

Irregulars Binder Manifest

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Terminology:

- A survey was *processed* if all of the following took place at receiving: (1) its ID number was checked off on the check-sheet; (2) it was copied; (3) it was delivered to Prof. Klein (while the copy was placed in the secured set of copied surveys); (4) its information was entered into the Excel spreadsheet.
- A survey has been processed *retroactively* if it was not fully processed during the original receiving but has subsequently been fully processed. (The surveys that have been retroactively processed are as follows: 3175, 5999.2)
- An ID number is *novel* if it is assigned retroactively for a special reason (such as "mis's", retroactive processing, duplicate original ID numbers, or missing original ID number). (For a listing of the 24 surveys with novel ID numbers see the Overview Table.)

The Irregulars Binder is the large black loose-leaf binder into which the following materials were placed (instead of being processed) during survey receiving:

- (A) Many surveys that were returned blank (some blank surveys were processed)
- (B) Materials (coverletters, postcards, etc.) returned with annotations.
- (C) Materials that accompanied the survey (which was duly processed), such as off-prints of articles by the respondent.

The Irregulars Binder does *not* contain Postal Returns; those are in a separate large blue loose-leaf binder.

As a matter of process clarity, *everything that has ever been placed into the Irregulars Binder has remained there*. In some cases (noted here) the material has been assigned an novel ID number and *retroactively* processed (copied), but the original material remains here.

ID Number-Identified Items that accompanied a processed survey:

5 supplementary items for which the corresponding survey was fully processed [these 5 items are in a plastic sheath in the front pocket of the Irregulars Binder; in each case, the line of data has an annotation that the supplementary material exists in the Irregulars binder]:

- #2702. From a man with initials [REDACTED], from Econ: A copy of an ms. letter to the editor of the [REDACTED] News, dated Feb 15, 2003.

- #3139. Wrote on the cover-letter: "Hist 139 Not Relevant. In 1941, age 25, I was a British naval officer serving [illegible] Atlantic Ocean." This letter accompanied the survey, which was checked off/processed and was blank.
- #4035: An off-print by [initials ██████] from *The Delaware Journal of Corporate Law* ██████.
- #6301: From a man with initials ██████, from Soc: An offprint from *Sociological Practice* ██████.
- #6943: From a man with initials ██████, from Soc: Two off-prints, one from *European Journal of Housing Policy* ██████, the other from *Journal on Quality Improvement* ██████.

The following 17 items are ones for which the survey was blank *and not processed*, and the ID number is known. In most cases it is simply that the survey was sent back blank, often with remarks written on it (the remarks are provided here); in other cases they sent back just the cover-letter, and indicated their survey ID number.

Anth 039 [returned cover-letter and survey]

Anth 207 [returned cover-letter and survey]

Anth 525: Returned cover-letter and survey and also enclosed was the envelope the survey was sent out in (thus, with his own name and address on it) and wrote on that: "I would have loved to respond to the survey but @ age 25 I wasn't in the country. Consequently, I don't find my experiences then to be relevant to the questions asked. Thanks. [signature]"

Anth 729: Wrote on the first page of the survey: "I was (and am) a foreign national and not living in the US. Hence the questions are not relevant or pertinent to my case. Sorry! Good Luck with the survey. [gave initials]"

Econ 312: Returned only the cover-letter and provided the ID number (did not return the survey): "Econ 312: I do not vote in this country & at a age 25 did not have educated views about policy in the US."

Econ 592 [returned cover-letter and survey]

Econ 920: Wrote on the survey (and returned the cover-letter): "How can there be 'complete anonymity' when I have the unique number 920?"

Hist 372: Wrote on the survey "not interested" [We have first page of the survey only, perhaps because receivers detached it from the rest.]

Hist 609: Wrote on the cover-letter (also returned the survey): "3-13-03 I do not participate in surveys. – [signature] This survey is especially flawed as to purpose and intrusive aspects."

Hist 678: Wrote on survey: "IRB?"

Pol Sci 175: Filled out the age questions and wrote "See Question 56", and there on the last page: "As noted on Page 1 it is 50 years since I was 25. Although I would be cooperative in participating in your survey the fact is it is impossible for me to remember who, what, when, where at age 25 with any degree of accuracy. Sorry. Good luck."

- Pol Sci 604: Wrote on the cover-letter (and returned the survey): "I do not feel comfortable responding to a survey with a sponsor who refuses to reveal his identity."
- Pol Sci 656: Wrote on the cover-letter (did not return the survey): "Dear Donna Perry: I sincerely regret that I cannot complete this survey at this time. [signature] #656 Pol Sci" [did not return the survey]
- Pol Sci 795: Wrote on the survey: "I only came to the U.S. in 1986 so I have difficulty responding. If I try to fill out the survey, it would not be genuine." He/she completed the age questions.]
- Soc 600: Wrote on the cover-letter (and returned the survey): Since I was not living in the U.S. when I was 25 years old, I do not think I should participate. [signature]"
- Soc 834: Wrote on the survey: "N/A: I came to the U.S. at a much later age." [We have first page of the survey only, perhaps because receivers detached it from the rest.]
- Soc 897: Wrote on the survey: "I am returning your survey but found it impossible to answer reliably. Sorry." [Filled out the age questions; we have first page of the survey only, perhaps because receivers detached it from the rest.]

ID number-Not-Identified Items

The following 4 items are ID-not-identified, but *are correspondent identified*:

- From a man with initials [REDACTED], from Econ: Two clipped bits containing citations to his own work.
- From a man with initials [REDACTED], from Hist: Five pages from his cv, listing his publications.
- From a man with initials [REDACTED], from Pol Sci: A two-page letter addressed to Donna Perry, explaining that he is not completing the survey because he is in the Army at age 25, and then sketching the evolution of his thinking.
- From a man with initials [REDACTED], from Pol Sci: A one-page letter addressed to Donna Perry, explaining that at age 25 he was not thinking about policy issues. Included a book catalog he is involved in.

The following 4 items are neither ID number-identified nor correspondent identified (nor Membership identified):

- A single piece of white lined paper (that had been tri-folded), on one side saying: "Keep separately from returned survey," and on the other side, "I would like to receive a copy of the results and to know who the PI on this study is. [gives email address]"
- Two ms pages listing a 16 point answer to "Q 51 Factors, influences and events that led me to change my views"

- A completed survey with the ID and discipline torn off. *This survey has been retroactively processed (April 2004). Based on the correspondents answer to Q39 (indicating that his PhD was in Pol. Sci.), we have placed him in the Pol Sci group and assigned him the novel ID number 5999.2.*
- A final page of the survey (hence discipline not identified) with annotation: “In the current climate of incipient McCarthyism I decline to participate – who knows what or who Ashcroft has in his sights.”

8 cover-letters, unmatched to the survey code, and without any annotations

7 returned cover-letter, unmatched to the survey code, and with annotations.

Note: one of the annotations says: “I already did this survey. Re: APSA” This respondent presumably also received a survey from the PHIL mailing.

8 returned postcards, unmatched to the survey code, and with annotations

Note: two of the annotations report that the addressee (initials [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]) has passed away (both are from Hist).

2 Items that led to deletions from the “Denominator”

Phil 848: Blank. Addressee wrote on the survey: “This is the 2nd survey I received from you. I mailed the first around Mr. 15”

Pol Sci 662: Blank. Someone wrote on the survey: “On leave – Unable to do.”