BRRL Survey C Coding Key (2007-2008)

**Introduction Coding**  *(Beginning Column N)*

- `scqdate`: Enter date of Survey C administration
- `scqsurvey#`: Enter Survey C booklet number
- `scqstudentparticipation`: Enter the following
  1. Completed Survey
  2. Excused absence
  3. Denied permission/consent
  4. Student refused to participate
  5. In-school suspension or homebound
  6. Graduated in 2007
  7. Moved/transferred to different school
  8. Withdrawn/dropped out of school
  9. Early dismissal ( [school name] only, due to heat)
  0. Unknown/no show

**Survey Coding**  *(Beginning Column Q)*

*Note: Codes for the one open-ended question (question 13) will follow the short questions.*

**Your Interest in Politics**

1. Here are some ways that people get their news and information. Please check which of these things you have done over the past week:

   **For each response enter 1 for checked and 0 for not checked**

   - Newspaper  (1/0)
   - Television  (1/0)
   - Radio      (1/0)
   - Internet   (1/0)
   - None       (1/0)

   **If student skipped this question or checked all responses including None, all cells will be 9**
2. Suppose someone were to ask you to volunteer a few weekends to work for one of the presidential candidates. How likely is it that you would do that?

1 No way
2 Maybe
3 Probably
4 Definitely
9 No answer / More than one answer checked

3. How often do you discuss politics with friends?

1 Never
2 Maybe once or twice in the past year
3 Pretty often
4 A lot
9 No answer / More than one checked

4. In general when it comes to politics, do you think of yourself as a

1 Republican
2 Democrat
3 Independent
4 None of these
5 Don’t know
9 No answer / More than one checked

5. Some people are not interested in politics at all. Other people love politics….

1 I don’t like politics
2 I like politics but don’t follow it.
3 I like politics and follow it sometimes
4 I really like politics and follow it a lot
9 No answer / More than one checked

6. During the past year, have you run for student government, voted in a student election, or helped a candidate for student office?

1 Yes
2 No
9 No answer / More than one checked
7. During the past year, have you participated in any of the following organized groups or clubs in school?

   **For each response enter 1 for checked and 0 for not checked**

   Sports (1/0)
   Band or chorus (1/0)
   Language (1/0)
   Community Service (1/0)
   Another (1/0)

   **If student skipped this question, all cells will be 9**

**Facts About Government**

For all factual questions, code 1 if correct and 0 if incorrect (this is different from the coding for the pre-curriculum survey)

8. The President is elected for how many years?
   1 4 years
   0 Other response
   9 No answer

9. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?
   1 9 justices
   0 Other response
   9 No answer

10. What are the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution called?
    1 Bill of Rights
    0 Other response
    9 No answer

11. What title is given to the head official of your town or city government?
    1 Mayor/First Selectman (*See Appendix for correct response*)
    0 Other response
    9 No answer
12. What is that person’s name? What town does she/he represent?

**Mayor-Town information provided in the Appendix**

12a. Name  
1 Mayor’s name identified correctly  
0 Other name  
9 Didn’t answer or answer that’s obviously not a serious answer

12b. Town  
Enter name of town if correct  
0 Incorrect/other answer  
9 No answer

**SKIP TO QUESTION 14 HERE**

**U.S. Government Multiple Choice**

14. Which of the following is specifically guaranteed by the first ten amendments?

1 B  
0 Other answer  
9 No answer / more than one circled

15. Which of the following is true about the U.S. Congress?

1 A  
0 Other answer  
9 No answer / more than one circled

16. A militia is

1 C  
0 Other answer  
9 No answer / more than one circled

17. A “representative democracy” is a form of government in which

1 C  
0 Other answer  
9 No answer / more than one circled

18. Which of the following is an example of a situation when a person may be convicted of treason?

1 B  
0 Other answer  
9 No answer / more than one circled
19. Which of the following terms describes the power of the government to seize private property for public use?

1  A
0  Other answer
9  No answer / more than one circled

20. Who determines whether or not there is enough evidence to send someone to trial for a felony?

1  C
0  Other answer
9  No answer / more than one circled

21. Which of the following is true about trials?

1  B
0  Other answer
9  No answer / more than one circled

22. What is federalism?

1  D
0  Other answer
9  No answer / more than one circled

23. The principle of the "separation of powers" suggests that

1  B
0  Other answer
9  No answer / more than one circled

What do you think?

