



*Single Participant Version*

HARVARD IMMIGRATION PROJECTS  
FINAL PARENT INTERVIEW

Family ID code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ RA's code: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes to RA:**

**1. Choose only one parent for the interview.**

- If more than one parent or relative is in the room, please explain that it is hard to keep track of two sets of responses. Therefore we need them to decide who spends the most time with and who knows the child participants in the study the best. That person will be designated as the parent interviewee. Please direct your questions only to that person.
- If another adult makes comments and disputes the parent interviewee's answers throughout the interview, please write about this in the "interview notes" at the end. If there is a **MAJOR** disagreement about a particular question, please turn the page over, note the Question #, and write what the other person said.

**2. Throughout this interview, questions about "[children]" refer to ALL children in the family. Questions that refer to child participants in the study or to other specific children in the family will be clearly noted.**

Parent Interviewee:

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| <input type="radio"/> Mother                       | <input type="radio"/> Father                     |
| <input type="radio"/> Step-mother                  | <input type="radio"/> Step-father                |
| <input type="radio"/> Grandmother                  | <input type="radio"/> Grandfather                |
| <input type="radio"/> Aunt                         | <input type="radio"/> Uncle                      |
| <input type="radio"/> Other Female Caretaker _____ | <input type="radio"/> Other Male Caretaker _____ |

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE **essential** \_\_\_\_\_

**Read to parent interviewee:**

I would like to begin by asking you about changes in your household and all the people who live with you. This information will help us better understand your family and your children's living situation. After we collect this basic background information, we will then proceed with the main part of the interview.

D1a. In the last four years, have there been any changes in where you and your children live?

☐ Yes ☐ No

→ **If yes:** D1b. How many times has your family moved in the last 5 years? \_\_\_\_\_ times

D2a. In the last four years, have there been any changes in who lives with you and your children? For example, has a baby been born? Have other relatives moved in? Has someone died? Have you separated from a partner/spouse?

☐ Yes ☐ No

→ **If yes:** D2b. What kinds of changes?

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D3. In total, how many people live in your household for 2 months or more during the year? \_\_\_\_\_

**Read to parent interviewee:**

Now I would like to ask you to help me list and identify each person in your household. Please list only those people who live in the household for 2 months or more during the year. If there are more than 10 people in your household, please name the 10 people who spend the most time in the house.

**Turn to Household Composition Chart, next page.**

D4. Do you have any children who do not live with you in the household?

☐ Yes ☐ No

→ **If yes:** D5. How many children do you have who live outside of your household? \_\_\_\_\_

D6. What is your marital status?

☐ Now married ☐ Widowed ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Never married

D7a. Are you currently living with a spouse or partner?

☐ Yes ☐ No

→ **If yes:** D7b. How long have you been living with your current spouse or partner? \_\_\_\_\_ years

**The next set of Questions is to be asked for each Child Participant in the study!**

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D8a. Does this child live with the biological mother?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**If  
yes,  
skip  
to  
D9a.**

→ **If no:** D8b. Where does the biological mother live currently?

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

→ **If no:** D8c. How long has it been since the child has seen the biological mother?

☐ A week or less ☐ A month or less ☐ 6 months or less

☐ 1 year or less ☐ Greater than 1 yr ☐ Don't know

D9a. Does this child live with the biological father?

☐ Yes ☐ No

→ **If no:** D9b. Where does the biological father live currently?

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

→ **If no:** D9c. How long has it been since the child has seen the biological father?

☐ A week or less ☐ A month or less ☐ 6 months or less

☐ 1 year or less ☐ Greater than 1 yr ☐ Don't know

**Read to parent interviewee:**

**Start Tape Recording Here**

You may recall that four years ago when we began the study we interviewed you about your experiences coming to the United States as well as your impressions of your [children's] educational experiences. I would now like to revisit this conversation.

1. Tell me a little about your memories of [country of origin]. What do you remember most?

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2a. Did you find life here different than what you expected? [Q8]

☐ Yes ☐ No

**→ If yes:** 2b. In what ways? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What has improved in your family's life because you came to the U.S.?

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4. What has gotten worse in your family's life because you came to the U.S.?

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5. Considering both the good and the bad, how satisfied are you that you came to the U.S.?

☐ Very Satisfied ☐ Satisfied ☐ Dissatisfied ☐ Very Dissatisfied

6a. Compared to how you were financially in [country of origin], today are you:

☐ Better Off

☐ About the same

☐ Worse off

6b. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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7a. Knowing what you know now, would you come to the U.S. again? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7b. Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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**If parent interviewee currently has a partner/spouse, ask Q 7c.**

**Otherwise, check here → o NOT APPLICABLE (i.e., no partner/spouse) and skip to Q 8.**

→ 7c. What do you think your spouse/partner would say about coming to the U.S. again?

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8. In what ways is raising children in the U. S. different from raising them in [country of origin]? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. What do you think are the positive aspects of raising children in the U.S.?

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10. What do you think are the negative aspects of raising children in the U.S.?

