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TWIN SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

TWIN SCREENING PROJECT
DECEMBER, 1994 -- MAY, 1995

PRIM ID#	CASE ID#	IWER #	

TIME START:

MIDI TWIN SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

The first thing I need to ask you is what is your full legal name as it appears on official documents such as your voter's registration, Social Security Card, or driver's license?

(IWER: RECORD ON INFO SHEET)

Q1. As I mentioned earlier, the questions I'll be asking you (tonight/today) are about your being a twin.

FIELD CODE: (IWER: MARK ONE)

(IF NEC, Are you and your twin of the same-sex or of opposite sex?)

- 1. SAME-SEX
- 2. OPPOSITE SEX

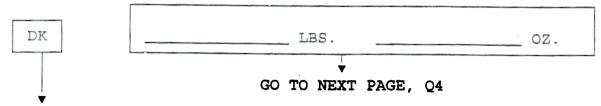
Q2. Who was born first, you or your twin?

1. RESPONDENT

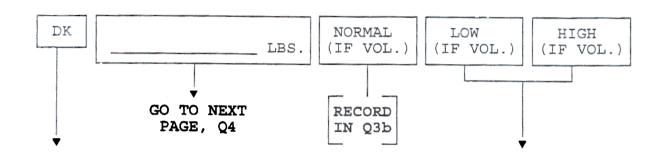
2. TWIN

8. DON'T KNOW

Q3. Do you know what your exact birth weight was?



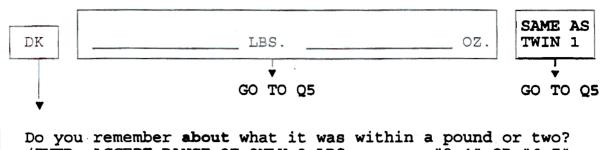
Q3a. Do you remember about what it was within a pound or two? (IWER: ACCEPT RANGE OF ONLY 2 LBS., e.g., "3-4" OR "6-7" LARGER RANGE IS A "DK".)



Q3b. Do you remember if it was very low, somewhat low, normal, somewhat high, or very high? Would you say that it was very (LOW/HIGH) or somewhat (LOW/HIGH)?

1. VERY LOW 2. SOMEWHAT 3. NORMAL 4. SOMEWHAT 5. VERY HIGH 8. DK

Q4. Do you know what your twin's exact birth weight was?

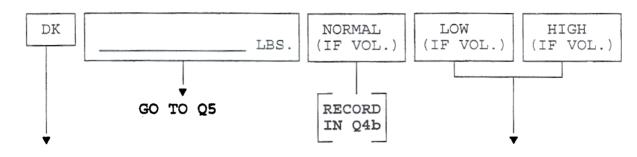


Q4a

Do you remember about what it was within a pound or two?

(IWER: ACCEPT RANGE OF ONLY 2 LBS., e.g., "3-4" OR "6-7"

LARGER RANGE IS A "DK".)



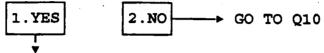
Q4b. Do you remember if it was very low, somewhat low, normal, somewhat high, or very high? Would you say that it was very (LOW/HIGH) or somewhat (LOW/HIGH)?

- 1. VERY LOW 2. SOMEWHAT 3. NORMAL 4. SOMEWHAT 5. VERY HIGH 8. DK
- When you were children, how often did you and your twin have the same playmates -- always, most of the time, sometimes, or never?
 - 1. ALWAYS 2.MOST OF THE TIME 3.SOMETIMES 4.NEVER
- Q6. How often were you in the same classrooms at school -- always most of the time, sometimes, or never?
 - 1. ALWAYS 2.MOST OF THE TIME 3.SOMETIMES 4.NEVER

Q7. How often did you dress alike always, most of the time sometimes, or never?

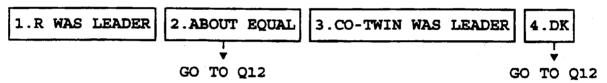
1. ALWAYS 2.MOST OF THE TIME 3.SOMETIMES 4.NEVER

Did you ever share the same bedroom with your twin during the time you were growing up?

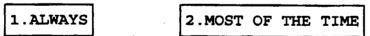


- Q9. For how many years did the two of you have the same bedroom?

