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ADDISON TERRACE
Community Survey
Columbia University

I am from Columbia University of New York. The University is making a survey of housing projects all over the country, so as to help in the planning of the many new projects which will be built. We are asking every family in Addison Terrace to help, by telling us about their experiences since they came to live here.

1. When did you move to Terrace Village? (Month and Year) _____

2. At the time you moved into the Village, did you know of any other place where you could have moved instead of the Village?

Yes No

(INTERVIEWER: At this point, ask only 3a. Then go on to 4)

3. (a) Thinking back on when you first moved here, how long had you intended to stay?
(b) How long do you now expect to stay in the Village?

(a) First moved here

(b) Now

As long as you are eligible

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Until you found a better place, or

Settle down and stay permanently!

Never really thought about it. DK

Other (specify)

IF DIFFERENT FOR NOW THAN BEFORE.

When you first moved here, you intended to Now you intend to
How did you happen to change your mind?

(INTERVIEWER: Get time of change and specific reasons for it)

4. If you were to move from Terrace Village, would you like to live in another housing project?

Yes **No** **DK**
(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

5. During the first few months after you moved here, what things about living in the Village especially caught your attention?
(INTERVIEWER: code)

Physical (specify) _____
 Residents and social relationships (specify) _____
 Management (specify) _____
 Other (specify) _____

6. Which community - Addison Terrace or any other place - do you think of as your real home - where you really belong?
(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

Nowhere
 Addison Terrace
 Other (specify) _____

Why there rather than Addison Terrace?

7. Which seasons of the year do you like it best here in the Village?
 Summer Winter Spring or Fall All the same

8. Do you ever expect to own a home?
 Yes No DK

9. All in all, which do you prefer living in, an apartment or a separate house?
 Apartment Private house DK

10. What would you say is the main reason for having Addison Hall here?

11. When you first moved into the Village, did you meet any new people who were moving in at the same time?

No

Yes: (a) Did you try to help each other get settled in your new apartments? Yes No

(b) (WHITES) As nearly as you can remember, were any of these people colored? Yes No DK

(NEGROES) As nearly as you can remember, were any of these people white? Yes No DK

12 (OTHER RACE) We are interested in knowing something about your experiences with (colored)(white) people before you moved to the Village. Will you tell me, as nearly as you can remember?

(a) (OTHER RACE) Had you ever lived in the same neighborhood with (colored)(white) people before?

Yes: Just before you moved here; did you have (colored)(white) neighbors?

Yes: How near did the nearest (colored)(white) family live?

Same building

Next building

Same block

Other (specify) _____

No

No

(b) (OTHER RACE) Since you left school, have you ever had any (colored)(white) friends?

Yes: Did you ever visit them in their homes, or have them visit in yours?

Yes

No

No

(c) (OTHER RACE) Since leaving school, have you ever had any (colored)(white) acquaintances, people whom you know well enough to talk to, but whom you would not call friends?

Yes

No

13. (OTHER RACE) Have you ever worked on a job with (colored)(white) people?

Never had a job

No

Yes: How did you feel about this?
(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

14. (a) Which clubs or organizations have you ever belonged to in the Village? Have you ever taken part in any other activities, or committees, or hobby clubs, or anything else in the Village?

 None (INTERVIEWER: GO TO QUESTION # 17)

- (b) Do you still belong to.....(name of organization or activity)
(c) How did you happen to join.....(name of organization or activity)
- did a friend get you in, did a group worker ask you, did you join on your own, or did it happen some other way?
(d) Have you ever been an officer or had a hand in starting any of these organizations or activities?

(a) Orgs. and activities (Get specific titles)	(b) Belong Now?		(c) Joined Through				(d) Officer	
	Yes	No	Frd	Wkr	Own	Other (specify)	Yes	No

15. (ASK ONLY OF PARTICIPANTS)

(OTHER RACE) Have there been (colored)(white) people in any of these?

 Yes

 No

(INTERVIEWER: record any comment)

16. (ASK ONLY OF PARTICIPANTS)

- (a) Which of these comes nearer to what actually happened in your case -- that your friends got you into organizations or activities here in the Village, or that you met your friends through the organizations?

 Friends got you in Met friends through organizations

 Doesn't apply (USE ONLY IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY)

- (b) Have you gotten any new interests, or have you learned anything new through being in activities here in the Village?

 Yes: What kinds of things?

 No

17. (ASK ONLY OF NON-PARTICIPANTS)

Have you been asked to take part in any community activities here in the Village?

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Yes: (a) Who asked you -- a friend, a group worker, or someone else?
Friend Worker Other(specify) _____

(ASK OF ALL RESPONDENTS)

18(a) What clubs or organizations -- or other activities -- have you ever belonged to outside of the Village?