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11. What do you think immigrant parents from [country of origin] worry about most in raising a girl in the U.S.?

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12. What do you think immigrant parents from [country of origin] worry about most in raising a boy in the U.S.?

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**Reminder: Questions about "[children]" refer to ALL children in the family. Questions that refer to child participants in the study or to other specific children in the family will be clearly noted.**

13. In what ways has your relationship with your [children] changed since you came to the U.S.?

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If parent interviewee indicates that the relationship has not changed, check here → ☐ NOT APPLICABLE [no change in the relationship] and skip to Q 15.

If parent interviewee indicates that the relationship has changed in some way, read and ask Q 14.

→ 14. When relationships change they can do so for a variety of reasons. I am going to read some reasons why parents' relationships with their children sometimes change.

→ Please tell me how much you think each of these reasons may have contributed to a change in the relationship with your [children].

	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Not Applicable
a-Because the [children] are getting older					
b-Because we were separated for some time during the process of coming to the U.S.					
c-Because raising [children] in another culture is a challenge					
d-Because I work long hours and so I'm not around much					
e-Because new family members have joined the family (e.g. step-parents, new kids...)					
f-Because of the friends my [children] spend time with					

→ g- Are there any other reasons you think your relationship may have changed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please explain:

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15. Disagreements sometimes occur between parents and children. What kinds of things do you disagree about with your [children]? [Q59]

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16a. Do you want your [children] to be raised according to the customs of your own country or according to American customs? \*

☐ Mostly own country customs ☐ Mix of both ☐ Mostly American customs

Question continues on next page →

16b. Could you give me an example? \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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17a. Sometimes parents want their children to behave the way they would in [country of origin] but their children want to behave more like American children. How often do you think this happens in your family? ☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Most of the time ☐ All the time

17b. In general, how do you resolve these kinds of disagreements?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

18. How closely would you say you supervise your [children]?  
☐ Very closely ☐ Somewhat closely ☐ Not very closely ☐ Not at all

19. Are any of the following people at home when your [children] return from school? \*

	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Not Applicable
a-Mother or female care-taker					
b-Father or male care-taker					
c-Other adult relative					
d-Adult Neighbor					
e-Older Sibling					
f-Other (specify:)					

**Read to parent interviewee:**

Some families are concerned about certain issues and so they make rules about those issues. We are going to ask about some rules you may have.

20a. Are you concerned about how much television your [children] watch?  
☐ Not at all concerned ☐ Somewhat concerned ☐ Very concerned

20b. Do you have a rule about how much television they can watch?  
☐ No rule ☐ Flexible/negotiable rule ☐ Firm Rule

20c. How many hours a day do they watch TV? \_\_\_\_\_ hours

20d. In what language are most of the TV programs that your children watch? **L/O = language of origin**  
☐ L/O ☐ mostly L/O-some English ☐ 50/50 ☐ mostly English-some L/O ☐ English



21. Do you have a teenage daughter (10-19 years old)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

**If NO teenage daughter, skip to Q 26.**

22. **Circle appropriate response:**

a- Would you allow your teenage daughter(s) to have a boyfriend before age 18?	Yes	No
Comments:		
b- Do you allow your teenage daughter(s) to participate in any academic activities after school (e.g., tutoring, math or English clubs, Upward Bound)?	Yes	No
Comments:		
c- Do you allow your teenage daughter(s) to participate in any structured social activities after school (e.g., sports teams, non-academic school clubs)?	Yes	No
Comments:		
d- Do you allow your teenage daughter(s) to have American friends?	Yes	No
Comments:		
e- Do your teenage daughter(s) have to come home immediately after school?	Yes	No
Comments:		
f- Do you allow your teenage daughter(s) to go to friends' houses for parties?	Yes	No
Comments:		
g- On weekends, do your teenage daughter(s) have to be home before dark?	Yes	No
Comments:		

23a. How often do you think your teenage daughter(s) should help around the house and do chores?

☐ Almost every day

☐ From time to time

☐ Almost never

23b. What kinds of things do you think they should do? \_\_\_\_\_

24a. Are you concerned about what your teenage daughter chooses (daughters choose) to wear?

☐ Not at all concerned

☐ Somewhat Concerned

☐ Very concerned

24b. Do you have a rule about what she wears (they wear)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

**if yes:** 24c. What is the rule? \_\_\_\_\_

24d. Is she (are they) allowed to wear makeup?

☐ Yes

☐ No

25. For your teenage daughter(s), which of these would you agree to?

a- My daughter(s) may attend school or college only if she lives at home while studying.

☐ Yes

☐ No

b- My daughter(s) may attend school or college only if it is close enough for her to return on weekends.

☐ Yes

☐ No

c- My daughter(s) may attend any school or college anywhere in the country.

☐ Yes

☐ No

26. Do you have a teenage son (10-19 years old)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If NO teenage son, skip to Q 31.

