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**PRINCETON SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATES FOR
THE AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE AND THE LOS ANGELES TIMES**

2016 POVERTY SURVEY

MAIN INTERVIEW

ASK ALL:

SEX **RECORD RESPONDENT SEX [DO NOT ASK]**

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

ASK ALL:

Q1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

- 1 Satisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q2 How would you describe the nation's economy today? Would you say it is good, bad, or somewhere in-between?

- 1 Good
- 2 Bad
- 3 In-between
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

[READ TO ALL:] Now I'm going to ask a few questions about poverty.

ASK ALL:

Q3 Do you think it is very hard for poor people to find work, or do you think there are plenty of jobs available for poor people?

- 1 Very hard
- 2 Jobs available
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q4 Do you think the conditions for poor people in this country have generally improved in the past 10 to 15 years, stayed the same, or generally gotten worse?

- 1 Improved
- 2 Stayed the same
- 3 Gotten worse
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q5 Do you think that conditions for poor people in this country -- like education, housing, job opportunities, health care, and so forth -- are very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad... or have you not heard enough about that yet to say?

- 1 Very good
- 2 Somewhat good
- 3 Somewhat bad
- 4 Very bad
- 5 Haven't heard enough
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q6 Overall, do you think most poor people are hard-working or do you think most poor people do not work very hard?

- 1 Hard-working
- 2 Do not work very hard
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q7 Overall, do you think that most poor people have been poor for a long time and will probably remain that way, or do you think that for most poor people, poverty is a temporary condition they'll move into and then out of in a relatively brief period of time?

- 1 Probably remain that way
- 2 Temporary condition
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q8 Overall, do you think most poor people lack the basic skills needed to get a job, or do you think their abilities are pretty much the same as other Americans?

- 1 Lack
- 2 Pretty much the same
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q9 Thinking about people who live in poverty, how many do you think hold steady jobs? All or almost all, most, a little less than half, or very few?

- 1 All or almost all
- 2 Most
- 3 A little less than half
- 4 Very few
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

[READ TO ALL:] Now I am going to ask some questions about what some people call welfare programs. For these questions, I am referring to government assistance programs for low-income Americans such as cash assistance, food stamps, school lunches, child care, refundable tax credits, housing assistance, and Medicaid.

ASK ALL:

Q10 Do you think poor people who receive welfare benefits... **[READ]**

- 1 Can live quite comfortably on those benefits
- 2 Meet their basic expenses, with a little left over for extras
- 3 Just meet their basic expenses, or
- 4 Don't receive enough in welfare benefits to meet basic expenses?
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q11 In general, do you think that welfare benefits give poor people a chance to stand on their own two feet and get started again, or do you think they make poor people dependent and encourage them to stay poor?

- 1 Get started again
- 2 **(VOL.)** Neither
- 3 Encourage people to stay poor
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q12 Do you think that most poor people who receive welfare benefits (prefer to stay on welfare), or do you think that most poor people (would rather earn their own living)? **[ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]**

- 1 Prefer to stay on welfare
- 2 Rather earn own living
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q13 Some welfare programs have different requirements to qualify for benefits. Which one of the following do you think is generally the better approach? **[READ]**

- 1 Requiring poor people to seek work or participate in a training program, if they are physically able to do so, in return for benefits, OR
- 2 Sending benefits to the poor without asking for any effort in return?
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q14 What would you say is the main purpose behind welfare? Is it designed to help poor people get back on their feet again, or is it designed simply to provide for the needs of poor people while they are poor?

- 1 Get back
- 2 Needs
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q15 As you may know, unmarried adults may lose some welfare benefits if they get married. How often do you think unmarried adults choose not to get married in order to avoid losing welfare benefits? Almost always, often, seldom or do you think getting welfare benefits almost never affects people's decisions to get married?

- 1 Almost always
- 2 Often
- 3 Seldom
- 4 Almost never
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q16 Would you say that government efforts to fight poverty have had a big impact on reducing poverty... some impact... no impact... or would you say that government efforts have made things worse for the poor?

- 1 Big impact
- 2 Some impact
- 3 No impact
- 4 Made things worse
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q17 When poverty programs have failed, do you think it was primarily because: (the programs were never given enough money to make them successful), because (the programs were not well designed), or because (the benefits never got to the poor people who needed them)?

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN PARENTHESIS] [INTERVIEWER: IF R SAYS "NONE OF THESE", PROBE:

OVERALL, which one of these do you think is the main reason why poverty programs have failed? (RE-READ CATEGORIES IF NECESSARY)]

- 1 Not enough money to make them successful
- 2 Not well designed
- 3 Benefits never got to poor people
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q18 Now I'm going to read you some different groups of poor people. Of the following, which ONE group would you like to see get more help from the federal government than it does now?

