIPLE RESPONSES ALLOWED]

Adolf Hitler	78%
The Nazis	64%
Germany	32%
World War I	12%
Jews	8%
The United States	6%
The Great Depression	4%
Israel	3%
Franklin Delano Roosevelt/FDR	1%
Palestine	--
Other	1%
Not sure	6%

3. Who were victims during the Holocaust? [SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]

The Jewish people	92%
Homosexuals	36%
The Disabled/People with disabilities	33%
Roma-Sinti (Gypsies)	26%
Resistance Workers	21%
Non-Jewish Poles	15%
Jehovah's Witnesses	11%
Rescuers	11%
Communists	6%
Other	5%
Not sure	5%

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4. In which country or countries listed below did the Holocaust take place? **SELECT ALL THAT APPLY**

Germany	73%
Poland	30%
Europe (Generally)	26%
Austria	19%
France	10%
Hungary	10%
Former Czechoslovakia/Czech Republic/Slovakia	10%
Belgium	10%
Former Soviet Union	9%
Italy	7%
The Netherlands (Holland)	7%
Ukraine	6%
Romania	6%
Lithuania	4%
Former Yugoslavia	3%
Denmark	3%
Estonia	3%
Latvia	2%
The United States	1%
Australia	1%
North Africa	--
Greece	--
China	--
All of the above	4%
Other	--
Not sure	11%

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5. During the Holocaust, Jews and many others were sent to concentration camps, death camps, and ghettos. Can you name any concentration camps, death camps, or ghettos you have heard of? **[OPEN-ENDED AND MULTIPLE RESPONSES ALLOWED]**

Auschwitz	48%
Dachau	5%
Belzec	4%
Treblinka	2%
Bergen-Belsen	2%
Chelmno	2%
Sobibor	2%
Warsaw ghetto	2%
Buchenwald	1%
Other incorrect response	8%
Don't know/None	40%

6. With which of the wars listed below is the Holocaust associated with?

The Civil War	1%
World War I	16%
World War II	66%
The Vietnam War	--
Not sure	17%

7. You will now see the names of some historical figures who are associated with a particular point in history. For each, please indicate whether or not you are familiar with him or her.

- Adolf Hitler

TOTAL FAMILIAR	92%
TOTAL NOT FAMILIAR	4%
Very familiar	62%
Familiar	30%
Not very familiar	3%
Not at all familiar	1%
Not sure	4%

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- Anne Frank

TOTAL FAMILIAR	82%
TOTAL NOT FAMILIAR	13%
Very familiar	51%
Familiar	31%
Not very familiar	8%
Not at all familiar	5%
Not sure	5%

- Oskar Schindler

TOTAL FAMILIAR	30%
TOTAL NOT FAMILIAR	59%
Very familiar	14%
Familiar	16%
Not very familiar	31%
Not at all familiar	28%
Not sure	11%

- Elie Wiesel

TOTAL FAMILIAR	27%
TOTAL NOT FAMILIAR	63%
Very familiar	13%
Familiar	14%
Not very familiar	26%
Not at all familiar	37%
Not sure	10%

Intro: The term Holocaust refers to the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of the Jewish people by the Nazi regime and its collaborators during World War II. You will now see some questions about the Holocaust.

8. Who was the leader of Nazi Germany during the Holocaust? [OPEN ENDED]

Adolf Hitler	91%
Other	4%
Not sure	5%

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9. Approximately how many Jews were killed during the Holocaust?¹ Please select from the following list:

25,000	1%
100,000	5%
1 million	12%
2 million	13%
6 million	32%
20 million	12%
Not sure	25%

10. Okay, and how was the Holocaust carried out? [OPEN ENDED AND MULTIPLE RESPONSES ALLOWED]

Concentration camps	39%
Shooting	32%
Gassing	11%
Slave labor camps	7%
Death camps	6%
Starvation	3%
Ghettos	3%
Other	11%
Not sure	25%

11. From what you know or have heard, what was Auschwitz? [OPEN ENDED AND MULTIPLE RESPONSES ALLOWED]

Concentration camp	52%
Death/extermination camp	9%
Forced labor camp	2%
Other	10%
Not sure	33%

¹ UCL Study <https://www.holocausteducation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/What-do-students-know-and-understand-about-the-Holocaust1.pdf>

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Intro: Thank you for your answers so far. You will now be asked some questions regarding your opinion about the Holocaust. After each, please select the answer choice that best represents what you think.

