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Dear Earthwatch Volunteer:

Because of your unique outlook on the world, your opinions, thoughts, and activities are important to both the Earthwatch Organization and researchers at Virginia Tech's Department of Sociology. You have been chosen as part of a select group of Earthwatch volunteers to tell us about your opinions and attitudes concerning various types of community activism. We ask that you fill out and return the enclosed questionnaire (return postage is included).

By taking just a few minutes and completing both the enclosed questionnaire as well as **a post-expedition questionnaire** which will arrive approximately one month after you return from your Earthwatch Expedition, you will be included in a drawing for a free one-year 1999 membership to Earthwatch. More importantly, you will be making your voice heard, giving the people at Earthwatch information vital to the achievement of their ultimate goal: to make the world a better place.

Your contribution to the success of this study will be appreciated greatly!

Sincerely,

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EARTHWATCH PRE-EXPEDITION SURVEY

Q1. Name of expedition planned: _____ starting date: _____

Q2. Total number, including this trip, of Earthwatch expeditions taken: _____

Q3. What do you consider to be the three biggest social problems in the United States today?

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Q4. The questions below ask about your support for participating in various activities, not your actual participation. Using the letters below, please tell us how you feel about the following activities:

SS = Strongly Support
 S = Support
 O = Oppose
 SO = Strongly Oppose

	<u>Circle One</u>			
	Support			Oppose
	SS	S	O	SO
1 Volunteering for a political campaign				
2 Attending political meetings, rallies.....	SS	S	O	SO
3 Displaying campaign buttons, bumper stickers.....	SS	S	O	SO
4 Making campaign contributions.....	SS	S	O	SO
5 Letter-writing to political officials.....	SS	S	O	SO
6 Letters to newspaper/magazine editors.....	SS	S	O	SO
7 Voting.....	SS	S	O	SO
8 Boycotts.....	SS	S	O	SO
9 When all other methods fail, conducting legal protests.....	SS	S	O	SO
10 When all other methods fail, disobeying law as protest.....	SS	S	O	SO
11 When all other methods fail, attempting to stop government operations as a form of protest.....	SS	S	O	SO

For the purposes of this survey, "social movement organizations" (SMO's) are any local, regional, national or international organizations independent of government that work to change some aspect of society. These causes include--but are not limited to--environmental or cultural preservation, pro-life or pro-choice, social justice, labor, animal rights, women's rights, or gay rights. Please answer the following questions with your participation in social movement organizations in mind.

Q5. Within the last year, have you been involved in any social movement organizations? (circle number)

1 YES

2 NO (if no, please skip to question 10) => S

Q6. If yes, name them: (if involved in more than three, please list the three in which you are most active):

SMO1) _____

SMO2) _____

SMO3) _____

Questions Q7 through Q10 apply to the social movement organizations (SMO's) indicated previously.

Q7. How long have you been involved in each organization?

SMO1) _____

SMO2) _____

SMO3) _____

Q8. For each social movement organization listed in question 6, please check the ways you participated within the last year:

	SMO1	SMO2	SMO3
1 Belonged to an organization.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Held office.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Paid dues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Donated money.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Made non-monetary contributions (provide transportation, equipment,			

- radio/tv air time).....
- 6 Wrote congress-persons or other politicians.....
- 7 Marched.....
- 8 Voted according to the organization's priorities.....
- 9 Disobeyed an unjust law as a form of protest.....
- 10 Made efforts to stop government operations as form of protest.....
- 11 Organized meetings or special events.....
- 12 Received newsletter/other publications.....
- 13 Attended meetings or special events.....
- 14 Attended annual conferences.....
- 15 Volunteered time in organization office.....
- 16 Volunteered time for projects/special events.....
- 17 Other _____

Q9. Who or what first encouraged and supported you to become involved in each social movement organization? (Check all that apply for each SMO)

- | | <u>SMO1</u> | <u>SMO2</u> | <u>SMO3</u> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Spouse or partner..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Friend(s)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Relative(s)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Co-worker(s)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Fellow student(s)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Church or other religious institution..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Another organization:(name)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 A news report or article..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

=>Q10. Using the letters below, please tell us how you feel about the following statements:

SA = Strongly Agree

A = Agree
D = Disagree
SD = Strongly Disagree
Circle One
Agree Disagree

- | | | | | |
|--|----|---|---|----|
| 1 I can't do much to make a difference in the world..... | SA | A | D | SD |
| 2 If I discover that a business is doing things that contradict my ethics and values, I stop patronizing it..... | SA | A | D | SD |
| 3 I cultivate relationships with people who support my views about social issues... | SA | A | D | SD |
| 4 There are things I can do to help solve social problems..... | SA | A | D | SD |
| 5 I buy and read magazines, books and newspapers whose views on social issues I support..... | SA | A | D | SD |
| 6 When learning something new, I give up if I'm not initially successful..... | SA | A | D | SD |
| 7 When I travel, I take trips that reflect my views about social issues (ex.: boycott countries that commit human rights violations, exploit workers...) | SA | A | D | SD |
| 8 I feel insecure about my ability to do things..... | SA | A | D | SD |
| 9 I am capable of dealing with most problems that come up in my life..... | SA | A | D | SD |

Q11. Using the same scale as above, how do you feel about the following statements as reasons for poverty in the US? Most poor people are poor because.....

- | | <u>Circle One</u> | | | |
|---|-------------------|---|---|----------|
| | Agree | | | Disagree |
| 10 they lack proper money management skills..... | SA | A | D | SD |
| 11 some businesses and industries fail to provide adequate wages..... | SA | A | D | SD |
| 12 they lack ability and talent..... | SA | A | D | SD |

- 13 society fails to provide good schools for many Americans..... SA A D SD
- 14 they lack effort..... SA A D SD
- 15 private industry fails to provide enough jobs..... SA A D SD

Q12. Your sex: (circle number of your answer)
 1 Female 2 Male

Q13. Year of Birth: 19__ __

Q14. Race/Ethnicity: (circle number)
 1 White 2 African-American 3 Asian 4 Hispanic 5 Other_____

Q15. Current Marital Status: (circle number)
 1 Single 2 Married 3 Separated 4 Cohabiting 5 Divorced 6 Widowed

Q16. Education: (circle number of highest completed)
 1 Grade school 4 Trade/vocational school 7 College graduate
 2 Some high school 5 Community college graduate 8 Graduate school
 3 High school diploma (or GED) 6 Some college 9 Professional school