[READ AND RANDOMIZE]

- 1 1, Able-bodied adults without children who can't find work
- 2 2, Children who live in poverty
- 3 3, Poor people with disabilities
- 4 4, Single parents who live in poverty
- 5 5, The Elderly who live in poverty
- 6 6, Poor people without job skills, OR
- 7 7, The Working poor?
- 8 **(VOL.)** None/No special effort for any group
- 9 **(VOL.)** All equally
- 98 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 99 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q19 Which of the following do you think have the greatest responsibility for helping the poor: (charities), (churches), (families and relatives), (the government), (the poor themselves), or some other group or organization? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESSES]**

- 1 Charity
- 2 Church
- 3 Family
- 4 Government
- 5 Poor themselves
- 6 Other **(SPECIFY)**
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q20 Which statement comes closest to your position: ('The government is responsible for the well-being of all its citizens and it has an obligation to take care of them'), or ('People are responsible for their own well-being and they have an obligation to take care of themselves')? **[IF ANSWER GIVEN, PROBE: Do you feel strongly about that, or not?]** **[ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES]**

- 1 Government/Strongly
- 2 Government/Not strongly
- 3 People/Not strongly
- 4 People/Strongly
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q21 Even if the government were willing to spend whatever is necessary to eliminate poverty in the United States, do you think the government knows enough about how to accomplish that, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q22 Now think about a family of four with two adults and two children. What do you think is the highest ANNUAL income this family of four can have and still be considered poor by the federal government? **[READ IF NECESSARY: Just your best guess is fine.]** **[IF R SAYS IT DEPENDS ON THE AREA OR THE STATE, READ: Please think about it in general.]**

- ___ **[RECORD EXACT RESPONSE]**
- DK **(VOL.)** Don't know
- REF **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q23 Just your best estimate, what percentage of Americans would you say are living below the poverty line today?

- ___ **[RECORD PERCENTAGE 0-100]**
- 998 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 999 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q24 Do you think the percentage of Americans living in poverty has been increasing from year to year, staying about the same, or do you think the percentage has been decreasing?

- 1 Increasing
- 2 Staying about the same
- 3 Decreasing
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

[READ TO ALL:] Now thinking about specific groups of Americans...

[RANDOMIZE Q25-Q27]

ASK ALL:

Q25 Do you think the percentage of BLACKS living in poverty has been increasing from year to year, staying about the same, or do you think the percentage has been decreasing?

- 1 Increasing
- 2 Staying about the same
- 3 Decreasing
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

[RANDOMIZE Q25-Q27]

ASK ALL:

Q26 Do you think the percentage of HISPANICS living in poverty has been increasing from year to year, staying about the same, or do you think the percentage has been decreasing?

- 1 Increasing
- 2 Staying about the same
- 3 Decreasing
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

[RANDOMIZE Q25-Q27]

ASK ALL:

Q27 Do you think the percentage of WHITES living in poverty has been increasing from year to year, staying about the same, or do you think the percentage has been decreasing?

- 1 Increasing
- 2 Staying about the same
- 3 Decreasing
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q28 And how about children? Do you think the percentage of CHILDREN living in poverty has been increasing from year to year, staying about the same, or do you think the percentage has been decreasing?

- 1 Increasing
- 2 Staying about the same
- 3 Decreasing
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q29 Would you say that almost all of the children who live in poverty come from single-parent homes, many of them do, few of them do, or would you say that almost none of the children who live in poverty come from single-parent homes?

- 1 Almost all
- 2 Many
- 3 Few
- 4 Almost none
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q30 Would you say that the value of federal government payments to the poor has increased or decreased during the last 10 years? **[IF ANSWER GIVEN, ASK: Would you say they have (increased/decreased) greatly or (increased/decreased) somewhat?]**

- 1 Increased greatly
- 2 Increased somewhat
- 3 Decreased somewhat
- 4 Decreased greatly
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q31 Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling poverty? **[IF ANSWER GIVEN, ASK: Do you (approve/ disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?]**

- 1 Approve strongly
- 2 Approve somewhat
- 3 Disapprove somewhat
- 4 Disapprove strongly
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

[RANDOMIZE Q32 AND Q33]**ASK ALL:**

Q32 If Hillary Clinton is elected president in November, who do you think her administration would benefit the most -- the wealthy, the middle class, the poor, or all about equally?

- 1 Wealthy
- 2 Middle class
- 3 Poor
- 4 All about equally
- 5 **(VOL.)** None
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

[RANDOMIZE Q32 AND Q33]**ASK ALL:**

Q33 If Donald Trump is elected president in November, who do you think his administration would benefit the most -- the wealthy, the middle class, the poor, or all about equally?