12. Some believe that the Holocaust did not happen. Do you believe the Holocaust happened?

Yes, I believe the Holocaust happened	89%
No, I do not believe the Holocaust happened	3%
Not sure	8%

13. Which of the following statements comes closest to your views about the Holocaust in Europe during World War Two? ²

The Holocaust happened, and the number of Jews who died in it have been fairly described	81%
The Holocaust happened, but the number of Jews who died in it has been greatly exaggerated	5%
The Holocaust is a myth and did not happen	3%
Not sure	11%

Intro: We will now be asking you about Holocaust denial and distortion. Holocaust denial is defined as a claim that the Holocaust did not take place. Distortion of the Holocaust intentionally excuses or minimizes the Holocaust's impact, such as the number of victims; blames the Jews for the Holocaust, or portrays the Holocaust as a positive event.

14. Have you seen Holocaust denial or distortion on social media or elsewhere online?

TOTAL YES	44%
TOTAL NO	45%
Yes, often	7%
Yes, occasionally	13%
Yes, but only once or twice	24%
No	45%
Not sure	11%

² ADL Global 100 https://global100.adl.org/static/ADL_GLOBAL_100_SURVEY_QUESTIONNAIRE.pdf

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Intro: Switching gears slightly, you will now see a list of statements that have been made about the Holocaust. For each, please tell me if you agree or disagree:

15. People still talk too much about the Holocaust.³

TOTAL AGREE	10%
TOTAL DISAGREE	63%
Strongly agree	3%
Agree	7%
Neutral—neither agree nor disagree	22%
Disagree	32%
Strongly disagree	31%
Not sure	5%

16. Something like the Holocaust could happen again today.

TOTAL AGREE	54%
TOTAL DISAGREE	17%
Strongly agree	17%
Agree	37%
Neutral—neither agree nor disagree	21%
Disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	7%
Not sure	8%

17. Holocaust education should be compulsory in school.

TOTAL AGREE	65%
TOTAL DISAGREE	3%
Strongly agree	36%
Agree	29%
Neutral—neither agree nor disagree	25%
Disagree	1%
Strongly disagree	2%
Not sure	7%

³ Adapted from ADL Global 100 https://global100.adl.org/static/ADL_GLOBAL_100_SURVEY_QUESTIONNAIRE.pdf

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18. It is important to continue teaching people about the Holocaust, in part, so it doesn't happen again.

TOTAL AGREE	78%
TOTAL DISAGREE	1%
Strongly agree	49%
Agree	29%
Neutral—neither agree nor disagree	15%
Disagree	--
Strongly disagree	1%
Not sure	6%

Intro: You will now be asked some questions about how you learned about the Holocaust as well as questions on Holocaust education in the United States today.

19. Where did you first hear about the Holocaust?

At school	73%
At home	9%
Television	3%
Museums	2%
Books	1%
Movies	1%
Online, not on social media	1%
Social Media	--
At a house of worship (church/synagogue/mosque/temple)	--
From a friend	--
Other	--
Not sure	10%

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20. [IF book/television program/movie/site] Okay, and through what book/television program/movie/site did you first learn about the Holocaust? [OPEN ENDED]

Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl	16%
Schindler’s List	8%
Life is Beautiful	8%
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas	8%
Night (book)	8%
The Zookeeper’s Wife	8%
Social Media	--
A film adaptation of the Diary of Anne Frank	--
Number the Stars	--
The Pianist	--
Shoah (film)	--
Jojo Rabbit	--
All the Light We Cannot See	--
Other	44%
Not sure	--

21. At what level of school did you learn about the Holocaust? [SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]

Middle school/Junior high school	51%
High school	31%
Elementary school	25%
All of the above	4%
Did not learn about the Holocaust in school	7%
Not sure	6%

**22. [If ANY CHOICE BESIDES “Did not learn about the Holocaust in school”]
 Okay, and in which class or classes did you learn about the Holocaust at school?**

History/European history/World history	52%
Social studies/Government/Civics	26%
English/Language arts	8%
School trip to a museum	2%
A special class dedicated to the Holocaust	--
Special assembly	--
Other	1%
Not sure	11%

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23. In your opinion, are lessons taught in schools about the Holocaust historically accurate?