27. Circle appropriate response:

a- Would you allow your teenage son(s) to have a girlfriend before age 18?	Yes	No
Comment:		
b- Do you allow your teenage son(s) to participate in any academic activities after school (e.g., tutoring, math or English clubs, Upward Bound)?	Yes	No
Comments:		
c- Do you allow your teenage son(s) to participate in any structured social activities after school (e.g., sports teams, non-academic school clubs)?	Yes	No
Comments:		
d- Do you allow your teenage son(s) to have American friends?	Yes	No
Comments:		
e- Do your teenage son(s) have to come home immediately after school?	Yes	No
Comments:		
f- Do you allow your teenage son(s) to go to friends' houses for parties?	Yes	No
Comments:		
g- On weekends, do your teenage son(s) have to be home before dark?	Yes	No
Comments:		

28a. How often do you think your teenage son(s) should help around the house and to do chores?

☐ Almost every day

☐ From time to time

☐ Almost never

28b. What kinds of things do you think they should do?

29a. Are you concerned about what your teenage son chooses (sons choose) to wear?

☐ Not at all concerned

☐ Somewhat Concerned

☐ Very concerned

29b. Do you have a rule about what he wears (they wear)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes: 24c. What is the rule?

30. For your teenage son(s), which of these would you agree to?

a- My son(s) may attend school or college only if he lives at home while studying.

☐ Yes

☐ No

b- My son(s) may attend school or college only if it is close enough for him to return on weekends.

☐ Yes

☐ No

c- My son(s) may attend any school or college anywhere in the country.

☐ Yes

☐ No

**The following questions are for all children in the family**

31a. How likely do you think it is that your [children] are exposed to drug use or sales in your neighborhood?

☐ Very Likely      ☐ Likely      ☐ Unlikely      ☐ Very Unlikely

31b. How likely do you think it is that your [children] are exposed to drug use or sales in their school?

☐ Very Likely      ☐ Likely      ☐ Unlikely      ☐ Very Unlikely

31c. How likely do you think it is that any of your [children] are using drugs?

☐ Very Likely      ☐ Likely      ☐ Unlikely      ☐ Very Unlikely

32. How likely do you think it is that any of your [children] are abusing alcohol?

☐ Very Likely      ☐ Likely      ☐ Unlikely      ☐ Very Unlikely

33a. Have any of your teenage children started having boyfriends or girlfriends?

☐ Yes      ☐ No      **If No, skip to Q 33d.**

**If yes:** 33b. Has this created problems in your family?

☐ Yes      ☐ No

**If yes:** 33c. In what ways? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

33d. If and when your teenager has a boyfriend/girlfriend, do you care about his/her country of origin?

☐ Yes      ☐ No

33e. What about his/her race?

☐ Yes      ☐ No

33f. Can you please explain your feelings about this issue? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

34. How often do you ask to see your [children's] homework?

☐ Almost every night      ☐ A few times a week      ☐ A few times a month      ☐ A few times a year      ☐ Never

35. How often do you see your [children's] report cards?

☐ Every few months      ☐ Twice a year      ☐ At the end of the school year      ☐ Never

36. What is the lowest grade your [children] can receive without getting into trouble?

☐ A      ☐ B      ☐ C      ☐ D      ☐ F

37. What would happen if your [children] were to get a grade lower than this?

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38. Have you met (or had a conversation with) the parents of your [children]'s friends?

☐ Most of them      ☐ Some of them      ☐ None of them

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**Read to parent interviewee:**

The next few questions are about your children's friends, I want to focus on the children who are participating in the project. I will ask you about the specific children in the project by name.

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39a. Tell me a little bit about [child's name]'s friends. Do you think they influence how your child performs in school?

☐ Yes      ☐ No

→ **if yes:** 39b. In what ways? \_\_\_\_\_

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40. How worried are you that [child's name]'s friends are a bad influence on him/her?

☐ Not at all      ☐ A Little      ☐ A lot      ☐ Don't Know

**Read to parent interviewee:**

Now I am going to ask you about keeping in touch with people from [country of origin].

41a. Have you returned to [country of origin] since you immigrated?

☐ Yes

☐ No

**If No, skip to Q 42a.**

→ 41b. **If yes:** How many times? \_\_\_\_\_ number of returns

→ 41c. **If yes:** For how long, on average?

☐ a week or less

☐ 2-3 weeks

☐ 1-2 months

☐ 3 months-1 yr

☐ more than a year

→ 41d. **If yes:** For what reasons?

**May choose more than one**

☐ Family (vacations, weddings, funerals...)

☐ Work

☐ Other (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

42a.

**If parent interviewee currently has a partner/spouse who immigrated to the U.S., ask the following.**

**Otherwise, check here** → ☐ NOT APPLICABLE

**(i.e., no partner/spouse living with them, partner/spouse is not an immigrant) and skip to Q 43.**

→ Has your partner/spouse returned to [country of origin] since he/she immigrated?

☐ Yes

☐ No

**If No, skip to Q 43.**

→ 42b. **If yes:** How many times? \_\_\_\_\_ number of returns

→ 42c. **If yes:** For how long, on average?

