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APPENDIX A – Participant Profile Questionnaire

Participant Profile Questionnaire

For the purposes of this study it is important for us to know some general information about the participants. Please answer the following questions as accurately as possible.

Academic Major: _____ Group _____

- 1) Gender 1) Female 2) Male
- 2) Academic Status 1) FR 2) SOPH. 3) JR. 4) SR. 5) GRAD
- 3) Excluding changing your address while at Virginia Tech, please indicate how many times you have changed your permanent address.
1) none 2) once 3) twice 4) 3-5 times 5) more than 5 times
- 4) Did you take a geography course in high school? 1) Yes 2) No
- 5) Have you taken any college geography courses? 1) Yes 2) No
- 6) Please identify which of the following courses you have taken (Fill in all that apply.).
 - 1) Introduction to Human Geography
 - 2) World Regional Geography
 - 3) Physical Geography
 - 4) Other

Please list other geography courses taken _____

- 7) How often do you stay informed of **local** current events?
 - 1) More than once a day
 - 2) Once a day
 - 3) 3-5 times a week
 - 4) weekends only
 - 5) Once a week
 - 6) Less than once a week
 - 7) Not at all

- 8) How often do you stay informed of **national** current events?
- 1) More than once a day
 - 2) Once a day
 - 3) 3-5 times a week
 - 4) weekends only
 - 5) Once a week
 - 6) Less than once a week
 - 7) Not at all
- 9) How often do you stay informed of **international** current events?
- 1) More than once a day
 - 2) Once a day
 - 3) 3-5 times a week
 - 4) weekends only
 - 5) Once a week
 - 6) Less than once a week
 - 7) Not at all

Please answer the following questions to inform us about how often you use various media to remain informed on a scale of 1-10. (1 denotes not at all and ten depicts very often)

Example: If you watch a national news channel once a day your answer would be
(not at all) 1-2-3-4-**5**-6-7-8-9-10(twice a day)

- 10) I read the **Collegiate Times**.....
(not at all) 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10(twice a week)
- 11) Excluding the **Collegiate Times**, I read a newspaper.....
(not at all) 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10(once a day)
- 12) I watch a local news channel (WDBJ 7, WXLS 10, Etc.)
(not at all) 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10(twice a day)
- 13) I watch a **national** newscast (CNN, NBC, CBS, Etc.)
(not at all) 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10(twice a day)
- 14) I read a **national** news magazine (*TIME*, *Newsweek*, Etc.)
(not at all) 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10(once a week)
- 15) I read **entertainment** news magazine (People, US, Etc.)
(not at all) 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10(once a week)

- 16) **Besides national news**, I watch television.....
 (not at all) 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10(3 hours/day)
- 17) Which sentence best describes your travel experience within the United States?
- 1) Most of my traveling has been near my hometown, with Virginia Tech being the farthest trip I have taken.
 - 2) I have traveled extensively in and around my home state.
 - 3) I have traveled extensively within my region (northeast, southeast, midwest, etc.) of the United States.
 - 4) I have traveled extensively in the United States.
 - 5) I grew up in another country and have only seen Blacksburg and surrounding area.
 - 6) I grew up in another country and have traveled extensively in this region of the United States.
- 18) Which sentence best describes your **international traveling** experience?
- 1) I have never traveled internationally.
 - 2) I have been out of the country once.
 - 3) I have traveled to 2-3 international locations.
 - 4) I have traveled to more than 3 different international locations.

If your answer was 2, 3, or 4 please specify where you have traveled to the space provided.

- 19) On a scale of 1-10 rank your ability to read, interpret, and use maps?
 (novice) 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10(expert)

APPENDIX B – Current Event Quiz

The following questions pertain to recent current events. Please answer with the best possible answer. **Please note that the questions are not numbered, but the responses are.**

* **If you are in GEOG 1004 fill in group 1.**

* **If you are NOT in GEOG 1004 fill in group 2.**

- President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and the Democratic National Party have recently undergone close investigations and scrutiny as a result of _____ (1) _____?
 - (1) 1. The possibility of improper foreign donations from South Africa, Albania, and China.
 2. the possibility of appointing candidates to President's cabinet whose character is in question.
 3. the possibility of improper foreign donations from Indonesia, China, and Thailand.
 4. appointing federal judges that are considered to be "activists."

- Atlanta, Georgia has been mentioned in the news recently for which of the following?
 - (2) 1. A bomb explosion in a gay and lesbian nightclub.
 2. A bomb explosion in Centennial Park during last summer's Olympics.
 3. A January bombing at a suburban family planning clinic.
 4. All of the above.
 5. None of the above.

