

**Appendix E:
Open Ends**

**Danville Social Capital Survey
Responses to Open Ended Questions**

Q_ACTIONS: I care about what others in my community think of my actions.

I seldom see my neighbors. We are somewhat isolated and busy with work.

Q_ADVOCATE: In the last two years, have you worked with others to try and solve a problem at the state or national level?

Advocacy by phone calls and letter writing.

I have, but in connection with my job.

No, but I intend to. My son was burned in a science experiment at school. School board refused to pay for clothing that was burned and medical bills. They are covered under sovereignty of immunity law. We had told them we were not interested in a lawsuit, but we thought the immediate bills should have been covered. I plan to write the senator.

Q_AFFECTED: Has the recent economic downturn directly affected your household either positively or negatively?

It hasn't affected me financially but it does look like our household bills have gone up a little.

Not particularly, but it would have had I not be forced to retire due to disability. My company shut down so I would have lost my job.

Q_APPTCALL: In the last 12 months, did you call a doctor's office in the Danville region for an appointment? IF NECESSARY: The "Danville region" includes Caswell and Pittsylvania counties.

All of my doctors are in the Burlington area which is about the same distance from Danville.

Campbell County.

Go to a doctor in Carolina.

Hear that it isn't the easiest thing to do.

This includes dentist.

Veteran's medical hospital in Durham - VA Medical Center.

Q_AREA: How would you describe the area in which you live?

On the edge of the city.

Q_CAMPAIGN: In the last two years, have you participated in a political campaign? IV: CONTRIBUTING MONEY COUNTS AS PARTICIPATION.

Not other than putting up a sign.
Republican national convention.

Q_CELLCOMP: You mentioned before that you have a landline telephone at home as well as a cell phone. Thinking about all the telephone calls that you and other members of your household make and receive, would you say that...

Cell doesn't pick up signal at home well.
Cell phone reception did not used to be good, is improving.
Does not have a landline. It is Vontage over the computer and she uses that most of the time instead of the cell phone.
Does not have cell phone.

Q_CHAL: What do you think are the biggest challenges that children and youth face in the Danville region?

14% unemployment and no one is hiring.
A lot of crime here right now.
A low priority within the family on higher education.
A rising crime rate; generally and robbery.
Academic and white collar jobs.
After high school job opportunities.
Alcohol and tobacco.
Alcohol, street crime and poverty.
Alcohol.
Area is racist which affects schools, community living.
Bad neighborhoods.
Being properly prepared for the job market.
Being trained for jobs.
Better educational opportunities.
Boredom.
Bullied at school.
Bullying in the schools.
Can't afford college. Violence in the city.
Closed-minded parents. Have only lived here. Don't think kids need to better themselves.
College tuition, finishing school.
Crime and education and there is nothing for them to do like youth activities.
Crime is a problem.
Crime issues
Crime rate.
Crime rate's going up.
Crime.
Crime.

Crime.
Crime.
Crime.
Culture, low income area, school system.
Danville is a rough place to bring up kids. Oppression and the depressed economy know no boundaries.
Discipline.
Discrimination.
Drinking. Just alcohol.
Due to bid government decisions in the past.
Each other as in school bullies. Criticism of and competition with each other to avoid becoming the target of others.
Economy affects them more than we think, abuse; and also they have to think about more complex world than we did. Have lots of choices.
Education
Education and lack of resources generally. Schools are struggling and there are not a lot of outlets for children whether it be things like extracurricular activities and even playgrounds.
Education is not what it should in local colleges as well as high school. General poverty and high fuel prices compound the problem of the lack of jobs because people have to travel or commute distances to find employment.
Education, culture and demographics.
Education.
Education.
Education.
Education.
Educational system is not challenging or rigorous.
Face crime here.
Finances. Peer pressure.
Funds to be able to further their education.
General crime.
General lack of health provision.
Getting out of the city of Danville.
Getting the help that they need.
Guns and slums, also.
Hard economic times.
Hate crimes and discrimination.
Health care.
Higher education costs. Average costs are going up.
Homelessness for children.
Homework and what they expect in school are too much compared to what we had to do.
How to get out of Dodge.
I am disappointed in school system. No activity for youth. No jobs.
I think the parents should take children to worship services.
Illegal activities because there is nothing to do.
Inconsistent adults.
Isolated atmosphere. No opportunities to move on unless family is well known.
Job security.
Lack of cultural opportunities.

Lack of cultural variety.
Lack of education.
Lack of higher education facilities.
Lack of job diversity.
Lack of motivation to succeed. Lack of examples of success.
Lack of opportunities for learning about what it is they need because they are so isolated. They don't realize what types of avenues they can take. They have to stop being brain-washed by the people in the community.
Lack of opportunity for the future, career path, professional opportunity.
Lack of special incentives for students in course offerings.
Lots of peer pressure. Students need guidance to put them in the right direction.
Low emphasis on education.
More lawful enforcement is needed and should be more visible in order to lessen crime in the region.
More positive environment, better role models.
Most problems facing youth stem from drugs.
My children are a minority in this school region, a lot of learning-disabled children hold others back.
Need age-appropriate activities.
Neglect.
No educational opportunities in the area after high school.
No jobs for their parents who support them.
No opportunities.
No rigorous education opportunities.
Not a lot going on for young kids.
Not being engaged in positive activities which they find meaningful or rewarding.
Not enough cultural things for them to do.
Not enough educated people and racism.
Not enough extra curricular activities that aren't structured like gyms. There are a lot through the school but once they get older there is very little for them to do besides cruise around and get in trouble.
Not enough gyms, enough to do. You can only go to the mall so many times.
Not having enough money to go to college.
Nothing to do.
Only jobs are retail or very specialized jobs.
Opportunities for just about everything.
Opportunities.
Opportunity.
Parents in the region are not involved in their children's lives, schools, morals and overall parenting.
Peer pressure
Peer pressure has a lot to do with how youth discipline themselves in this day and time.
Peer pressure.
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Peer pressures.
Positive role models.
Poverty and less variety of jobs than big city.
Poverty.
Prejudice.
Pressure, abuse and neglect.
Qualifying for getting in a good college or getting a job. Challenge is also receiving a quality education.
Quality education.
Quality of health care here in the hospital in Danville.
Race issues, not much here, no activities for them, not much to do outside of school.
Race problems, poverty.
Racial issues, specifically discrimination. Some of the colored children are pretty wild.
Racism.
Religion, getting children involved in church.
Safety.
Schools not educating children enough.
Schools should allow scout programs to recruit in school to spread character education and foundations should provide money for such programs. Community doesn't see the value of such programs.
Sexuality and promiscuity.
Single parent home, no opportunities to excel.
So much crime.
Social and race challenges.
SOL testing is the only testing they go by.
Staying out of trouble, things like carrying guns. It is just like any major city around here even though it is small.
Stealing, because of the economy.
That our school systems are behind compared to other regions in the state in regards to technology and such.
The ability to achieve their goals educational or otherwise.
The amount of education.
The economic situation affects them more than we think.
The economic situation.
The economy.
There isn't a safe place for the children to go to.
They're running around at night cussing and drinking and smoking. The convenience stores here are letting them buy it.
Too much crime and inadequate law enforcement.
Too much sexual activity.
Transportation.

Trying to 'fit in'.
Trying to stay focused.
TV is not good for them because they think they can do what they see on TV and that is not reality.
Very high number of kids who go on to the military to bridge a gap - that is a problem.
Violence - young men committing crimes.
Violence and peer pressure.
Violence throughout Danville.
Violence, including guns.
Violence.
Violence.
We need more higher education. Local community college programs here are limited.
Young people getting guns.

Q_ CHILDRN: How would you rate the Danville region as a place to raise children?

Varies.
In the whole region - Danville is not good any more (poor) but Caswell and Pittsylvania are.
Low crime, not many drugs.
Worse in Danville.
Because of schools.
County good, city not good.
I don't know anything about Danville. I don't even know how to get there.
Very different in the different regions. Danville is poor and that's where my experience is.

Q_ CHURCH: In the last 12 months, have you been involved in any activities related to religious, spiritual, or church-sponsored groups [such as a homeless shelter, food bank, church committee, choir, or Bible study group]?

Donated to food bank.
I support them financially.

Q_ CITYVOTE: How often do you vote in Danville OR Danville elections?

Mostly just presidential elections; travels a lot.
Not in local, only in presidential.
Not registered to vote.
Not registered.
Pittsylvania County.
Previously voted sometimes - is now ineligible.
Registered in SC.
She never voted.

Q_CLOSEREL: Do you have any close relatives who live within walking distance of your home?

A half-hour walk.
Wife's relatives
Yes, the same previously counted person but she wouldn't walk because she's 86 years old.

Q_COMMON: I feel I have a lot in common with the people who live in this community.

