

# **ISSP 1998 – Religion II**

**- Questionnaire -**

**Ireland**

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SURVEY – IRELAND, AUTUMN 1998**

Interviewer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Interviewer's Number \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_

Introduction (Ask for named respondent)

**Good morning/afternoon/evening. I am from the Economic and Social Research Institute in Dublin. We are carrying out a survey of people's opinions on a variety of social issues. You were included in a national sample taken at random from the Electoral Register. This is an international study whose aim is to find out exactly what the public thinks on these issues, so that planning by the Government and other bodies can be made as effective as possible. It is only the help of many people like yourself in answering some questions that makes this work possible. The interview will take about forty minutes to complete. I can assure you that all answers will be treated in the strictest confidence by the Economic and Social Research Institute. We are interested in the number of people who think in various ways, not in any individual's view as such.**

**Q.1 If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole:**

- Very happy .....  1
- Fairly happy .....  2
- Not very happy .....  3
- Not at all happy .....  4
- Can't choose.....  8

**Q.2 On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to :**

	Definitely should be	Probably should be	Probably should not be	Definitely should not be	Can't choose
<b>Provide a job for everyone who wants one</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<b>Reduce income differences between the rich and poor</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

**Do you think it is wrong or not wrong:**

	Always wrong	Almost always wrong	Wrong only sometimes	Not wrong at all	Can't choose
<b>Q.3 For a man and a woman to have sexual relations before marriage</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<b>Q. 4 For a <u>married</u> person to have sexual relations with someone other than his/her husband or wife</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<b>Q. 5 For two adults of the same sex to have sexual relations</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

**Q.6 Do you personally think it is wrong or not wrong for a woman to have an abortion.**

	Always wrong	Almost always wrong	Wrong only sometimes	Not wrong at all	Can't choose
(a) if there is a strong chance of a serious defect in the baby	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>
(b) if the family has a very low income and can't afford any more children	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>

**Q. 7 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements:**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
7a a husband's job is to earn money; a wife's job is to look after the home and family	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>
7b all in all, family life suffers when the woman has a full-time job	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>
8a it is alright for a couple to live together without intending to get married	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>
8b it is a good idea for a couple who intend to get married to live together first	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>

**Q.9 Consider the situations listed below. Do you feel it is wrong or not wrong if:**

	Not wrong	A bit wrong	Wrong	Seriously wrong	Can't choose
9a a taxpayer does not report all of his/her income in order to pay less income taxes	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>
9b a person gives the government incorrect information about himself/herself to get government benefits that he/she is not entitled to	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>

**Q.10 How often do you think that people would try to take advantage of you if they got the chance and how often would they try to be fair? [Int: Tick one box only]**

- Try to take advantage almost all of the time.....<sub>1</sub>
- Try to take advantage most of the time.....<sub>2</sub>
- Try to be fair most of the time.....<sub>3</sub>
- Try to be fair almost all of the time.....<sub>4</sub>
- Can't choose.....<sub>8</sub>

**Q.11 Generally speaking, would you say that people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people? [Int: Tick one box only]**

- People can almost always be trusted..... 1
- People can usually be trusted..... 2
- You usually can't be too careful in dealing with people ..... 3
- You almost always can't be too careful in dealing with people ..... 4
- Can't choose ..... 8

**Q.12 How much confidence do you have in : [Int: Tick one box on each line]**

	Complete confidence	A great deal of confidence	Some confidence	Very little confidence	No confidence at all	Can't Choose
a) the Dáil	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
b) business and industry	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
c) churches and religious organisations	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
d) courts and the legal system	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
e) schools and the educational system	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

**How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: [Int: Tick box one on each line]**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
Q.13a religious leaders should not try to influence how people vote in elections	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
Q.13b religious leaders should not try to influence government decisions	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
Q.14a overall, modern science does more harm than good	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
Q.14b we trust too much in science and not enough in religious faith	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
Q.15a looking around the world, religions bring more conflict than peace	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
Q.15b people with very strong religious beliefs are often too intolerant of others	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
Q.15c Ireland would be a better country if religion had less influence	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

**Q.16 Have you done any voluntary activity in the past 12 months in any of the following areas? Voluntary activity is unpaid work, not just belonging to an organisation or group. It should be of service or benefit to other people or the community and not only one's family or personal friends.**

[Int. If the same voluntary work falls under two or more of the categories listed below, please report it only once under whichever relevant category appears first. For example, if you were involved in political campaigning for a candidate who was endorsed by a church or religious group, you would report it under a. Political activities not under c. Religious and church related activities].