- Palestinian and Israeli peace talks were recently put on hold due to increased violent confrontations. Which event is the primary cause for this violence on the West Bank.
 - (3) 1. The planning and ground breaking to build numerous apartments for Jews in East Jerusalem.
 2. The killing of 7 Israeli school girls by a Jordanian soldier while touring the island of peace, a local tourist attraction.
 3. Large anti-government protests concerning recent failed financial pyramid schemes.
 4. All of the above.
 5. None of the above.

- Dolly, a ___(4)___, the world's first cloned mammal, was cloned in ___(5)___.
- (4)
1. Kangaroo
 2. monkey
 3. human being
 4. sheep
- (5)
1. Blacksburg, Virginia
 2. Canberra, Australia
 3. Edinburg, Scotland
 4. Seattle, Washington
- Belgrade, Yugoslavia has been the site of numerous anti-government protests because of _____(6)_____.
- (6)
1. Boundary disputes with Bosnia.
 2. Failed financial pyramid schemes.
 3. Opposition to President Slobodon Milosevic's failure to recognize the opposition's victories in November's elections.
 4. None of the above.
 5. All of the above.
- President Clinton recently issued an order pushing for a ban on foreign visitors buying or carrying firearms in response to _____(7)_____.
- (7)
1. The arrest of a Russian emigre, who is the top suspect in the Enis Cosby murder case.
 2. The recent arrest of John Doe #2 in the Oklahoma City bombing incident.
 3. A shooting spree atop the Empire State Building in New York City by a Palestinian immigrant.
 4. None of the above.
- During March, tornadoes, torrential rains, and flooding killed at least 42 people and caused millions of dollars of destruction in _____(8)_____.
- (8)
1. Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Florida.
 2. Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, and Arkansas.
 3. Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Kansas, and California.
 4. Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

- Defense Secretary, William Cohen, recently asserted that troops would exit __ (9) __ by mid 1998. The troops were sent there in 1995 on a peace mission.

- (9)
1. Somalia
 2. Bosnia
 3. Albania
 4. Chechnya

- Four New York school girls died a few weeks ago as a result of _____ (10) _____.

- (10)
1. a gunfiring spree on top of the Empire State building.
 2. a 60-foot maple tree blown down on top of the van in which they were riding to school.
 3. an accident involving their school bus and an Amtrak train.
 4. none of the above.

- Last month a 6.1 magnitude earthquake rocked the countryside of _____ (11) _____, killing over 1000 persons.

- (11)
1. Iran
 2. Yugoslavia
 3. Albania
 4. Japan
 5. Iraq

- All of the following are true about Deng XiaPeng, EXCEPT _____ (12) _____.

- (12)
1. He ordered the 1989 Tianmen Square massacre.
 2. He recently passed away after battling Parkinson's disease and lung ailments.
 3. He held very close ties to the Nationalist Party of China.
 4. He hoped to open the Chinese market to the West.

- During 1996 U.S. carriers experienced one of their deadliest years since 1985 with 385 deaths in five accidents. _____ (13) _____ contributed 340 of these deaths.

- (13)
1. TWA flight 800 off the coast of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and Value Jet flight 592 over the Florida Keys.
 2. TWA flight 800 off the coast of Cape Hattera's, NC, and Value Jet flight 592 in Florida's Lake Okeecheebe.
 3. TWA flight 800 off the coast of Long Island and Value Jet flight 592 in the Florida Everglades.
 4. TWA flight 800 off the coast of Long Island and Value Jet flight 592 in the Okefenokee Swamp, Georgia.

- Led by Laurent Kabila’s rebel forces, ___(14)___ has recently been experiencing an escalating civil war to topple leader Mobutu Sese Seko and bring about democracy.

- (14)
1. Rwanda
 2. Uganda
 3. Tanzania
 4. Zaire
 5. Somalia

- ___(15)___ has been experiencing numerous violent anti-government movements and refugees fleeing as a result of failed financial pyramid schemes.

- (15)
1. Albania
 2. Macedonia
 3. Chechnya
 4. Bulgaria
 5. Israel

- Last Thursday in ___(16)___, the “Heaven’s Gate” cult led by Marshall Applewhite, was involved with ___(17)___.

- (16)
1. Los Angeles, California
 2. Dallas, Texas
 3. Portland, Oregon
 4. San Diego, California

- (17)
1. reporting that a UFO was behind Hailey’s Comet.
 2. a mass suicide involving 39 members by overdoses of barbiturates and alcohol.
 3. a mass suicide involving 49 members and a standoff with Police.
 4. a controversial re-enactment of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

- Anthony Lake, citing that Washington “had gone haywire,” recently withdrew his nomination for the directorship of ___(18)___.

- (18)
1. The National Security Council
 2. The Central Intelligence Agency
 3. The Environmental Protection Agency
 4. The Democratic National Party

- On December 17th Tupac Amaru rebels took hostage over 500 persons at the Japanese Ambassador's residence in ____ (19) ____, and continue to occupy the building demanding ____ (20) ____.