- 1 Wealthy
- 2 Middle class
- 3 Poor
- 4 All about equally
- 5 **(VOL.)** None
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

[READ TO ALL:] Switching gears...**ASK ALL:**

Q34 Was there any time during the last 12 months when you were worried that income from all the members of your household would not be enough to meet all the expenses and bills, or not?

[IF YES: Was there a time when your household actually could not pay all its bills, or not?]

- 1 Yes, worried and could not pay expenses/bills
- 2 Yes, worried but able to pay expenses/bills
- 3 No, not worried about meeting expenses/bills
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK IF UNABLE TO PAY SOME BILLS IN PAST 12 MONTHS (Q34=1):

Q35 Can your household pay all its bills now, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q36 What do you think is more important in your life: planning for the future and giving up things now, if necessary... or taking one day at a time and living it to the fullest?

- 1 Planning for future
- 2 Taking one day at a time
- 3 **(VOL.)** Both
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

[READ TO ALL:] Now thinking about your telephone use...

ASK IF LANDLINE SAMPLE (SAMPLE=1):

QL1 Do you have a cell phone, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK IF LANDLINE SAMPLE AND NO CELL PHONE (QL1=2,8,9):

QL1a Does anyone in your household have a working cell phone?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL CELL PHONE SAMPLE (SAMPLE=2):

QC1 Is there at least one telephone INSIDE your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone?

- 1 Yes, home telephone
- 2 No, no home telephone
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

[READ TO ALL:] A few last questions for statistical purposes only...

ASK ALL:

AGE What is your age?

- _____ years **[RECORD EXACT AGE 18-96]**
- 97 97 or older
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Refused

ASK ALL:

EDUC2 What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? **[DO NOT READ] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: Enter code 3-HS grad if R completed training that did NOT count toward a degree]**

- 1 Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)
- 2 High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)
- 3 High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)
- 4 Some college, no degree (includes some community college)
- 5 Two year associate degree from a college or university
- 6 Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)
- 7 Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree
- 8 Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree (e.g., MA, MS, PhD, MD, JD)
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Refused

[MAKE FULL NOTE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWERS: Enter code 3-HS graduate if R completed vocational, business, technical, or training courses after high school that did NOT count toward an associate degree from a college, community college or university (e.g., training for a certificate or an apprenticeship)]

ASK ALL:

EMPLOY Are you now employed full-time, part-time, or not employed?

[IF R SAYS THEY ARE SELF-EMPLOYED, PROBE: "Are you self-employed working full-time hours or part-time hours?" AND THEN RECORD AS CODE 1 OR 2]

[IF R SAYS THEY WORK IN THE HOME, I.E. CARING FOR THEIR KIDS OR BEING A HOMEMAKER, ASK: Are you now employed FOR PAY full-time, part-time, or not employed for pay?]

- 1 Employed full-time
- 2 Employed part-time
- 3 Not employed
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

MARITAL Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married? **[IF R SAYS "SINGLE" PROBE TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY]**

- 1 Married
- 2 Living with a partner
- 3 Divorced
- 4 Separated
- 5 Widowed
- 6 Never been married
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

Q37 While you were a child living at home, were your parents married and stayed married, did they ever separate or get a divorce, or were your parents never married?

- 1 Stayed married
- 2 Separated/divorced
- 3 Never married
- 4 **(VOL.)** No parents/Lived in group home
- 5 **(VOL.)** Had one deceased parent
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

HISP Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican or Cuban?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

RACE Which of the following describes your race? You can select as many as apply. White, Black or African American, Asian or Asian American or some other race. **[RECORD UP TO FOUR IN ORDER MENTIONED BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL] [IF R VOLS MIXED BIRACIAL, PROBE ONCE: What race or races is that?]**

- 1 White (e.g., Caucasian, European, Irish, Italian, Arab, Middle Eastern)
- 2 Black or African-American (e.g., Negro, Kenyan, Nigerian, Haitian)
- 3 Asian or Asian-American (e.g., Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese or other Asian origin groups)
- 4 Some other race **(SPECIFY) [IF NEEDED: What race or races is that?]**
- 5 **(VOL.)** Native American/American Indian/Alaska Native
- 6 **(VOL.)** Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian
- 7 **(VOL.)** Hispanic/Latino (e.g., Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban)
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused (e.g., non-race answers like American, Human, purple)

ASK IF HISPANIC (HISP=1 OR RACE=7):

BIRTH_HISP Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

- 1 U.S.
- 2 Puerto Rico
- 3 Another country
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

RZIPCODE What is your zip code? **[INTERVIEWER NOTE: Must VERIFY the zip code given before moving on]**

[IF DK/REFUSED, PROBE ONCE: This question helps us to accurately determine what part of the country people who complete the survey live in and is used only for classification purposes. You cannot be contacted based on this information. Can you please tell me your ZIP code?]