Feel very isolated. Feel like it's the 1950's. You cannot have economic growth without cultural growth and the leaders do not support cultural change. Need to loosen the strangle they have on the community like fundamentalist ideals, etc.
There is a mixed community. I am retired and identify with those that she lives with but not so much with the younger families.

Q_COMMUTE: On a typical day, about how long does it take you to get to work?

Commute to Danville 17, to Greensboro, 30.
Contractor, anywhere from five minutes to two hours.
I am a merchandiser and go to different stores.
I walk.
It depends on where I'm going.
Trucking company. I am on the road in different states. Come home on weekend.
Typically I take the kids to three different schools on the way to work which takes over an hour. But direct drive from home to work only minutes.
Work at home.
Work in home - a barber.
Work out of home.

Q_COMPARE: How would you rate Danville as a place to live compared to other counties or cities where you have lived?

Came from Charleston. I have lived in Lynchburg. Danville is so hurt by economics. Everyone here is so negative. I don't feel as negative about it. Of course I came with a job. We are trying to build the economy.
Going down due to industrial park.
It is conservative. Don't do much.
The pay scale's not that good.

Q_DAYS SAFE: How safe do you feel in your neighborhood during the day?

Got robbed in front yard last year.
Have been broken into once already.
Next door neighbor had break-in in daylight.

Q_EDUC: What is the highest level of education you completed?

Didn't finish 9th.
Fourth grade.
Masters next month.
Plus some business courses.
Plus some classes offered by the state.
Some college and professional school.
Still in school.
Two years of college .A cosmetology certificate.

Q_EMPLOY: Next, I would like to ask a few questions about work. Are you currently...

Also a full-time student.
Declined to answer.
Doing private homecare.
I had to quit my job to care for my mother who has Alzheimer's.
On maternity leave.
Only works sometimes because he is a construction worker.
Partial work. Work a few weeks at a time.
Retired but gets disability payments.
Retired from military, but currently unemployed in civilian sector.
Scheduled part time but I usually work full time.
Seasonal work.
Seasonal. Work 6-7 days when I work.
Self employed
Self employed.
Self-employed as a farmer.
Self-employed.
Volunteer administration. Assistant at church for 11 years.

Q_FEELPART: How important is it to you to feel a part of the community?

But I feel isolated because I live in an isolated place. I have no vehicle and my age. I have a disabled daughter who lives with me and we provide for each other as caretakers.
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Q_FIVEYEAR: Would you like to be living in this same community five years from now?

If a better opportunity comes I wouldn't, but if not it is ok. I'm around family.
If it got better economically.
It depends. If I have children, I would want to stay here.

Q_FUTUREB:

Afraid it may drop because of unemployment and increase in vandalism.
Considering the economy neither up nor down.
Due to lack of funding for further education.
Hoping for a five.
Live in Danville.
Property taxes going up.

Q_GETAPPT: How easy was it to get an appointment when you needed it?

Because it was my regular doctor.
Did not make an appointment.
Generally it is somewhat easy, but if it is an emergency it is difficult. I
Make it while I am there, since I have to go twice a year.
Needed a referral so had to go to the clinic.
You get into the office but do not see the doctor - you see the Physician Assistant.

Q_GROUPS: I'm going to read a list of types of organizations and for each one I'd like to know if you have been a member of any such group during the last twelve months.

Alumni group.
American Legion and BFW.
At the church, senior club at church.
City Council.
Disabled American Veterans and American Legions.
Go every Sunday but not officially inducted as member.
I am a public notary, would that fit into any of the groups.
I used to volunteer work at the VA hospital but not since I took ill.
I work in a nursing home.
In the process of being apart of Project Smile.
Neighborhood watch.
Not a member but very involved with it because of friends who are members.
Not sure if MS society would count and multiple sclerosis.
Parish nurse.
Red Hat Organization.
Sometimes I contribute money to them.
The Red Hatters.
Trade or business associations: Business Women's Club, Salvation Army and a little involved with Alzheimer's group.
We home school.

Q_HEALTH: In general would you say your health is . . .

Blood pressure is good and no heart attacks or cancer. Those types of things are good but I have things that cause pain to the point where I'm not able to work and that makes it hard on me but I think of health as being other things and these things make it hard for me to get around.

Q_HOURSVOL: About how many hours per month, on average, do you spend volunteering for organizations?

About six hours a month on advocacy work.

Q_HOURWORK: About how many hours do you work in the average week? Count everything, including extra jobs or paid work you do at home.

When working.
Work four days out of the week on the road as a truck driver.

Q_HOWLONG: How long have you lived at your current address?

Previously lived at home for 32 years but drug problems got so bad I had to move.

Q_IMPACT: Overall, how often do you think people like you have an impact in making Danville a better place to live?

Have little trust in politicians.
Live in Pittsylvania.
People who are not from Danville are not welcomed. Change is not welcomed by people who live in the community and are closed-minded.
Retired persons and those that are sick like me can't do much so I don't think I have much of an impact.
They do what they want to. They don't listen to the people.
This place is run by cliques and elites.
Usually because it's controlled by people like the Foundation.

Q_IMPLIVE: It is very important to me to live in this particular area.

I could live in another area.
This town - strongly agree. Area in the United States - strongly disagree

Q_IMPOR: I am going to read you a list of items concerning children and youth. After I read each one, please tell me how important you think it is for your community to devote resources to it.

Access should not be based on income level. Any child whose parents pay taxes should be able to attend preschool. People who are too lazy to get out and work shouldn't be allowed to get a hand out. They're abusing the programs.
Daughter home-schools three adopted kids. One is special needs and two are crack positive. Her taxes go to the schools. She could use some help.
Depends on what you define as low-income.
Have to define disadvantaged before I can answer. Important for the truly disadvantaged but not 100 for other 'disadvantaged'.
I think that some disadvantaged families are often in that state because of the parent's drug or alcohol abuse.
I would be wondering whether they were conservative educational programs. The conservative education, such as abstinence, is more needed; not more sex education.
Important depends, some work hard and some don't deserve it.
It's not up to the community. It should come from Federal and state taxes and from the Lottery that they said that's where it was going to go for.
My son was denied entry into Head Start because our income was too low and then too high to be eligible. So, it's good that they now have it in the public schools.
Think that they are getting the wrong education because they are teaching with computers and everyone cannot run computers. Need to teach them how to do skills because they don't need computers.
Unsure we can afford it.
Very important though misused a lot.
We have so many people in need but it is a fact that some bring these problems on themselves. I see poverty-stricken people playing the lottery. Some of them expect the state to fund everything. Not everyone, of course.
We have that with free clinic.

Q_JOBURED: Other than a high school diploma, was a specific degree or certification required for your current position?

A cosmetology license.
Depends on when you got started. When I started it was not required but now I believe it is.
Has a PH.D.
Is a mechanic. Now others do need to be certified, but I am not because I have been in the field for 20 years.

Q_JOBLOCAT:

A job located in Gilford, County, Greensboro, NC.
All over the state.
Altavista
Altavista, located in Campbell County.
Altavista, VA.

Altavista, VA.
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Altavista.
Altavista.
Altavista.
Backyard.
Bedford County.
Blairs.
Both city of Danville and Pittsylvania County; self-employed.
Burlington
Burlington.
Campbell County.
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Campbell county.
Chapel Hill, NC.
Chatham, VA.
Chatham.
Chatham.
City of Burlington, NC, within Alamance County.
Company in Plano, TX. E-mail me to go to all stores.
Durham, NC.
Eden, NC.
Eden, NC.
Eden, Rockingham County, NC.
Everywhere.
Falls Church VA. A grad student in Arlington.
Florida to Alexander, VA.
Forest Virginia.
Forest.
Forest.
Franklin Co-Smith Mountain Lake.
Franklin County
Full time job is in Danville and part time job is in Pittsylvania.
George Mason University.
Gilford County, NC.
Greensboro NC.
Greensboro, NC.
Greensboro, NC.
Greensboro, NC.
Gretna.
Guilford County, NC.
Halifax County.
Halifax.
Haw River - Alamance County.
Henry County, VA.

Henry County.
Home.
Home.
I go different places; janitorial service.
Job located in Blairs, VA.
Job located in Franklin County.
Lynchburg.
Lynchburg.
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Lynchburgh.
MAartinsville, VA.
Martinsville
Martinsville City, VA.
Martinsville, Henry County, VA.
Martinsville, Henry County.
Martinsville.
Martinsville.
Martinsville.
Martinsville.
Mebane County.
Moorisville.
North Carolina.
North Carolina.
North Carolina.
Office in Martinsville but I run from Pittsylvania to upstate New York.
One in Danville, one in Greensboro.
One is in Canville; other in Pittsylvania.
Out of my car - go all the way to Martinsville and Altavista.
Person County, NC.
Person County.
Ringgold.
Roanoke County.
Rockingham County, NC.
Rockingham County, NC.
Rockingham County.
Rockingham County.
Rockingham County.
Rockingham, NC.
Rockingham, NC.
Roxboro NC.
Rustburg, Campbell County.
Self-employed all over the area.
Self-employed, works out of my house.
Some in Pittsylvania and Caswell.
South Boston.
South Boston.
The office is in Smith Mountain Dam, Pittsylvania but the work, safety work for American Hydro Electric Power is in five states: VA, WV, OH, IN and MI.
Timberlake, NC.