☐ a week or less

☐ 2-3 weeks

☐ 1-2 months

☐ 3 months-1 yr

☐ more than a year

→ 42d. **If yes:** For what reasons?

**May choose more than one**

☐ Family (vacations, weddings, funerals...)

☐ Work

☐ Other (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

43. Has [child] returned to [country of origin] since coming to the U.S.?

		How many times?	For how long, on average?
First name: _____	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
ID: _____			

44a. Does your family keep in touch with relatives and friends back home?

☐ Yes    ☐ No    **If No, skip to Q 45a.**

→ 44b. **If yes:** How? **May choose more than one**

☐ Phone    ☐ Letters    ☐ Tapes    ☐ Email

☐ Other (Specify) : \_\_\_\_\_

→ 44c. **If yes:** How often?

☐ A few times a week to daily    ☐ Weekly    ☐ Bi-weekly to monthly    ☐ A few times a year    ☐ Once a year or less

**Read to parent interviewee:** The following questions are about language.

45a. What language do you generally use at home to speak to your children?

☐ L/O    ☐ mostly L/O, some English    ☐ 50/50    ☐ mostly English, some L/O    ☐ English

45b. What language do your children generally speak to you?

☐ L/O    ☐ mostly L/O, some English    ☐ 50/50    ☐ mostly English, some L/O    ☐ English

46a. Do you have trouble communicating with your children due to language problems (either because they do not speak enough [language of origin] or you don't speak enough English)?

☐ All the time    ☐ Frequently    ☐ Sometimes    ☐ Rarely

46b. Could you give me an example?

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47a. Do you have trouble communicating with your children for other reasons?

☐ Yes ☐ No

➡ **If yes:**

47b. Could you give me an example? \_\_\_\_\_

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48a. How important is it to you that your children continue to keep up with your native language?

☐ Very Important ☐ Somewhat Important ☐ Not very Important ☐ Unimportant

48b. Why?

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49a. How well do you think you understand spoken English?

☐ Not at all ☐ Not well ☐ Well ☐ Very Well

49b. How well do you think you speak English?

☐ Not at all ☐ Not well ☐ Well ☐ Very Well

49c. How well do you think you read English?

☐ Not at all ☐ Not well ☐ Well ☐ Very Well

49d. How well do you think you write English?

☐ Not at all ☐ Not well ☐ Well ☐ Very Well

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**Read to parent interviewee:** Now, let's talk about your [children's] educational experiences.

50a. Overall, what do you think of your [children's] experience in school here in the U.S.?

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50b. What has been positive about the experience?

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50c. What has been negative about the experience?

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51a. Over the last 12 months, have you gone to any of your children's school(s)? [Q39]

☐ Yes ☐ No

**If no, skip to Q 52.**

→ 51b. What have been the reasons for going to the school?

**May choose more than one.**

☐ Routine Dropping Off/Picking Up of Child

☐ Routine Parent/Teacher Conferences (group or individual)

☐ Concerns Initiated by you or your spouse/partner

☐ Teacher/Administrator Initiated Concerns

☐ Other (specify) : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

→ 51c. Overall, how do you feel about your interactions with teachers?

☐ Very Satisfied

☐ Satisfied

☐ Dissatisfied

☐ Very Dissatisfied

52. Parents differ in how much they ask their children about what they do in school. How often do you or your spouse/partner ask your [children] about their experiences in school? \*

☐ Not At All

☐ When something special comes up

☐ About once a week or so

☐ Daily or almost daily during the school year

53. How often do you do the following?	Almost always	Often	Once in a while	Never
a. When my [children] take a test, I ask them how they did.				
b. When my [children] take a test, I ask them how they did in comparison to others.				



54. Do you expect your [children] to go to college or to a technical school after high school?

☐ Yes

☐ No

**If No, skip down to Q 56.**

55. The following statements are about financial aid for your [children]'s education beyond high school. Please tell us which statement is true or false for your family. *	True	False	Don't Know
a- My [children] will be able to earn most of the money they will need to pay for schooling beyond high school			
b- My [children] will be eligible for scholarships			
c- My [children] will be able to apply for student loans			
d- Our family is willing to take out loans to pay for my [children]'s education			
e- We have set money aside for my [children]'s education			

**The following set of questions is to be asked for EACH CHILD PARTICIPANT in the study.**

**Read to parent interviewee:**

For the next few questions, I want to focus on the educational experiences of your children who are participating in the project. I will ask you about each child in the project by name

.Note to translator: Note that one question has been deleted from the table bellow. and has been renumbered. Make sure you do these corrections in the individual pages for families with multiple participants.

ID # \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

56. What do you think [child's name]'s strengths as a student are? \_\_\_\_\_

57. What do you think [child's name]'s weaknesses as a student are? \_\_\_\_\_

58. How do you think [child's name] has done in school?

☐ Very well

☐ Quite Well

☐ Not Very Well

☐ Poorly

59. How far in school do you think [child's name] will go?\*

**Check One**

☐ 8<sup>th</sup> grade or less

☐ Beyond 8<sup>th</sup>, but No h.s. graduation

☐ High School graduation

☐ Vocational, trade or Technical school after high

☐ Some college

☐ College degree (B.A., B.S., A.B.)