_____ **[ENTER 5-DIGIT ZIPCODE – VERIFY] [PROGRAMMER: HIGHLIGHT THE WORD “VERIFY”]**
 99999 Don't know/Refused

ASK ALL:

HH1 How many people, including yourself, live in your household?

[INTERVIEWER NOTE: HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS INCLUDE PEOPLE WHO THINK OF THIS HOUSEHOLD AS THEIR PRIMARY PLACE OF RESIDENCE, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE TEMPORARILY AWAY ON BUSINESS, VACATION, IN A HOSPITAL, OR AWAY AT SCHOOL. THIS INCLUDES INFANTS, CHILDREN AND ADULTS.]

_____ **[ENTER EXACT NUMBER 1-11]**
 12 12 or more
 98 **(VOL.)** Don't know
 99 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HH (HH1>1):

HH3 How many, including yourself, are adults, age 18 and older?

_____ **[ENTER EXACT NUMBER 1-11]**
 12 12 or more
 98 **(VOL.)** Don't know
 99 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HH (HH1>1) AND HH1<>HH3:

KIDS How many children under the age of 18 live in your household?

_____ **[RECORD EXACT NUMBER 0-11]**
 12 12 or more
 98 **(VOL.)** Don't know
 99 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent, or something else?

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 Independent
- 4 **(VOL.)** No preference
- 5 **(VOL.)** Other party
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,8,9):

PARTYLN As of today, do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as... **[READ]**

- 1 Very conservative
- 2 Conservative
- 3 Moderate
- 4 Liberal, OR
- 5 Very liberal?
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK IF GAVE ANSWER TO HOUSEHOLD SIZE (HH1=1-12) AND GAVE ZIP CODE OR LANDLINE SAMPLE ZIP (RZIPCODE<99999 OR [RZIPCODE=99999 AND SAMPLE=1 AND SZIPCODE=00100-99998]):

POVERTY Last year -- that is in 2015 -- was your total household income from all sources, before taxes, under or over **[INSERT AMOUNT FROM TABLE BELOW]**? **[IF NECESSARY: As best as you can remember is fine.]**

- 1 Under this amount (poverty)
- 2 Over this amount (above poverty)
- 3 **(VOL.)** Exactly this amount (poverty)
- 8 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 9 **(VOL.)** Refused

FOR PROGRAMMERS:

2015 FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES (ROUNDED TO NEAREST \$100)¹

HH SIZE (HH1)	ALASKA ZIP	HAWAII ZIP	CONTINENTAL US ZIP
1 PERSON	\$14,700	\$13,600	\$11,800
2 PEOPLE	\$19,900	\$18,300	\$15,900
3 PEOPLE	\$25,100	\$23,100	\$20,100
4 PEOPLE	\$30,300	\$27,900	\$24,300
5 PEOPLE	\$35,500	\$32,700	\$28,400
6 PEOPLE	\$40,700	\$37,500	\$32,600
7 PEOPLE	\$45,900	\$42,200	\$36,700
8 PEOPLE	\$51,100	\$47,000	\$40,900
9 PEOPLE	\$56,300	\$51,800	\$45,100
10 PEOPLE	\$61,500	\$56,600	\$49,200
11 PEOPLE	\$66,700	\$61,400	\$53,400
12+ PEOPLE	\$71,900	\$66,100	\$57,500

¹ HHS federal poverty guidelines, 2015: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/2015-poverty-guidelines>. Continental US: over eight persons, add \$4160/additional person. Hawaii: over eight persons, add \$4780/additional person. Alaska: over eight persons, add \$5200/additional person.

ASK ALL:

INC **[IF POVERTY=8,9, INSERT:** It's important for us to have some information about household finances to make sure our survey is accurate. Keeping in mind that this is a completely confidential survey...] Last year, that is in 2015, what was your total household income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category... **[IF NECESSARY:** Your best guess is fine.]

- 1 Less than \$10,000
- 2 10 to under \$20,000
- 3 20 to under \$30,000
- 4 30 to under \$40,000
- 5 40 to under \$50,000
- 6 50 to under \$60,000
- 7 60 to under \$75,000
- 8 75 to under \$100,000
- 9 100 to under \$150,000, OR
- 10 \$150,000 or more?
- 98 **(VOL.)** Don't know
- 99 **(VOL.)** Refused

THANK RESPONDENT: That completes the interview. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation. Have a nice day/evening.

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