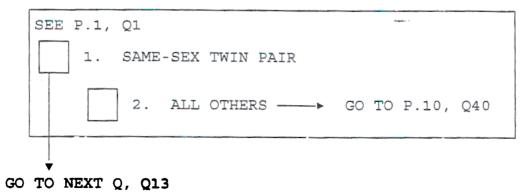
 YRS.
- Q10. When you were children and just the two of you were doing things together, which one of you was more likely to be the leader and which one the follower?



Q11. (Were you/Was your twin) <u>always</u> the leader or just <u>most</u> of the time?



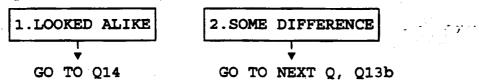
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Q13.

Now I'm going to ask you a few questions about what you and your twin look like.

When you and your twin were children, did the two of you look almost exactly alike or was there some difference in your appearance?



Q13b. What was that difference? (IWER: RECORD VERBATIM)

(PROBE: Were there any other differences?

Q14. Do you and your twin have the same eye color?

1. YES | 2. NO

Q15. Do you and your twin have the same natural hair color?

1. YES 2. NO

Q16. Do you and your twin have the same complexion - that is, the same skin tone, color and texture?

1. YES 2. NO

Q17. Do you and your twin have the same facial features - that is, the same shape of eyes, nose, mouth, and face in general?

1. YES 2. NO

When you and your twin were children, would you say that you were generally the same height - that is, within an inch of each other - or was one of you generally taller than the other?

(IWER: IF NEC, "Who was taller?"

1.SAME HEIGHT

2.RESPONDENT TALLER

3.CO-TWIN TALLER

Thinking again about when you were children, would you say that you generally weighed about the same - that is, within ten pounds of each other - or did one of you generally weigh more than the other?

(IWER: IF NEC, "Who was heavier?")

1.SAME WEIGHT

2.RESPONDENT HEAVIER

3.CO-TWIN HEAVIER

Q20. When you were children, how often did your mother have difficulty telling you and your twin apart -- all of the time, most of the time, some of the time or never?

1. ALL OF THE TIME 2. MOST OF THE TIME

3. SOME OF THE TIME

4. NEVER

5. INAP

How often did your father have difficulty telling the two of you apart when you were children -- all of the time, most of the time, some of the time or never?

1. ALL OF THE TIME 2. MOST OF THE TIME 3. SOME OF THE TIME

4. NEVER

5. INAP

Q22. When you were children, how often did other people that you lived with or close friends have difficulty telling you and your twin apart -- (all of the time, most of the time, some of the time, or never?)

1. ALL OF THE TIME 2. MOST OF THE TIME

3. SOME OF THE TIME

4. NEVER

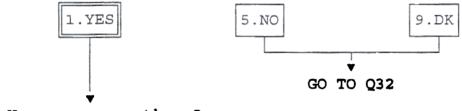
Q23. How often did relatives that you didn't see as often, like distant aunts and uncles, have difficulty telling the two of you apart (all of the time, most of the time, some of the time, or never?)
1. ALL OF THE TIME 2. MOST OF THE TIME 3. SOME OF THE TIME 4. NEVER
Q24. What about teachers? How often did teachers have trouble telling you and your twin apart (all of the time, most of the time, some of the time, or never?)
1. ALL OF THE TIME 2. MOST OF THE TIME 3. SOME OF THE TIME 4. NEVER
Q25. How often did acquaintances have difficulty telling the two of you apart (all of the time, most of the time, some of the time, or never?)
1. ALL OF THE TIME 3. SOME OF THE TIME THE TIME 4. NEVER
When you and your twin were children, how often did your parents or the people who raised you do things like dress you differently or give you different haircuts to help people tell you apart (all of the time, most of the time, some of the time, or never?)
1. ALL OF THE TIME 3. SOME OF THE TIME THE TIME 4. NEVER
Q27. Thinking now about your present appearance, how tall are you? FTIN.
Q28. How much do you presently weigh? LBS.

- Q29. In your opinion, are you and your twin <u>definitely identical</u>, <u>probably identical</u>, probably fraternal, definitely fraternal, or are you <u>not sure</u> what kind of twins you are?
 - 1. DEFINITELY IDENTICAL
- 3. PROBABLY IDENTICAL
- 5. PROBABLY FRATERNAL
- 7. DEFINITELY FRATERNAL

9. DK

There are several ways to tell the difference between being identical or fraternal twins. Which of the following are true for you...?

Q30. Were your parents told the number of placentas, or afterbirths, when you and your twin were born?