☐ Professional degree beyond college (M.B.A., M.S., M.D., J.D., Ph.D., M.D., etc)

60. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. [Child's name] should be one of the best students at his/her school.				
b. [Child's name] should take challenging classes, even if they are hard for him/her.				

**Read to parent interviewee:** Now I will ask you about your work and education.

61a. Please think about the first job you had when you came to live in the United States. Did you work for someone else or for yourself?

- ☐ Worked for someone else      ☐ Self-employed      ☐ I have never worked in the U.S.

**If parent interviewee has worked in the U.S., answer the following questions.**

**Otherwise, check here** → ☐ NOT APPLICABLE (i.e., never worked in the U.S.) and skip to

→ 61b. What kind of business or industry did you work for? (For example, hospital, newspaper, publishing house, auto repair shop, bank, cleaning company) \_\_\_\_\_

→ 61c. What were your main tasks and responsibilities? \_\_\_\_\_

→ 61d. How many hours a week did you work there? \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week

→ 61e. Was this a year-long job or a seasonal job?

- ☐ Seasonal work      ☐ All year work

→ 61f. What year was it when you first started this job? \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. 1990)

62. Currently, which one of the following best describes your employment status? **PLEASE only choose ONE**

- ☒ **Employed**      ☐ Disabled  
☐ Unemployed and looking for work      ☐ Retired  
☐ Unemployed and not looking for work      ☐ Homemaker

**If employed, answer the following questions.**

**Otherwise, check here** → ☐ NOT APPLICABLE [i.e., not employed] and skip to Q 66.

**Think about your main job now:**

63a. Do you work for someone else or for yourself?

- ☐ Working for someone else      ☐ Self-employed

→ 63b. What kind of business or industry do you work for? (For example, hospital, newspaper, publishing house, auto repair shop, bank, cleaning company) \_\_\_\_\_

→ 63c. What are your main tasks and responsibilities? \_\_\_\_\_

→ 63d. How many hours a week do you work there? \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week

→ 63e. Is this a year-long job or a seasonal job?

- ☐ Seasonal work      ☐ All year work

→ 64a. Do you have any other jobs? (Job 2)

☐ Yes

☐ No

**If No, skip down to Q 66.**

→ **If yes:** 64b. Do you work for someone else or for yourself there?

☐ Working for someone else

☐ Self-employed

→ **If yes:** 64c. What kind of business or industry do you work for? (For example, hospital, newspaper, publishing house, auto repair shop, bank, cleaning company) \_\_\_\_\_

→ **If yes:** 64d. What are your main tasks and responsibilities? \_\_\_\_\_

→ **If yes:** 64e. How many hours a week do you work there? \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week

→ **If yes:** 64f. Is this a year-long job or a seasonal job?

☐ Seasonal work

☐ All year work

→ **If yes:** 65a. Do you have any other jobs? (Job 3)

☐ Yes

☐ No

**If No, skip down to Q 66.**

→ **If yes:** 65b. Do you work for someone else or for yourself there?

☐ Working for someone else

☐ Self-employed

→ **If yes:** 65c. What kind of business or industry do you work for? \_\_\_\_\_

→ **If yes:** 65d. What are your main tasks and responsibilities? \_\_\_\_\_

→ **If yes:** 65e. How many hours a week do you work there? \_\_\_\_\_

→ **If yes:** 65f. Is this a year-long job or a seasonal job?

☐ Seasonal work

☐ All year work

66. Back in [country of origin], which one of the following best describes your employment status the majority of the time you were living there? **PLEASE only choose ONE**

☒ **Employed**

☐ Disabled

☐ Unemployed and looking for work

☐ Retired

☐ Unemployed and not looking for work

☐ Homemaker

→ **If parent interviewee was employed in [country of origin], answer the following questions.**

**Otherwise, check box: ☐ NOT APPLICABLE (i.e., not employed in C/O) and skip to Q 68a.**

→ Tell me about the main job you did when you were in [country of origin].

→ 67a. Did you work for someone else or for yourself?

☐ Worked for someone else

☐ Self-employed

→ 67b. What kind of business or industry did you work for? (For example, hospital, newspaper, publishing house, auto repair shop, bank, cleaning company) \_\_\_\_\_

→ 67c. What were your main tasks and responsibilities? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68a. How many years of schooling have you received? \_\_\_\_\_ years

68b. What is the highest level of schooling you have completed? \_\_\_\_\_

69a. What is the highest level of schooling your father completed? \_\_\_\_\_

69b. What kind of business or industry did your father work for? (For example, hospital, newspaper, publishing house, auto repair shop, bank, cleaning company) \_\_\_\_\_

69c. What were his main tasks and responsibilities? \_\_\_\_\_

70a. What is the highest level of schooling your mother completed? \_\_\_\_\_

70b. What kind of business or industry did your mother work for? (For example, hospital, newspaper, publishing house, auto repair shop, bank, cleaning company) \_\_\_\_\_

70c. What were her main tasks and responsibilities? \_\_\_\_\_

71a. Are you currently enrolled in school?

