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We need your help to learn about how Nebraskans think, feel, and live.

Researchers from the University of Nebraska and across the state are counting on your help to learn about a variety of issues.

Your responses will help shape program and policy development in Nebraska now and into the future.

Life in Nebraska	7. Have you experienced water shortages or water use restrictions in the last 4 years?
1. Overall, how dissatisfied or satisfied are you with living in Nebraska? Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neutral	 Yes, including major damage to my property or major harm Yes, but with no major damage to my property or major harm No
Somewhat dissatisfiedVery dissatisfied	8. Have you experienced problems with flooding from a stream or river in the last 4 years? Yes, including major demage to my property.
2. All in all, do you think things in Nebraska are generally headed in the right direction or the wrong direction? Right direction Wrong direction Unsure	 Yes, including major damage to my property or major harm Yes, but with no major damage to my property or major harm No 9. How confident are you that your region is prepared
3. All in all, do you think things in the country as a whole are generally headed in the right direction or wrong direction? Right direction Wrong direction Unsure	to handle an extended drought? Extremely confident Confident Somewhat confident Not very confident Not at all confident Don't know
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources	10. How confident are you that your region is
 How urgent are water quantity issues in Nebraska? Extremely urgent Urgent Somewhat urgent Not very urgent Not at all urgent Don't know 	prepared to handle a flood? Extremely confident Confident Somewhat confident Not very confident Not at all confident Don't know
5. How familiar or unfamiliar are you with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources? Very familiar Somewhat familiar Neither familiar nor unfamiliar Somewhat unfamiliar Very unfamiliar	 11. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way regional planning balances water supplies and uses? Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied
6. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: I have confidence in the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources to responsibly manage Nebraska's water. Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree	 Don't know 12. How familiar or unfamiliar are you with Nebraska's locally-driven, state-supported water planning process led by local Natural Resources Districts and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources? Very familiar
Strongly disagreeDon't know	 Somewhat familiar Neither familiar nor unfamiliar Somewhat unfamiliar Very unfamiliar

13. How interested are you in learning more about Nebraska's water planning process led by your local Natural Resources District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources? Extremely interested Interested Somewhat interested Not very interested Not at all interested	 18. How would you describe the opportunities for positive community involvement available to youth in your community? Very adequate opportunities Somewhat adequate opportunities Somewhat inadequate opportunities Very inadequate opportunities Don't know
4-H, Youth and Community	19. How many youths in your community participate in positive community involvement?
For the next set of questions, please think about the youth who live in your community. 14. Overall, how committed are youth in your community to making positive community contributions?	A great dealSomeFewVery fewDon't know
Very committedSomewhat committed	20. How familiar or unfamiliar are you with your local 4-H program?
 Slightly committed 	O Very familiar
Not at all committedDon't know	Somewhat familiarSomewhat unfamiliarVery unfamiliar
15. Overall, how committed are youth in your community to creating positive futures for themselves? Very committed Somewhat committed Slightly committed Not at all committed Don't know	21. How involved is your local 4-H program in partnerships with other youth programs and educational services in your community? Very involved Somewhat involved Not very involved Not at all involved Don't know
16. How many youths in your community have positive role models in their lives? A great deal Some Few Very few Don't know	22. How valuable do you believe the 4-H program is for youths in your community? Very valuable Somewhat valuable Not very valuable Not at all valuable Don't Know
17. Who are the role models youth have in your community? (Check all that apply)	23. Are any of the following programs available in your community for youth?
Parents Family members other than parents Teachers/coaches	Yes No Don't Know
Club leaders	a. Athletic Programs
Police officers	b. After-school clubs O O c. Youth
	clubs/organizations
	d. Other, specify:

24. In your opinion, how important is it to have the following	ng programs av	vailable for you	th?	
	Not at all important	Not very important	Somewhat important	Very important
a. Athletic Programs	0	0	0	0
b. After-school clubs	Ö	Ö	Ö	Ö
c. Youth clubs/organizations	0	0	0	0
d. Other, specify:	0	0	0	0
Science Opinions	option	best describes		
25. How curious are you about the world?	_	•	ects the child's l ns the child's he	
O Very curious	_		ns the child's he sn't make much	
Somewhat curious	_	he child's health		unierence to
A little curious	·	ne ciliu s nealti	'	
Not curious at all	0 [on't know		
26. How much do you think you are a science kind of	32. All thir	ngs considered,	how much do y	ou trust your
person?			you consult for	most of your
I am totally a science kind of person		care needs?		
I am somewhat of a science kind of person	_	trust my doctor		
I am a little bit of a science kind of person	_	trust my doctor		
I am not a science kind of person at all	_	trust my doctor		
27. How much do you like esiance?	O 1	do not trust my	doctor at all	
27. How much do you like science?	0 1	do not have a re	egular doctor	
I like it some	<u> </u>		-Buiui	
I like it a little	33. How m	nuch do you wo	rry about gettin	g a "life
I do not like it at all	threat	ening" disease t	that can spread	?
O Tuo flot like it at all	O 1	worry a lot		
28. How much does science help you make decisions	_	worry some		
that affect your body?	_	worry a little		
O A lot	O 1	do not worry at	all	
○ Some	34. How i	interested are v	ou in learning n	nore about
O A little		crobes and hum		
O Not at all	_	ery interested		
O Don't know	O s	omewhat intere	ested	
O Bon Cimon	O A	A little interested	d	
Vaccines and Health	O N	Not at all interes	ted	
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29. How important do you think it is that children be			d foods and hun	
vaccinated?	O V	ery interested		
O Very important	\bigcirc s	omewhat intere	ested	
Somewhat important		A little interested	b	
A little important	\bigcirc N	Not at all interes	ted	
Not at all important	26 11			
30. If all children were to receive vaccines, what		iterested are yo es and human h	ou in learning m	ore about
option best describes the result?		es and numan n /ery interested	icalui!	
Fewer people will get sick	_	somewhat interested	ested	
The same number of people will get sick	_	A little interested		
More people will get sick	_	Not at all interes		
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Childcare in Your Community 37. Do you currently have a child or children in a child care program? \bigcirc Yes \rightarrow Go to Question #38 \bigcirc No \rightarrow Go to Question #40 38. The statements below are about child care in your community. Please indicate whether or not each of them is true for you. No Somewhat Yes \bigcirc a. I have had difficulty finding the child care I want. 0 0 000 b. There are good choices for child care where I live. 0000000 c. In my neighborhood, child care is hard to find. d. When I selected this program, I had more than one option. e. In choosing child care, I have felt I had to take whatever I could get. Ŏ For my child care arrangement, transportation is a big problem. g. My child care is too far from home. h. Getting to work is a long commute. i. I have difficulty paying for child care. j. I would be willing to pay more than I do for the care I have. k. The cost of child care prevents me from getting the kind I want. 39. We would like to learn about your view of your child care program. Please let us know how often your child's program does the following. (Please check one response per statement) Some-Not Never Rarely times Often **Always** Sure a. My child's caregiver/teacher is happy to see my \bigcirc 0 \bigcirc \bigcirc 0 \bigcirc b. The caregiver/teacher is warm and affectionate \bigcirc 0 \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc 0 toward my child. \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc c. My child gets a lot of individual attention. d. There are lots of creative activities going on in the 0 0 0 0 0 \circ classroom. e. It is an interesting place for my child. 0 0 0 0 0 0 f. There are plenty of toys, books, pictures, and music \bigcirc 0 0 0 0 0 for my child in the classroom. g. My child's caregiver/teacher knows a lot about 0 0 0 0 0 \bigcirc children. h. My child's caregiver/teacher and I share 0 0 0 0 0 0 information. 0 \bigcirc 0 \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc i. I feel welcomed by my child's caregiver/teacher. 0 0 0 0 0 j. I am free to drop in the classroom whenever I want. 0 0 \bigcirc \bigcirc 0 0 \bigcirc k. My child feels safe and secure. 0 \circ \circ \circ \bigcirc 0 My child is happy in this program. m. There are too many children being cared for at the 0 0 0 0 0 0 same time. n. My child's caregiver/teacher needs more help with \bigcirc \bigcirc 0 \circ \bigcirc \bigcirc the children in the classroom.

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o. The children seem out of control.

p. The program's facilities are not clean.