None (INTERVIEWER: GO TO QUESTION #20)

(b) About when did you join.....(Name of each)? What year?

- (c) Are you still a member of.....(Name of each)? (IF NOT) When did you drop out?
(d) How did you happen to join.....(Name of each)? Did a friend get you in, did you join on your own, or did it happen some other way?
(e) Have you ever been an officer, or have you ever had a hand in starting any organisation or other activity outside the Village?
(f) Which ones were you an officer in, and what years were you an officer?

(ASK ONLY OF PARTICIPANTS)

19. (OTHER RACE) Have there been any colored (white) people in any of these?

Yes

No

20. (ASK OF ALL RESPONDENTS)

Do you think there are more or fewer organizations in the Village than where you lived before?

More } On the whole, is this a good thing, or a bad thing?
Fewer } _____ Good thing _____ Bad thing

Same
DK

21. (a) How do organizations and activities usually get started here in the Village?
(INTERVIEWER: code)

Management

Soho

Tenants

Other (specify)

DK

- (b) By and large, who runs organizations in the Village, once they get started?

(INTERVIEWER: code)

Management

Soho

Tenants

Other (specify)

DK

22. Apart from paying the rent, about how often do you go to Addison Hall to spend some time? Often, occasionally, or never?

Often}

Occasion-ally } (a) About how often? _____

ally } (b) What did you do the last time you were there? _____

Never _____

23. Have you ever taken part in any organizations or activities here in the Village, and then dropped out of them?

Yes: (a) What were your reasons for dropping out?

(b) (IF RACIAL QUESTION IS MENTIONED): Were all of these organizations for both colored and white, or not?

Yes } (RECORD COMMENT)
 No }

No

24. (INTERVIEWER: Ask question 3b at this point, then proceed to Question 25)

25. Do you think colored and white people should live together in housing projects?

Yes
No

{ : That's interesting -- why do (don't) you think so?

26. On the whole, do you think that colored and white in the Village get along pretty well, or not so well?

Get along pretty well
Don't get along so well

27. Do you feel that colored and white in the Village are getting along better or worse now than when you first came here?
(RECORD COMMENT)

Better
Worse

{ : What gives you that impression?

28. (OTHER RACE) Have you talked with any colored (white) people about how white and colored get along here in the Village?

Yes: (OTHER RACE) Did you learn anything about colored (white) people that you had not realized before?
Yes: What was it?

No

No: (OTHER RACE) Would you say you know more about what colored (white) people are like than you did when you first came here?

Yes: Can you give me some idea as to what you've learned about them?

No

29. (WHITES): How would you say the colored residents feel about living in the same community with whites?

(NEGROES): How would you say the white residents feel about living in the same community with colored people?

30. By and large, do you think that the Gentiles are more favorable to living with colored people than the Jews, or not so favorable?

Gentiles more favorable }
 Gentiles less favorable } : What leads you to think so?
 No difference

- 31(a) Compared to the number of white residents, about how many colored residents are there in Addison Terrace? Are there mostly colored, about the same, or mostly white?

Mostly colored
 Same
 Mostly white

- (b) Do you think the number of colored and white residents in the Village will change in the future?

No
 Yes: In what way will they change?
(INTERVIEWER: code)
 All colored
 More colored
 More white
 All white

32. (OTHER RACE) How does living in the same community with (colored)(white) people compare with what you first expected?

33. Compared with places where you've lived before, do you feel that the rent you're paying is high for what you're getting, quite low, or about right?

High Quite low About right DK

33. What do you think of the idea of people paying higher rent when their income goes up, and lower rent when their income goes down?

Fair (Good idea, etc.)
 Unfair (Bad idea, etc.)
 DK

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

35. When your friends or relatives from outside heard you were moving to the Village, what did they say about it?

(INTERVIEWER: code)

Favorable

Unfavorable

Both favorable and unfavorable

36. Is it easier or harder to make friends in the Village than in the neighborhood where you lived before?

Easier }
 Harder } : In what way?

Same

DK

37. (a) Could you tell me who your three closest friends are (regardless of whether or not they live in the Village)?

(b) Where does each of them live -- a neighbor of yours in the Village, somewhere else in the Village, or outside the Village?

(c) How did you happen to meet each of them?

(a) Name	(b) Location			(c) How met				
	Neigh- bor in V.	Other Vil.	Out- side	As neigh- bor	Laun- dry	Commy affair	Work	Other (specify)
1.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

38. Do you get together with your neighbors here in the Village more often or less often than you did where you lived before?