☐ Yes ☐ No **If No, skip to Q 73a.**

**If yes:** 71b. What are you studying? \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** 71c. Are you working towards a degree or certificate?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**If yes:** 71d. What degree or certificate? \_\_\_\_\_

72a. Have you taken any other courses since coming to the U.S?

☐ Yes ☐ No **If No, skip to Q 73a.**

**If yes:** 72b. What did you study? \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:** 72c. Were you working towards a degree or certificate?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**If yes:** 72d. What degree or certificate? \_\_\_\_\_

73a. Are you now or have you ever enrolled in an English as a Second Language course?

☐ No **If No, skip to Q 74.**

☐ Yes, I previously attended classes

☐ Yes, I am currently enrolled

**If yes:** 73b. Have you encountered any obstacles to attending ESL classes?

☐ Yes ☐ No **If No, skip to Q 74.**

**If yes:** 73c. What kinds of obstacles?

☐ Time ☐ Expense ☐ Child Care ☐ Transportation

☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

74.

If parent interviewee currently has a partner/spouse, read and ask the following questions.

Otherwise, check here → ☐ NOT APPLICABLE (i.e., no partner/spouse) and skip to Q 83a.

→ Now I will ask you about your spouse/partner's work and education.

→ Currently, which one of the following best describes your spouse or partner's employment status?

**PLEASE only choose ONE!**

☒ **Employed**

☐ Unemployed and looking for work

☐ Unemployed and not looking for work

☐ Disabled

☐ Retired

☐ Homemaker

→ If spouse/partner is employed, read and ask the following questions.

Otherwise, check here → ☐ NOT APPLICABLE (i.e., partner/spouse not employed) and skip to Q 77.

→ Think about your spouse/partner's main job now.

→ 75a. Does your spouse/partner work for someone else or for him/herself?

☐ Working for someone else

☐ Self-employed

→ 75b. What kind of business or industry does he/she work for? (For example, hospital, newspaper, publishing house, auto repair shop, bank, cleaning company) \_\_\_\_\_

→ 75c. What are his/her main tasks and responsibilities? \_\_\_\_\_

→ 75d. How many hours a week do they work there? \_\_\_\_\_ hours/week

→ 75e. Is this a year-long job or a seasonal job?

☐ Seasonal work

☐ All year work

→ 76a. Does your spouse/partner have any other jobs? (Partner/Spouse Job 2)

☐ Yes

☐ No

**If No, skip down to Q 77.**

→ **If yes:** 76b. Does your spouse/partner work for someone else or for him/herself?

☐ Working for someone else

☐ Self-employed

→ **If yes:** 76c. What kind of business or industry does he/she work for? (For example, hospital, newspaper, publishing house, auto repair shop, bank, cleaning company) \_\_\_\_\_

→ **If yes:** 76d. What are his/her main tasks and responsibilities? \_\_\_\_\_

→ **If yes:** 76e. How many hours a week does he/she work there? \_\_\_\_\_ hours/week

→ **If yes:** 76f. Is this a year-long job or a seasonal job?

☐ Seasonal work

☐ All year work

77. Back in [country of origin], which one of the following best describes your spouse or partner's employment status?

**PLEASE only choose ONE**

☐ Employed

☐ Disabled

☐ Unemployed and was looking for work

☐ Retired

☐ Unemployed and was not looking for work

☐ Homemaker

➔ **If spouse/partner was employed in country of origin, read and ask the following questions.**

**Otherwise, check here ➔** ☐ NOT APPLICABLE (i.e., partner/spouse not employed in C/O) and skip to Q 79a.

➔ Tell me about the main job your spouse/partner did when you were in [country of origin].

➔ 78a. Did your spouse/partner work for someone else or for him/herself?

☐ Worked for someone else

☐ Self-employed

➔ 78b. What kind of business or industry did he/she work for? (For example, hospital, newspaper, publishing house, auto repair shop, bank, cleaning company) \_\_\_\_\_

➔ 78c. What were his/her main tasks and responsibilities? \_\_\_\_\_

79a. How many years of schooling has your spouse/partner received? \_\_\_\_\_ years

79b. What is the highest level of schooling he/she has completed? \_\_\_\_\_

80a. What is the highest level of schooling your spouse/partner's father completed? \_\_\_\_\_

80b. What kind of business or industry did your spouse/partner's father work for? (For example, hospital, newspaper, publishing house, auto repair shop, bank, cleaning company) \_\_\_\_\_

80c. What were his main tasks and responsibilities? \_\_\_\_\_

81a. What is the highest level of schooling your spouse/partner's mother completed? \_\_\_\_\_

81b. What kind of business or industry did your spouse/partner's mother work for? (For example, hospital, newspaper, publishing house, auto repair shop, bank, cleaning company) \_\_\_\_\_

81c. What were her main tasks and responsibilities? \_\_\_\_\_

82a. Is your spouse or partner currently enrolled in school?

