



Personal Networks Over Time

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SCREENER INSTRUMENT – WAVE 1

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ELIGIBILITY SCREENING TOOL

Note: This screener is for the telephone recruit, that is, after the potential respondent received the invitation letter in the mail and was directed to either call the toll-free phone number, or to go to a website. The web-based screener was almost identical, save for minor adjustments to account for the mode.

I. PHONE SCREENER [Potential Respondent calls toll-free number after receiving mailing]

Interview Date: _____

Interviewer ID: _____

Thanks for calling. As noted in the letter you received, we are conducting research about families and friendships in Northern California for a project called the UC Berkeley *Social Networks* study. I would like to see if you qualify for the study and then I will ask you if you would be willing to participate. This call should take less than 5 minutes. [Interviewer: if asked how we got their address say “We selected your address at random from the US Post Office registry of addresses.”]

In this study we are looking for people in two age groups, either 21 to 30 years old, or 50 to 70 years old.

1. (sc001) Is there anyone in your household, including you, whose age is 21 to 30?

- Yes
- No
- DK

2. (sc002) Is there anyone in your household, including you, whose age is 50 to 70?

- Yes
- No
- DK

If Q1 ne ‘yes’ AND Q2 ne ‘yes’ go to

You indicated that there is no one in your household (including you) who is 21 to 30 years old or 50 to 70 years old. If this is correct, then please just click 'Next' to continue. Otherwise, please just go back to change your answers. Please note that once you click 'Next' you won't be able to go back and change any of your answers.

If continues, then TERMINATE.

No one in your household fits into one of the eligible age groups, so we will not be interviewing in this household. You may learn more about our project by visiting the UCNets website (<http://UCNets.berkeley.edu>). Thank you for contacting us about the UCNets study.

**IF Q1 AND Q2 eq ‘yes’ GO TO TEXT 1
IF either Q1 OR Q2 eq ‘yes’ GO TO Q3**

TEXT 1.

[IF TWO YESES TO OPENING QUESTIONS (if Q1 = yes AND Q2 = yes)] [PROGRAM RANDOMLY GENERATES NUMBER 1, 2, OR 3; that is, we will select 21-30 in 2 of 3 times]

IF NUMBER EQ 1 OR 2 →,

Because there are people in both age groups in your household, we are instructed to recruit our participant from those in the 21 to 30 year-old group → GO TO Q3, (referring to 21-30)

Note: Later in the recruitment process when there were both groups we selected only 21-30 year olds.

IF NUMBER EQ 3 → Because there are people in both age groups in your household, in that case, we are instructed to recruit our participant from those in the 50-to-70 year-old group” → GO TO Q3, (referring to 51-70)

3. (sc003) How many people in your household, including yourself, are in the <if Q1=1 OR if NUMBER = 1 or 2; ‘21 to 30’> <If Q2 = 1 OR If NUMBER = 3; ‘50-70’> age group?

_____ [enter number]

IF Q3=1 (ONLY ONE) go to Q3a. If Q3>1 (more than 1) go to Q4.

Sc003a. “Is that you or someone else?”

_ *Me*

_ *Someone else*

If Q3a = ‘me’ then go to Text 4

If Q3a = ‘someone else’ go to Text 2.

IF MORE THAN ONE in single age group:

4. (sc004) Can you give me their first names, so we don’t get confused?

R2.1 _____

R2.2 _____

R2.3 _____

R2.4 _____

**PROGRAM RANDOMLY PICKS NUMBER FROM 1 TO N (N = number of names);
SCREENER (OR PROGRAM) PULLS NAME WITH THAT NUMBER; SCREENER
SAYS:**

Q4a. (sc004a) Because there is more than one person in this age group, we are instructed to select the participant randomly, and the program states that [NAME from R2.N] is the one. Is that you or someone else?”

_ Me [GO TO TEXT 4.]

_ Someone else

(Note: Screeners should be empowered to not ask this question if the answer is obvious, by gender of name.)

IF IT IS CALLER (Q4a=1, or R1) → GO TO TEXT 4.

IF IT IS SOMEONE ELSE (Q4a = 2, or R2.N) → GO TO TEXT 2 ABOUT GETTING IN TOUCH WITH SELECTED PERSON

TEXT 2

This other person is the one we wish to interview in order to ensure we have a random sample.

5. (sc005b) Could you please ask this person to speak with me for a few minutes?

