"In this portion of the study, we will ask for your opinion about homicide. "Social scientists cannot, of course, do experiments to investigate what causes someone to engage in mass murder. Therefore, we must search for clues about possible causes by surveying people who share some experiences of the persons involved--i.e., because they have lived in the same region, at the same point in history (these homicides occurred in the 1990s), or because they are employed in the same line of work."

