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WINFIELD PARK COMMUNITY SURVEY

Bureau of Applied Social Research

Columbia University

I am from Columbia University. We are making a survey of Winfield to learn some things about housing communities. I wonder if I might ask you some questions about the community.

1. (a) How many times have you moved since Pearl Harbor?

(b) In the *four years* before the war, how many times did you move?

(c) Have you ever lived in a housing project before? Yes No D.K.

2. (a) When did you move to Winfield? (month and year)

(b) Where did you live just before coming here?

Town:

Type of dwelling:

(c) How long did you live in that house?

(d) Why did you move out of it?

3. At the time, did you know of *any place* besides Winfield to move to?

Yes: Why did you choose Winfield?

No

4. (a) Are any people in Winfield your relatives, or friends you had before you came here?

Yes No

(b) Did you meet any *new* people who were moving into Winfield at the same time you did?

Yes: Do you feel closer to these people than to the ones you met in Winfield later?

No

5. (a) When you *first moved* here, how long had you intended to stay?

(b) *How about now*—how long do you expect to stay in Winfield?

(a) *First moved here* (b) *Now*

As long as your (war) job lasted

Until you found a better place

Until you have your own home

Settle down and stay permanently

Never really thought about it

Other (specify)

(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

8. 6. If you were to move from Winfield, would you like to live in another housing project?

Yes No D.K.

(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

32. 7. Which community—Winfield or any other place—do you think of as your *real* home—where you *really* belong?
(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

Nowhere

Winfield

Other (specify)

Why there rather than Winfield?

9. 8. Do you ever expect to own a home or have part interest in a home?

Yes: Any particular place?

(If not Winfield) How about in Winfield?

No: Why not?

D.K.

19. 9. (a) What clubs or organizations do you now belong to?

(INTERVIEWER: When respondent finishes, show him the card and say _____)

Does this list remind you of any (others)?

(b) Is _____ (name of each club or organization) in Winfield or is it somewhere else?

(c) Does your wife (husband) also belong to _____?

(a) Respondent belongs to

None

(b) Location

(c) Spouse

Doesn't

Be-

long

D.K.

(INTERVIEWER: Get specific titles of organizations.

DRAW LINE AFTER FREE ANSWERS)

Win-
field

Out-
side

Be-
longs

20. 10. (a) What *other* clubs or organizations does your wife (husband) now belong to?
(b) Is in Winfield or somewhere else?

(a) *Spouse belongs to*

(b) *Location*

..... None
..... D.K.

Win-
field

Out-
side

10. (a) Have you ever belonged to any organizations in Winfield and then dropped out?
Yes: Which organizations?

Why did you leave?

..... No

28. (b) Did you ever have a hand in starting some club or organization in Winfield?
Yes: Which organizations? How did that happen?

..... No

..... D.K.

29. (c) Are you, or have you ever been, an officer in any Winfield organizations?
Yes: In how many organizations?

..... No

12. (ASK ONLY OF THOSE WHO BELONG TO NO ORGANIZATIONS IN WINFIELD)

(a) Are there any organizations in Winfield you might like to join? (INTERVIEWER: record comment)

..... Yes No D.K.

Which?

(b) Have you been asked to join any organization? (INTERVIEWER: record comment)
..... Yes No D.K.

(d) What kind of people in Winfield belong to many organizations?

13. (ASK ONLY OF THOSE WHO NAMED ONE OR MORE ORGANIZATIONS IN WINFIELD)
(a) Were you interested in an activity like (first organization mentioned) before coming to Winfield?

Yes

No: Did someone get you to join or did you join on your own?

Someone got you to join

On your own

Other (specify)

(b) What kind of people don't belong to any clubs or organizations in Winfield?

21. 14. (a) What clubs or organizations did you belong to before coming to Winfield?

(b) To which of these did your wife (husband) also belong?

(c) Did your wife (husband) belong to any other organizations?

(a) Belonged to before Winfield

None

(b) Spouse

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longed	Be-
long	D.K.

(c) Spouse also belonged to

None

D.K.

