

Group I - ABC version - proposal two.txt
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Topic: "Do You Believe In The Influence Of Intangible Forces?"

A. It's always interesting to discover how much control people feel they really have over their own lives, and how much influence they feel fate, destiny, God etc. have on their day-to-day existences. This probably wouldn't be conducted for any sort of dire reason -- it's more for the simple interest in humanity, to figure out why people do what they do, and how much they hold themselves accountable.

B. These will need to be tidied up and whittled down, but here's what came of our brainstorming session with regards to potential questions:

"Do you believe in fate?"

"Do you believe in the influence of intangible forces that cannot be explained by science?" (this one will need to be made RELATEABLE!!

"Do you believe in God or any sort of diety?"

"To what degree do these unseen forces affect your life?"

"How would you characterize this influence: good, neutral, or bad?"

C. As mentioned in an earlier email, there were no relevant legitimate studies that we were able to find, although it seems as though it must exist somewhere!