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Gay and Lesbian Issues	48. How well do you think the Supreme Court's
	decision reflects what the majority of <u>Nebraskans</u>
40. How would you describe your feelings toward gay	think about same-sex marriage?
men and lesbians?	O Very well
O Very favorable	O Well
O Favorable	O Not well
Neither favorable nor unfavorable	O Not at all
Unfavorable	40. Do you fover or expect love that allow hydiness
Very unfavorable	49. Do you favor or oppose laws that allow business
,	owners to deny services to gay men or lesbians based on the owner's religious beliefs?
41. Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian	Favor
couples to legally marry?	Oppose
O Favor	О Оррозе
Favor civil unions only	50. Why do you favor or oppose laws that allow
Oppose	business owners to deny services to gay men or
42.5.	lesbians based on the owner's religious beliefs?
42. Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian	
couples to adopt children?	
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Oppose	
43. Do you favor or oppose laws to protect gay men	
and lesbians from housing discrimination?	
○ Favor	
Oppose	
44. Do you favor or oppose laws to protect gay men	
and lesbians from job discrimination?	
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55. H	low	confident are you that:								
				at all ident		ewhat ident		stly ident		ery fident
	a.	The criminal justice system can reduce crime			((\supset
	b.	The criminal justice system can reduce drug use			((\circ
	c.	The police can protect you from violent crimes like								
	0.	assault)))	()
	d.	The police can protect you from property crimes like theft			()	()	()
56. H	low	fair is the justice system in its:								
			Not a	at all iir		ewhat air	Most	ly fair	Ver	y fair
	a.	Treatment of people accused of committing crime			(((\supset
	b.	Treatment of people victimized by crime			(((\supset
	C.	Use of prison sentences for people found guilty of committing a crime))	()
	d.	Use of the death penalty			((C
57. H	low	often do you personally worry about:								
			No	ver	Do.	rely	Somo	times		nost
	2	Walking alone at night	INE (_	ely	301116			vays
	a. b.	Being the victim of identity theft				5)		5
	C.	Your residence being broken into		d .))		5
	d.	Getting robbed))		5
		Being raped or sexually attacked))		5
	e.	• ,		$\langle \cdot \cdot \cdot \rangle$))
	f.	Getting murdered		<u> </u>)))
g. Someone in my family becoming a victim of a crime))))
		re interested in knowing how often people read the	newspa	per and	d watch	differe	ent kind	s of TV	progra	ms.
,	low	many days in an average week do you:	^							7
			0 days	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 days
		David a state of the state of t			_			_		
	a.	Read a print newspaper	0	O	0	0	0	O	O	O
	b.	Read or watch news on the internet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	c.	Listen to news on the radio	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	d.	Watch local TV news	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	e.	Watch national network TV news on ABC, CBS, or NBC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	f.	Watch national cable TV news, like CNN, FOX, or MSNBC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	g.	Watch a non-fictional program about crime, like those on A&E or the Discovery Channel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	h.	Watch a reality program about crime, like COPS or America's Most Wanted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	i.	Watch a fictional program about crime, like Law & Order or NCIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

59. How reliable is:					
		Not all all reliable	Somewhat reliable	Mostly reliable	Very reliable
a. The media as a source of information abo	out crime	0	0	0	0
b. The government as a source of informatic crime	on about	0	0	0	0
 60. If you could choose between the following app Death penalty Life in prison without the possibility of parole Prison with the possibility of parole Unsure/Do not want to answer 		hich do you thi	nk is the best p	enalty for mu	ırder?
 a. There are 25 or more books in your home right now. b. There is a variety of magazines and other reading materials in your home. 62. Have you or has anyone in your household ever attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln? Yes No 63. Have you, or has a person close to you, been a victim of any crime in the last 12 months? Yes Yes 	False O er	time, part somethin Wo Wo Has Vac Une Ret In s Coth Oth 66. Including older live	chool ping house abled er, specify: yourself, how i in your housel adults (age 19	many adults and older)	o illness,
b. A person close to you	0	•	ite "0" if none., d younger live i	4	
64. What is your current marital or relationship status? Married Married, living apart Not married, but living with a partner (cohabiting) Never married Divorced Widowed Separated Go to Question #66		b. 6 to c. 13 to 68. Were your foreign co Neb Ano	ehold? 12 live in your h 18 live in your born in Nebra	household?	state, or a

 69. Are you still living in the same residence as you were 2 years ago? Yes No 70. Do you live on a farm, in open country but not on a farm, or in a town or city? 	75. During the past 12 months, how much difficulty have you had paying your bills? A great deal of difficulty Quite a bit of difficulty Some difficulty A little difficulty No difficulty at all
Open country, but not a farm Open country, but not a farm Town or city 71. How many years have you lived in this Nebraska county? (Please enter "0" if less than 1 year.) year(s)	76. Think again over the past 12 months. Generally, at the end of each month did you end up with: More than enough money left Some money left over Just enough to make ends meet Almost enough to make ends meet Not enough to make ends meet
72. Do you or some member of your household own your home outright, buying it, or renting? Own outright Buying (paying a mortgage) Renting Provided as part of job/wages Other, specify:	77. Overall, how dissatisfied or satisfied are you with your current financial situation? Very satisfied Satisfied Neutral Dissatisfied Very dissatisfied 78. What about your financial prospects? Do you feel
73. Which of the following comes closest to the kind of housing unit you now live in? Detached single family house Mobile home Townhouse/Condominium Apartment/Duplex Other, specify:	that you are better off this year than you were two years ago at this time, about the same, or worse off? Better Same Worse The following statements concern your family's financial situation. For each statement, please indicate
Finances	how much you agree or disagree.
74. Please indicate the category that describes your total family income in the last 12 months. Under \$5,000 \$5,000 to \$9,999 \$10,000 to \$14,999 \$15,000 to \$19,999 \$20,000 to \$24,999 \$25,000 to \$29,999 \$30,000 to \$39,999 \$40,000 to \$49,999 \$50,000 to \$59,999 \$60,000 to \$74,999 \$75,000 to \$99,999 \$100,000 or more	79. My family has enough money to afford the kind of home we need. Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know 80. We have enough money to afford the kind of clothing we need. Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree Disagree Don't know

