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March 2020

Screening Questions

- {Age}

Under 18 [TERMINATE]	--
18-24	25%
25-29	24%
30-34	26%
35-39	25%
40+ [TERMINATE]	--

- Are you currently enrolled in college?

Yes	22%
No	78%

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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	12%
No, I don't think I have heard about the Holocaust	7%
No, I definitely have not heard about the Holocaust	5%

IF NO, SKIP TO Q7

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

Adolf Hitler	76%
The Nazis	62%
Germany	32%
World War I	15%
Jews	11%
The Great Depression	6%
The United States	2%
Israel	2%
Palestine	2%
Franklin Delano Roosevelt/FDR	2%
Other	2%
Not sure	7%

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

The Jewish people	90%
Homosexuals	34%
The Disabled/People with disabilities	31%
Roma-Sinti (Gypsies)	25%
Resistance Workers	20%
Jehovah's Witnesses	17%
Non-Jewish Poles	15%
Rescuers	14%
Communists	11%
Other	4%
Not sure	8%

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

Germany	70%
Europe (Generally)	29%
Poland	28%
Austria	19%
France	12%
Belgium	12%
Former Czechoslovakia/Czech Republic/Slovakia	11%
Hungary	10%
Former Soviet Union	10%
The Netherlands (Holland)	9%
Ukraine	9%
Romania	8%
Italy	6%
Former Yugoslavia	6%
Denmark	6%
Lithuania	5%
Estonia	2%
The United States	1%
Latvia	1%
Greece	1%
Australia	1%
North Africa	--
China	--
All of the above	3%
Other	--
Not sure	13%

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	42%
Dachau	7%
Belzec	2%
Warsaw ghetto	1%
Bergen-Belsen	1%
Treblinka	1%
Buchenwald	1%
Other incorrect response	10%
Don't know/None	45%

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

The Civil War	4%
World War I	21%
World War II	61%
The Vietnam War	2%
Not sure	12%

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	7%
Very familiar	56%
Familiar	36%
Not very familiar	6%
Not at all familiar	1%
Not sure	1%

- Anne Frank

TOTAL FAMILIAR	74%
TOTAL NOT FAMILIAR	20%
Very familiar	42%
Familiar	32%
Not very familiar	12%
Not at all familiar	8%
Not sure	6%

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- Oskar Schindler

TOTAL FAMILIAR	33%
TOTAL NOT FAMILIAR	57%
Very familiar	11%
Familiar	22%
Not very familiar	23%
Not at all familiar	34%
Not sure	10%

- Elie Wiesel

TOTAL FAMILIAR	18%
TOTAL NOT FAMILIAR	69%
Very familiar	5%
Familiar	13%
Not very familiar	22%
Not at all familiar	47%
Not sure	13%

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	90%
Other	5%
Not sure	5%

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

25,000	3%
100,000	2%
1 million	14%
2 million	7%
6 million	35%
20 million	13%
Not sure	26%

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

Shooting	36%
Concentration camps	34%
Gassing	14%
Slave labor camps	10%
Death camps	4%
Starvation	4%
Ghettos	3%
Medical experiments	2%
Other	15%
Not sure	24%

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

Concentration camp	46%
Death/extermination camp	11%
Forced labor camp	1%
Other	13%
Not sure	33%

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	90%
No, I do not believe the Holocaust happened	2%
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	8%
The Holocaust is a myth and did not happen	1%
Not sure	10%

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

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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	38%
TOTAL NO	47%
Yes, often	4%
Yes, occasionally	12%
Yes, but only once or twice	22%
No	47%
Not sure	15%

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	12%
TOTAL DISAGREE	62%
Strongly agree	4%
Agree	8%
Neutral—neither agree nor disagree	20%
Disagree	39%
Strongly disagree	23%
Not sure	6%

16. Something like the Holocaust could happen again today.

TOTAL AGREE	55%
TOTAL DISAGREE	17%
Strongly agree	20%
Agree	35%
Neutral—neither agree nor disagree	22%
Disagree	11%
Strongly disagree	6%
Not sure	6%

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

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17. Holocaust education should be compulsory in school.

