BRRL Survey Coding Key (2008-2009)

For each school from which you code surveys, open your Excel template and create a new file named this way:  \[School Name\]_[Coder]_[Month-Day-Year]
ex. [school name]_Anna_06-28-09

**Introduction Coding**  (Beginning Column K)

sdqdate: Enter date of Survey D administration (if student completed survey)

sdqsurvey#: Enter Survey D booklet number (if student completed survey)

sdqstudentparticipation: Enter the following

1. Completed Survey
2. Excused absence (if this is the case, it will be noted on the front of the survey booklet)
3. Denied permission/consent (if this is the case, the name will be bolded and in red on the class list)
4. Suspension or homebound (if this is the case, it will be noted on the front of the survey booklet)
5. No longer enrolled at school (if this is the case, the name will be crossed out on the class list)
6. Unknown/no show (if none of the above apply)

If participation code is 1, continue coding.  If participation code is 2-6, leave all other columns blank and move onto next booklet.

**Survey Coding**  (Beginning Column N)

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

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   If student skipped this question or checked all responses including None, all
2. 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

3. How often do you talk about politics at home with family members?
   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. In the past year, have you been actively involved with a political campaign?
   1. Yes
   2. No
   9. No answer / More than one checked

6. 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

7. 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
8a. Have you turned 18 years old yet?
   1  Yes
   2  No
   9  No answer / More than one checked

8b. If so, have you registered to vote?
   1  Yes
   2  No
   3  Not applicable (answered “No” to 8a)
   9  No answer / More than one checked

8c. If not, will you register to vote when you do turn 18?
   1  Yes
   2  No
   3  Not applicable (answered “Yes” to 8a)
   9  No answer / More than one checked

9. Which statement comes closest to your own thoughts about voting? (Circle one)
   1  It’s important for me to vote in town, state, and national elections.
   2  It’s only important for me to vote in presidential elections.
   3  My one vote doesn’t make much difference so voting isn’t that important for me.
   9  No answer / More than one checked

10. Can you name the candidates for president and vice-president in the 2008 election?

10a. 1  “John McCain” or “McCain”
       0  Incorrect answer
       9  No answer

10b. 1  “Sarah Palin” or “Palin”
       0  Incorrect answer
       9  No answer

10c. 1  “Barack Obama” or “Obama”
       0  Incorrect answer
       9  No answer

10d. 1  “Joe Biden” or “Joseph Biden” or “Biden”
       0  Incorrect answer
       9  No answer
What do you think?

11. Which statement comes closest to your views on criminal justice?
   1. It’s a waste of resources to pay for trials for people who are obviously guilty.
   2. Even those who are guilty of a crime deserve a fair trial.
   9. No answer / more than one circled

12. What do you think about burning the U.S. flag?
   1. Flag burning should be prohibited by the U.S. Constitution.
   2. Flag burning is an act of symbolic speech that should be protected by the Constitution.
   9. No answer / more than one circled

13. 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

14. When it comes to public high school sports events:
   1. coaches should have the right to lead a short prayer before football and other games.
   2. it is inappropriate for school officials to lead prayers at a public high school event.
   9. No answer / more than one circled

15. What is your opinion of jury duty?
   1. Serving on a jury seems like a major hassle. I hope I never get called to serve.
   2. Although serving on a jury can be time consuming, I don’t mind serving if I get called.
   9. No answer / more than one circled
A Constitutional Case Study

16. Name two rights under the Bill of Rights that are at stake here:

16a1. **First Listed**

   1. “Freedom of religion” or “freedom of press” or “freedom of speech” or “freedom of assembly” or “equal protection of the laws” (“Due process of law” will be considered on a case by case basis; see column 16a2)
   0. Anything not listed above / incorrect answer
   9. No answer

16a2. If wording of the first listed item is inconclusive, do not fill out 16a1; instead, write response in column 16a2. If the answer is clearly correct or incorrect and you have filled out column 16a1, then skip column 16a2.

