

## 2016 Reunion Smith 1971



### ***Welcome to the Smith 1971 Class Survey!***

We hope you all enjoy both the memory lane and the snapshot-now questions.

We've put the questions in two sections:

- o *Part I* will take you no more than 15 minutes and is basic and fun. **EVERYONE** please answer this section...we want as many participants as possible for a holistic view. (Including those who are not coming to reunion.)
- o *Part II* goes deeper and enables more open-ended answers. It fleshes out the themes in Part I. We truly hope you will continue participating through this section and find it thought-provoking. (Length will depend on you!)

All answers are anonymous.

Each question can be skipped.

**DO NOT use browser navigation buttons while taking the survey! Use the 'Next' or 'Previous' buttons to navigate through the survey.**

***You can return to previous pages to tune or edit. But once you have hit SUBMIT, your survey will be final.***

***note: You can exit the survey without submitting, and then return to complete or edit. But experience tells us that more of you will complete if you do it all at one go. So for the full two-part survey, please try to set aside those ~40 minutes, dig in, and SUBMIT your answers.***



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### PART I - THE BASIC PERSPECTIVE (~15 minutes)

#### **The Dreaded Demographics (lets us benchmark versus other studies)**

1. Are you currently:

- Married (once)
- Re-Married
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Single
- Single in long-term partnership

Other (please specify)

2. Do you wish you could have ticked another box?

- Yes
- No

3. Is your primary residence:

- NorthEast
- West
- South
- MidWest
- Outside of the US

4. Since graduating, have you lived out of the US?

- Yes
- No

5. Did you get an advanced degree after Smith?

Yes

No

If you answered Yes (please specify)

6. If you are/were in the workforce, what field?

Teaching

Law

Medicine

Business

Other (please specify)

7. Of the 45 years since you graduated, roughly how many years were spent employed (3 days/week or more) outside the home (for pay)?

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1-5

6-10

11-15

16-20

21-25

26-30

31-35

36-40

41-45

8. How many years were spent doing "serious" volunteer/pro bono work (~15 hours/week or more)?

9. How many hours/day on average do you spend on the internet?

10. Have you looked up your first love on line (e.g. Google, Facebook)?

Yes

No

11. Regardless, do you think your first love would have worked out well?

Not at all!

Not Really

Maybe

Probably

Yes

It did!

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### PART I - THE BASIC PERSPECTIVE (~15 minutes)

#### **Friends, Figures, and Free Time**

12. How do you mostly feel about being in your mid-60's?

- Pissed off
- Resigned
- Fine
- Happy
- Embracing

13. Name your two most important Smith "allegiances" (tick two):

- House-mates
- Year-mates (1971)
- Sports-mates
- Major (include Junior year abroad)
- Minor/special interest
- Key specific professors
- None in particular

Other (please specify)

14. What house were you in?

15. Name your 3 most memorable/impactful professors:

Number 1:

Number 2:

Number 3:

16. How often do you catch up with friend(s) from Smith in person?

- Several times/month
- Several times/year
- Now and then
- Rarely
- Never

17. How often do you catch up with friend(s) from Smith by phone/email?

- Several times/month
- Several time/year
- Now and then
- Rarely
- Never

18. *Joke!* Complete the following phrase: Three Smithies met at a dinner party and immediately

19. How does your present weight (today...no cheating) compare to what it was when you left college?

- Much thinner now (more than 15 pounds less)
- Somewhat thinner now
- About the same (+/- 5 pounds)
- Somewhat heavier now
- Much heavier (more than 15 pounds)

20. Do you color your hair?

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

21. Have you had any cosmetic surgery?

- No and probably won't
- No and probably will
- Yes, some
- Yes, several

22. Do you engage in sports regularly?

- Yes
- No

If Yes, (please specify which sport)

23. Do you exercise regularly?

- Yes, a lot
- Yes, some
- Not if I can help it

24. Do you donate to Smith regularly?

- Yes, a lot
- Yes, a little
- Ad hoc, depending on mood
- No, just rarely
- Never

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### PART I - THE BASIC PERSPECTIVE (~15 minutes)

