Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods (PHDCN): Family Environment Scale, Wave 1, 1994-1995

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Family Environment Scale: Short Version

Date: mm dd yy

Subject ID: SUBID

Interviewer ID: FESRAID

There are 27 statements in this survey. They are statements about families. You are to decide which of these statements are true of your current family and which are false.

You may feel that some of the statements are true for some family members and false for others. Say True if the statement is true for most members. Say False if the statement is false for most members. If the members are evenly divided, decide what is the stronger overall impression and answer accordingly.

Remember, we would like to know what your current family seems like to you. So do not try to figure out how other members see your family.

FE1
1. We fight a lot in our family
   1. T  2. F

FE2
2. Family members attend church, synagogue, or Sunday School fairly often
   1. T  2. F

FE3
3. Family members are rarely ordered around
   1. T  2. F

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4. Family members rarely become openly angry
   1. T  2. F

5. We don't say prayers in our family
   1. T  2. F

6. There are very few rules to follow in our family
   1. T  2. F

7. Family members sometimes get so angry they throw things
   1. T  2. F

8. We often talk about the religious meaning of Christmas, Passover, or other holidays
   1. T  2. F

9. There is one family member who makes most of the decisions
   1. T  2. F

10. Family members hardly ever lose their tempers
    1. T  2. F

11. We don't believe in heaven or hell
    1. T  2. F

12. There are set ways of doing things at home
    1. T  2. F

13. Family members often criticize each other
    1. T  2. F
14. Family members have strict ideas about what is right or wrong
   1. T  2. F

15. There is a strong emphasis on following rules in our family
   1. T  2. F

16. Family members sometimes hit each other
   1. T  2. F

17. We believe there are some things you just have to take on faith
   1. T  2. F

18. Everyone has an equal say in family decisions
   1. T  2. F

19. If there's a disagreement in our family, we try hard to smooth things over and keep the peace
   1. T  2. F

20. In our family each person has different ideas about what is right and wrong
   1. T  2. F

21. We can do whatever we want to in our family
   1. T  2. F

22. Family members often try to one-up or out-do each other
   1. T  2. F

23. The Bible is a very important book in our home
   1. T  2. F
24. Rules are pretty inflexible in our household
   1. T  2. F

25. In our family, we believe you don't ever get anywhere by raising your voice
   1. T  2. F

26. Family members believe that if you sin you will be punished
   1. T  2. F

27. You can't get away with much in our family
   1. T  2. F

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28. When you answered these questions, who did you have in mind?
   circle all that apply

1. Siblings  5. Other variable dropped
2. Parent
3. Roommate
4. Other family member
6. Spouse/Partner
7. Child/Children

END OF INTERVIEW

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