More often

Less often

Same

DK

39. On the whole, do you spend more time with friends living outside the Village or with friends living in the Village?

Outside the Village: Are most of these friends people whom you knew before you moved here, or did you meet them in the Village?

Knew before Met in the Village

In the Village

Same

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40. (a) Have any of your friends from outside the Village come to visit you?

Yes: What did they say about living here?

No

- (b) Where you lived before, did friends from outside that neighborhood come to visit you?

Yes

No

41. (OTHER RACE) Have you made any (colored)(white) friends among the Village residents?

Yes: (a) Do you ever visit them in their homes, or have them visit in yours?

Yes No

(b) Where did you meet the one you know best?

No

42. (OTHER RACE) Have you made any (colored)(white) acquaintances, people whom you know well enough to talk to, but whom you would not call friends? among the Village residents

Yes

No

43. Which residents in the Village do you think have more education, the colored or the whites?

Colored

Whites

No difference

44. Are there any particular things which people in the Village are likely to get into arguments about?

No

Yes: What things? (INTERVIEWER: code)

Children
 Laundry
 Maintenance
 Race
 Other (specify) _____

} : Are most of these arguments between white people and colored people, or aren't they?
(INTERVIEWER: record comment)

Yes (between white and colored)

No (not between white & colored)

DK

45. (a) On the average, about how many hours a week would you say that you spend in any sort of community activity here in the Village -- going to meetings, serving on committees, and so forth?

Hours a week

- (b) Have you been spending more, less, or about the same amount of time in community activities since you have been living in the Village?

More
 Less
 Same amount of time
 DK

46. Except for people's apartments, are there any places where you can sit around and chat with your friends?

No: Does it matter to you or not? Yes No

Yes: Where, what places?

DK

47. Do you think most housing projects have:

Lots of open space, or not?	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>DK</u>
How about privacy - do they have enough privacy, or not?	<u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u>
Do you think most of them have well-built dwellings, or not?	<u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u>
Are most of them for poorer people, or not?	<u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u>
Do you think most of them have too much interference by mgmt or not?	<u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u>
Do most of them have apartments or separate houses?	<u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u>

48. (a) Do you feel that you have enough privacy here in the Village, or not?

(INTERVIEWER: Probe to get direction of privacy, e.g. other people knowing what you do, or your knowing about other people.)

_____ Yes: What gives you the feeling of privacy?

_____ No: Why not?

(b) Do you feel that you have more or less privacy here than you did where you lived before?

_____ More _____ Less _____ Same _____ DK

(c) Does it matter to you whether you have much privacy?

_____ Yes _____ No _____ DK

(d) Are there certain times of the year when you feel you have less privacy than at other times?

_____ Yes: When do you feel that you have least privacy?
 Summer Winter Spring Fall

_____ No

_____ DK

49. Before coming to the Village, did you keep up with what Congress was doing quite a bit, somewhat, or not at all?

_____ Quite a bit _____ Somewhat _____ Not at all _____ DK

50. Since coming to the Village, how much have you been keeping up with what Congress is doing - quite a bit, somewhat, or not at all?

_____ Quite a bit _____ Somewhat _____ Not at all _____ DK

(IF DIFFERENT NOW THAN BEFORE): What led you to change?

51. Do you feel that people in the Village have more interest in political matters than the people in the neighborhood where you lived before, or less interest?

More interest)
Less interest) : On the whole, do you think that this is a good thing, or a bad thing? (INTERVIEWER: record comment)

Same
DK

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

(a) National (b) Local

Greatly _____
Moderately _____
Not at all _____
DK _____

53. (a) In the last place where you lived for 3 years or more, did you vote in local elections regularly_____, - sometimes_____, or never_____?

Yes	No	DK

did you ever belong to a political club or organization?
did you ever work to elect any political candidate?
did you ever run for a political office?
did anyone ever try to get you out to vote?

- (b) How about in the Village -- since living here, have you voted in local elections regularly_____, - sometimes_____, or never_____?

Yes	No	DK

have you belonged to a political club or organization?
have you ever worked to elect any political candidate?
have you ever run for a political office?
has anyone ever tried to get you out to vote?

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

White-collar (INTERVIEWER: Wkg Class Other(specify))
GIVE examples
only if necessary

- (b) Do you think that more or fewer people in the Village belong to the working class than in the neighborhood where you lived before coming here?
More Fewer About same DK

- (c) Would you like to have more white-collar people living in the Village?
Yes No Doesn't matter DK

55. Have you heard anything about what people living outside have said about the Village?

____ Yes: (a) On the whole, was it favorable or unfavorable to the Village?
____ Favorable ____ Unfavorable ____ DK

(b) Do you think these stories made people in the Village feel any differently about the Village?