TOTAL AGREE	63%
TOTAL DISAGREE	5%
Strongly agree	28%
Agree	35%
Neutral—neither agree nor disagree	22%
Disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	1%
Not sure	10%

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

TOTAL AGREE	87%
TOTAL DISAGREE	2%
Strongly agree	52%
Agree	35%
Neutral—neither agree nor disagree	7%
Disagree	2%
Strongly disagree	--
Not sure	4%

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	68%
At home	5%
Books	4%
Television	3%
Movies	3%
Social Media	3%
Online, not on social media	3%
Museums	3%
At a house of worship (church/synagogue/mosque/temple)	1%
From a friend	1%
Other	--
Not sure	6%

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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	19%
Life is Beautiful	13%
Number the Stars	13%
Social Media	9%
Schindler’s List	9%
All the Light We Cannot See	7%
A film adaptation of the Diary of Anne Frank	3%
The Pianist	3%
Other	16%
Not sure	8%

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

Middle school/Junior high school	46%
High school	39%
Elementary school	23%
All of the above	6%
Did not learn about the Holocaust in school	11%
Not sure	8%

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	58%
Social studies/Government/Civics	17%
English/Language arts	8%
School trip to a museum	3%
A special class dedicated to the Holocaust	--
Special assembly	--
Other	--
Not sure	14%

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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	22%
Lessons about the Holocaust are mostly historically accurate, but could be better	53%
Lessons about the Holocaust are historically inaccurate	4%
Not sure	21%

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

Schools/teachers	56%
The government	13%
It is no one's responsibility	8%
Parents	3%
Religious institutions	2%
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]

To learn from past mistakes and prevent genocide and mass atrocity today	57%
The Holocaust is a historically significant event	55%
To prevent something like the Holocaust from happening again	49%
Teaches about racism, intolerance, and indifference	45%
To study the past and consider our roles as citizens today	19%
Learning about the Holocaust is the right thing to do	6%
Other	1%
None	5%

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

I have not visited a Holocaust museum and do not know anyone who has visited one	50%
I have not visited, but someone I know has visited	20%
I have personally visited a Holocaust museum in the United States	18%
Not sure	12%

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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	75%
I know of a survivor of the Holocaust but not personally	12%
I personally know a survivor of the Holocaust	4%
I personally knew a survivor of the Holocaust who has passed away	2%
Not sure	7%

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	33%
Yes—both in my community and on social media	11%
No	42%
Not sure	8%

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

TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	8%
TOTAL NOT ACCEPTABLE	72%
Strongly acceptable	1%
Somewhat acceptable	7%
Somewhat unacceptable	14%
Strongly unacceptable	58%
Not sure	20%

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

Yes, there is antisemitism in the United States today	57%
No, there is not antisemitism in the United States today	7%
Not sure	36%

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	48%
Female	50%
Other	2%

32. {Race}

White or Caucasian	25%
Hispanic or Latino	3%
Black or African American	4%
Native American or American Indian	--
Asian/Pacific Islander	48%
Other	20%

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

Conservative	15%
Moderate	18%
Liberal	27%
Progressive	9%
Other	7%
Not sure	24%

34. What is your religion?

Protestant	8%
Evangelical	4%
Catholic	23%
Jewish	--
Muslim	--
Atheist/Agnostic	12%
Other [specify]	17%
None/Not affiliated	29%
Not sure	7%

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

Some high school or less	4%
High school graduate	25%
Some college	21%
College graduate	33%
Some graduate school	3%
Graduate/post-graduate degree	11%
Technical school	3%

36. What is your annual household income?

You and your family earn less than \$20,000 annually	12%
\$20,000 to \$40,000	20%
\$40,000 to \$60,000	16%
\$60,000 to \$75,000	10%
\$75,000 to \$100,000	12%
More than \$100,000	21%
Not sure	9%