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Welcome to the Millennium Memory Survey!

This brief survey is being conducted to learn more about Americans' memories from New Year's Eve 1999, the night before the unofficial start of the new century. Your responses will help shed light on a unique moment in history.

You may skip any of the questions. Your responses will be kept confidential, and the reports will not feature any personally identifiable data. If you have any questions or comments about the survey, feel free to contact the survey administrator, Scott Geier, at [scgeier@live.unc.edu](mailto:scgeier@live.unc.edu).

Thanks!

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Do you consent to participate in the Millennium Memory Survey?

- ☐ Yes, please take me to the survey
- ☐ No, I wish to opt out

Do you remember **where** you were on December 31, 1999 (a/k/a New Year's Eve before the year 2000)?

- ☐ Yes, vividly (e.g., I can remember the exact location, and I can picture details about the surroundings in my mind)
- ☐ Yes, mostly (e.g., I can remember exactly where I was, but the image is vague)
- ☐ Sort of (e.g., I recall the general location, such as the city, but don't remember the exact spot)
- ☐ Not really (e.g., I can guess where I was based on what was happening in my life, but I'm not sure about it)
- ☐ No, not at all

Do you remember **what** you were doing on New Year's Eve 1999?

- ☐ Yes, vividly (e.g., I can remember specific actions or conversations)
- ☐ Yes, mostly (e.g., I can picture what I was doing, but I can't remember any details)
- ☐ Sort of (e.g., I can guess because I know where I was, but I'm not sure about it)
- ☐ No, not at all

Do you remember **who** you were with on New Year's Eve 1999?

- ☐ Yes, exactly (e.g., I remember their names and faces)
- ☐ Yes, mostly (e.g., I can remember some names or faces, but not all)
- ☐ Sort of (e.g., I can guess based on what was happening in my life, but I'm not sure)
- ☐ No, not at all

Which of the following people were with you on New Year's Eve 1999?

*Please choose all that apply (e.g., if someone was both your spouse and your co-worker, check BOTH categories).*

- ☐ Spouse or domestic partner
- ☐ Significant Other
- ☐ Close friend
- ☐ Acquaintance
- ☐ Co-worker
- ☐ Classmate
- ☐ Stranger
- ☐ Parent
- ☐ Stepparent
- ☐ Child
- ☐ Stepchild
- ☐ Sibling
- ☐ Step-sibling
- ☐ Grandparent
- ☐ Grandchild
- ☐ Aunt or uncle
- ☐ Cousin
- ☐ Niece or nephew
- ☐ Relative-in-law
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Don't remember

Do you remember how you felt as midnight approached?

- ☐ Yes, vividly (e.g., the feelings come back to me now as I think about it)
- ☐ Yes, somewhat (e.g., I can remember a general emotion, but it's no longer fresh)
- ☐ No, not at all

If you answered "yes" to the previous question, which best describes your emotions on New Year's Eve 1999?

Very negative	Somewhat negative	Neutral	Somewhat positive	Very positive
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Do you remember how others around you acted on New Year's Eve 1999?

- ☐ Yes, vividly (e.g., I can remember a specific thing that someone said or did)
- ☐ Yes, mostly (e.g., I can remember general behavior, but not details)
- ☐ No, not at all

Do you remember what happened immediately after midnight?

- ☐ Yes, vividly
- ☐ Yes, mostly
- ☐ No, not really
- ☐ No, not at all

Do you remember what you were wearing on New Year's Eve 1999?

- ☐ Yes, exactly
- ☐ Yes, mostly (e.g., I can remember one item of clothing but not the rest)
- ☐ Not really (e.g., I can guess because it was something I often wore at the time, but I'm not sure)
- ☐ No, not at all

Please take a moment to describe your memory of New Year's Eve 1999. Feel free to continue writing on the back of this page if you need more space.

Since New Year's Eve 1999, approximately how many times have you talked about that night?

- ☐ Never, until now
- ☐ 1 - 5 times
- ☐ 6 - 10 times
- ☐ 11 or more times
- ☐ I don't know

Did you drink alcohol on New Year's Eve 1999?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't remember

Which of the following devices did you own in **1999**? *Please check all that apply.*

- ☐ Cell phone
- ☐ Landline phone
- ☐ Desktop computer
- ☐ Laptop computer
- ☐ Tablet computer
- ☐ VCR
- ☐ DVD player
- ☐ Digital camera
- ☐ Traditional (film) camera
- ☐ Video camera
- ☐ Stereo or boombox
- ☐ Portable CD or cassette player

Which of the following devices do you **currently** own?

*Please check all that apply.*

- ☐ Cell phone
- ☐ Landline phone
- ☐ Desktop computer
- ☐ Laptop computer
- ☐ Tablet computer
- ☐ VCR
- ☐ DVD player
- ☐ Digital camera
- ☐ Traditional (film) camera
- ☐ Video camera
- ☐ Stereo or boombox
- ☐ Portable CD or cassette player

Do you remember the "Y2K Bug" (a/k/a Millennium Bug or Y2K Problem)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, please briefly describe what you remember about the Y2K Bug.

Please take a moment to provide some information about yourself.

What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_

Which gender do you most identify with?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other

Which best describes your race? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ African-American
- ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Native American
- ☐ White
- ☐ Other

What was your marital status on December 31, 1999?

- ☐ Single, never married
- ☐ Married or domestic partnership
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Separated

What is your current marital status?

- ☐ Single, never married
- ☐ Married or domestic partnership
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Separated



Did you have any children on December 31, 1999?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Do you currently have any children?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Which best describes your highest level of education?

- ☐ 12th grade or less (no diploma)
- ☐ High school diploma or its equivalent
- ☐ Some college credit, but no degree
- ☐ Associate's degree or technical certificate
- ☐ Bachelor's degree
- ☐ Graduate or professional degree

Which best describes your occupation **on December 31, 1999?**

*Please check all that apply.*

- ☐ Management
- ☐ Business and Finance
- ☐ Computers and Mathematics
- ☐ Architecture and Engineering
- ☐ Life, Physical and Social Sciences
- ☐ Community and Social Services
- ☐ Law and Legal Support Services
- ☐ Education, Training and Library
- ☐ Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports and Media
- ☐ Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations
- ☐ Healthcare Support
- ☐ Protective Services (Law Enforcement, etc.)
- ☐ Food Preparation and Service
- ☐ Buildings/Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance
- ☐ Personal Care and Service
- ☐ Sales and Related Occupations
- ☐ Office and Administrative Support
- ☐ Farming, Fishing and Forestry
- ☐ Construction, Mining and Related Occupations
- ☐ Installation, Maintenance and Repair
- ☐ Production Work (e.g., assemblers, machinists)
- ☐ Transportation and Freight
- ☐ Unemployed
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Student

Which best describes your **current** occupation?

*Please check all that apply.*

- ☐ Management
- ☐ Business and Finance
- ☐ Computers and Mathematics
- ☐ Architecture and Engineering
- ☐ Life, Physical and Social Sciences
- ☐ Community and Social Services
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- ☐ Student

Where did you live on December 31, 1999?

*City, State* \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you currently live?

*City, State* \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following best describes your political affiliation?

- ☐ Democrat
- ☐ Republican
- ☐ Independent
- ☐ Other

Which of the following best describes your religious preference?

*Please check all that apply.*

- ☐ Catholic
- ☐ Protestant
- ☐ Mormon
- ☐ Orthodox (e.g., Greek or Russian Orthodox)
- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ Muslim
- ☐ Buddhist
- ☐ Hindu
- ☐ Agnostic
- ☐ Atheist
- ☐ Other