Emily Warpool

Mat115h

October 14, 2015

The two surveys that I feel capture best the spirit of what we are trying to do are the surveys compiled by Grace and Betsy. Both surveys used the Likert scale, which I feel will be most appropriate to uniformly and accurately judge the responses more than a “yes/no” or an open response survey. It is also important for the questions to be uniform so that the survey may be taken with ease, and not become discouraged. Grace, however, had an interesting notion that we should not include the option of “neither/neutral” as it would not give us any helpful answers. But is “neither/neutral” really not helpful? I believe that when asking a question, such as “it is easy for me to find and purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.’ “neither/neutral” tells us that they may be available, but not necessarily in abundance. In this case, the “neither/neutral” response does give us useful information.

As for how to go about giving the survey, I suggest that we give the surveys at a place such as a Kroger or corner marketplace, where people of all social statuses would converge for everyday needs. To encourage people to respond to the survey without bias, I believe some sort of incentive must be offered, but what could we offer that would avoid bias? If we gave out a candy bar for answering our survey, would we be excluding health-conscious or diabetic citizens of Newport from our survey? I think that a couple of things that we could give out could be a bottle of water, or some sort of cheap lottery ticket. The statements that I feel we should approach the people with goes as follows:

1. At some point in the last two years, I have felt unsafe on my street. (Betsy.1)
2. I feel like I am able to provide for myself and the people that rely on me (Grace.1)
3. It is easy for me to find and purchase fresh fruit and vegetables (Betsy.2)
4. There is a group of people in my life who support and value me (Grace.3)
5. You feel that you possess absolute freedom over your life (Kensey.1modified)