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Survey questions

Math 115

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1. Would you consider your community to be aiding/enabling your spiritual fulfillment?

While I think that Newport is a very nice city, and that it's certainly racially diverse in the ways that you would expect of an urban area, there isn't much religious variation to the area. While the majority of residents are probably some sort of Christian, I know that I personally would feel religiously alienated in the area, as the closest synagogue is across the river. The same is true with Mosques, Zen centers, Scientology chapels, and more. If Newport doesn't have these things, does that mean it has a cultural deficit, or is it just an indicator of a homogenous community? And does a homogenous community make for a less happy or fortunate one?

2. Do you have both geographic and economic access to fresh or reasonably healthy food?

I believe that access to healthy foods is import when considering not only one's happiness but also their wellness. It must not only be available to them, but it must also be available in the sense that it is economically feasible for the majority of the community to choose the healthier options. I know that if a parent was unable to feed their child in a way that will support their growth and development, it would certainly be detrimental to their morale.

3. Would you consider yourself close enough to your neighbors to ask for their help in a desperate situation? I have never lived in an urban area, but in my experience with rural

ones, a person's bond with their neighbors is a great deal of comfort. Neighbors would often do favors or niceties for one another that could prove to be efficacious in a time of need. I know that in urban areas, one would certainly be bound to have more neighbors, but would the bond in these areas be the same? If you had family to turn to in a time of need, but they weren't within a reachable distance, how much help would they really be? And if you are constantly on your guard about who you live with, how at ease and happy could you really be?

4. Have you ever felt unsafe on your own street?

This question almost ties into the last, but in a different aspect. Aside from having someone to turn to, do you even consider your own existence in your home to be unthreatened? A constant feeling of threat, unspecified or acutely refined, can turn an otherwise healthy environment into a mental burden. Anxieties centered around the home have the ability to change the way people live, always for worse.

5. Does the area in which you live affect your outlook on life? For better, or for worse?

This question is pretty self-explanatory. If what Monica Remmy says about the West side is true, that "it isn't a bad neighborhood, it's just a poor neighborhood," then despite their economic situation, their sense of community should be strong, and in turn should strengthen the inhabitants quality of life, or at least their outlook. In the same way, a negative sense of community could worsen someone's outlook on life, as it's the backdrop for with the rest of their lives occur.