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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you very much for agreeing to take part in this annual study and for already completing the main part of the interview. There are some further questions to be answered in this booklet - including some that are being asked in twenty eight other countries, as part of an international survey. Most of the questions can be answered simply by circling the number in one or more of the boxes. It will take about fifteen minutes to complete and we hope you will find the questions interesting and enjoyable. **Only you should fill it in, and not anyone else at your address**. The answers you give will be treated as confidential and anonymous.

Your interviewer can either call back for this questionnaire at a time convenient to you, or wait if you prefer to fill it in now.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP.



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Q1. To begin with we have some questions about women. Do you agree or disagree ...? (Please circle the appropriate number on each line.)

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		Strongly	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly	Can't
		agree		agree nor		disagree	choose
				disagree			
a.	WWRELCHD	1	2	3	4	5	8
	A working mother can establish just as warm and						
	secure a relationship with her children as a						
	mother who does not work						
b.	WWCHDSUF	1	2	3	4	5	8
	A pre-school child is likely to suffer if his or her						
	mother works						
c.	WWFAMSUF	1	2	3	4	5	8
	All in all, family life suffers when the woman has						
	a full-time job						
d.	WANTHOME	1	2	3	4	5	8
	A job is all right, but what most women really						
	want is a home and children						
e.	HWIFEFFL	1	2	3	4	5	8
	Being a housewife is just as fulfilling as working						
	for pay						
f.	FEMJOB	1	2	3	4	5	8
	Having a job is the best way for a woman to be an						
	independent person						
g.	WOMENWRK	1	2	3	4	5	8
	Most women have to work these days to support						
	their families						

Q2. Do you agree or disagree ... ? (Please circle the appropriate number on each line.)

		Strongly	Agree	Neither	Diagree	Strongly	Can't
		agree		agree nor		disagree	choose
				disagree			
a.	BOTHEARN	1	2	3	4	5	8
	Both the man and woman should contribute to the						
	household income						
b.	SEXROLE	1	2	3	4	5	8
	A man's job is to earn money; a woman's job is to						
	look after the home and family						
c.	TRADROLE	1	2	3	4	5	8
	It is not good if the man stays at home and cares						
	for the children and the woman goes out to work						
d.	FAMLIFE	1	2	3	4	5	8
	Family life often suffers because men concentrate						
	too much on their work						

Q3. Do you think that women should work outside the home <u>full-time</u>, <u>part-time</u> or <u>not at all</u> under these circumstances?

(Please circle the appropriate number on each line.)

		Work	Work	Stay at	Can't
		full-time	part-time	home	choose
a.	WWCHD1	1	2	3	8
	After marrying and before there are children				
b.	WWCHD2	1	2	3	8
	When there is a child under school age				
c.	WWCHD3	1	2	3	8
	After the youngest child starts school				
d.	WWCHD4	1	2	3	8
	After the children leave home				

Q4. Do you agree or disagree ... ? (Please circle the appropriate number on each line.)

	Strongly				Strongly	Can't
		Agree	Neither agree nor	Disagree	Strongly disagree	choose
	agree		disagree		uisagiee	choose
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	1	2	3	4	5	8
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	1	2	3	4	5	8
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	1	2	3	4	5	8
People who want children ought to get married						
MARVIE10	1	2	3	4	5	8
One parent can bring up a child as well as two						
parents together						
MARVIE11	1	2	3	4	5	8
It is all right for a couple to live together without						
intending to get married						
MARVIE12	1	2	3	4	5	8
It is a good idea for a couple who intend to get						
MARVIE13	1	2	3	4	5	8
Divorce is usually the best solution when a couple						
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Q5. All in all, what do you think is the <u>ideal</u> number of children for a family to have? (Please write the number in the box.)

Number of children

Q6. Do you agree or disagree ... ? (Please circle the appropriate number on each line.)

		Strongly	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly	Can't
		agree		agree nor		disagree	choose
				disagree			
a.	CHDVIEW2	1	2	3	4	5	8
	Watching children grow up is life's greatest joy						
b.	CHDVIEW3	1	2	3	4	5	8
	Having children interferes too much with the						
	freedom of parents						
c.	CHDVIEW6	1	2	3	4	5	8
	People who have never had children lead empty						
	lives						
d.	CHDVIEW7	1	2	3	4	5	8
	When there are children in the family, parents						
	should stay together even if they don't get along						
e.	CHDVIEW8	1	2	3	4	5	8
	Even when there are no children, a married						
	couple should stay together even if they don't get						
	along						

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Q7. Which of these would you say is more important in preparing children for life? (Please circle the appropriate number.)

to be obedient,	1
or, to think for themselves?	2
Can't choose	8

Q8. How likely or unlikely do you think it is <u>within the next 25 years</u> that genetic information will be used to judge a person's suitability for getting ...? (Please circle the appropriate number on each line.)

