

National Study/South Florida
Questionnaire of Haitian Residents:
February 2004

600 Interviews

**INTERVIEW RESPONDENTS IN ENGLISH OR IN HAITIAN-CREOLE
DEPENDING ON HOW THEY ANSWER THE PHONE.**

Hello, my name is _____. I am calling from National Opinion Research Services, a professional polling firm. We are interviewing Haitians and Haitian-Americans who reside in the United States on some critical issues. I can assure you that we are not selling anything and that the interview will be confidential. It will only take a few minutes.

SCREENS

Q1. Are you 18 years of age or older?

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| 1. Yes | (CONTINUE) | 100% |
| 2. No | (TERMINATE) | |
| 3. DK/NA | (TERMINATE) | |

Q2. Would you describe yourself as Haitian or of Haitian descent or heritage?

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| 1. Yes | (CONTINUE) | 100% |
| 2. No | (TERMINATE) | |
| 3. DK/NA | (TERMINATE) | |

Q3. Do you prefer to be interviewed in English or in Haitian-Creole?

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| 1. English | 27% |
| 2. Haitian-Creole | 73% |

ARISTIDE

Now, I will ask you a few short questions about Haiti.

Q4. How would you rate the job Jean-Bertrand Aristide is doing as President of Haiti—excellent, good, mediocre, or poor?

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| 1. Excellent | 7% |
| 2. Good | 16% |
| 3. Mediocre | 16% |
| 4. Poor | 30% |
| 5. DK/NA | 31% |

Q5. As you know, Jean-Bertrand Aristide was re-elected President of Haiti in 2000. Some people say that President Aristide should resign from office. Other people say that President Aristide should stay in office until his term expires in 2006. What do you think—should President Aristide resign from office or should he stay in office?

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| 1. Aristide should resign from office | (GO TO Q6) | 35% |
| 2. Aristide should stay in office | (SKIP TO Q7) | 52% |
| 3. DK/NA | (SKIP TO Q7) | 13% |

Q6. As you know, there are groups in Haiti calling for the resignation of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. One of these groups called the Revolutionary Artibonite Resistance Front has led the capture of Gonaives and other Haitian cities. This group plans to continue military attacks until President Jean-Bertrand Aristide resigns. There are other group such as the Democratic Convergence and Group 184 that have led peaceful demonstrations and are calling for new presidential elections. Which do you support—the military action by the Artibonite group, or the peaceful demonstrations by the Democratic Convergence and Group 184?

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| 1. Military action by the Revolutionary Artibonite Resistance Front | 6% |
| 2. Peaceful demonstrations by the Democratic Convergence and Group 184 | 17% |
| 3. DK/NA | 12% |

Q7. In general, do you believe opposition movements in Haiti are fighting for democracy or are they political groups wanting power?

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| 1. Fighting for democracy | 22% |
| 2. Political groups wanting power | 55% |
| 3. DK/NA | 23% |

Now, I am going to read you a few statements that some people have made regarding the situation in Haiti. For each one, tell me if you agree or disagree with the statement.

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Q8. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement—Aristide **should stay in office** because he was elected by an overwhelming majority of Haitians in the 2000 presidential elections.

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| 1. Agree | 57% |
| 2. Disagree | 29% |
| 3. DK/NA | 14% |

Q9 . Do you agree or disagree with the following statement—Aristide **should stay in office** because forcing him to resign will weaken Haiti’s democracy.

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| 1. Agree | 49% |
| 2. Disagree | 35% |
| 3. DK/NA | 16% |

Q10. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement—Aristide **should resign from office** because he does not respect the human rights of Haitians.

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| 1. Agree | 39% |
| 2. Disagree | 37% |
| 3. DK/NA | 24% |

Q11. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement—Aristide **should resign from office** because he is more a dictator than a president.

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| 1. Agree | 36% |
| 2. Disagree | 39% |
| 3. DK/NA | 25% |

Q12. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement—Aristide **should resign from office** because he was re-elected in an unfair presidential election in 2000.

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| 1. Agree | 34% |
| 2. Disagree | 42% |
| 3. DK/NA | 24% |

Q13. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement—Aristide **should resign from office** because he is a puppet of the United States.

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| 1. Agree | 21% |
| 2. Disagree | 44% |
| 3. DK/NA | 35% |

Q15. In your opinion, is Haiti’s economic and political situation better now under the Aristide Administration or was it better under the Duvalier governments?