- (19)
1. Bogota, Columbia
 2. Belgrade, Yugoslavia
 3. Athens, Greece
 4. Lima Peru

- (20)
1. the legalization of abortion.
 2. millions of dollars and political immunity.
 3. the release of hundreds of jailed fellow rebels.
 4. recognition of Roman Catholicism as their country's official religion.

- Algiers, Algeria recently has experienced nationwide terror as a result of ____ (21) ____.

- (21)
1. Constitution revisions to barring religious parties and giving the President more power.
 2. public disapproval of the government's acceptance of foreign aid.
 3. public disapproval of Congressional actions allowing abortions.
 4. socio-economic tensions.

- Richard Jewell is well known for ____ (22) ____.

- (22)
1. being publicly identified as a suspect in the July 27th bombing at Olympic Centennial Park.
 2. being publicly identified as John Doe #2 in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.
 3. being publicly identified for bombing and Atlanta Abortion clinic.
 4. tax evasion charges totaling \$2.25 million.

- Bill Cosby's son was shot to death while vacationing in ____ (23) ____.

- (23)
1. San Francisco, California
 2. New York, New York.
 3. Los Angeles, California
 4. New Orleans, Louisiana.

- In December, ____ (24) ____, a 6 year-old beauty queen was found strangled to death in her home in ____ (25) ____.

- (24)
1. Joan Hodges
 2. Jon Benet Ramsey
 3. Jon Benet Rhodes
 4. Kristi Allison Michaels

- (25)
1. Sacramento, California
 2. Pueblo, Colorado
 3. Taos, New Mexico
 4. Boulder, Colorado

- President Clinton’s decision to certify ____ (26) ____ as an ally in the international drug war has been extensively criticized as a result of ____ (27) ____.

- (26)
1. Columbia
 2. Mexico
 3. Cuba
 4. Nicaragua

- (27)
1. The recent arrest of its Prime Minister for smuggling cocaine into the United States.
 2. The recent arrest of its top drug official on drug corruption charges.
 3. The country’s failure to take action against its President who has been linked to drug corruption.
 4. The recent arrest of a number of government officials for failure to enforce drug regulations and taking “gifts” from various cartel members.

- As a result of rupturing his quadriceps tendon President Clinton had to delay his departure to ____ (28) ____.

- (28)
1. Beijing, China to discuss China’s entry into the World Trade Organization.
 2. Cape Town, South Africa to visit with ailing Desmond Tutu, former South African Archbishop.
 3. Cairo, Egypt to meet with Benjamin Netanyahu and Yassir Afafat about the West Bank.
 4. Helsinki, Finland for a summit with Russian President, Boris Yeltsin.

- ____ (29) ____ was recently murdered while visiting Los Angeles, California.

- (29)
1. Tupac Shakur
 2. Easy E
 3. Notorious B.I.G.
 4. Puffy Combs

- Aslan Maskhadov recently won the presidential election in _____(30)_____, though this nation is still not considered independent of Russia following a 20-month guerilla war.

- (30)
1. Karelia
 2. Estonia
 3. Dagestan
 4. Chechnya

- _____(31)___ has recently received a lot of press coverage concerning its upcoming May 1st elections. Its first since 1992.

- (31)
1. Germany
 2. England
 3. France
 4. Austria

- 600 US troops are currently on standby near _____(32)_____ to evacuate US citizens from this civil war torn nation should the US citizens residing there become threatened.

- (32)
1. Algeria
 2. Uganda
 3. Somalia
 4. Zaire

- Timothy McVeigh is scheduled to go on trial this week on accusations identifying him as the primary suspect in the 1995 bombing of _____(33)_____.

- (33)
1. A child care facility in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
 2. The federal building in Denver Colorado.
 3. A child care facility in Denver, Colorado.
 4. The federal building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

- Which of the following television shows are situated in New York City? (fill in all that apply)

- (34)
1. Friends
 2. Ellen
 3. Arsenio
 4. Seinfeld
 5. Law & Order
 6. Mad About You
 7. Home Improvement
 8. Party of Five
 9. Spin City
 10. Coach

- The English Patient, winner of 9 Academy Awards, is a WWII love story, that involves a dangerous journey _____(35)_____.

- (35)
1. from Cairo, Egypt across the Sahara Desert.
 2. from Berlin, Germany across Germany into Switzerland.
 3. from Casablanca, Morocco across the Atlas Mountains.
 4. from Barcelona, Spain across the Iberian Peninsula.

- ER, the Emmy Award winning drama is situated in _____.

- (36)
1. Detroit, Michigan
 2. New York City
 3. Chicago, Illinois
 4. Atlanta, Georgia
 5. Los Angeles, California

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