#### **Sex, Drugs and Rock 'n Roll**

25. In freshman year, did your mother have to give permission for you to weekend off campus?

Yes

No

26. When Smith went to 24-hour pariets, did any of your dates sleep over?

Yes

No

27. How many serious romantic relationships did you have while at Smith?

28. What was the most memorable concert you attended at Smith? (e.g. BB King, Richie Havens)

29. What was the most impactful movie you saw during college?

30. What song snaps to mind as most evocative of your time at Smith?

31. What do you consider the most significant event that took place on campus while you were at Smith?  
(e.g. earth day, moratorium)



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### PART I - THE BASIC PERSPECTIVE (~15 minutes)

#### **Looking Back, Looking Forward**

32. How would you describe your Smith experience overall?

- Wonderful
- Good
- OK
- Not great
- Miserable

33. Considering what you know now, but also the context at the time you chose a college, would you choose Smith again?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

34. Do you think Smith should go co-ed?

- Yes
- No

35. Looking at the next 5 years, what areas concern you the most (select two):

- My own health
- My partner's health
- Family harmony
- Financial security
- My children's happiness
- My parent's end-of-life stage

Other (please specify)

36. If you won the lottery tomorrow, and were to spend it on yourself, what would you buy/do? (e.g. personal chef, villa in France, travel)

First

Second

Third

37. In what ways are you still the girl who came to Northampton 45 years ago? (open-ended)

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Thank you for finishing PART I

We encourage you to continue on with Part II - A Deeper Dive

We would really like your thoughts in the open-ended ones, and remember you can always skip if you don't wish to answer a question.

Click the NEXT button below to continue through Part II.

Otherwise, page through (hitting NEXT repeatedly) to the end of the survey and click on the SUBMIT button. *Your responses will be FINAL and you will not be able to return.*

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### PART II: A DEEPER DIVE

#### **The Dreaded Demographics (lets us benchmark versus other studies)**

38. How many siblings do/did you have?

39. What is your birth order?

40. How many children did you have as a birth mother? (use digits)

41. How many children did you adopt or have through surrogacy? (use digits)

42. How many young ones do you consider your grandchildren:

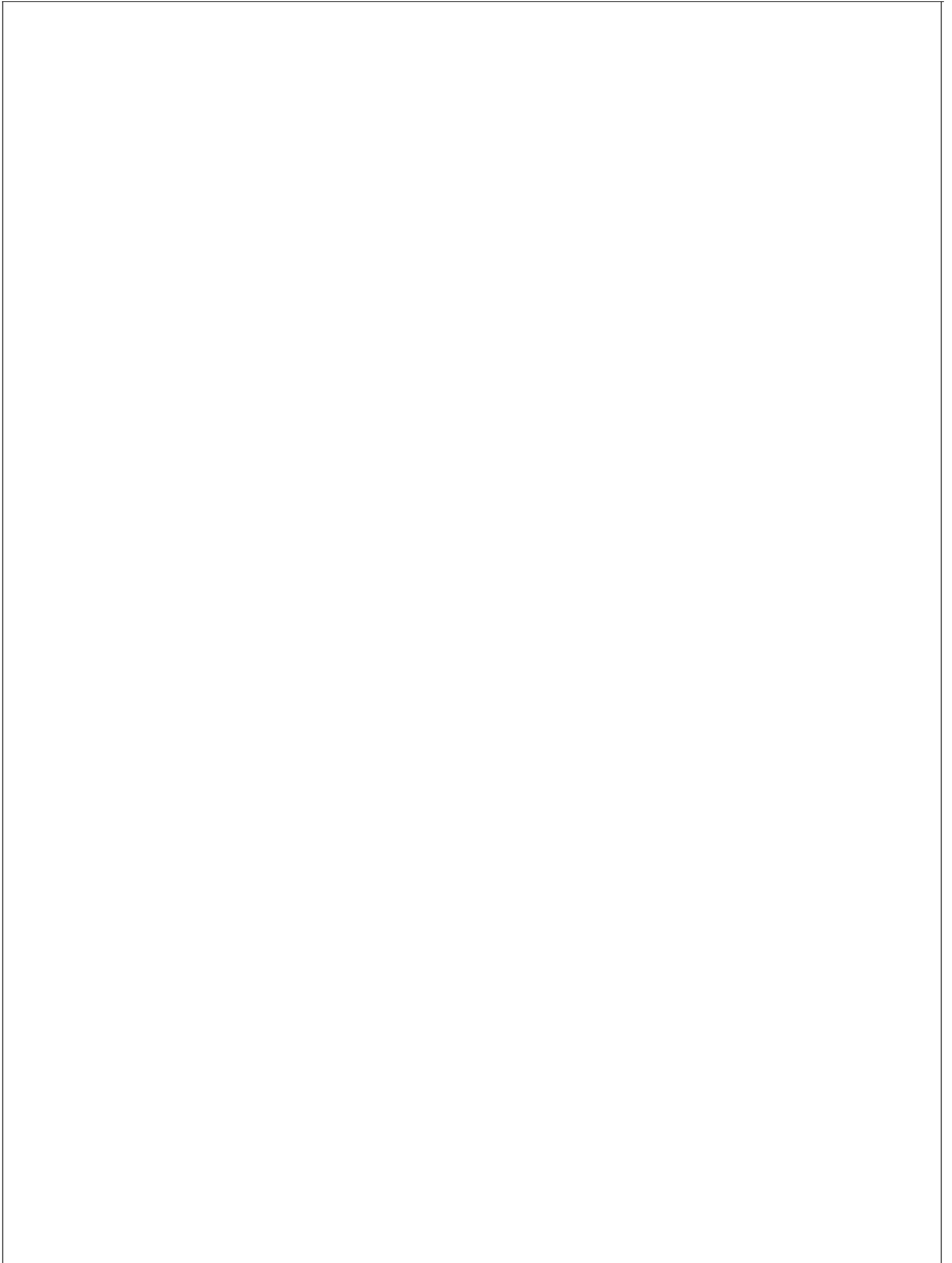
From your own children  
(including adoptions)