____ Yes: In what way?

____ No

____ DK

____ No

56. (a) Comparing Terrace Village 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 }
____ Less chance } In what way do you have more (less) chance?

____ Same chance

____ DK

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

____ Yes: How about where you lived before, did it matter to you as much then? ____ Yes ____ No

____ No: How about where you lived before, did it matter to you more than? ____ Yes ____ No

57. Does the Terrace Village management have more or fewer rules about what residents can and cannot do than the landlord where you lived before?

____ More }
____ Fewer } Do you think that is a good or a bad thing?
____ Good ____ Bad ____ No matter ____ DK

____ Same

____ DK

58. Do you think the management is fair, or does it play favorites in choosing new residents?

____ Fair

____ Unfair: Whom does the management favor?

____ DK

59. Which of these most nearly describes how you feel about the way the Village management takes care of complaints?
 It does very little even about necessary repairs
 It does everything it can as soon as possible
 It does some things, but not all it should

60. About how often do you talk to these people in the Village:

	Once a week or more	1-3 times a month	Less often	Never	DK
Cashier or office girl	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Manager	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Assistant manager	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Janitor	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Director of community activities - Miss Purnell	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Miss Purnell's assistants	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

(INTERVIEWER: Put "Don't know him" under Never)

61. How do you suppose the manager feels about there being colored and white residents in the Village?

62. All things considered, do you think the residents should take care of the stairhalls, or that the management should do it?
(INTERVIEWER: code)

Tenants
 Management
 Both

63. What things about living in the Village have recently caught your attention?
(INTERVIEWER: code)

Physical (specify) _____
 Residents and social
relationships (specify) _____
 Management (specify) _____
 Other (specify) _____

- 64(a) What are the two or three things you like most about the Village?

- (b) What are the two or three things you dislike most about the Village?

65. Taking everything into account, would you rather live where you are now, or move back to the house where you lived before you came to Terrace Village?

- Stay
 Return
 DK

66. What do you think will happen to Addison Terrace in the next five or ten years?

67. Would you mind telling me how many children you have and how old they are?

Number of Children	Age of Children	
	Male	Female
<input type="checkbox"/> Have no Children: (INTERVIEWER: Go to Question 75)		

(ASK OF THOSE WITH CHILDREN UNDER 10 YEARS OLD:)

68. Compared with other places you've lived, is it easier or harder to find someone in the Village to look after your children when you want to get out?

- Easier Harder No Difference DK No Children Before

(ASK ONLY OF THOSE WITH CHILDREN UNDER 18:)

69. Did you choose the Village primarily for your children's sake or primarily for the adults in the family?

- Children Adults DK Both Had no Choice

70. (a) What would you like your oldest child to be when he (she) grows up?

(b) What do you expect he'll (she'll) have a chance to be?

71. On the whole, do you think the Village is a better or worse place for your children to grow up than where you lived before?

- Better
 Worse
 DK

72. (a) (OTHER RACE) Do you give your children any special advice about how they should behave with (colored) (white) children?

Yes: What do you tell them?

No

(b) In places where you lived before, did you give them such advice?

Yes No

73. (a) Were your children old enough to attend school before you moved to the Village?

Yes: (OTHER RACE:) Did they attend school with (colored) (white) children? Yes No

No

(b) (OTHER RACE:) Did they ever play with (colored) (white) children?

Yes No

74. (a) (OTHER RACE) Do your children attend school with (colored) (white) children now? Yes No

(b) (OTHER RACE) Do they ever play with (colored) (white) children now? Yes No

75. (a) Who is the main wage-earner in your family -- whether he or she is working now or not? _____

(FILL IN MAIN WAGE-EARNER'S RELATIONSHIP TO RESPONDENT, AND ASK QUESTIONS 75-79-a ABOUT MAIN WAGE-EARNER)

(IF THE ANSWER IS "No one", ASK:)

(1) Who used to be the main wage-earner? _____

(2) What is your present source of income? _____

(b) Is (he) (she) (you) now

Employed: (INTERVIEWER: GO TO QUESTION 76)

Unemployed for the time being

Retired

No longer a member of the family

(If "Unemployed" or "Retired", ASK:)

For how long has (he) (she) (you) been unemployed (retired)?

(Since)

What was (his) (her) (your) last occupation?