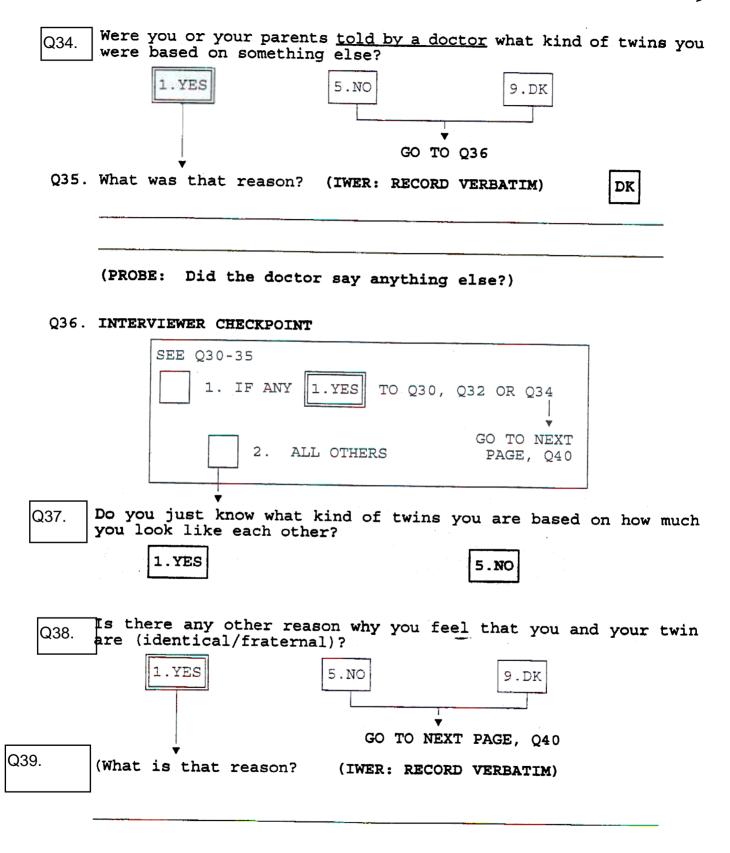


Q31. How many were there?

Q32. Did you and your twin ever have a blood test which told you what kind of twins you were?

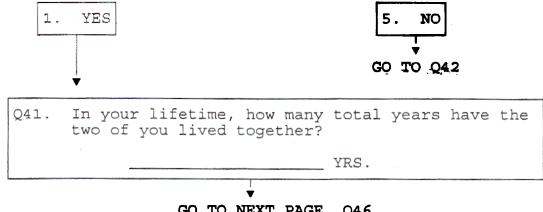


Q33. What were the results? (IWER: RECORD VERBATIM)



I'm now going to ask you a few questions about your relationship Q40 with your twin.

Are you currently living with your twin?

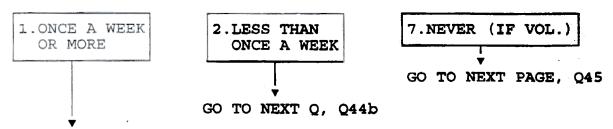


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Q42. In your lifetime, how many years did the two of you live together? YRS

Q43. How old were you when you last lived with your twin? YRS.

Q44. How frequently do you and your twin see each other? Would you say once a week or more, or less than that?



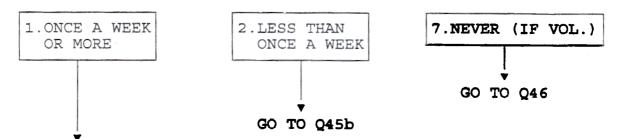
Q44a. Would that be about once a week, several times a week, once a day, or several times a day?



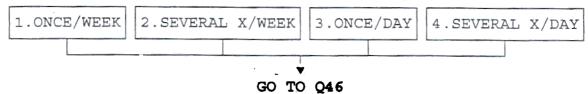
Q44b. Would that be about 2 or 3 times a month, once a month less than once a month, or never or hardly ever?

1. 2-3 X/MONTH 2.ONCE/MONTH 3.LESS THAN ONCE/MONTH HARDLY EVER

Q45. Not including visits, how frequently are you in contact with your twin -- including phone calls, letters, or electronic mail messages? Would you say once a week or more, or less than that?



Q45a. Would that be about once a week, several times a week, once a day, or several times a day?



