BRRL Pre-Curriculum Survey

Note: Coding for survey questions 13-17 was completed following the other questions.

1. How interested are you in politics and current events?
   1 Very interested
   2 Somewhat interested
   3 Not at all interested
   9 No answer/other answer

2. Name a topic in the news that really interests you:
   1 War/Iraq
   2 Terrorism/War on Terror
   3 President Bush
   4 Other comment on government
   6 Crime
   7 Other current events
   8 Arts, music, sports, weather, etc.
   9 None / No answer
   If student writes more than one, take the first mentioned.

3. How often do you talk about politics at home?
   1 A lot
   2 Sometimes
   3 Almost never
   9 No answer

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 (this would be written in by the student)
   9 No answer or more than one marked

5. 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
   5Newspaper (1/0)
   5Television (1/0)
   5Radio (1/0)
   5Internet (1/0)
   5None (1/0)
   If student skipped this question, all cells will be 0
6. Serving on a jury is a major hassle. I hope I never get called to serve.
   1 Agree
   2 Disagree
   9 No answer or both checked

7. I would never pay taxes if I didn’t have to.
   1 Agree
   2 Disagree
   9 No answer or both checked

8. If there were a presidential election this year – and I were old enough – I definitely
   would vote.
   1 Agree
   2 Disagree
   9 No answer or both checked

9. Contacted or visited a public official – at any level of government – to express your opinion.
   1 Yes
   2 No
   9 No answer or both checked

10. Signed a petition.
    1 Yes
    2 No
    9 No answer or both checked

11. Refused to buy a product because of the practices of the company that produces it.
    1 Yes
    2 No
    9 No answer or both checked

12. In the last month, have you volunteered your time for a community service?
    1 Yes
    2 No
    9 No answer or both checked

    Skip “If so, what was it?”
13. You are in a park with friends. A man with a megaphone … is that against the law? Should it be? **Note:** there is a separate cell for coding whether the student mentioned the relevance of an imminent threat in addition to the options below.

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<th>Yes, against the law.  Yes, should be.</th>
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<td>Threat says something about imminent threat.</td>
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14. You are walking down the sidewalk and, without warning, a police officer grabs you and pushes you….

**What are your rights at that moment?**

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

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<th>ANY Miranda rights (remain silent; anything you say can and will be used against you; have an attorney present; if you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed).</th>
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<td>14Miranda</td>
<td>Not to be held physically by police.</td>
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<td>14Physical</td>
<td>Know why you’re being held.</td>
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15. Commerce clause

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16. Symbolic speech

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17. Militia

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<td>Other response that looks thoughtful</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>No answer or don’t know</td>
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18. The President has the power to declare a state of emergency and suspend laws in the case of war.
   1 True
   2 False
   9 No answer or both checked

19. If Congress passes a law and the President vetoes it, Congress can enact it anyway with a two-thirds majority vote.
   1 True
   2 False
   9 No answer or both checked

20. The Constitution created a weaker central government than the Articles of Confederation.
   1 True
   2 False
   9 No answer or both checked

21. So long as all the students at a public school are the same religion, that school can begin the school day with a prayer.
   1 True
   2 False
   9 No answer or both checked

22. The government cannot place any limits on freedom of speech.
   1 True
   2 False
   9 No answer or both checked

23. Juries can find a defendant not guilty if they think the law that was broken is unjust.
   1 True
   2 False
   9 No answer or both checked

24. Only the Ninth Amendment protects personal liberty.
   1 True
   2 False
   9 No answer or both checked
25. Here is a list of public responsibilities. For each of these, match the job with the governmental body that carries it out.

25School bus
1 A. Local government
2 B. State government
3 C. Federal government
4 More than one marked
9 No answer

25Fires
1 A. Local government
2 B. State government
3 C. Federal government
4 More than one marked
9 No answer

25Drivers
1 A. Local government
2 B. State government
3 C. Federal government
4 More than one marked
9 No answer

25Passports
1 A. Local government
2 B. State government
3 C. Federal government
4 More than one marked
9 No answer

25Laws
1 A. Local government
2 B. State government
3 C. Federal government
4 More than one marked
9 No answer

26. What is the legal voting age in your state?
1 18
2 Other than 18
9 No answer
27. How long have you lived in your present city or town? ____ years
   Enter number of years, round if necessary
   If less than one year, enter 0
   If left blank, enter 99. Note that this is 99 to distinguish from 9 years!

28. Do you have a job during the school year?
   1  Yes
   2  No
   3  No answer or both checked
      If student writes in something like “used to” or “sometimes,” count that as “yes”

29. About how many hours do you spend doing homework on an average school night?
   Enter hours, round if necessary
   If less than one hour, round to .75, .5, .25
   If left blank, enter 9

30. Who lives at home with you (mother, brothers, sisters, etc.)
   For each response enter 1 for checked and 0 for not checked
   30Mother (1/0)
   30Father (1/0)
   30Sibling(s) (1/0)
   30Grandparent(s) (1/0)
   30Others (1/0)
      If student skipped this question, all cells will be 0

31. What language or languages are spoken at home?
   1  English only
   2  Spanish (alone or with English)
   3  Other (alone or with English)
   9  No answer

32. Please mark the highest level of education that your mother attained
   1  Elementary School
   2  Middle School
   3  High School
   4  College
   5  Graduate School
   6  None (this would be written in by the student)
   9  No answer
      If student marks more than one, take the most advanced degree
33. What is your birth date?
   33month 2-digit month
   33date 2-digit date
   33year 4-digit year

34. After high school, do you plan to
   For each response enter 1 for checked and 0 for not checked
   34job (1/0)
   34schoolfull (1/0)
   34schoolpart (1/0)
   34military (1/0)
   34other (1/0)
   If student skipped this question, all cells will be 0