15. (a) Had you ever helped to start an organization before coming here?

Yes

No

(b) Were you ever an officer in any organizations before coming to Winfield?

Yes: In how many organizations?

No

16. Do you think there are more or fewer organizations in Winfield than where you lived before?

More: }
Fewer: }

On the whole, is this a good thing or a bad thing?

Good thing:

Bad thing:

D.K.

Why do you think so?

Same

D.K.

17. Is there any kind of activity or organization you would like to see started in Winfield?

Yes No

(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

15 18. (a) Do you have more or fewer close friends in Winfield than you had in the town where you lived before?

More Fewer About the same

(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

(b) Do you spend more or less time visiting with neighbors in Winfield than you did where you lived before?

More } Why more (less) here than before?
Less: }

About the same

D.K.

16 19. (a) Could you tell me who your three closest friends are (whether they live in Winfield or not)?

(b) Where does each of them live—near you in Winfield, somewhere else in Winfield, or outside Winfield?
(c) How did you happen to meet each of them?

(a) Name

(b) Location

Neigh-	Other	Out-
bor in W.	Wnfd.	side

(c) How met

As	Commty	Thru	Other
Neigh- bor	affairs	work	(specify)

1.

2.

3.

20. Are there any places in Winfield where you yourself have met people whom you later got to know better?

Yes: Where?

No

21. About how often do you go to the Winfield Community Center to spend some time there?

Times a week	Times a year
Times a month	Not at all

22. (a) Are you a member of the Co-op?

..... Yes

..... No

(b) What is the main reason for having a Co-operative store instead of a privately-owned store?

23. If you had an extra hour a day in which you could do anything you liked, what would you do with it?

24. (a) To which of these groups do you feel you belong—the white-collar class, the working class, or some other class?

..... White-collar class

..... Working-class

..... Other (specify)

(b) Do you think that more or fewer people in Winfield belong to the working class than in the place where you lived before coming here?

..... More Fewer About the same D. K.

(c) Would you like to have more white-collar people living in Winfield?

..... Yes: Why is that?

..... No: Why not?

..... Doesn't matter: why not?

..... D. K.

25. Do you think that there is less chance of being lonely when you live in the city than when you live in a place like Winfield?

..... Yes No D. K.

(INTERVIEWER: Record comment)

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26. Have you ever been a member of Mutual Home Ownership in Winfield?

..... Yes: (a) Why did you join?

(b) Are you now a member of Mutual Home Ownership?

..... Yes

..... No: Why did you drop out?

..... No: Have you ever heard of the Mutual Ownership Plan?

..... Yes

..... No (INTERVIEWER: Go to question 29)

27. Will you tell me which of the following statements are true of the Mutual Home Ownership Plan?

True False D.K.

(a) Once you have fully paid up, you own the house you live in

(b) Even if you move away, you can still own shares in the Mutual Ownership Corporation

(c) If you can't pay your rent for a time, you can use your share in the project to tide you over

28. How do you think Mutual Home Ownership will work out in Winfield?

42(a) 29. (a) Comparing Winfield with the place you lived before coming here, do you feel that you have more or less of a chance to help decide what goes on?

..... More chance: —Why would you say that is so?

..... Less chance:

..... Same chance

..... D. K.

(b) (b) Does it matter much to you whether you have a hand in deciding what goes on?

..... Yes No

30. Would you say that on the whole people in Winfield get along together better or worse than people in the community where you lived before coming here?

..... Better: } —Why is that, do you think?

..... Worse: }

..... Same

..... D. K.

31. Do you think there are more things to do in a city than in a place like Winfield?

Yes No D. K.

(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

32. (a) On the whole, what are the two or three things—anything you think of—that you like best about Winfield?

(b) What are the two or three things you like least?

44. 33. What do you think will happen to Winfield in the next five or ten years?

34. Would you like to see Winfield become a part of Cranford, or Linden, or remain a separate township?

Cranford

Separate township

Linden

Other (specify) _____

Either Cranford or Linden

D. K.

(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

60. 35. As far as you know, how do people in Cranford now feel about Winfield?