☐ Yes

☐ No

**If No, skip to Q 83.**

➔ **If yes:** 82b. What is he/she studying? \_\_\_\_\_

➔ **If yes:** 82c. Is he/she working towards a degree or certificate?

☐ Yes

☐ No

➔ **If yes:** 82d. What degree or certificate? \_\_\_\_\_

**Read to parent interviewee:**

Now I am going to ask you some questions about public assistance programs and income. I just want to remind you that this information is completely confidential and that no governmental agency of any kind will have access to this data. We collect this information only to understand better the situation of [Chinese/Dominican/Haitian/Mexican/Central American] families who come to live to the US.

83a. Do you or any other member of your household participate in government programs such as: Medicaid, food stamps, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Women Infant Children Program (WIC), Supplemental Security Income Program (SSI) / Social Security, free school lunch, disability payments, assistance or welfare payments, or any other public assistance of any kind?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**If yes:** 83b. What programs? \_\_\_\_\_

84a. Approximately, how much do you earn or receive per month from **all sources**? Please include all **earned income** such as wages, salary, commissions, tips, over time, informal jobs (babysitting); as well as all **unearned income** such as alimony, child support, welfare, and [relative's contributions was deleted] public assistance programs. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

84b. Is this amount the same for all 12 months of the year?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**If  
yes,  
skip  
to Q  
84d.**

84c. If no, please explain how many months you receive the above income and how much income you have during the other months \_\_\_\_\_

RA for the following questions:

- Include teenagers and other relatives regardless of how they spend the money they earn or receive.
- Allow informant to report incomes in the increment of time in which they are most confident—[e.g., hourly, weekly, monthly]. Specify how many hours a week (or month) do they work and if they work all year long (if not ask how many months of the year they work.)

84d. In total, how many people living in this household have any kind of job where they earn money? \_\_\_\_\_ People

84e. On average, what was the total income of your household (include everyone mentioned above) from all sources in the **past 12 months**? Please include the sum of all **earned income** such as wages, salary, commissions, tips, over time, informal jobs (babysitting); as well as all **unearned income** such as alimony, child support, welfare and public assistance programs from self, spouse, and all other family members. \*

☐ Less than \$10,000

☐ \$10,000-\$19,999

☐ \$20,000-\$29,999

☐ \$30,000-\$39,999

☐ \$40,000-\$49,999

☐ \$50,000-\$59,999

☐ \$60,000-\$69,999

☐ \$70,000-\$79,999

☐ More than \$80,000

## NEIGHBORHOOD & SOCIAL RELATIONS

### Read to parent interviewee:

Next I am going to ask you some questions about your neighborhood.

85a. Currently, do you:

☐ Own your home

☒ Pay money for rent

☐ Have another housing arrangement (for example: in a shelter, work in exchange for housing, living with relatives). Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**▶ If pay money for rent, ask the following questions. Otherwise, check here ▶ ☐ NOT APPLICABLE (i.e., do not pay money for rent) and skip to Q 86.**

▶ 85b. Is the rent on this residence reduced because the government or some other organization is paying part of the cost? ☐ Yes ☐ No

▶ 85c. Is this residence in a public housing project? (RA: This means, is it part of a government housing project for persons with low income?)  
☐ Yes ☐ No

86. Why did you decide to live in this neighborhood? \_\_\_\_\_

87. The people in your neighborhood are mostly:

**Read all categories to parent interviewee. Choose only ONE.**

☐ From my own country

☐ Immigrants from other countries

☐ White Americans (born in the U.S.)

☐ African Americans (born in the U.S.)

☐ Hispanic/Latino-Americans (born in the U.S.)

☐ Asian-Americans (born in the U.S.)

☐ Caribbean [but not Hispanic/Latino] Americans (born in the U.S.)

☐ Equal mix of groups (specify the groups): \_\_\_\_\_



88. The following are some statements about your neighborhood. Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with each statement \*

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a-There are many adults in our neighborhood that my children can look up to.					
b-My neighbors have similar views about how to raise children.					
c-I can count on people in this neighborhood to keep an eye on my children.					
d-People in our neighborhood usually get along pretty well.					
e-I feel that my children are safe in this neighborhood.					
f-We live in a neighborhood where we know a lot of people.					
g-Gangs are a problem in our neighborhood.					
h-I would like to move away from this neighborhood as soon as I can.					

89a. Do you feel that you have been discriminated against in the U. S.?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If No, skip to Q 90a. space between No and box has been reduced

If yes:

89b. For what reason do you think you were discriminated against? (e.g., nationality, race, or other reasons) \_\_\_\_\_

If yes:

89c. Any other reasons? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes:

89d. Can you give me an example of a time that you were discriminated?