	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes, Once or Twice</u>	<u>Yes, 3-5 Times</u>	<u>Yes, 6 or more Times</u>
a. Political activities (helping political parties, political movements, election campaigns etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
b. Charitable activities (helping the sick, elderly, poor etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
c. Religious and church-related activities (helping churches and religious groups)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
d. Any other kind of voluntary activities	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>

**Q.17 Do you think that churches and religious organisations in this country have too much power or too little power?** [Int: Tick one box only]

- Far too much power ..... <sub>1</sub>
- Too much power ..... <sub>2</sub>
- About the right amount of power..... <sub>3</sub>
- Too little power ..... <sub>4</sub>
- Far too little power..... <sub>5</sub>
- Can't choose ..... <sub>8</sub>

**Q.18 Please indicate which of the statements below comes closest to expressing what you believe about God.** [Int: Tick one box only].

- I don't believe in God ..... <sub>1</sub>
- I don't know whether there is a God and I don't believe there is any way to find out ..... <sub>2</sub>
- I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a Higher Power of some kind..... <sub>3</sub>
- I find myself believing in God some of the time, but not at others ..... <sub>4</sub>
- While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God ..... <sub>5</sub>
- I know God really exists and I have no doubts about it ..... <sub>6</sub>

**Q.19 Which best describes your beliefs about God?** [Int: Tick one box only]

- I don't believe in God now and I never have ..... <sub>1</sub>
- I don't believe in God now, but I used to..... <sub>2</sub>
- I believe in God now, but I didn't in the past..... <sub>3</sub>
- I believe in God now and I always have ..... <sub>4</sub>
- Can't choose ..... <sub>8</sub>



- Q.24** Thinking back to when you were a child, what was your Mother's religious preference?  
**Q.25** Thinking back to when you were a child, what was your Father's religious preference?  
**Q.26** What religion, if any, were you raised in?  
**Q.27** If you are currently married or living as married, what is the religious preference of your husband/wife/partner? [Int: If not married or not living as married, tick 'not married' – Code 9].

	<b>Q.24</b> <b>Mother</b>	<b>Q. 25</b> <b>Father</b>	<b>Q.26</b> <b>Respondent</b> <b>when child</b>	<b>Q.27</b> <b>Spouse/ Partner</b>
Catholic	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Protestant	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
which denomination (specify)				
Jewish	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Orthodox (e.g. Greek/Russian)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Moslem	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Other (specify _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
No religion	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
Not Married.....				<input type="checkbox"/> 9

- Q.28** Thinking back to when you were a child, how often did your MOTHER attend religious services?  
**Q.29** Thinking back to when you were a child, how often did your FATHER attend religious services?  
**Q.30** Thinking back to when you were around 11 or 12 years of age, how often did you attend religious services then?  
**Q.31** Thinking now about the present, about how often do you pray?  
**Q.32** Thinking about the present, how often do you take part in the activities or organisations of a church or place of worship, other than attending services?

	<b>Attend Services When Child</b>			<b>At Present</b>	
	<b>Q.28</b> <b>Mother</b>	<b>Q.29</b> <b>Father</b>	<b>Q.30</b> <b>Self</b>	<b>Q.31</b> <b>Pray</b>	<b>Q.32</b> <b>Activities/Organisations</b>
Never.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Less than once a year.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
About once or twice a year.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Several times a year.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
About once a month.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
2-3 time a month.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Nearly every week.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
Every week.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
Several time a week.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
No mother/father (not present).....	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 10			
Can't remember/can't say.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 11	<input type="checkbox"/> 11	<input type="checkbox"/> 11		

- Q.33** Would you describe yourself as: [Int: Tick one box only]

Extremely religious.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Very religious.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Somewhat religious.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Neither religious nor non-religious.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Somewhat non-religious.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Very non-religious.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Extremely non-religious.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
Can't choose.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

- Q.34** Which of the following statements come closest to your own views [Int: Tick one box only]

There is very little truth in any religion.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
There are basic truths in many religions.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
There is truth only in one religion.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Can't choose.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

**Q.35 Suppose you were riding in a car driven by a close friend. You know he is going too fast. He hits a pedestrian. He asks you to tell the police that he was obeying the speed limit.**

**(a) which statement comes closest to your belief about what your friend has a right to expect from you?**

[Int: Tick one box only].

