Cultural Identity Questionnaire

**BASIC PROFILE**

1. First Name:

Look up your first name on <https://www.behindthename.com>. Does your name have an ethnicity? Does this ethnicity reflect what you know about your family history?

1. Last name:

Look up your last name on <https://surnames.behindthename.com>. Does your last name have an ethnicity? Does this ethnicity reflect what you know about your family history?

1. What is the highest level of education you have earned? Is this the same or different than other people in your family?

**ETHNIC ANCESTRY** (ethnic or cultural ancestry refers to your roots or cultural background and should not be confused with citizenship or nationality)

1. What were the cultural origins of your ancestors?
2. How was your ancestors’ culture celebrated in your home when you grew up?
3. Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is not important at all and 5 is very important, how important is your ancestry to you?
4. If you had a choice, would you change your ancestry?
5. If yes, what to?
6. Please give 5 words that sum up your national identity.
7. Please give up to 10 words that sum up your identity as a person (gender, personality, family, interests, etc)

**BACKGROUND**

1. Where were you born (country, state, province, city)?
2. In what year did you or your ancestors come to the United States to live?
3. How did you/they get here?
4. Do you know any story of your ancestors’ arrival in the United States?
5. What did they do in the United States?
6. Have you or your family lived in any other countries for more than one year?
7. Where?
8. Of what countries are you a citizen?
9. What is your religion?
10. Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is not important at all and 5 is very important, how important is your religion to you?

**LANGUAGE**

1. What was the language that you first learned at home?
2. What other languages do you speak?
3. When you were a child, what language did your siblings use most of the time when speaking to each other?

**PARENTS**

1. Who did you live with up until the age of 15?
2. Was there anyone else than your parents and siblings living with you while you were growing up? Who?
3. What were the cultural origins of your parents’/other members of the household ancestors?
4. What was the language of your parents/other members of the household at home in childhood?
5. What was their religion, if any?

**RELATIVES**

1. Do you still have family living in the country of birth of your ancestors?
2. How often do you talk, write or e-mail members of your family living at your ancestors’ country?
3. Have you ever been back to your ancestors’ country of origin?
4. How many times?
5. How do you feel when you are there?

**SOCIAL NETWORK**

1. Do you belong to any social groups, clubs, or teams?
2. Do you have any political affiliations?
3. Do you consider yourself a member of any subgroup? A subgroup is a group with distinct patterns, behaviors, etc. that often vary from the mainstream groups in society. Subgroups can include gamers, bikers, grunge, emo, hackers, jocks, military brats and more.

**ATTITUDES**

1. Have you ever made a family tree?
2. Have you ever worn a traditional costume of your ancestors?
3. How far back can you trace your ancestors?
4. Do you identify more with your ancestors’ culture or with that of another?
5. Do you feel that your ancestors’ culture is portrayed inaccurately in the media?
6. What are the stereotypes of your ancestors’ culture?
7. How true are the stereotypes?
8. Do you feel comfortable living in a multicultural society?
9. How do you feel about immigration into your country?
10. Do you feel stronger ties to your nationality or your heritage?

**LAST QUESTIONS...**

1. What makes you American?
2. What are the first two words that come to your mind if you think of the United States?