Q45b. Would that be about 2 or 3 times a month, once a month, less than once a month, or never or hardly ever?



Q46. How much does your twin understand the way you feel about things? Would you say a lot, some, a little, or not at all?

1. A LOT 2. SOME 3. A LITTLE 4. NOT AT ALL

Q47.	How much can you rely on (him/her) for help if you have a serious problem a lot, some, a little, or not at all?
	1. A LOT 2. SOME 3. A LITTLE 4. NOT AT ALL
Q48.	How much does your twin really care about you (a lot, some, a little, or not at all?)
	1. A LOT 2. SOME 3. A LITTLE 4. NOT AT ALL
Q49.	How much can you open up to your twin if you need to talk about your worries (a lot, some, a little, or not at all?)
	1. A LOT 2. SOME 3. A LITTLE 4. NOT AT ALL
Q50.	How much does your twin criticize you (a lot, some, a little, or not at all?)
	1. A LOT 2. SOME 3. A LITTLE 4. NOT AT ALL
Q51.	How often does your twin make too many demands on you often sometimes, rarely, or never?
	1. OFTEN 2. SOMETIMES 3. RARELY 4. NEVER
Q52.	How often does your twin let you down when you are counting on (him/her) often, sometimes, rarely, or never?
	1. OFTEN 2. SOMETIMES 3. RARELY 4. NEVER
Q53.	How often does your twin get on your nerves (often, sometimes, rarely, or never?)
	1. OFTEN 2. SOMETIMES 3. RARELY 4. NEVER

- Q54. When you have a personal or practical problem, how much of the time do you turn to your twin for advice or help? Would you say all of the time, most of the time, some of the time, a little of the time, or never or hardly ever?
 - 1. ALL OF THE TIME
- 2. MOST OF THE TIME
- 3. SOME OF THE TIME
- 4. A LITTLE OF THE TIME
- 5.NEVER/ HARDLY EVER
- Q55. When your twin has a personal or practical problem, how often does (he/she) turn to you for advice or help -- all of the time, most of the time, some of the time, a little of the time, or never or hardly ever?
 - 1. ALL OF THE TIME
- 2. MOST OF THE TIME
- 3. SOME OF THE TIME
- 4. A LITTLE OF THE TIME
- 5.NEVER/ HARDLY EVER

COLUMN I:	COLUMN II:			
Before I go, I need to ask you questions for statistical purportion figure out the odds of locating your twin. Please tell me which following people in your family continental U.S. and have a resphone that is, not including nursing home, dormitory, or pri	Now I need to find out how many different households these people live in. FOR EACH "YES" OR "ONE" OR MORE:			
Q56. (What about? Does he/she fall into this category?) (Does (he/she) currently live in the U.S. and have a residential phone number?)	YES	NO	DK	Q58. (Do X and Y live together?) (Is this a separate residence from those you've mentioned already?) # NUMBER NEW HOUSEHOLDS
a. First, what about your mother?				
b. Your father?				
Q57. (What about?) (Do they fall into this category?) (that is, they currently live in the U.S. and have a residential phone number.)			DK	Q59. (Do all X live in separate homes? Or) (Do any of X live with someone you've mentioned already?) # NUMBER NEW HOUSEHOLDS
a. How many of your children fall into this category?				
b. How many of your brothers and sisters fall into this category?				

Q60. Lastly, I need to know how many different residential phone numbers you have -- that would include multiple phone lines in your home and multiple residences for you or your spouse? (IF NEC, but not including beepers, car phones, or any other work numbers)

ONE

TWO

THREE

FOUR

FIVE

MORE THAN FIVE

That was the final question of the twin interview. I'd like to thank you again for your time and for participating in this important study. As I mentioned earlier, a different interviewer from DataStat will be calling you (after the holidays/next week/in the next few weeks) to ask you some questions about your health and lifestyle. Do you have any final questions?

[IWER: IF NEC, Give 1-800-759-7947 (ISR) or 1-800-837-3737 (DataStat)

Have a nice (day/evening).

TIME	END:		
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INTERVIEWERS DO NOT ENTER BELOW

- Q65 ISR Zygosity Diagnosis:
 - 1. DEFINITELY MZ
 - 2. DEFINITELY DZ SAME SEX
 - 3. DEFINITELY DZ OPPOSITE SEX
 - 4. PROBABLY MZ
 - 5. PROBABLY DZ
 - 6. DOUBTFUL ZYGOSITY