Favorable, on the whole

Indifferent

Unfavorable, on the whole

D. K.

(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

11. 36. Do you feel that you have enough privacy here in Winfield or not?

Yes No

(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

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(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

37. (a) Before coming to Winfield, how much of your life have you lived in a city?

- All in the city Most in the country
 Most in the city All in the country
 About half

(b) Compared to living in a city, how do you like living in Winfield?

- Better: | —Why is that, would you say?
Worse: |

- Same
 D. K.

46. 38. Since living in Winfield, have you ever felt that you aren't spending as much time with your wife (husband) and children as you would like?

- Yes No

(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

39. (a) On the whole, do you think people of different religions ought to live together in the same neighborhood?

- Yes No D. K.

(b) How about people of different races—Negroes and whites—do you think they ought to live together in the same neighborhood?

- Yes No D. K.

(c) How about people of different nationalities—ought they to live together in the same neighborhood?

- Yes No D. K.

62 41. Which members of your family here in Winfield have been employed during most of the war period?

Husband

Wife

Other (specify) _____

(INTERVIEWER: Questions 42 to 46 should refer to the husband. If they do *not* apply to him, specify the person to whom they do refer: _____)

(a) 42. (a) What is your (his) occupation now? (if unemployed: latest occupation)

Job: _____

Industry: _____

Specific place of work: _____

(b) (b) What was your (his) *usual* occupation before the war?

Job: _____

Industry: _____

(c) 43. (a) How many different jobs did you (did your husband) have in the *last four years*?

(d) (b) How many different jobs did you (he) have in the *four years before that*?

44. Have you (your husband) lost your (his) job since the layoffs began?

Yes: (a) When did that happen?

(b) Did you worry about the layoff a good deal or not?

Did Did not

(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

(c) Do you (your husband) have a job now?

Yes: Do you expect to be laid off again?

..... Yes No

..... No

(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

No: Do you expect (him) to be laid off?

..... Yes No D. K.

63 45. (a) How do you (your husband) feel about the kind of job you (he) had before the war—do you like it well enough to stay with it for a long time, or do you like some things about it but not others, or would you like to get out of it as soon as possible, or what?

..... Like it well enough to stay

..... Like some things, dislike others

..... Would like to get out of it

..... Other (specify)

(b) What other kind of job would you rather have, if any?

..... No other

..... D. K.

..... Something else (specify)

(c) On the whole, since you started working, have your jobs been getting better or worse?

..... Better Worse Haven't changed much D. K.

(d) Do you (your husband) expect to have a better job some time in the future?

..... Yes

..... No

..... D. K.

46. During the 1930's, were you (your husband) unemployed for quite a while?

..... Yes No Not married D. K.

(INTERVIEWER: If respondent appears to be under 35, also ask—)

If you were living with your parents then, was your father unemployed for quite a while? (INTERVIEWER:
Applies to respondent)

..... Yes No D. K. Not living with parents

(INTERVIEWER: From here on, the questions refer
directly to the respondent, not the husband)

47. When you come right down to it, what decides that one person keeps his job and another person loses his?

48. Now that the war is over, what do you think this country is heading for—a boom period, or a lot of unemployment even after reconversion, or more layoffs for a few months during reconversion followed by jobs for practically everybody, or what?

- Boom period
- Lot of unemployment
- Layoffs, then jobs
- Other (specify)

49. Do you favor more government control of industry or less?

More Less About the same D.K.

51. Compared with the way you felt when you started on your first job (IF WIFE: when you were married), do you now feel that you have a better or worse chance to get ahead in the world?

Better Worse Same D.K.

(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

52. Do you feel that people in Winfield have more interest in political matters than the people in the community where you lived before, or less interest?

More interest: } —On the whole, do you think that this is a good thing or a bad thing?
Less interest: }

D.K.

54. (a) On the whole, would you say that you are greatly interested in *national* politics, moderately interested, or not interested at all?
(b) On the whole, would you say that you are greatly interested in *local* politics, moderately interested, or not interested at all?