Truck driver long distance throughout the country. Headquartered in Eden, NC.
Varies from VA to NC
Work at home but also out in the field a lot throughout VA.
Yanceyville, NC.

Q_MOVEAWAY: Everyone hopes for a good life for their children. When a child from the Danville region is ready to leave home, do you think it would be better for them to stay in the Danville region or move to some other area to live?

According to the way they act. If they're good it would be all right to stay. With children now, you can't tell them anything.
Around here there are not many choices right now. It will probably not change. Young have to leave to get jobs and education.
At the present time they need to look for somewhere else to live because of the job situation.
Because of job market.
Better to move on now because of the job situation but thinks it is a good area in which to stay.
Bo out of Danville but stay in the Piedmont area.
Depends on career choice.
Depends on how well the child has done in school and what the child wants for the rest of his life. Must move for higher income jobs.
Depends on if the jobs are in the Danville region. Richmond is where most of the jobs are.
Depends on if they are in a field that is needed here, like my daughter is in the medical field.
Depends on if they can get job and what their field is.
Depends on if they want to make money and work for a corporation or if they want to enjoy a good family environment. For former; move. For latter; they could stay.
Depends on job opportunities.
Depends on the career of choice.
Depends on the child and what he or she wants to do. Some do better here and a living can be made here, others need to go elsewhere.
Depends on the child.
Depends on the economy of the time and what jobs are available.
Depends on the education level and money, but it is a good place.
Depends on the job they need. Most would love to stay but it is impossible.
Depends on the person.
Depends on their career choice.
Depends on their circumstances and what they expect to accomplish.
Depends on their profession.
Depends on what career they want.
Depends on what jobs are available and what their career is.
Depends on what jobs are available.
Depends on what kind of life they want to live.
Depends on what the child wants to do.
Depends on what they are looking for. Not a lot of technology.
Depends on what they are pursuing.

Depends on what they want
Depends on what they want personally.
Depends on what they want to do, if you wanted to be a geologist you couldn't make a living here. Farming used to be good here, but now you can't make a living here. You need to get a second job to support.
Depends on what they want to do.
Depends on what they want to do.
Depends on what they want to do.
Depends on what they want.
Depends on what they're pursuing.
Depends on what type of job their looking for.
Depends on what you're trying to do.
Depends on whether they can find a job here.
Depends upon employment opportunities.
Depends upon the child.
Depends. May need to go to larger city for better pay.
Economy.
Everything in Danville is just about gone so you'd have to go out of town to get a good job.
For employment.
For well-paid career leave but for low tech stay and stay with family connections.
Have to leave for a good job.
I think they should go to college in Virginia.
I'd love to say stay here but I really don't know.
If they are going away to school or get a good job.
If they want a country life or a city life. With more to do they need to move.
If they're planning on improving themselves, they'll need to leave to do so because the economy is not that good here. There are no good jobs in this area.
It all depends on the jobs. There are no good jobs here. They may have to go for that.
It all depends on what job they're looking for because jobs are kind of scarce around here; plants are closing down.
It all depends on what they want to do as a career because there's not much in the way of jobs in this area.
It depends on what kind of field they want to do.
It depends on whatever job opportunity is available. If there is a job here, he should stay. If not, he should go where he can find adequate employment.
It depends on where they would go to live outside the Danville region.
It depends upon the career path that the student has chosen.
It depends upon what their goals are.
It has nothing in the economy to offer, except medical and stuff like that.
It is optional dependent on the person.
It will depend on what the child's future plans are.
It would be better for the region if we could find some way to make it worthwhile for them to stay, but for them individually probably better for them to go pursue opportunities elsewhere.
It would be up to them.
It would depend on the type of job or career they seek.
It would depend on what they were trained for or if they could make a decent living for themselves.

It'll depend on whether there are job and other opportunities available to them in the region.
It's a personal thing. People have to decide for themselves.
Jobs for college grads are not here.
Move somewhere and then come back. You need to know what the rest of the world is like first.
Need to leave a little while. The grass is always greener. Then come back and raise their kids.
Need to leave to go to school and then come back.
No jobs.
No jobs.
Not always possible.
Not if they have college education.
Not my decision.
On individual goals. But expect for the job market and because there are so many uneducated people in Danville who can't fill the new high-up jobs. The reason we have the highest unemployment rate in Virginia, but other than that a great place.
On person and their goals.
On the job market.
On the job. Not a bad place to live.
On the type of work they want to do.
On what kind of work they want. Stay in the area if possible.
On what they are doing.
On what they are interested in doing and what job opportunities they are looking for.
On what they most want to do.
On what they want to do with their life. I hope they'd stay.
Only stay in region if education or medicine. Otherwise they should leave.
Other things to consider.
Plants are shutting down - don't know.
Right now is not a good time for people to stay because there are no jobs available, but I would like that to improve so the young people could have the opportunities to stay here instead of leaving.
Right now it is better to go someplace else. There is very little opportunity right now.
Right now there are no jobs, but it may not always be that way. It is the same as everywhere else. It is a good place to live. Some kids want to leave home right after high school and then when they get away they want to come back, so I think it's that good.
So many employers have closed down.
Sometimes there are no opportunities here.
That depends on what they're going to do. If the jobs are here that they've trained for then they're better to stay. If not than to move away. That depends on the individual.
There is not much opportunity because of jobs.
They might not be prepared to live in another area, while staying in Danville will not provide jobs.
They need to leave because the economy is pushing them out.
Up to the child.
Up to them. My son and granddaughter both said they would not come back.
We have 13% unemployment, but all communities are having trouble.
What their skills are.

What they are going to school for is furthering education.
What they prefer to do in life. Some jobs are absent.
What they wish to gain.
Whatever they decide.
When the job market was better it was ok for them to stay here but now I'm not so sure.
With the economy the way it is right now, it's hard to answer.
With the economy the way it is, they have to move. No jobs in Martinsville and Danville.
You stayed, one left, both ok.

Q_NEGATIVE: How has the recent economic downturn affected you negatively?

A lot of people, dependents and relatives, need help.
Affected my trucking business.
Be more careful about spending money.
Because the money's not flowing.
Both household members stand the possibility of job loss by the end of this year.
Business has gone down and many businesses in the community have closed down due to the economy. There are many houses on my block for sale but sales are down due to the economy.
Caused me to retire.
Cost of housing repairs.
Credit card debt getting higher.
Cut hours.
Cutbacks at work.
Danville Regional Foundation was formed out of the sale of the property that they owned. It was sold by five board members to a profit organization behind the community's back. We didn't know until the sales went down. Also people that I care about have lost their jobs.
Decrease in work hours.
Decreased working hours.
Disabled and it took three years to get my disability.
Don't travel as much or participate with the neighbors as much.
Electricity is higher, things slowing down at job.
Family members lost jobs.
Fear of losing job.
Financially, mentally, and physically.
Fixed income and everything dealing with the upkeep of the home has gone up; light bills, electricity, etc.
Fixed income, disability.
Gas prices.
Removed savings through investment income.
General mixture because of lack of income.
Goodyear has cut back on my husband's work time and was changed to a different shift.
Had to change job shifts.
Had to sell my home in Roanoke because I couldn't afford it. Had to pay for in-laws' medical care.
Hard to buy things. Insurance company is changing its mind about what medications to pay for.