24. If a speaker a public meeting begins to make racial slurs, the audience should:

1  Stop him from speaking.
2  Let him have his say and then answer him.
9  No answer / more than one circled

25. When a criminal refuses to confess his crimes, the authorities:

1  Should be able to pressure him until he does.
2  Have no right to push him around, no matter what.
9  No answer / more than one circled
26. Which of these comes closer to your own view?

1. Nobody has the right to decide what should or should not be published.
2. To protect its moral values, a society sometimes has to forbid certain things from being published.
9. No answer / more than one circled

27. Requiring police to tell a suspect that he has the right to remain silent:

1. Prevents the police from doing their job properly.
2. Is necessary to a fair system of law enforcement.
9. No answer / more than one circled

28. In dealing with crime, the most important consideration is to:

1. Protect the rights of the accused.
2. Stop crime even if we have to violate the rights of the accused.
9. No answer / more than one circled

29. Books that preach the overthrow of the government should be:

1. Banned from the library.
2. Made available by the library, just like any other book.
9. No answer / more than one circled

30. Searching a person’s home without a search warrant:

1. Should never be allowed.
2. Is sometimes justified in order to solve a crime.
9. No answer / more than one circled

31. Atheists should be allowed to make fun of God and religion.

1. Yes
2. No
9. No answer / more than one circled

32. It is better to live in an orderly society than to allow people so much freedom that they can become disruptive.

1. Yes
2. No
9. No answer / more than one circled

33. Foreign radicals who want to express their hatred of America should be able to hold rallies in a civic auditorium.
The U.S. Constitution

34. Is flag burning a right protected by the Constitution or Bill of Rights?

1 Yes
2 No
9 No answer / more than one circled

35. A friend leaves drugs in Michael’s locker without Michael’s knowledge. Michael’s girlfriend, Amy, sees the drugs in Michael’s locker and decides to tell the principal. Does the Constitution allow the principal to search Michael’s locker?

1 Yes
2 No
9 No answer / more than one circled

36. Does the Constitution protect the right of public high school students to lead prayers before their football games?

1 No
2 Yes
9 No answer / more than one circled

37. Mr. Jones was tried and found “not guilty” of murder. A month after the trial ends, the prosecutor receives new evidence that he believes will result in a conviction. Does the Constitution allow the prosecutor to retry Mr. Jones in this case?

1 No
2 Yes
9 No answer / more than one circled

Which powers belong to federal, state and local government?

38. Collect taxes

1 A, B, and C
0 Other answer
9 No answer

39. Make a treaty with a foreign country

1 A
0 Other answer
9   No answer

40. Issue passports
   1   A
   0   Other answer
   9   No answer

41. Conduct elections
   1   B and C
   0   Other answer
   9   No answer

42. Coin money
   1   A
   0   Other answer
   9   No answer

43. Issue a driver’s license
   1   B
   0   Other answer
   9   No answer

44. Declare war
   1   A
   0   Other answer
   9   No answer

45. Make traffic laws
   1   B and C
   0   Other answer
   9   No answer

46. Decide the legal age for drinking
   1   B
   0   Other answer
   9   No answer

Separation of Powers

47. Declare a law unconstitutional
8
48. Veto bills

1  A
0  Other answer
9  No answer / more than one circled

49. Impeach and remove the President

1  B
0  Other answer
9  No answer / more than one circled

50. Fill vacancies on the Supreme Court

1  D
0  Other answer
9  No answer / more than one circled

51. Grant pardons

1  A
0  Other answer
9  No answer / more than one circled

52. Order the FBI to investigate a crime

1  A
0  Other answer
9  No answer / more than one circled

Landmark Court Cases

53. Police must inform suspected criminals of their constitutional right to remain silent while being arrested.

1  C
0  Other answer
9  No answer / more than one circled

54. School districts are allowed to conduct random drug tests on any student involved in extracurricular activities.

1  E
9
55. Segregation in schools was ruled to be unconstitutional.

1  D
0  Other answer
9  No answer / more than one circled
56. Students wearing black armbands to school in protest of the Vietnam War were engaging in symbolic speech that was protected by the First Amendment.

1  B
0  Other answer
9  No answer / more than one circled

57. The Gun-Free School Zones Act was ruled unconstitutional because the Commerce Clause did not give Congress the power to ban firearms in schools.

1  F
0  Other answer
9  No answer / more than one circled

58. The right to personal privacy includes the right to have an abortion.

1  A
0  Other answer
9  No answer / more than one circled