**PEW RESEARCH / SMITHSONIAN– SCIENCE “FUTURES”**

**PSRAI Omnibus February Week 2 (February 13-16, 2014)**

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ASK ALL FORM A:

PIAL1A Now I have a few questions about the future. Some books and movies portray a future where technology provides products and services that make life better for people. Others portray a future where technology causes environmental and social problems that make life worse for people. How about you? Over the long term, you think that technological changes will lead to a future where people’s lives are mostly better or to a future where people’s lives are mostly worse?

1 Mostly better

2 Mostly worse

8 **(VOL.)** Don’t know

9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL FORM B:

PIAL1B Now I have a few questions about the future. Some books and movies portray a future where technology causes environmental and social problems that make life worse for people. Others portray a future where technology provides products and services that make life better for people. How about you? Over the long term, you think that technological changes will lead to a future where people’s lives are mostly worse or to a future where people’s lives are mostly better?

1 Mostly worse

2 Mostly better

8 **(VOL.)** Don’t know

9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

PIAL2 Now I’m going to read you a list of things that may or may not happen in the next 50 years. Please tell me how likely you think it is that each will happen. First, how likely do you think it is that **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**... do you think this will definitely happen, will probably happen, will probably NOT happen, or will definitely not happen? How about that **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY**: Do you think this will definitely happen, will probably happen, will probably NOT happen, or will definitely not happen, in the next 50 years?**]**

a. Computers will be as effective as people at creating important works of art such as music, novels, movies, or paintings

b. People in need of an organ transplant will have new organs custom made for them in a lab

c. Humans will build colonies on another planet that can be lived in for long periods

d. Humans will be able to control the weather

e. Scientists will have developed a way to teleport objects – that is, moving objects from one location to another without physically touching them

CATEGORIES

1 Definitely happen

2 Probably happen

3 Probably NOT happen

4 Definitely NOT happen

5 **(VOL.)** Already happened

8 **(VOL.)** Don’t know

9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

PIAL3 Next, here are some other things that might happen in the next 50 years. For each, tell me if you think it would be a change for the better or a change for the worse if this happens. How about **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]**? **[READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN IF NECESSARY**: Do you think it will be a change for the better or a change for the worse if this happens?**]**

a. If lifelike robots become the primary caregivers for the elderly and people in poor health

b. If personal and commercial drones are given permission to fly through most U.S. airspace

c. If most people wear implants or other devices that constantly show them information about the world around them

d. If prospective parents can alter the DNA of their children to produce smarter, healthier, or more athletic offspring

CATEGORIES

1 Change for the better

2 Change for the worse

3 **(VOL.)** Both good and bad

8 **(VOL.)** Don’t know

9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

PIAL4 Next, here are some things that people might be able to do in the next 50 years. For each, tell me, if this were possible, would YOU PERSONALLY do this.(First,) Would you **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]**? **[READ IF NECESSARY**: Would you, PERSONALLY, do this, or not?**]**

a. Eat meat that was grown in a lab

b. Ride in a driverless car

c. Get a brain implant to improve your memory or mental capacity

CATEGORIES

1 Yes, would do this

2 No, would not do this

8 **(VOL.)** Don’t know

9 **(VOL.)** Refused

**[PROGRAMMER: SET PROGRAM TO RECORD ALL RESPONSES TO PIAL5]**

ASK ALL:

PIAL5 Science fiction writers have always imagined new inventions that change the world of the future. How about you? If there was one futuristic invention that you could own, what would it be? **[DO NOT READ; PRECODED OPEN-END; ACCEPT FIRST RESPONSE ONLY]**

1 Ability to live forever / Immortality

2 Improved health and longevity / Cure for diseases

3 Jetpack

4 Personal space craft

5 Personal robot / Robot servants

6 Self driving car

7 Time machine / Time travel

96 Other **(SPECIFY)**

97 None/Nothing/Not interested in futuristic inventions

98 Don’t know

99 Refused

**THE FOLLOWING RELIGION QUESTIONS DO NOT NEED TO BE PLACED WITH PIAL1A/B-PIAL5 MODULE AND CAN BE PLACED ELSEWHERE IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR BEST FIT**

ASK ALL:

RELIG What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular? {QID:relig}

**[INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS “nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc.” BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH:** And would you say that’s atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?**]**

1 Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah’s Witness, etc.)

2 Roman Catholic (Catholic)

3 Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)

4 Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)

5 Jewish (Judaism)

6 Muslim (Islam)

7 Buddhist

8 Hindu

9 Atheist (do not believe in God)

10 Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)

11 Something else **(SPECIFY)**

12 Nothing in particular

13 **(VOL.)** Christian

14 **(VOL.)** Unitarian (Universalist)

98 **(VOL.)** Don’t know

99 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK IF SOMETHING ELSE OR DK/REFUSED (RELIG=11,98,99):

CHR Do you think of yourself as a Christian or not? {QID:chr}

**[IF R NAMED A NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN PREVIOUS QUESTION (e.g. Native American, Wiccan, Pagan, etc.), DO NOT READ (ENTER "NO" CODE 2)]**

1 Yes

2 No

8 **(VOL.)** Don’t know

9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK IF CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1-4,13 OR CHR=1):

BORN Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not? {QID:born}

1 Yes, would

2 No, would not

8 **(VOL.)** Don’t know

9 **(VOL.)** Refused

ASK ALL:

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never? {QID:attend}

1 More than once a week

2 Once a week

3 Once or twice a month

4 A few times a year

5 Seldom

6 Never

8 **(VOL.)** Don’t know

9 **(VOL.)** Refused