- Yes. [If this person gets on the phone, go to TEXT 3.]
- Not available.
- Refused. [terminate in pretest]

Okay, could you please give me a name, phone number to reach him/her later, or an email address.

Q5b.1 First Name: _____

Q5b.2 Last Name: _____

Q5b.3 Phone number: ____-____-____

Q5b.4 Email: _____@_____

[Int: enter notes here: _____]

[Thank you and close.]

otherEnd (end for other R needed) Thank you very much. We will try and get in touch with [first name of person[]] [last name of person[]] as soon as possible with the information you provided. They can also contact us by phone at 1-877-932-0614 (9am - 5pm Pacific) or by email at ucnets@berkeley.edu (<mailto:ucnets@berkeley.edu>). In the meantime, please just use the 'Logout and continue later' link in the top right corner to end your current session.

TERMINATE:

TEXT 3:

As noted in the letter sent to your address, we are conducting research about families and friendships in Northern California for a project called the UC Berkeley *Social Networks* study. I would like to tell you more about the study we are doing and then I will ask you if you would be willing to participate. This call should take less than 5 minutes. **[Interviewer: if asked how we got their address say “We selected your address at random from the US Post Office registry of addresses.”]**

TEXT 4:

Informed consent: Please look at the back of the letter. If you agree with the study’s process and objectives, then we can continue

- 1 _ Agrees [continue]
- 2 _ Doesn’t agree [thank and terminate in pretest]

Now we just need to verify your age to see whether you qualify for the study.

6. (sc006) What month and year were you born?

Month: __

Year: _ _ _ _

Text 5: Great, we're glad you qualify!

I want to assure you that everything you tell me will be held confidentially to the highest level possible.

We just have some questions to ask you so we can determine how you can help us in the study.

7. (sc007) First, what is your name?

First: _____

Last: _____

8. (sc008) What is your gender?

1. Male
2. Female

9. (sc009) Do you have access to the internet in your home?

1. Yes
2. No [[go to Randomization](#)]
3. Don't know [[go to Randomization](#)]

10. (sc010) What kind of computer or computers do you have, is it a [check all that apply]

Yes No

1. Desktop
2. Laptop
3. Mobile phone or smart phone
4. I-pad or tablet
5. Other: _____
6. None

11. (sc011) Would you be comfortable answering questions on a computer?

1. Yes
2. Maybe
3. No

Randomization

<If Q10 ne yes and/or Q11 ne a OR b, then go to Q15(FTF). Randomize for web and ftf if they have internet access and a computer other than a smart phone only that is, Q10 = a AND Q11 = a or b> else go to FTF.

If WEB:

We are going to email you a web survey to take at your convenience. For that we need your email address, preferably NOT a work address, and one where you can sit and leisurely fill it out on a desktop or laptop. *[Interviewer: if asks explain that a smart phone or tablet's screen size are not idea for this survey.]*

12. What is your email address? We will not use it for anything other than this research, it will be kept confidential and will not be shared with anyone or associated with anything you say in this research.

_____ @ _____ **[Interviewer: repeat to confirm]**

In order to be able to contact you, could you please provide your phone number just in case? We will not use it for anything other than this research. It will be kept confidential and will not be shared with anyone or associated with anything you say in this research.

13. What is your phone number?

____ - ____ - _____

Interviewer: Thanks, we will be sending you this survey shortly.

[Complete the screener]

What we would like to do is to conduct a more detailed interview about how you interact with friends and family, as well as related topics such as important events in your life and your health. The interview is about an hour and we think you will find it very interesting. We can meet at your house if that's convenient, or in another place, as long as you have a place for talking privately. And everyone who completes the interview will receive a check for \$25.

14. I would like to confirm your home address, which we have as <pipe in address>: *(Interviewer: make changes if necessary)*

15.1 Street: _____

15.2 City: _____

Would you like to meet at your house?

Yes

No

If not meeting at home, enter address or location here (e.g., my office):

Location: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

15. "We will have an interviewer in your area between _____ and _____. What days or times will work best for you?"

Enter

1. Date: _____

2. day: _____

3. hour: _____

It would also be most helpful to have additional ways to contact you, so please provide your phone number and email address. We will not use these for anything unrelated to contacting you about the research project and will not share this information with any other organization.

16. What is your Phone: ____-____-____

17. And what is your Email: _____@_____ [Interviewer: repeat to confirm]

Thank you very much. We look forward to your participation in our study. We'll be in touch.