Harder financially.
Harder to do business. I'm in sales. People have less money to buy.
Has to be very careful on how money is spent. Can't do extra things.
Having to do more to make money (time wise) and you are not able to do as much with your money now.
Having to support a brother and sister who lost their jobs..
Health has gotten worse. One one person is making money in the household of four.
Helping out family or friends financially. Daughter had cancer and job being liquidated.
Higher property taxes.
Higher taxes.
Husband laid off for a year.
Husband laid off one month ago.
Husband laid off.
Husband was made to go on 'short hours'.
I live alone and have to depend on my daughter for help. I'm 78.
I work on straight commission.
If the price of gas goes back up.
I'm a private school teacher and I may lose my job or suffer reduced income as a result, but I won't know till June.
I'm a realtor and the market for housing has affected my income.
I'm on a fixed income. So relative to higher costs there is a loss of income power.
Increase in gas. More expensive to purchase things.
Job went from five days to two.
Loss in my investment.
Loss of clients or business due to downturn.
loss of hours.
Loss of social life. Emotional and mental stress.
Lost so much on the stock market and won't get a raise next year. I hope I'll have a job.
Might lose job.
More careful of spending habits.
More stress.
My family lives a long distance from me and the cost of gas makes it difficult for us to travel to visit one another.
My husband's been out of work.
My mom is in the hospital a lot, so our medical bills are way up there. Also, I smoke, and cigarette prices keep going up.
Need a new car.
Never had a lot of economic opportunities.
No help available for us as senior citizens.
No, extra income with part time sitter work.
Nothing left in the town. Have to drive further for any businesses.
On disability.
Overall monetary shortness.
Own a small construction company. Less work.
Pittsylvania school system has cut back on what they offer the kids. Also increase in need to give to people.
Property taxes.
Quality of life has gone down.
Respondent says downtime at work.

Savings plans, 401K, investments.
Self employed in real estate so we've lost more of our industry work thanks to the local politicians. All our manufacturing jobs are gone and now bringing in high tech companies that require fewer workers. All this in the name of progress is making Danville a ghost town. My income has gone down 3/4s.
Shorter work hours and week going to four day week
Six grandchildren in college and want to help them more.
Slower rate of production.
Stock market, lost money in that.
Stock market.
Taxes.
Tent is increasing next month and can't afford it.
That others have lost their jobs affects me.
The city taxes are higher.
The downturn has caused the family to be a little more conservative.
The economic downturn has caused me to downsize and make adjustments in my lifestyle.
Things are not how they used to be.
Things are slow at my job.
Tractor trailer driver and work is really slow now.
Two children are away at college and they will not return to the region because of the economic down-turn.
Unable to get real estate loan approvals.
We buy generics, turn off lights. Wife is working every other week now.
Will lose job in December 2009.
Worry about banking system and life insurance - will it be there?
Worry about my job.
Worrying about job losses.

Q_NEIGHBOR: About how many neighbors do you know on a first-name basis?

Have lots of relatives who have homes around me. Otherwise pretty isolated.
Lives across street from cemetery. Few nearby houses are currently empty.
Used to know them all, but many have moved on.
You have to drive to get to them but one or two.

Q_NITESAFE: How safe do you feel in your neighborhood during the night?

Broke into a couple of years ago.
Home invasions and people roaming around at night which we never had before.
Lock automatically at night for neighborhood.
She only feels safe because she has a home security system.
Very safe as long as I have my pistol.

Q_OFFICER: In the past 12 months, have you served as an officer or served on a committee of any local club or organization?

Aneurysm preventing participation.
At church.

Q_OWNSHOME: Do you own your home, or are you renting your place of residence?

Actually owned by his wife.
Gave house to daughter and pays no bills.
He is a preacher, church pays for phone.
Home in another person's name.
Is renting to own will own it at the end of the year.
It is great grandmothers' house.
Just let me live here.
Leasing.
Live in parents home.
Live where housing is provided as part of compensation.
Live with mom and dad.
Live with parents.
Live with parents.
Live with parents.
Live with parents.
Living with someone else.
Living with someone.
Mortgage.
My son owns the home in which I live. I have life rights.
Neither rents nor owns. Lost their house.
Parent's home and it is paid for.
Rather not say.
Rent to own.
Share the residence with my mother who is the owner.

Q_PRESENT: In the last 12 months, have you made a public presentation?

Was on TV twice a month when on city council a year ago.
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Q_PROBLEM: In the last two years, have you worked with your neighbors to solve a neighborhood or community problem?

In SC.
No because I'm new to this neighborhood but the one I moved from I was very involved. I'm thinking about getting involved because our highways are not that good.
No problems here.
No problems.

No problems.
Not within in the last two years, but not recently in the last two years. In the past there were neighborhood watches, etc.

Q_PROTEST: In the last two years, have you participated in a demonstration, protest or boycott?

Only in writing and phone calls.

Q_PSCOL: Over the past five years, do you think the public schools in Danville have gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed the same in providing skills needed for pursuing a four-year college degree?

I am a retired educator.
Pittsylvania.
The SOL's have resulted in our teaching to the tests instead of giving these kids what they really need.
There are one or two schools that are qualified for providing skills needed for pursuing a four year degree, but not all in the area are qualified.
They are concentrating on SOLs. The kids are not learning anything and they are being stressed.

Q_PSJOB: Over the past five years, do you think the public schools in Danville have gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed the same in providing skills that will be useful in obtaining a job?

They are not giving children the jobs that need or the skills to obtain those jobs.
Uncertain about what they have really done vs. what they have talked about doing. There are lots of things that need to be done.

Q_PSSAT: Over the past five years, do you think the public schools in Danville gotten better, worse, or stayed the same?

Don't know anything about the schools because I do not have kids, however I knows that they get a lot of money so they should have a great system.
High school worse; grade school better.
I have lived here for over 20 years!
I think the teachers have gotten better but the students have gotten worse. So it evens out.
I would guess.
Pittsylvania.
Think it is still good but doesn't know anyone in school in the city of Danville.

Q_PUBMEET: How often in the past twelve months have you attended any public meeting in which there was a discussion of community or school affairs?

Disabled.
I follow the city council meetings on the TV and keep in touch with my council members.
Never in the last 12 months, but a few times in previous years
None in Pitts.
Watch them on Cable channel, city council, etc.
We haven't had any that I know of but I try to keep up on them.

Q_QUALITY: Where on a scale would you rate Danville as a place to live?

A good retirement area but not if you have to work or for young people.
Because of unemployment.
My area.
My community.
My part.
Where I live.
Where I live.

Q_RCOMM: Before I say good-bye, are there any other comments you'd like to make?

83 years old and still in great shape but I used to be a member and involved in lots of things - just finished a course in cake decoration. Volunteered for Obama campaign.
About cell phones - we live in a "hole" so I would like to use it more where you can't get service.
About the Foundation: the Foundation started off as a non-profit. I think now that no one does the jobs they are suppose to do and no one there now uphold the qualities that it used to. The people of Danville are upset because they donated money and now 'crooks' came in are not doing right by it. This is because they sold the hospital and transferred the money to the foundation. After this happened then the services got poor at the hospital.
After school programs for students who need assistance, not based on who can pay, to improve there job and academic success and general job training for skills needed in Roanoke or Lynchburg if not here are my suggestions.
Almost all my incoming calls are on the landline, but I got a good deal on my cell phone service and I make all my outgoing calls on it.
Another university or university research center.
As you get older, it is hard to know what's happening in the schools. Also, I'm less involved in clubs without children.
At this point, like many others, I'm totally dissatisfied with LifePoint Hospital and I would go to Duke or Reedsville before I went to LifePoint again. Their facilities and services are deficient, their staff is inadequate and the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing. They ignored a red list of antibiotics to which I'm allergic and put one in my IV. So, like many others I have totally had enough of them.
Being born and raised here it is sad to see things as they are. The mall is on verge of bankruptcy. Everything is going out of business. You see a shopping center and there is

only one store. We need more to do. I was in VA beach for a conference and the difference was so huge. We need a change in the economy and growth.
Better hospital staffing. Quality control of conditions. Very bad experience with husband dying at Danville Hospital due to poor care. Recreation for young people to do at night to keep them out of trouble.
Can the Danville Regional Foundation do anything to make the VA Department of Education come up with a better system than the SOL testing system? It makes highly qualified teachers stop teaching kids life or educational skills and forces them to only teach skills to pass the SOL system itself. It's a situation where the schools themselves are receiving a grade and it becomes less about the students' grades. I took my kids out of public school and into private school because of this.
Caswell is Rural - when it snows and ices there is limited road clearing.
Community is not equipped for what the children need for the future. no matter how much you try to get community leaders together about the situation, they get nowhere. The crime rate in Danville region is very high. People break in, or people go onto others people's property. They have gangs in the city of Danville and crime has risen in last six months. Not a good place to raise children.
Concerned about crime increase and am afraid that particularly white students don't feel safe.
Create jobs provide fuel subsidies for elderly more help for young to gather after school in controlled interaction for community good.
Crime rate is terrible and it is getting worse. People come in and steal merchandise and you have seen person peeping in window. Crime in the country part of Danville is pretty bad but it is worse in the city of Danville.
Danville has a high rate of autistic students. Opportunities for disabled kids are lacking. The community should concentrate on the disabled. There should be opportunities available for the disabled, specifically autistic and ADHD. Forget socio-economical issues. Low income is a choice, disability is not.
Danville has the worst healthcare of any place that I know of. I would rather go 35 miles down the road instead of going to the hospital in this area.
Danville is a community in transition. It was agricultural, textiles and tobacco and now we're developing light industry and industrial park but those would be twenty years down the road to mature. We've got high speed internet. We've got industrial parks but we need industries to invest in the region or else we're going to die on the vine.
Danville is a good place to live. We've just lost some industry like other places.
Daughter. They had to leave and go to Halifax hospital to have her seen and the whole trip took only two hours where it would have been four. They were told at the ER here before they could be seen.
Distinction between county and city. County schools are better. County safer than the city. Rate of pay different in the city - higher paying jobs in the city.
Doesn't think the schools are particularly bad, but they are working on limited resources. Too many programs have been cut due to financial reasons.
Don't like the new regional hospital - don't have enough help there. After sold, it went downhill.
Don't like the new regional hospital - don't have enough help there. After sold, it went downhill. When have to go now - I have to go with your doctor though. And they need to clean it up.
Elected school board has made a huge improvement in the school system.
Even though I am disabled and all, I am trying to make an impact on my neighborhood. Trying to show them that in spite of my disability I can maintain my home.

