

PERCEPTIONS OF THE PAST (PP)

*PP1. The next question concerns how people think about the past. There have been a lot of national and world events and changes over the past 70 or so years – say, from about 1930 right up until today. Would you mention one or two such events or changes that seem to you to have been especially important. There aren't any right or wrong answers to the question – just whatever national or world events or changes over the past 70 or so years that seem to you important.

(IF ONLY ONE MENTION, PROBE: Is there any other national or world event or change over the past 70 or so years that seems to you especially important?)

INTERVIEWER: BOTH SPECIFIC EVENTS (e.g., “THE VIETNAM WAR”) AND CHANGES (“DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD WIDE WEB”) ARE ACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER, IF R GIVES A VERY GENERAL RESPONSE LIKE “ADVANCES IN COMPUTING,” PROBE: Could you be more specific? ONCE TO SEE IF SOMETHING MORE SPECIFIC IS ADDED (e.g., “THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD WIDE WEB”).

*PP1a. FIRST EVENT:

*PP1b. SECOND EVENT:

*PP2. What was it about (EVENT IN *PP1a) that makes it seem to you especially important?

*PP3. What was it about (EVENT IN *PP1b) that makes it seem to you especially important?

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