16b1. **Second Listed**

   1. “Freedom of religion” or “freedom of press” or “freedom of speech” or “freedom of assembly” or “equal protection of the laws” (“Due process of law” will be considered on a case by case basis; see column 16b2)
   0. Anything not listed above / incorrect answer
   9. No answer

16b2. If wording of the second listed item is inconclusive, do not fill out 16b1; instead, write response in column 16b2. If the answer is clearly correct or incorrect and you have filled out column 16b1, then skip column 16b2.

17. If the majority of the town votes to close a religious organization that it doesn’t like, the minority of people who are members have no right to keep it open.

   1. Agree
   2. Disagree
   9. No answer / more than one circled

18. If I lived in that town, I would:

   1. A
   2. B
   3. C
   9. No answer / more than one circled
U.S. Government Multiple Choice

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

19. The amendment process was included in the U.S. Constitution in order to:
   1 C
   0 Other answer
   9 No answer / more than one circled

20. A system of checks and balances was included in the U.S. Constitution because the authors were concerned about:
   1 A
   0 Other response
   9 No answer

21. “Illegally obtained evidence cannot be used in a court of law.” This statement is based on a person’s constitutional right to:
   1 D
   0 Other response
   9 No answer

22. The major reason the Bill of Rights was added to the U.S. Constitution was to:
   1 B
   0 Other response
   9 No answer

23. In the U.S. Congress, differences between Senate and House of Representatives versions of a bill are usually resolved by accepting the version that is:
   1 C
   0 Other answer
   9 No answer / more than one circled

24. “. . . no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, . . . and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.” This section of the 4th amendment to the U.S. Constitution addresses the issue of:
   1 D
   0 Other answer
   9 No answer / more than one circled
25. Which factor has made the strongest contribution to the development of religious freedom in the United States?

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

26. The major role of political parties in the United States is to:

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

27. The system of checks and balances is best illustrated by the power of:

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

28. The authors of the U.S. Constitution believed that the voice of the people should be heard frequently. Which part of the Government was instituted to respond most directly to the will of the people?

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

29. Which interpretation of the Bill of Rights does this statement illustrate?

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

30. The two major political parties make their final selection of a Presidential candidate through:

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

31. As a result of the Supreme Court ruling in *Miranda v. Arizona* (1966), a person accused of a crime is entitled to:

1  C
0  Other answer
9  No answer / more than one circled
32. Which action could eliminate the electoral college?

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

33. Which level of government in the United States has the power to coin money?

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

34. The “clear and present danger” ruling of the Supreme Court in *Schenck v. United States* illustrates the continuing conflict between:

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

35. The United States Constitution requires that a census be taken every ten years to reapportion:

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

36. The Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade* (1973) was based on the constitutional principle of:

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

37. Among the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment is the right to:

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

38. Which fact about American government reflects the principle of federalism?

1  C
0  Other answer
9  No answer / more than one circled
Freedom of Speech versus Public Safety

39a. [Note here which version of news article is given.]

1  Article is titled “Klan Tests University’s Commitment to Free Speech”
2  Article is titled “Possible Klan Rally Raises Safety Concerns”

39b. How strongly do you agree with the following statement?

1  A. Strongly agree
2  B. Somewhat agree
3  C. Neither agree or disagree
4  D. Somewhat disagree
5  E. Strongly disagree
9  No answer / More than one checked

Landmark Court Cases

40. The decision of a married couple to use artificial birth control is protected by the right to privacy.

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

41. Use of heat seeking devices without a warrant while looking for marijuana plants is unreasonable and therefore a violation of protection against warrantless search and seizure.

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

42. Burning of the American flag is protected by the First Amendment.

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

43. Segregation in schools was ruled to be unconstitutional.

1  C
0  Other answer
9  No answer / more than one circled
Do You Agree or Disagree?

44. It is better to live in an orderly society, even if some freedoms are limited, rather than to allow people so much freedom that they can become disruptive.

1 Agree
2 Disagree
9 No answer / more than one circled

45. Your U.S. history, civics, and government classes have prepared you for the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

1 Agree
2 Disagree
9 No answer / more than one circled

When you have completed your coding for the day, please e-mail all your files for the day to: celia.paris@yale.edu and pamela.greene@yale.edu. Please make sure the file names are in the proper format: [School Name]_[Coder]_[Month-Day-Year].