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| 1. Aristide administration | 14% |
| 2. Duvalier administration | 56% |
| 3. DK/NA | 30% |

US POLICY AND POLITICS

(ROTATE ANSWERS)

Q16. Which country or organization should play the primary role in restoring security in Haiti—the United States, Haiti, the United Nations, the Organization of American States (OAS), or the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)?

1. United States	25%
2. Haiti	20%
3. United Nations	26%
4. Organization of American States (OAS)	4%
5. Caribbean Community (CARICOM)	8%
6. DK/NA	17%

Q17. How would you rate the job George W. Bush is doing as President of the United States—excellent, good, mediocre, or poor?

1. Excellent	11%
2. Good	25%
3. Mediocre	14%
4. Poor	17%
5. DK/NA	33%

Q18. Do you approve or disapprove of President George W. Bush's foreign policy toward Haiti?

1. Approve	9%
2. Disapprove	33%
3. DK/NA	58%

Q19. As you may know, the U.S. has imposed economic sanctions on Haiti because it claims irregularities in Haiti's May 2000 parliamentary elections. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. decision to withhold economic and development aid?

1. Approve	20%
2. Disapprove	61%
3. DK/NA	19%

Q20. Do you think the U.S. should offer military support to President Aristide, to the opposition movement, or should the U.S. military stay out of Haiti?

1. Offer military support to President Aristide	32%
2. Offer military support to the opposition movement	13%
3. U.S. military should stay out of Haiti	31%
4. DK/NA	24%

Q21. Which political party do you feel represents the best interests of Haitians—Democrats or Republicans?

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| 1. Democrats | 58% |
| 2. Republicans | 6% |
| 3. Another party | 1% |
| 4. No party at all | 11% |
| 5. DK/NA | 24% |

DISCRIMINATION

Q22. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement—U.S. immigration policy and agencies discriminate against Haitians.

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| 1. Agree | 42% |
| 2. Disagree | 36% |
| 3. DK/NA | 22% |

DEMOGRAPHICS

Q23. In what country were you born—Haiti, the United States, or in another country?

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| 1. Haiti | 93% |
| 2. United States | 6% |
| 3. Another country _____ | 1% |
| 4. DK/NA | 0% |

Q24. In what decade did you arrive to the United States— the 1970's or before, the 1980's, the 1990's or after 2000?

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| 1. 1970's or before | 19% |
| 2. 1980's | 36% |
| 3. 1990's | 28% |
| 4. After 2000 | 13% |
| 5. DK/NA | 4% |

Q25. How old are you?

1. 18 to 29	26%
2. 30 to 39	20%
3. 40 to 49	21%
4. 50 to 59	14%
5. 60 to 64	6%
6. 65+	7%
7. Refused	6%

Q26. For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me what your total family income was before taxes—was it less than \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$29,000, between \$30,000 and \$39,000, between \$40,000 and \$49,000, between \$50,000 and \$74,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or more than \$100,000?

1. Less than \$20,000	25%
2. \$20,000 to \$29,000	14%
3. \$30,000 to \$39,000	12%
4. \$40,000 to 49,000	4%
5. \$50,000 to \$74,000	6%
6. \$75,000 to 100,000	2%
7. More than \$100,000	1%
8. DK/NA	36%

Q27. What is the highest level of education you have completed—grade school, some high school, high school graduate, some college, technical school, college graduate, or graduate school?

1. Grade school	19%
2. Some high school	17%
3. High school graduate	22%
4. Some college	12%
5. Technical school	7%
6. College graduate	15%
7. Graduate School	3%
8. DK/NA	5%

Q28. Are you a U.S. Citizen?

1. Yes	48%
2. No	51%
3. DK/NA	1%

Q29. Are you registered to vote?

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| 1. Yes | 86% |
| 2. No | 14% |
| 3. DK/NA | |

Q30. Before I ask you the following question—let me assure you that this interview is 100 percent confidential. This is the final question of our poll. Some people who are not citizens have been able to get the proper documents and are legal residents while other people who are not citizens are still trying to get proper documents and are considered undocumented immigrants—are you a legal resident or an undocumented immigrant?

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| 1. Legal resident | 81% |
| 2. Undocumented immigrant | 15% |
| 3. DK/NA | 4% |

(CODE, BUT DO NOT ASK)

A. Gender

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| 1. Male | 54% |
| 2. Female | 46% |

B. County South Florida

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| 1. Miami-Dade | 30% |
| 2. Broward | 14% |
| 3. Palm Beach | 6% |

C. State

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| 1. Florida | 50% |
| 2. New York | 33% |
| 1. New Jersey | 8% |
| 2. Massachusetts | 7% |
| 3. Connecticut | 2% |