From partners, partners'  
ex's, sponsorships,  
whatever

43. Which, if any, of these social media do you use at least monthly? (tick the most frequent and then type in any others listed in the OTHER box since you can't tick several, sorry!)

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Linked-In
- Pinterest/Instagram
- Specialized blogs

Other (please specify)



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### PART II: A DEEPER DIVE

#### **Friends, Figures, and Free Time**

44. What is the source of most of your current close friends? (select two max)

- High School
- College
- Grad School
- Church/religious affiliation
- Work (paid or volunteer)
- Neighbors
- Husband's friends/friends' spouses
- Parents of children's friends

Other (please specify)

45. For many, Smith was the first place we encountered "otherness" in fellow students up close and personal. Please tick any that apply if this was the case for you:

- Race
- Religion
- Socio-economic status
- Ethnicity
- Foreign nationality
- Sexual orientation

46. How did you feel about those encounters then?

47. And how do you feel about them now in retrospect?

48. While at Smith, did you identify as:

- Straight
- Lesbian
- Bi-sexual

Other (please specify)

49. Over the past few years, have you begun to “reconnect” or spend more time with Smith friends?

- Yes
- No

50. If relevant, how about with friends from graduate school?

- Yes
- No

51. Now in your '60's, what are you doing:

More of than you  
expected?

Less of than you  
expected?



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### PART II: A DEEPER DIVE

#### **Sex, Drugs, and Rock 'n Roll**

52. How old were you when you lost your virginity?

53. Looking back, for you would you say that age was:

- Too young
- Too old
- About right

54. While at Smith, did you partake of any illegal substances (excluding alcohol)?

- Yes
- No

55. If NO, how about after graduation?

- Yes
- Yes, accidentally
- No

56. Were there any "issues/causes" you became aware of or involved with while at college that have persisted throughout your life?

Yes or No

If YES, which?

If NO, which issues are you most passionate about now?

57. At the time, did you consider Gloria Steinem's commencement speech:

- Terrific and motivating
- OK
- Too "out there" and inappropriate

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### PART II: A DEEPER DIVE

#### **Looking Back, Looking Forward**

58. What technological advance that came on the scene since college has most impacted your life (e.g. cellphone, surgical procedure)?

59. What is your biggest regret from your time at Smith (e.g. courses not taken, opportunities foregone, relationships not pursued)?

60. What do you consider to be your most important personal accomplishments?  
(three max)

1)

2)

3)

61. If you had/have a career, what do you consider your most important professional accomplishments?  
(three max)

1)

2)

3)

62. If you had/have a career, in what ways did Smith prepare you well?

63. If you had/have a career, what would have been more helpful/useful?

64. Considering what young women face today when entering the workforce, what should Smith do differently/better?

65. What would your diary entry have been after your first week at Smith?

66. What would your diary entry have been during your last week before graduation?

67. What will your diary/blog say a year from now?

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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!!!

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