Feel like the hospital is in trouble and needs help.
Find surveys difficult to answer.
Get rid of Congress, try to get our jobs back in the US and try to get ourselves out of debt. How are people going to pay taxes and spend money when no one is working? Start taking care of us and not other countries.
Great job especially in the voluntary Fire department. Low income support for health projects.
Health care alternative programs for special needs children.
Health care is hit-or-miss. It depends on the problem. Sometimes just going in everyday is a real trial and if you need to go to the hospital it is hard. Lots of difficulties in referrals being required and paperwork. Too many hoops to go through to get reasonable care and not people-friendly or client-based. Clinics not concerned with convenience for patients. Education services are okay.
Hopes that the economy will pick up because within the past five years, they have loss their jobs and are now having to work two jobs just to get by.
Hospital health care is in need of renovation, possibly new management. Speaking of Danville Regional Hospital, they need new ownership. The general attitude of the public - they have lost the faith in the administration and even doctors that we see now are no longer practicing at the hospital. You have to go 45 minutes outside the area to Lynchburg or Chapel Hill for care. That is the most disturbing part of the whole community.
I am a full-time student and will graduate in June. I said 'unemployed' on the employment question and couldn't go back to change the response to the correct one, 'student'.
I am a retired teacher.
I am retired and now working, for pay, for my church.
I am very involved in church in the community, and that is how I have met a lot of my friends.
I am working with a group trying to form a textile museum. I am conservative and not a joiner.
I appreciate the Foundation taking the time to do this. It is a great idea for our community. It is a very positive thing.
I don't know what they paid you to do this survey, but sometimes we need these things.
I feel that community and country's lack of respect for God and farmers has lead all to this point. Would like to see more support from local area for farmers and other agricultural projects.
I go to a doctor in Martinsville.
I have a choice of where I live and I like this place.
I hope I haven't delayed you in any way - I just couldn't answer some of your questions. I'm sorry.
I just hope this is a true call.
I just wonder how this is going to help the foundation.
I know the Regional Foundation so I thought I should probably respond.
I left for only two years. It was good to get a way but good to come home. I hope to live here the rest of my life.
I like living in this community but they need to do something about jobs. The new generations are going to want to move away from the community. They need to concentrate on jobs.
I like where I live a whole lot. It's a nice place to live.
I love the community, my job is not far away and the community is upstanding. It is a great place to live.

<p>I think Danville has an outstanding recreation department. They have a very active senior citizens group, a nice building and pages and pages and pages of things for little children, middle children, and teenagers to do. If you said there was nothing to do in Danville you would be a nitwit. Hospital is a big local issue. I think it is coming back up again. I hear more people happy than unhappy with it.</p>
<p>I think Danville is and has been a good community to live in, but because of unemployment and crime the community has suffered in recent years.</p>
<p>I think Danville is as good as any and I think the commonwealth's attorney we have is great - <i>[name deleted]</i> - he is fair to everyone and keeps crime under control.</p>
<p>I think our biggest problem is prosperity, more prosperity to hire people. It is a higher class of people that our expenses are based on for taxes or health insurance when a lot of people are living on low incomes or in poverty that are not getting help of any kind and are struggling to pay their medical bills, other bills, and taxes on their small homes. There are so many people living on 10 thousand dollars or less or on social security. People like me.</p>
<p>I think people should be made more aware of people like me with physical and mental problems and more awareness should be made of bi-polar problems. There are not enough places for people to get help. People need to know it is a disease and not that people are crazy. More awareness might result in more resources for people who need the help.</p>
<p>I think that something should be done reduce utility bills instead of giving it to groups who might not be using it properly.</p>
<p>I think the area will stay nice but I am very concerned about uranium mining. We are worried as a boarding school about what that will do to our market so I am opposed to expansion of mining activities. The company that owns mineral rights has bought up lots of adjoining land. There is a state-wide moratorium but I am concerned about it being lifted.</p>
<p>I think the Foundation has done well since they got some donations.</p>
<p>I wish they would be able to bring in more high-tech jobs. It seems like they are having trouble trying to do that and it would help to turn the economy around. We definitely need more doctors in the area. Just since we've lived here so many doctors have left and no new doctors are coming to replace them, so it is difficult to get a good doctor here. I know it has to do with the sale of the hospital with it being sold out from under the community.</p>
<p>I wish they would get more jobs so people would have something to do.</p>
<p>I wish we had a decent hospital.</p>
<p>I would like some stimulus money. I need some.</p>
<p>I would like to know where the funds went and were spent from sale of hospital.</p>
<p>I would like to see the Danville Regional Medical center improve and get a better reputation than they've had recently. Pittsylvania County needs more industry. I think if the crime rate would go down in the city of Danville, it would draw in a lot more people. It really is a beautiful city.</p>
<p>I would like to thank the Danville Regional Foundation for ruining Danville healthcare and for causing the nurses from the hospital to have to go to work an hour away from here because there aren't any jobs. I hope they enjoy <i>[expletive deleted]</i> because there's a big room waiting for them - all five of them. I call them the 'filthy 5'. The Danville Regional Foundation got \$208 million and how come that fund has lost \$50 million since they're so <i>[expletive deleted]</i> smart in the last three years?</p>
<p>I'd like to know how many local people have lost their businesses or jobs here in Danville? I'd like to know the numbers on that.</p>

I'd like to see more availability of programs and services for senior citizens. We are falling through the cracks. We're considered poor people, but we can't afford medications. I worked through social services for 27 years as an advocate. They cut the budget and I had to give up my part time job as a senior citizen advocate after I retired.
I'm an American. I'm a country boy born and raised in Caswell County.
I'm in the middle of Lynchburg, south Boston, Danville and Roanoke and you have to drive an hour-and-a-half to reach any kind of medical facility that can provide hospital services. All we have around here is a doctor's office and a rescue squad both of which are inadequate for a lot of serious medical emergencies. So we need some sort of local medical facility to alleviate that dearth.
I'm very sad about the educational system in Danville not preparing our students for when they go away to college. I'm just very glad that my last child is getting out of public school and going away.
Increase the kindergarten's area of teaching so pre schools are not necessary or at least make preschool available at a no cost basis for every child.
Industrial park and brick plant has caused me to rethink living here. I want those making decision to approach change based on what they would like in their backyards.
It has been hard to stop the flow of doctors leaving.
It would be nice if you had asked me if I wished to participate in the survey and it would be nice if they would make the results available to the public. I do not like the Danville Regional Foundation and consider its members a bunch of good old boys.
It's not a bad place to live or raise a family, though the job market needs to be put back on the right track - keep people from leaving the area for jobs elsewhere.
Lack of job. Lack of healthcare assistance, education assistance. Lack of local financial assistance for community. Lack of child recreation. Lack of support for Mentally Ill. Lack of family support for people. Lack of crisis support.
Like a lot of communities there is a representative group. They are talking about mining uranium and there are pros and cons to it but things like that people myself can't control anyway, the newspapers and such are making a lot of fuss about it. I'm just homebound because my illness and back problems. We have been losing a lot of our doctors. I had to go to Lynchburg to have back surgery.
Losing too many jobs.
More events in Carrington Pavilion for the community. Activities. Support VIR more since it has given a lot of support to the community.
More jobs in the city and more opportunities so they do not have to move away.
My child goes to public school, but it is a public school in Franklin County - that tells you something. I live near the border.
My health is much better since I started exercising regularly. I could lose a little weight.
My responses would have been a lot different if this survey was conducted when I was younger.
My wife is very sick can't do anything. Can't get help and I can't leave her to do anything. We are very upset with the Danville regional foundation. If you can help us we would greatly be thankful.
Need a new YMCA.
Need to keep jobs local instead of sending jobs to Mexico. Taxes should not be raised. Utility rates need to be reduced for those on fixed incomes and for people out of work.
Neighborhood has a house with junk and city hasn't responded to my efforts to get it cleaned up. They say they have, but the situation hasn't improved. It may be getting worse - looks like a junkyard within the city.
No jobs. They need to bring more jobs to the area.