Job:

Industry:

What is your present source of income? _____

(INTERVIEWER: NOW GO TO QUESTION 78)

(ASK ONLY ABOUT EMPLOYED PERSONS:)

76. (a) What is (his) (her) (your) occupation? _____

(b) Where does (he) (she) (you) work? _____ (name or company)

(c) What are (his) (her) (your) duties there? _____

77. (a) What are the chances for a person in (his) (her) (your) particular occupation to get ahead if he really sets his mind to it?

Good Fair Poor Hard to say

(b) How about the place where (he) (she) (you) works now, what are the chances for getting ahead there?

Good Fair Poor Hard to say

(ASK OF EVERYBODY -- WHETHER HIS MAIN WAGE-EARNER IS EMPLOYED OR NOT:)

78. Does (he) (she) (you) belong to any trade or labor union?

Yes: (a) What union does (he) (she) (you) belong to?

CIO AFL Other (specify) _____

(b) Why does (he) (she) (you) belong?

(c) Does (he) (she) (you) hold an office in this union?

Yes: What office is it? _____

No

No

DK

79. (a) During the 1930's was (he) (she) (you) unemployed for quite a while?

Yes No DK

(IF RESPONDENT APPEARS TO BE UNDER 35 YEARS OLD, ASK ABOUT RESPONDENT HIMSELF:)

(b) If you were living with your parents then, was your father unemployed for quite a while?

Yes No DK Not living with parents

(INTERVIEWER: ASK REMAINING QUESTIONS OF ALL RESPONDENTS:)

80. Would you mind telling me for which party you voted in the 1944 presidential election?

Democrat (Roosevelt) Refused to answer
 Republican (Dewey) DK

Other (specify) _____

Didn't vote: Which party did you prefer? _____

81. Do you happen to remember the titles of any books you have read in the last month or so? (INTERVIEWER: DO NOT COPY TITLES)

No
 Yes: About how many books do you read in an average month?

Four or more One
 Two or three None

82. MARITAL STATUS

Married
Single
Divorced
Separated
Widowed

83. COLOR

Negro
White

84. SEX

Male
Female

(INTERVIEWER: If respondent is MARRIED get the following information on "spouse". Do not get information on "spouse" if respondent is divorced, separated, or widowed.)

85. What was the last grade of school which you attended?

How about your wife (husband)?

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Spouse</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Some Grade Sch	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade Sch Grad	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Some High Sch	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> High Sch Grad	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Some College	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> College Grad	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Spouse</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Protestant	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Jewish	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Refused to answer	<input type="checkbox"/>

87. Would you tell me your place of birth? And your wife (husband) -- where was she (he) born?

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Spouse</u>
_____ Foreign Born (specify place)	_____
_____ American Born (specify state)	_____
<u>(IF AMERICAN BORN: DESCENT)</u>	
<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Spouse</u>
<u>Nationality</u>	
_____ # Generations in this country _____	

88. (a) How do you best like to spend your leisure time -- staying at home, or "on the go"?

 Staying at home On the go DK

(b) How about your wife (husband)?

 Staying at home On the go DK

89. Have you ever lived in the South?

 Yes: When did you live there?

 No

90. Have you ever heard of the Community Chest?

 Yes: What do you think of it?

 No

91. INTERVIEWER: Rate cooperation of respondent:

 Highly cooperative, interested Uncooperative, uninterested
 Polite, not enthusiastic Hostile, suspicious

92. The interview is over now and you probably have a general idea about the study. Do you think that it's a good thing to do a study like this or not?

 Good Not Good Indifferent DK

(INTERVIEWER: RECORD COMMENT)

I'd really like your frank opinion -- how did you like being interviewed all this time?

 Liked it a lot Liked it all right Didn't Like it
 No Opinion DK

(INTERVIEWER: RECORD COMMENT)

93. INTERVIEWER: Rate livingroom on the following scale (one check under each major category.)

(A) Cleanliness of room and furnishings

Spotted or stained _____
Dusty _____
Spotless and dustless _____

(B) Orderliness of room and furnishings

Articles strewn about in disorder _____
Articles in place or in usable order _____

(C) Condition of repair of articles and furnishings

Broken, scratched, frayed
ripped or torn _____
Articles or furnishings patched up _____
Articles or furnishings in good repair and well kept _____

(D) General impression of good taste

Bizarre, clashing, inharmonious,
or offensive _____
Drab, monotonous, neutral,
inoffensive _____
Attractive in a positive way,
harmonious, quiet and restful _____

94. INTERVIEWER: Rate your own satisfaction with the way you conducted the interview.

Excellent / Good / Fair / Poor
(RECORD COMMENT)

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

TIME OF INTERVIEW
Time started: _____
Time ended: _____

DATE OF INTERVIEW _____

NAME OF INTERVIEWER _____

PLACE OF INTERVIEW _____