81. We have enough money to afford the kind of food we need.	About Yourself
Strongly agreeAgreeDisagreeStrongly disagree	84. Are you: Male Female
Don't know 82. We have enough money to afford the kind of medical care we need. Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know Personal Feelings	85. Do you think of yourself as:
83. Now we have some statements about how you might have felt during the <u>past week</u> . Below, please indicate the number of days in the past week, including today, that:	87. Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino/a? Yes No
a. You felt sad. b. You felt hopeful about the future. c. You felt you were as good as other people. d. You felt bothered by things that usually don't bother you. e. You felt lonely. f. You had trouble keeping your mind on what you were doing. g. You felt that everything you did was an effort. h. You felt fearful. days (0-7) days (0-7) days (0-7)	88. What race or races do you consider yourself to be? (Check all that apply) White (Caucasian) Black or African American Asian American Indian or Alaska Native Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Other specify: 89. Would you say that your overall health and wellbeing is excellent, good, fair or poor? Excellent Good
i. You talked less than usual. days (0-7) j. You felt depressed. days (0-7)	Poor 90. Do you smoke cigarettes?
k. You did not feel like eating; your appetite was poor. l. You felt that you could not shake off the blues even with the help of family or friends. m. Your sleep was restless. days (0-7) days (0-7) days (0-7)	Yes No 91. With regard to the English language, how well do you understand it when it is spoken to you? Very well Well Not well Not at all

92. With regard to the English language, how well do	98. In general, how would you describe your political
you read it? O Very well	views? Very liberal
○ Very well○ Well	C Liberal
Not well	○ Middle-of-the-road
Not at all	Conservative
O Not at all	Very conservative
93. With regard to the English language, how well do	Other, specify:
you write it?	
O Very well	99. In general, what do you consider yourself
○ Well	politically?
O Not well	O Democrat
O Not at all	Republican
94. What is the highest degree you have attained?	O Independent
No diploma	Other, specify:
High School Diploma/GED	
Some college, but no degree	100. Who did you vote for in the 2012 Presidential
Technical/Associate/Junior College (2 yr, LPN)	Election?
Bachelor's Degree (4 yr, BA, BS, RN)	Obama
Graduate Degree (Masters, PhD, Law,	Romney
Medicine)	Other, Specify:
95. Do you typically work full-time, part-time, go to	O Did not vote
school, keep house, or something else? (Check all	
that apply)	101. Do you consider yourself to be Protestant,
Working full-time (35 hours or more)	Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, or something else?
Working part-time	O Protestant
Have a job, but not at work (due to illness,	Catholic Jewish
vacation, strike)	Muslim Go to
Unemployed, laid off, looking for	None (no religion) #103
work	Other, specify:
Retired	O unici, specify.
In school Go to	
Keeping house #98	
Disabled	102. Within the Protestant faith, do you consider
Other, specify:	yourself to be:
	Evangelical
	Fundamentalist Protestant
96. How dissatisfied or satisfied are you with your	Mainline Protestant
job?	O Liberal Protestant
Very satisfied	Other, Specify:
Satisfied	
O Neutral	103. Would you describe yourself as a born-again
Dissatisfied	Christian?
Very dissatisfied	Yes
	O No
97. During the average week, how many hours do you	
usually work, NOT including the time to you travel	
to and from work? (In the box below, write the	
total hours worked including any second jobs.)	
average total hours per week	

104. How often do you attend religious services? Several times a week Once a week Nearly every week About once a month Several times a year About once a year Less than once a year Never	108. Please use the space below to provide any comments or feedback.
105. In general, how much do your religious or	
spiritual beliefs influence your daily life? Very much	
Quite a bit	
SomeA little	
O None	
O Doesn't apply, not religious or spiritual	
106. In what year were you born?	
1 9	
107. What is your current zip code?	

Thank you!

That completes our questions. We greatly appreciate the time you have taken to complete this survey. For your convenience, please use the postage-paid return envelope included in your survey packet to return your questionnaire to the Bureau of Sociological Research.

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