<p>Now are these really going to use these results to try and make Danville a better place? It is horrible now and I hope I live to see it the results of this survey put into action.</p>
<p>Our family has lived in Macon, GA and Reidsville, NC. Macon was a larger town and there were more things to do, but in Reidsville there was nothing to do and we found that the housing was cheaper in Danville than in Reidsville. In Danville there are some activities to get involved in, like I joined the science museum which is a place that parents and children can enjoy. So Danville's nice because it's like living in the country but close to the city.</p>
<p>People have to help themselves nowadays, especially considering the economy being the way it is.</p>
<p>Pittsylvania County is probably the worst in the state on providing recreation activities. They have none, especially for the youth.</p>
<p>Please help Pittsylvania County get some jobs. We have kids graduating everyday and everyone cannot go to college.</p>
<p>Poor health prevents me from getting out.</p>
<p>Retired here from Northern Virginia because we have two sons in Greensboro. It's much quieter and no traffic. Did not know of the Foundation, but thought Caswell was much more resistant to change than Danville and Pittsylvania. The people do not want change.</p>
<p>School - promote quality teacher. More police. Support for neighborhood watch groups.</p>
<p>School system does not have uniforms; however, they have a ridiculous dress card.</p>
<p>Schools upgrade computer technology, stay current! Should not limit access of local doctors to their patients at Hospital! Should have a pain clinic Hospital should have more help - both paid and volunteer. This from a retired local nurse on full disability.</p>
<p>Schools - math, reading and band. Elderly - out reach for home maintenance and improved living conditions.</p>
<p>Schools and special ed. improvements.</p>
<p>Schools need more teachers trained to teach job-related skills. Guidance needs to support the completion of FASA applications for current and past students. Police should undergo random drug tests on a monthly basis.</p>
<p>Social service in Caswell and everywhere else they need to help the people who are in the community before helping outsiders. I've noticed that the Mexicans can come in and get help but they forget about the people who are already in the county. We have to live just like they do.</p>
<p>Solar and wind project manufactured locally - lots of open factory floors. Use local work-release convict as installer at job training sites.</p>
<p>Some of the questions on the survey can not be answered simply by selecting a one-word or pre-selected choice from the list. I live out in the 'boonies' and my situation is quite different from those who live in the more built-up areas of the community, thus my answers to some of the questions have had to be simplified and do not necessarily reflect the extent of my opinions.</p>
<p>Spoke about the difficulty with the new hospital. Everybody thinks it is awful. Prefer to go to Duke. If you go to the new hospital, they do not even send a bill. They immediately send it to a collection agency. Used to work for Danville Mills and felt secure when you went to the hospital then as a result of the relationship with the Mills and the hospital. Those days are gone.</p>
<p>Taught for 37 years and just retired. Taught in Pittsylvania county schools. Enjoyed it all those years. Teaching is different now. I just didn't like it anymore. Will spend 20 days per year as a substitute as part of contract.</p>
<p>Tech job training cutting edge exposure for youth support scouts.</p>

Tell us to find us some industries so we can live here. I don't like second hand smoke either, but let's worry about other things. Let's get rid of drug dealers instead. Do things to help the community rather than standing on a soapbox.
The biggest problem here is no jobs.
The area lack of interstate highway connections hinders the regions ability to attract high paying jobs. Jobs are limited to service industries and retail that do not offer any opportunity to receive a decent level of pay or advancement.
The area needs stronger police force and the ability to enforce existing laws. If they enforce the existing laws, life would be 110% better.
The biggest concern to me is crime but fortunately in my neighborhood it is not a problem. In some of the poorer neighborhoods you have a lot of shootings and drug problems. In poor neighborhoods where people are buying and selling drugs. Last week a sixteen year old shot three people in one of the poorer neighborhoods. Juveniles just don't have the upbringing we had as children.
The culture really needs a change if they want to see economic change.
The Foundation distributed some of the money wisely, but some of it could be put in better places. I am not happy that they sold the hospital. It has gone down and it is trying to build back up. It went from a local hospital with people who had spent their life in this area. They are now bringing in a lot of people with no connection to region. There are many letters to the editor about emergency room conditions.
The hospital is disgusting and no one is going there. I recently visited the emergency room and there was blood all over the floor.
The hospital is the worst it has ever been. The medical facilities need to be improved and retain the decent doctors. Some of the foundation money should be used to build another hospital that would attract some qualified doctors. Now we have to wait so long to get a doctor.
The money's from Canada are coming down to the state of VA and Pittsylvania County and the local landowners who have uranium on their properties are working diligently to bring uranium mining to this county. It has a low level of water, the waters from this area are flowing to NC and into VA beach. There are communities that their whole water reservoir depends upon safe water that comes from this area. If polluted, the uranium half life is 300,000 years.
The state school system overall - everything is geared for SOLs. They are not teaching them fundamentals on anything anymore. They are teaching them how to pass a test.
There are a lot of run down neighborhoods. Would like for people to go into the most run down areas and buy them out and rebuild. Housing in the area is going in the wrong direction.
There are a number of families in the community, third and fourth generations, who own subsidies. These families take no initiative to take advantage of improvement programs or career development programs.
There is a price to pay for being so far away from town. It is easier to get to shopping if you live in town. I don't mind, but I notice it as I get older. I'm a carpenter and have to drive farther into town to get my supplies. I have to drive about 12 miles to get supplies that pertain to my work. 12 miles one way. We do have a little country store, but that's just groceries.

<p>There needs to be more drug education. Kids need to be told what drugs do to them. And kids are not disciplined. Teacher friends just do not want to teach any more. Also, older people need physical help. Regarding my job, I work for the State and was a heavy equipment operator. Now on trash detail. Just odd jobs. Budget cuts have us just picking up trash. No road work to do.</p>
<p>There's nothing to do. Absolutely nothing. The only thing to do here is movies. There's nothing for older people. There's nothing. No entertainment. There are no clubs even in the town. We have to go to North Carolina to get down. All we have are churches. The population is decreasing. There are no jobs and nothing to do here.</p>
<p>There's uranium within 10 miles of our house and they are trying to get permission to mine it. My husband is trying to stay on top of that. It's going to get a little tricky. We are frightened at the prospect.</p>
<p>They are thinking of mining uranium here close by and that would cause a lot of health problems for residents. I also go to Lynchburg for her health care; I would not go to Danville.</p>
<p>They have to do something about the crime around here. But traffic is nonexistent, it's a pleasure to drive around here, they have that going for them.</p>
<p>They need to get better doctors here and to make arrangements to make the hospital more accessible and beneficial to the regional community. They also need to make the grocery stores handicap accessible. The provisions for handicapped people in the area are inadequate. We're being driven into the ground.</p>
<p>This area has become very violent due to drugs.</p>
<p>This area has been hard hit with unemployment due to the loss of area manufacturing jobs.</p>
<p>This is a good place to live. I was born and raised here in Pittsylvania County, but I worked most of my life in Franklin County at a factory.</p>
<p>This is a very needy region and it needs to take a hard look at itself and open its' minds and educate the young people in a meaningful way. There is a lot of prejudice and ignorance in the community because people have not experienced beyond Danville. They don't even know what they need, that's how bad off they are. They need to know how to advocate for themselves and not to be afraid to speak up.</p>
<p>This is very important to me that somebody tried to find out what is going on and what is best for the community. Very important to me.</p>
<p>Too general.</p>
<p>Utilities are too expensive; crime and unemployment need to be addressed.</p>
<p>Very good questions, not intimidating for the participant.</p>
<p>Wait times at hospitals are excessive. Too short-handed.</p>
<p>We had our hospital. Hospital was sold with no input from the community.</p>
<p>We need more help with the poor here in Danville. Especially medical help. I am on Medicaid and Medicaid does not pay for dental work. My doctor is concerned. Our police force is doing a good job, but more needs to be done because of the drugs and violence. A lot here needs to be worked on.</p>
<p>We need more high education class in a state level. In Danville region.</p>
<p>We need more jobs. The hospital needs to do something. It seems like things have gone downhill since the hospital was sold. Doctors are leaving town. I worked for a doctor who was practicing in Danville for almost 20 years and he moved as a result of the situation in the town. Most people go out of town for care now. They are just not happy with the care here. The ER is really bad. I know first hand you have to wait for 4-10 hours.</p>

