

Achtung: You will fill out this form

As if there weren't enough intrusions into your privacy, get ready for what's coming down the road in 2010: the American Community Survey.

Gone will be the old 10-year census, whose foremost utility was providing information that adjusted representation in Congress.

I'm sure there was nothing nefarious about the census takers finding out additional information to determine how many males and females there were, and their ages, and maybe even the household income.

But this American Community Survey goes way, way beyond that.

Again, we have that wonderful word *community* invoked.

It's as if the mere presence of the word conjures images of happy neighborhoods.

This use of *community*, however, has more of a relationship to collectivism or communitarianism than it has to the concept of neighborhoods or people coming together voluntarily to solve a problem.

There's nothing wrong with individuals understanding the value of sacrifice or cooperation, but this psychological manipulation is intended to condition the masses to accept that individual worth will be based solely on the value the group places on the individual.

This is in direct opposition to Biblical principles that every life is equally precious regardless of mental and physical states.

So now we have the American Community Survey ready to be sprung on us, asking penetrating questions that are none of the government's business or are presently addressed by the Internal Revenue Service. So what's with the redundancy? Are the Feds going to compare tax returns with survey answers?

Understand, too, that answering all the questions is not a voluntary exercise, it is mandatory, and those who don't comply will be fined.

According to the information on the transitional website between the old U.S. Census Bureau and the American Community Survey (<http://www.census.gov>), this is what will happen if you don't comply:

"The American Community Survey is conducted under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141 and 193, and response is mandatory. According to Section 221, persons who do not respond shall be fined not more than \$100. Title 18 U.S.C. Section 3571 and Section 3559, in effect amends Title 13 U.S.C. Section 221 by changing the fine for anyone over 18 years old who refuses or willfully neglects to complete the questionnaire or answer questions posed by census takers from a fine of not more than \$100 to not more than \$5,000."

How loving, eh?

Another bizarre thing about this survey is the inclusion of these cute collectivistic prompts at the head of the three main sections. All that's missing from the sentences is the word *Comrade*.

1) Housing information helps your community plan for police and fire protection.

(I think if the local police and fire departments wanted that information, they would've asked already. They don't need the Feds to do it.)

2) Your answers are important! Every person in the American Community Survey counts.

(Yeah, they really use an exclamation point. A warning, I guess.)

3) Survey information helps your community get financial assistance for roads, hospitals,

schools, and more.

(I think communities have been doing just fine for, say, the last century.)

What follows are a sampling of the survey's 42 questions.

(Capitalized words are *not* my emphasis):

Is phone service available in this house, apartment, or mobile home from which you can both make and receive calls?

About when was this building first built?

When did PERSON 1 move into this house, apartment, or mobile home?

Is there a business (such as a store or barber shop) or a medical office on this property?

Does this house, apartment, or mobile home have COMPLETE plumbing facilities; that is, 1) hot and cold piped water, 2) a flush toilet, and 3) a bathtub or shower?

Does this house, apartment, or mobile home have COMPLETE kitchen facilities; that is, 1) a sink with piped water, 2) a stove or range, and 3) a refrigerator?

How many automobiles, vans, and trucks of one-ton capacity or less are kept at home for use by members of this household?

How many people, including this person, usually rode to work in the car, truck, or van?

Last week, did this person do ANY work for either pay or profit?

Has this person given birth to any children in the past 12 months?

Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, does this person have any difficulty in doing any of the following activities?

When did this person last work, even for a few days?

What kind of work was this person doing?

What were this person's most important activities or duties?

What was this person's total income during the PAST 12 MONTHS?

The government doesn't need to have this information unless it is compiling a dossier on every adult in the U.S.

I bet illegal aliens won't have to fill one out.

To anyone who wishes a copy of this questionnaire, either go to the aforementioned Census website, e-mail me, or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Vyzygoth c/o the *Zephyrhills News*, 38333 5th Ave, Zephyrhills FL 33542 with postage to cover the return of a 12-page document.