If yes:

89e. How often have you been discriminated against? \*

☐ Frequently

☐ Once in a While

☐ Rarely

If yes:

89f. What group has most discriminated against you? \*

☐ Whites

☐ Blacks

☐ Latinos

☐ Asians

☐ Other (specify:)

May choose more than one

90a. Do you think the chances of getting ahead are the same for someone from [country of origin] as they are for someone born in this country? [Q26] \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

90b. Why?

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91. How often do you hear people make rude remarks or negative comments about people who are from [country of origin]?

☐ Almost Never ☐ At least once a year ☐ At least once a month ☐ At least once a week ☐ Almost daily

92a. People often identify themselves by their race. Could you tell me how you classify yourself in terms of race? \_\_\_\_\_

92b. How do you think other people classify you in terms of race? \_\_\_\_\_

93. How often do you hear people make rude remarks or negative comments about people of your race?

☐ Almost Never ☐ At least once a year ☐ At least once a month ☐ At least once a week ☐ Almost daily

94a. Because of your race or nationality, how often do you receive poor service, like in a store or restaurant?\*

☐ Almost Never ☐ At least once a year ☐ At least once a month ☐ At least once a week ☐ Almost daily

**If the parent interviewee is currently employed, ask the following questions.**

**Otherwise, check here** → ☐ **NOT APPLICABLE** (i.e., not currently employed) and skip to Q 95a.

→ 94b. Compared to people of other races or nationalities, how much opportunity for job advancement do you have at work? \*

☐ A lot less ☐ A little less ☐ The same as others ☐ A little more ☐ A lot more

→ 94c. Because of your race or nationality, how often do people at the work place treat you as less competent than you deserve to be treated? \*

☐ Almost Never ☐ At least once a year ☐ At least once a month ☐ At least once a week ☐ Almost daily

95a. I am going to read off some reasons why people often tell us they have been discriminated against. I would like you to tell me if you have ever been discriminated against for these reasons:

Your nationality	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Your race	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Because you do not speak English like a native speaker	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No

95b. If you had to choose the main/greatest reason why you feel like you have been discriminated against, which would it be? **PLEASE only choose ONE!**

☐ Nationality    ☐ Race    ☐ Not speaking English like a native speaker

96a. Have you talked to your children about discrimination?

☐ Yes                      ☐ No

**▶ If yes:** 96b. How have you told them to respond to discrimination?

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**Read to parent interviewee:**

Now I am going to ask you questions about your relatives and friends.

97a. Do you have relatives who live in the area?

☐ Yes                      ☐ No

**▶ If yes:** 97b. How many? \_\_\_\_\_

98a. Does your family get together with other friends or family from [country of origin] on a regular basis?

☐ Yes                      ☐ No

**▶ If yes:** 98b. How often?

<input type="radio"/> A few times a week to daily	<input type="radio"/> Weekly to a few times a month	<input type="radio"/> Monthly	<input type="radio"/> A few times a year	<input type="radio"/> Holidays or special events only
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99. Everyone needs help sometimes. If your family has a problem or needs help, who does the family usually go to for help? [Q51]

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100. If your family got an unexpected bill and you did not have the money to pay it, who would you turn to for help? [Q53]

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101. What if you are feeling sad and need someone to talk to. Who do you turn to? [Q54]

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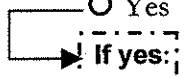
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102a. Does religion play a role in your life?

☐ Yes

☐ No



102b. In what ways?

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103. Do you attend church or temple? [Q20]

☐ Never

☐ A few times a year

☐ A few times a month

☐ Weekly

☐ Several times a week

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**Read to parent interviewee:** We are coming to the end of our interview. I have a few last questions:

104. In the United States, what role do you think school plays in getting ahead? [Q25b]

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105. If your cousin were coming here with his/her child, what words of advice would you have about how

105. If your cousin were coming here with his/her child, what words of advice would you have about how his/her child can get ahead in this country?

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106. We are hoping to use this information to help schools better serve immigrant children. From your perspective what could schools do to better meet the needs of your [children]? [82]

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Would you like us to send you a report of our findings? ☐ Yes

☐ No

If so, what address would you like us to send it to?

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**Read to parent interviewee:**

We may want to speak with you again in five years from now. Could you please give me the name of relatives and friends who are likely to know where you are living?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## INTERVIEWER COMMENTS

Location of Interview \_\_\_\_\_

Were there other people present during the interview?      ☐ No      ☐ Yes    If so, who?

How do you think the presence of others affected the quality of the interview? \_\_\_\_\_

During the interview the respondent seemed:

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| <input type="radio"/> Open                     | <input type="radio"/> In Between | <input type="radio"/> Guarded       |
| <input type="radio"/> Friendly                 | <input type="radio"/> In Between | <input type="radio"/> Hostile       |
| <input type="radio"/> Neatly dressed & groomed | <input type="radio"/> In Between | <input type="radio"/> Unkempt       |

Other observations: \_\_\_\_\_

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