We need stronger economic base in this county so we can keep young people home in the county or to come back.
We've lost a lot of stuff, employment wise. A lot of people are getting laid off and right now its pretty bad. but I'm on a pension so I'm fine.
What kind of gift are you sending me? You mean I missed the end of NCIS with no gift coming?
When they ask about the public schools, if they would cut out the SOLs so the teachers could teach, the schools would be better in the entire Commonwealth. Schools are not allowed to teach what they need to teach. Legislators need to keep their noses out of education because they do not know what they are talking about. Quality education needs to be addressed. No SOLs.
When we moved to this particular community we're living in right now, the lots were primarily empty. The lots have filled up since then and this has led me to have a negative view of it - trash everywhere, kids running wild, drugs and alcohol, car racing up and down the road, etc. Maybe when the younger folk here grow up and go their own way the community will become better, but for now, I have a negative view of it.
When you get older, you sit pretty close to the area that you are in. And it s a community you are familiar with, and in this particular area people are middle-age or olds and not many young children. This makes a difference. Very high unemployment and this is a concern for everybody. Slight increase in crime and wouldn't be surprised if there was increase in more because of the community.
While her job pays well enough for the area, but you could make more money in areas outside the Danville region.
Why, when the first round of stimulus checks went out, those on disability and SSI, like myself, who only get a little over six hundred dollars per month, did not get our checks. I just think that was wrong when we didn't get one when everyone else did.
Wish that law enforcement was larger although I know there's a lot. Still need more patrols done. The county for future should be priorities on schools and education
Wish they could do something about the EMT in the region. I don't think it is the best.
Youth program focus on positive experience situations.

Q_RELIGION: Not including weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

Believe they should dissolve all the churches because they create a narrow perspective on certain issues and misconstrue a lot social issues.
Disabled and can't drive.
Disabled.
Hardly ever, there is not enough diversity.
I work every other weekend.
Used to go but unable now because of allergies.

Q_RESOURCE: What are some of the resources you have to draw on for help in solving community problems?

[Name deleted].
A friend who's a judge.
A member of city emergency community.

A relative is the mayor of a nearby city where I go every week.
AARP.
Access to grants.
Acquaintances that I've made from networking situations.
Am a worker for the City of Danville.
At the Danville Police Department.
Board of supervisors, school board.
Business organizations.
Call my house representative.
Can call state representative or congressman.
Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, friends, politicians.
Chamber of Commerce.
City Council.
College friends.
Congressman.
Congressman.
Congressman.
Congressmen and state legislator.
Congressmen.
Contact the senator and representative.
County commissioner.
County commissioner.
County commissioners.
Criminal justice people and lawyers.
Declined to answer.
Delegates and other family members..
Department of justice and government agencies.
DEQ - Department for Environmental Quality.
Different leaders, those holding political offices and such, in different communities.
Draw upon state representatives.
Editorials and people.
Elected officials.
Elected officials.
Family and friends.
Family members outside community.
Family members.
Family mostly.
Financial, political.
Friend in political office.
Friends and relatives.
Friends from college.
Friends in high places.
Friends, judges, lawyers and school board.
Friends.
Governor.
Habitat and food stamps.
Has family that I can contact within the government for issues that need to be resolved.
Have access to local and state representatives.
Health department, fire department.

I am academic and can network with other academics also has friend who is lobbyist.
I am on two state boards. I'm on the Pittsylvania advisory.
I am very active in VA Education Association and National Education Association.
I an aunt who works with a lot of organizations - NAACP etc.
I have elected officials.
I have friends who work in the government.
I have participated in statewide leadership programs and in doing so have met a number of people around the state.
I was a federal employee and know many people who can give answers to questions.
I'm a military man so I can talk to councilmen or people like that.
I'm a NRA recruiter.
I'm an educator, we draw on the VEA.
Individuals. Just individuals.
Internet - letters to government officials.
Internet sites.
Internet.
Jail Ministry.
Keeping the neighborhood like it is now.
Knights of Columbus and my church.
Know individuals who are politically involved.
Lawyers and friends.
Local churches.
Local leaders like the city council.
Local leaders, Chamber of Commerce and elected officials.
MDA, Regional Offices.
Member of several clubs that are geared towards community service: NEA, DEA, TEA.
Member of the Rotary Club, and a member the Caswell Chamber of Commerce and recently finished serving on the board of directors. Very good at networking with other people and fundraisers through other civic organizations.
My church and work at the Danville Police Department.
My church.
My church.
My church.
My job. I am an accountant and there are people I work with that have connections.
My local congressman. I have contacted him and I do not hesitate to do that.
My pastor and some constituents in this city.
My son and church.
NAACP, SCLC.
NAACP, Service Regions of Halifax county, political affiliates in Richmond, Reston and D.C.
NAACP.
National organizations - different ones for different areas.
Navy friends and have connections to US congressmen.
Neighborhood watch group.
Neighbors and county sheriff.
Never tried, but sure there are some.
Not able to say off hand because I'm officially blind. So I don't get to attend functions like I used to.
Not going to say.

NRA to answer questions and stuff and help regulate 2nd amendment to try to keep our rights.
Organizations.
Other contacts and counsel people within the county.
Other people in other towns who have similar problems.
Our local representative.
Parents, teachers, and friends.
People holding offices in government like governors, senators or whatever according to the need.
People we elect.
Person and elected official.
Police come to talk about the community watch.
Police officers.
Political contacts and community leaders.
Political representatives in our sister or brother churches.
Politically connected.
Politicians.
Politicians.
Politically influential people.
Preacher.
President of National Education Association local association - Pittsylvania, VA and National.
Probably my church.
Professional organizations that he belongs to.
Public officer.
Recording secretary for the union at her company. Draw on national resources.
Refuse to elaborate.
Relatives and an attorney I could contact.
Relatives and friends who have done this kind of thing and a relationship with some elected officials.
Relatives who don't live here.
Senator.
Senators and Representatives.
Senior Citizens Groups.
Sheriff.
Sister-in-law who worked with Democratic party.
Social Services.
Social Services.
Sorority sister is on city counseling. When having problems, call and talk to her. Police department - asks them questions and talks to them about concerns.
State agencies, Department of Military Affairs and citizens.
State Employee Association of North Carolina, and co-workers at Dept of Corrections.
State leaders.
State official.
State representative, NAACP.
State representatives.
the church and friends at the fire dept.
The church; the Virginia Association of Technology Councils; VA Interfaith Alliance.
The internet.

The NAACP. Leadership South Side. And I've been in several groups for socio-economic development of the area. The last one I just finished was with Virginia Tech where we analyzed our strengths and weaknesses and determined which way we want to go. I'm also on the board of Danville Community College, and I attend conferences, and also attend my sorority.
The people on the board in the city of Yanceyville.
The police force, our county school boards and the county supervisors.
The VA educators association, teachers union.
The Veteran's Organization.
Town hall chamber of commerce.
Union. Internet.
VFW.
Virgil Goode.
We have really good state legislators, very nice and easy to work with.
We have to look for them.
We know all the commissioners and members of board of education. Friends in other areas, too.
Will use a former congressman or turn to a politician.
Work in local government, and have access to other local governments.
Work in main grocery store. Know quite a few people in the town of Chatham who might help if needed.
Works in a different country and can draw on those resources; i.e.. police department in Greensboro.

Q_SCHLSAFE: How safe do you feel the Danville schools are for the students?

Because there is a lot of need and poverty which makes conditions unsafe for the students.
Becoming unsafe.
Depends on the age. High school is more unsafe.
Grade school.
It is not as safe as it used to be but compared to some of the others it is safe, I guess.
Schools vary, five elementary in county. My school is farther out than some others schools. Farther out and could used more patrolling.
There are a few schools I wouldn't feel safe at and then there are others I feel safe at.

Q_SCHOOLS: How would you rate the education provided by the public schools in the Danville?

Am a teacher.
Children in the Pittsylvania County school are much better than Danville Schools.
Don't know about city of Danville now, but 10 years ago it was good.
I'm not all that fond of public schools. I went to a private school and I like them better than public schools.
My child goes to Campbell County school I pay extra to do this.
My kids went to private schools.
My wife works for schools.

Not sure, my kids went to private schools and I worked in private schools for 20 some years.
Paying to have children go to Danville city schools because of academic programs.
Pittsylvania schools.
The education is fine its just the people who teaches it that I'm not sure about.
The schools are a lot better now than when I was younger.

Q_SHOPDAY: How safe do you feel in shopping areas in the community during the day?

Feel safe if there is security. Go where there are guards, like the mall.
Never leaves home without my gun and that makes me feel safe.
No shopping centers in the area.
There's no shopping areas in my area.

Q_SCHOPNITE: How safe do you feel in shopping areas in the community at night?

Chatham, not Danville.
Doesn't go out at night. Only rate based on what I've read.
I feel safe in some of them and not safe in some areas. But I guess I'll say safe.
Very unsafe because Danville is the closest area that has anything open at night.

Q_TRAINING: If you had the opportunity, how likely is it that you would take a special course or receive any special job training?

Diabetic and 72.
Taking 2 classes online now.

Q_TRUST: How much of the time do you think you can trust the local government to do what is right?

Anyone that has the word politician in their name, they are either a thief or a liar.
But it really depends on what part of government - school board or supervisors, etc.
Caswell district attorney <i>[name deleted]</i> who made a plea deals with several murder suspects. I feel that DA was too lenient and said she will never vote for him again.
I'm sure the individual who makes the decisions thinks he is doing the right thing. It may not necessarily reflect my opinion of what is right.
Problems with county supervisors town, functions well rating town as opposed to county.
They constantly have to make compromises between what they think is right and what the community expects of them. I feel sorry for them. They do noble duty just to even try.

Q_TYPEHOME: Which of the following best describes the place where you live?

A twin house.
Adult home.

Double wide.
Farm.
Modular home.
Nursing home.
Senior residence center.

Q_TYPEVOL: What types of organizations have you volunteered for?

Adopt a Highway, hospice, hospital.
Alzheimer's associations.
American Cancer society, Relay for Life, Operation Christmas Child.
Angel Food drive.
Animal shelter.
Assistance for unwed mothers. Emergency disaster relief. Prison ministry counted under religious.
Battered Women's Shelter in Danville.
Blue Lodge, a Masonic lodge and police department.
Boy Scouts.
Boys and Girls club.
Call center for drug problems, Dove for battered women.
Camp Selah.
Cancer groups, Habitat for Humanity, homeless shelter.
Charity and social organizations
Child identification.
Civil air patrol.
Civil rights organizations.
Danville Cancer Association. I'm a nurse so also the hospital where I work, the free clinic.
Danville council foundations.
Danville Lifesaving Crew; like a volunteer EMT group.
Danville Museum of Arts and History.
Disabled.
Disaster Relief Organization.
Disaster relief organizations.
Domestic Violence Group
Dove, homeless shelter, God's Storehouse, God's Pit Crew, ACS - American Cancer Society and Habitat for Humanity.
Dove, March of Dimes.
Environmental.
Feed the Children foundation.
Fire department.
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Fire department.
Fundraising at church.
God's Blessing Center - helps youth and elderly.
God's Store House, jail ministry and free clinic.
God's Storehouse.
Habitat for Humanity and Angel Tree Gifts for children at Christmas.
Habitat for Humanity.
Hatcher Center.
Head Start.
Helping disabled people in their homes.
Helping with adult literacy as well as tutoring.
Historic preservation.
Homeless shelter.
Homeowners association.
Hospice.
Hospital.
Hospital.
Hospital.
I sing monthly with a group at the local nursing home and I drive other elderly people to the store when needed.
Knees on Wheels, thrift shop volunteer.
Knights of Columbus.
Literacy for youth and adults.
March of Dimes, fundraisers for women's group.
March of Dimes.
MDA.
Meals on Wheels.
Military, veterans and YMCA.
Motorcycle club. They collect school supplies for kids. Donate money to Dove for the abused and battered women shelter.
MS Society
Museums, Kiwanis, United Way.
NAACP, AARP.
NAACP.
National Rifle Association.
Neighborhood Watch, cookouts, church socials for senior citizen members of church.
Neighborhood watch.
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Neighborhood Watch.
Non-profit fund for our work organization.
Non-profit.
Nursing homes, Alzheimer's support groups.
Nursing homes.
Parents club.
Participated in a group that started a community park and I also do church volunteering
Pregnancy Crisis Counseling and sports leagues.
Radio ham operator; CRETS which helps in all emergencies in area, Angels Search and Rescue.
Raised funds for fire Station.

Red Cross.
Red Men, American Legion, Habitat for Humanity, Goodwill, Doves, Little Life.
Relay for Life.
Rescue squad.
Rescue Squad.
Ruritan Club.
Safety, literary.
Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity.
Salvation Army and local ministry.
Salvation Army and the United Way.
Salvation Army.
Scouts.
Service to church of undetermined nature; typing.
Special education.
Special events helper in my child's' schools.
Special Olympics.
Support for Domestic Violence.
The Virginia Helms and Boys Scouts of America.
There's a bunch of them, but I can't think right now. The Booster Club.
Transport people to the doctor.
United Way.
United Way.
Veterans related organizations.
Veterans.
Volunteer Fire Department as an EMS.
Volunteer fire department.
Volunteer fire department.
Volunteer firefighter.
Volunteered with the Best Coalition.
Volunteered with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Association.
Wayward adults type thing.
With the hospital. We do health checks for companies on a volunteer basis.
Women's fire department.
Women's Prison Ministry.
Women's shelter.
YMCA and girl scouts.

Q_VOLUNTER: In the past 12 months, have you volunteered any of your time to organizations such as charities, schools, hospitals, religious organizations, neighborhood associations, and civic or other groups?

Hope to. I had a couple of strokes last year so I'm not doing much.
I would but I just don't have transport at this time.
Made donations.
Offered my time to the fire department but I haven't heard anything.

Q_WAITTIME: Not counting an appointment that was scheduled at your last visit, for your most recent doctor's visit, how long did you have to wait from the time you called and made the appointment until you actually saw the doctor?

Had to work around work schedule.
If it had been an emergency they'd have taken me the next day.
In the most recent attempt I made calls to two doctors and they were too busy to fit in an appointment within time period acceptable to me of one week. So I then went to a 'doc in the box'. They don't schedule appointments. Occasion prior to that I waited ten days.
Routine physical, no hurry.
Wait time depends on seriousness or specialty.

Q_WHYTRAIN: What is the one main reason that you might like to get special job training?

All of the reasons listed.
All.
Because I like dealing with people.
Because I would want to.
Been doing classes for a degree in business administration.
Better knowledge.
Can't work but would like too.
Computer knowledge.
Disabled.
Enhance knowledge for any possible job.
For a better job.
For experience and to try new things, exploring opportunities.
For future job advancement and to keep current within the job market.
For my own benefit.
For the learning experience.
Get a job and be good at it.
Getting ahead - advance at my current job.
Have something to fall back on.
Hazard or particular rescues.
Help financial status.
Help supplement retirement income.
Higher salary.
I agree with all the reasons listed.
I am a people person.
I am disabled and not working permanently.
I just want to better my skills.
I just want to learn things.
I like learning.
I need computer training for me.
I need to learn more computer skills.
I want to find something that I like in another field.
I would be interested in that subject.
I would do it for my own self benefit because I do not need the job and am retired.

I would like to learn how to use a computer.
I would like to move away from Danville and live somewhere else.
I wouldn't mind helping with voting.
If it would help others.
Improve my skills.
Improve my skills.
In order to improve my personal skills. Not directly job-related.
Increase my knowledge.
Interest.
It would probably be cross-training to double up on the job to save money.
Just for personal development.
Just like to do something to get away from the house.
Just personal reasons, to help other people.
Just to be smarter and improve my computer skills. Not to improve or change current job.
Just to get involved.
Just to get more education or skills.
Just to get more knowledge generally - like in technology.
Just to have more money coming into the household.
Just to improve what I already know.
Just to learn more.
Just to learn more.
Just to learn more.
Just to learn to do something different.
Just would like to have more information, computers for example.
Keep up with nursing job
Keeping busy.
Like to learn Spanish.
Money. Who doesn't want a little more?
More income.
More money.
My job was eliminated. They put me in a different job, and I haven't had a raise in five years. I need a job where I can advance again.
Needs to get a job.
Not sure.
Own edification. Computer courses taken. Retired and have the time.
Renew teaching credentials. Not ready to let them go yet.
Self improvement.
Self satisfaction.
Self-improvement.
So I can get a job.
Something that would be beneficial to the organization, my church that I work for.
Something that would better me in a job.
Stay busy and learn.
Teach an old dog new tricks. I can still learn.
The interest.
There are so many children out there. I have a grandson with a lot of disorders and he never got any help. I would like any training to help me with volunteer work in schools. Many older children can not read and are being ignored.

There might be something that I am interested in.
To be active and get out of the house and to get a job. I am disabled with arthritis and asthma, etc. Also, a little more knowledge is always good.
To be active in the community.
To better my education.
To better myself.
To get a job.
To get more education.
To go from a production worker to one that would allow me to work in spite of my disability.
To keep my mind active and because I have the time now that I am older.
To learn more or other education.
To learn more.
To learn more.
To learn more.
To learn new things.
To update my computer skills and just to have something to do and become familiar with how to become involved a little bit more.
Too old.
Try to go back to work.
Trying to obtain a job.
Want to become more proficient in my current career.
Want to work.
Would like to get better at doing the paperwork which gets more involved all the time.