		Very	Quite	Not very	Not at all	Can't
		likely	likely	likely	likely	choose
a.	DNAINSUR	1	2	3	4	8
	Health or life insurance					
b.	DNAJOB	1	2	3	4	8
	A job they have applied for					
c.	DNACREDT	1	2	3	4	8
	Credit at the bank					

Q9. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following? (Please circle the appropriate number on each line.)

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
				disagree			
a.	WEALTH1	1	2	3	4	5	8
	Ordinary working people get their fair share of the						
	nation's wealth						
b.	RICHLAW	1	2	3	4	5	8
	There is one law for the rich and one for the poor						
c.	TRADVALS	1	2	3	4	5	8
	There is no need for strong trade unions to protect						
	employee's working conditions and wages						
d.	PRENTBST	1	2	3	4	5	8
	Private enterprise is the best way to solve						
	Northern Ireland's economic problems						
e.	PUBOWNST	1	2	3	4	5	8
	Major public services and industries ought to be in						
	state ownership						
f.	GOVJOB	1	2	3	4	5	8
	It is the government's responsibility to provide a						
	job for everyone who wants one						

Q10. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following? (Please circle the appropriate number on each line.)

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a.	GOVNOSAY People like me have no say in what the government does	1	2	3	4	5	8
b.	GOVCOMP Sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that a person like me cannot really understand what is going on	1	2	3	4	5	8
c.	LOSETCH Generally speaking, those we elect lose touch with the people pretty quickly	1	2	3	4	5	8
d.	PTYNTMT It doesn't really matter which party is in power, in the end things go on much the same	1	2	3	4	5	8
e.	VOTEINTR Parties are only interested in people's votes, not in their opinions	1	2	3	4	5	8
f.	VOTEONLY Voting is the only way people like me can have any say about how the government runs things	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q11 Can you tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following explanations of why there are not more women in politics in Northern Ireland? (Please circle the appropriate number on each line.)

	Agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Disagree	Can't
	strongly		agree nor		strongly	choose
			disagree			
WLOSEVOT	1	2	3	4	5	8
a. Women lose votes						
WNOOPP	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. Women are not given the opportunities by political						
parties						
MBETPOL	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. Men are better politicians than women						

Q12 And thinking about the issue of parades, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements (*Please circle the appropriate number on each line*.)

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose
			disagree			
RMARCHFR	1	2	3	4	5	8
a. The right to march is an important freedom						
AREAMAR	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. No marches should be allowed through areas that are						
predominantly those of the other tradition unless the residents						
approve						
PARCOMM	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. The Parades Commission is not impartial at all						

Q13 Thinking about the Protestant and Catholic traditions in Northern Ireland as well as the Chinese and Asian communities, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements: (*Please circle the appropriate number on each line.*)

	Strongly	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly	Can't
	agree		Agree nor		Disagree	choose
			disagree			
CULTRAD1	1	2	3	4	5	8
a. Living in Northern Ireland means that we are						
influenced by several cultural traditions						
CULTRAD2	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. I have my own cultural tradition and see no need to						
take part in any others						
CULTRAD3	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. Having different cultural traditions in Northern						
Ireland means that there will always be conflict						
between them						
CULTRAD4	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. Having different cultural traditions in Northern						
Ireland enriches us all						
CULTRAD5	1	2	3	4	5	8
e. My cultural tradition is always the underdog						

Q14 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements. (Please circle the appropriate number on each line.)

	Strongly	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly	Can't
	agree		Agree		Disagree	choose
			nor			
			disagree			
PRIOREQ	1	2	3	4	5	8
a. It should be a top priority for government to make						
sure that Protestants and Catholics are treated equally						
RIGTCATH	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. There is always talk about the rights of Catholics						
but never about the rights of Protestants						
RIGTPROT	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. There is always talk about the rights of Protestants						
but never about the rights of Catholics						

Q15 From what you know or have heard, can you tell me whether you think the following institutions are well run or not well run?

(Please circle the appropriate number on each line.)

	Very well	Well run	Not very	Not at all	Can't
	run		well run	well run	choose
DHSSRUN	1	2	3	4	8
The DHSS in Northern Ireland					
HOSPTRUN	1	2	3	4	8
Hospital Trusts in Northern Ireland					
DENIRUN	1	2	3	4	8
The Department of Education in Northern Ireland					
NIHERUN	1	2	3	4	8
The Northern Ireland Housing Executive					
DOERUN	1	2	3	4	8
The Department of the Environment in Northern Ireland					