Lessons about the Holocaust are completely historically accurate	30%
Lessons about the Holocaust are mostly historically accurate, but could be better	50%
Lessons about the Holocaust are historically inaccurate	4%
Not sure	16%

24. Who do you think should be responsible for providing education about the Holocaust?

Schools/teachers	59%
The government	11%
It is no one's responsibility	6%
Parents	3%
Religious institutions	3%
The private sector	2%
Non-profit organizations	2%
Not sure	14%

25. In your opinion, what are the biggest benefits of teaching the Holocaust in school?
[MULTIPLE CHOICES ALLOWED]

The Holocaust is a historically significant event	62%
To learn from past mistakes and prevent genocide and mass atrocity today	50%
Teaches about racism, intolerance, and indifference	46%
To prevent something like the Holocaust from happening again	40%
To study the past and consider our roles as citizens today	16%
Learning about the Holocaust is the right thing to do	6%
Other	--
None	8%

26. Have you personally or has anyone you know visited a Holocaust museum in the United States?

I have personally visited a Holocaust museum in the United States	32%
I have not visited a Holocaust museum and do not know anyone who has visited one	27%
I have not visited, but someone I know has visited	22%
Not sure	19%

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27. Do you personally know or know of a survivor of the Holocaust?

I do not know or know of a survivor of the Holocaust	61%
I know of a survivor of the Holocaust but not personally	17%
I personally knew a survivor of the Holocaust who has passed away	6%
I personally know a survivor of the Holocaust	5%
Not sure	11%

INTRO: We're almost finished. We are now going to ask some questions about the United States today.

28. Have you personally seen Nazi symbols in your community or on the social media platforms you visit or have used in the past 5 years?

Some common examples of Nazi symbols include: flags with swastikas, pictures idealizing Hitler, flyers with pro-Nazi messages, pictures glorifying Nazi soldiers, "Heil Hitler" symbols such as Nazi-imagery or tattoos with "88" a numerical code for "Heil Hitler."

Yes—in my community	6%
Yes—on social media	29%
Yes—both in my community and on social media	9%
No	45%
Not sure	11%

29. Do you think that it is acceptable for an individual to hold neo-Nazi views?⁴

TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	6%
TOTAL NOT ACCEPTABLE	68%
Strongly acceptable	1%
Somewhat acceptable	5%
Somewhat unacceptable	10%
Strongly unacceptable	58%
Not sure	26%

30. Okay, and in your opinion, is there antisemitism in the United States today?

Yes, there is antisemitism in the United States today	61%
No, there is not antisemitism in the United States today	10%
Not sure	29%

⁴ <http://apps.washingtonpost.com/g/page/politics/washington-post-abc-news-poll-aug-16-20-2017/2235/>

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Demographics

Intro: We're just about finished...

31. {Gender}

Male	49%
Female	49%
Other	2%

32. {Race}

White or Caucasian	63%
Hispanic or Latino	7%
Black or African American	23%
Native American or American Indian	--
Asian/Pacific Islander	6%
Other	1%

33. In terms of political orientation or ideology do you consider yourself...?

Conservative	17%
Moderate	15%
Liberal	27%
Progressive	11%
Other	7%
Not sure	23%

34. What is your religion?

Protestant	19%
Evangelical	2%
Catholic	16%
Jewish	--
Muslim	--
Atheist/Agnostic	6%
Other [specify]	22%
None/Not affiliated	28%
Not sure	7%

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35. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Some high school or less	8%
High school graduate	26%
Some college	32%
College graduate	17%
Some graduate school	2%
Graduate/post-graduate degree	12%
Technical school	3%

36. What is your annual household income?

You and your family earn less than \$20,000 annually	20%
\$20,000 to \$40,000	21%
\$40,000 to \$60,000	20%
\$60,000 to \$75,000	12%
\$75,000 to \$100,000	11%
More than \$100,000	9%
Not sure	7%