(a) *National*

(b) *Local*

Greatly
Moderately
Not at all
D.K.

55. (a) In the last place where you lived for three years or more,
did you vote in local elections regularly _____, sometimes _____, or never _____?
did you belong to a political club or organization?
did you ever work to elect a certain political candidate?
did you ever run for a political office?
did anyone ever try to get you out to vote?

Yes **No** **D.K.**
Yes **No** **D.K.**
Yes **No** **D.K.**
Yes **No** **D.K.**

- (b) How about Winfield—since living here
 have you voted in local elections regularly _____, sometimes _____, or never _____?
 have you belonged to a political club or organization? Yes _____ No _____ D.K. _____
 have you ever worked to elect a certain political candidate? Yes _____ No _____ D.K. _____
 have you ever run for a political office? Yes _____ No _____ D.K. _____
 has anyone ever tried to get you out to vote? Yes _____ No _____ D.K. _____

43. 56. Would you say that you are more interested in local politics in Winfield than you were in the last place where you lived for three years or more, or less interested?

More interested: Why would you say you are more interested here?

Less interested: Why do you say you are less interested here?

Just as interested

D.K.

57. Do you think that working-men should hold some public offices in every community, or that it's all right in a place like Winfield but probably wouldn't work out in a larger place?

Every community

Not in larger place

Other (specify)

(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

58. Would you say that you worry about things a good deal?

Yes: When something troubles you, would you rather talk to other people about it or not?

Would rather talk

Would not

D.K.

No

66. 59. For the purpose of our survey, we need to have a rough indication of the income of your family. Would you mind telling me in which of these classes it falls?

Below \$1000 a year

From \$3000 to \$4000

From \$1000 to \$2000

From \$4000 to \$5000

From \$2000 to \$3000

Over \$5000 a year

64. 61. (INTERVIEWER: This question should refer to the husband. If it does not apply to him, specify the person to whom it does refer:

Do you (your husband) belong to any trade union or labor union?

Yes: (a) What union do you belong to now?

CIO AFL Other (specify)

(b) Why do you belong?

No: }——Have you ever belonged to a union?

D.K.: }——Yes: What union was it? CIO AFL

Other (specify)

No

D.K.

(If ever a member)

Have you ever held office in a union?

Yes: What office was it?

No

62. (a) What did your father do (that is, what was his job) about the time you were in grammar school?

(b) What did your wife's (husband's) father do about the time your wife (husband) was in grammar school?

63. Would you mind telling me for which party you voted in last year's presidential election?

Democrat (Roosevelt)
Republican (Dewey)
Other (specify)

Refused to answer
D.K.

Didn't vote: Which party did you prefer?

67. 64. Here in Winfield, do you favor the Republican party, the Democratic party, the Independent party, or something else? F

Republican
Democrat

Independent
Other (specify)

68 65. Age

15 - 19
20 - 24
25 - 34
35 - 44
45 - 54
55 - 64
65 & Over

69 66. Sex

Male
Female

70 67. Education

No school
Some grade school
Grammar school grad
Some high school
High school grad
Some college
College grad
Trade school
Business school
Other (specify)

72, 68. Marital Status

Married
Single
Widowed
Separated
Divorced
No answer

48 69. Children (enter ages)

Male _____
Female _____

48(c) 70. (ASK OF PARENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN FROM 4 TO 10 YEARS OLD)

Compared with other places you've lived, is it easier or harder to find someone in Winfield to look after your children when you want to go out?

Harder No difference
Easier D.K.

71. Others living in the same house:

Relationship

Age

71, 72. Would you mind telling me the religion of yourself and your wife (husband)?

Husband

Wife

Protestant

Catholic

Jewish

None

Refused

73, 73. What is the nationality of yourself and your wife (husband)?

Husband:

Wife:

74 (a) 74. (a) About how many books do you read in an average month?

Four or more

One

Two or three

None

(b) (b) What magazines do you read more or less regularly?

None

D.K.

Titles:

Name of respondent:

Address of respondent:

Date of interview:

Time of Interview:

Place of interview:

Interviewer: