

## USA

**1. The following description is a condensed version of the information in a child welfare agency's case file. Please read the case and answer the question below.**

### **Benjamin, a 2 year old boy**

Benjamin was born seven weeks prematurely and spent four weeks in the hospital before his parents could take him home. When Benjamin was ten months old, he was hospitalized. The medical examination indicated that he had been repeatedly physically abused. Due to the suspicion of physical abuse of Benjamin, and to his parents' drug misuse, the child welfare system removed Benjamin from his parents.

When Benjamin turns two years old, his parents are still misusing drugs, and the child welfare agency does not think it is realistic that Benjamin will be reunified with his parents. The child welfare agency therefore considers either adoption or foster home.

An adoption means that the biological parents' parental rights are terminated and transferred to the adoptive parents on a permanent basis. A foster home can be long term but is not permanent, and foster parents can terminate a contract about being foster parents for a child.

**Based on the condensed information above, would you, as yourself, suggest adoption or foster home? (*answer alternatives: adoption / foster home / I do not wish to answer*)**

**2. Please tell us how much confidence you, yourself, have in:** (*answer alternatives: a great deal, quite a lot, some, very little, / (unsure)*)

**The child welfare agencies that shall protect children**

**The child welfare workers that are working at these agencies**

**The judges in court that make decisions about child removals**

**3. A principal at a school in your region presents the following case. We ask you to read it and then considering five statements.**

Jon (11) and Mira (9) are living with their parents. Both mother and father have learning difficulties and mental health problems. The school is very concerned about the situation, and a psychologist has examined the children. She has concluded that Jon and Mira have serious problems with learning and they lack social skills. They are clearly lagging behind their peers, and this is confirmed by their test scores. The psychologist has stated that this is due to lack of stimuli and help from the parents, and the children need a lot of help and support. Further, the psychologist stated that the children lack basic social skills, especially Mira (9). The parents are socially withdrawn and cannot teach and show their children how to behave towards friends and other adults. The psychologist concludes that Mira and Jon are at significant risk of becoming as socially withdrawn as their parents.

Based on the limited information about these two children, please consider these five statements:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither disagree nor agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1. It is my opinion that it is likely that Mira and Jon are being neglected by their parents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. It is my opinion that without help now it is not likely that Jon and Mira will lead a well-functioning life as adults.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. It is my opinion that without help now it is not likely that Jon and Mira will be able to gain employment as adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. It is my opinion that in this situation a child welfare agency should provide services for Jon and Mira	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. It is my opinion that in this situation a child welfare agency should consider child removal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

Where do you live?

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| <input type="radio"/> Alameda County      | <input type="radio"/> Marin County     | <input type="radio"/> San Mateo County     |
| <input type="radio"/> Alpine County       | <input type="radio"/> Mariposa County  | <input type="radio"/> Santa Barbara County |
| <input type="radio"/> Amador County       | <input type="radio"/> Mendocino County | <input type="radio"/> Santa Clara County   |
| <input type="radio"/> Butte County        | <input type="radio"/> Merced County    | <input type="radio"/> Santa Cruz County    |
| <input type="radio"/> Calaveras County    | <input type="radio"/> Modoc County     | <input type="radio"/> Shasta County        |
| <input type="radio"/> Colusa County       | <input type="radio"/> Mono Country     | <input type="radio"/> Sierra County        |
| <input type="radio"/> Contra Costa County | <input type="radio"/> Monterey County  | <input type="radio"/> Siskiyou County      |
| <input type="radio"/> Del Norte County    | <input type="radio"/> Napa County      | <input type="radio"/> Solano County        |
| <input type="radio"/> El Dorado County    | <input type="radio"/> Nevada County    | <input type="radio"/> Sonoma County        |
| <input type="radio"/> Fresno County       | <input type="radio"/> Orange County    |  |

- ☐ Glenn County
- ☐ Humboldt County
- ☐ Imperial County
- ☐ Inyo County
- ☐ Kern County
- ☐ Kings County
- ☐ Lake County
- ☐ Lassen County
- ☐ Los Angeles County
- ☐ Madera County

- ☐ Placer County
- ☐ Plumas County
- ☐ Riverside County
- ☐ Sacramento County
- ☐ San Benito County
- ☐ San Bernardino County
- ☐ San Diego County
- ☐ San Francisco City & County
- ☐ San Joaquin County
- ☐ San Luis Obispo County

- ☐ Stanislaus County
- ☐ Sutter County
- ☐ Tehama County
- ☐ Trinity County
- ☐ Tulare County
- ☐ Tuolumne County
- ☐ Ventura County
- ☐ Yolo County
- ☐ Yuba County

**You live in:**

- ☐ Los Angeles
- ☐ City with more than 50 000 inhabitants
- ☐ City with between 5000 and 50 000 inhabitants
- ☐ City/town (2000-4999 inhabitants)
- ☐ In a rural area
- ☐ Do not know

**What year are you born?**

Use 4 digits.

**How many people are in your household?**

1

2

3

4

5 or more

Do not wish to answer

**How many people under the age of 18 are in your household?**

None

1

2

3

4

5 or more

Do not wish to answer

**When are the children in your household born?**

Child1:

Child2:

Child3:

Child4:

Child5:

**What is your ANNUAL personal income (before taxes)?**

- ☐ \$0 - \$9999
- ☐ \$10 000 – \$19 999
- ☐ \$20 000 – \$29 999
- ☐ \$30 000 – \$39 999
- ☐ \$40 000 – \$49 999
- ☐ \$50 000 – \$59 999
- ☐ \$60 000 – \$74 999
- ☐ \$75 000 – \$99 999
- ☐ \$100 000 – \$119 999
- ☐ \$120 000 – \$149 999
- ☐ More than \$150 000
- ☐ Do not wish to answer
- ☐ Do not know

**What is your highest level of completed education?**

- ☐ Middle school
- ☐ High school
- ☐ University/college 1-3/4 years (Bachelor's/undergraduate degree)
- ☐ University/College/Graduate school, 4+ years (Master's degree)
- ☐ University/College/Graduate School, 5+ years (Doctorate, professor degree)
- ☐ Other

**What is your marital status?**

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married/Partnership/Domestic partnership (without kids in the household)
- ☐ Married/Partnership/Domestic partnership (with kids in the household)
- ☐ Living with parents

- ☐ Widow/Widower
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Do not wish to answer

**If there were to be a political general election tomorrow, what party would you vote for?**

- ☐ Green Party of the United States
- ☐ American Independent Party
- ☐ Peace and Freedom Party
- ☐ Democratic Party
- ☐ Libertarian Party
- ☐ Republican party