- (i) My friend has a DEFINITE right as a friend to expect me to testify that he was obeying the speed limit.....  1
- (ii) My friend has SOME right as a friend to expect me to testify that he was obeying the speed limit .....  2
- (iii) My friend has NO right as a friend to expect me to testify that he was obeying the speed limit .....  3
- (iv) Can't choose .....  8

**(b) What would you do in this situation?** [Int. Tick one only].

- (i) Definitely tell the police that your friend WAS going faster than the speed limit.....  1
- (ii) Probably tell the police that your friend WAS going faster than the speed limit.....  2
- (iii) Probably tell the police that your friend WAS NOT going faster than the speed limit.....  3
- (iv) Definitely tell the police that your friend WAS NOT going faster than the speed limit.....  4
- (v) Can't choose .....  8

**Q.36 Would you say that you have been “born again” or have had a "born again” experience – that is a turning point in your life when you committed yourself to Christ?**

Yes .....  1                      No.....  2

**Q.37 There are many different ways of picturing God. We'd like to know the kinds of images you are most likely to associate with God.**

Below are sets of contrasting images. On a scale of 1-7 where would you place your images of God between the two contrasting images?

The first set of contrasting images shows Mother at 1 on the scale and Father at 7. If you imagine God as a Mother, you should place yourself at 1. If you imagine God as a Father, you should place yourself at 7. If you imagine God as being somewhere between Mother and Father, you would place yourself at 2,3,4,5 or 6.

Where would you place your image of God on the scale for each set of images?

- A. Mother    \_\_\_\_\_ Father  
           1            2            3            4            5            6            7
- B. Master    \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse  
           1            2            3            4            5            6            7
- C. Judge      \_\_\_\_\_ Lover  
           1            2            3            4            5            6            7
- D. Friend     \_\_\_\_\_ King

**Q.38 Now please think about something different. Please tick one box on each line below to show whether you think each statement is true or false.**

	<u>Definitely True</u>	<u>Probably True</u>	<u>Probably False</u>	<u>Definitely False</u>	<u>Can't Choose</u>
a. Good luck charms sometimes do bring good luck	1	2	3	4	8
b. Some fortune tellers really can foresee the future	1	2	3	4	8
c. Some faithhealers do have God-given healing powers	1	2	3	4	8
d. A person's star sign at birth, or horoscope, can affect the course of their future	1	2	3	4	8

**Q.39 People have different images of the world and human nature. We'd like to know the kinds of images you have.**

Below are sets of contrasting images. On a scale of 1 to 7 where would you place your image of the world and human nature between these two contrasting images?

Look at the first set of contrasting images. If you think that "The world is basically filled with evil and sin" you would place yourself at 1. If you think that "There is much goodness in the world which hints at God's goodness" you would place yourself at 7. If you think things are somewhere in between these two, you would place yourself at 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.

Where would you place your image of the world on each of the scales below?

- A. The world is basically filled with evil and sin
- 
- There is much goodness in the world which hints at God's goodness
- 7
- B. Human nature is basically good
- 
- Human nature is fundamentally perverse and corrupt
- 7

**Q. 40 Some people think that what is good and what is evil depends entirely upon circumstances. Other people think that rules about what is good and bad apply at all times, whatever the circumstances. On a scale of 1 to 7 which would you say is closest to your opinion.**

- What is good and bad depends entirely on the circumstances
- 
- What is good and bad applies at all times, whatever the circumstances
- 7

**Q.41 Now I would like you to tell me your views on three issues. I'm going to read out two opposing views on each issue and would like to know how you would place your views on a scale of 1 to 7 in respect of each of these issues**

- (i) Each individual should be responsible for making arrangements for his or her own pension The State alone should be responsible for everyone's pension
- 1      2      3      4      5      6      7
- 
- (ii) People who are unemployed should always have to take any job they are offered, or else lose their unemployment benefit People who are unemployed should have the right to refuse all jobs offered to them and still keep their unemployment benefit
- 1      2      3      4      5      6      7
- 
- (iii) People should always be allowed to smoke in public buildings People should never be allowed to smoke in public buildings
- 1      2      3      4      5      6      7

**Q.42 Could you tell me where you would stand, on a scale of 1 to 7, in terms of whether or not the main religions should or should not have an influence on politics in Ireland. If you think that "The main religions should have no influence on politics in Ireland" you should place yourself at 1. If you think that "The main religions should have a great deal of influence on politics in Ireland" you should place yourself at 7. If you hold an opinion somewhere between these two extremes you should place yourself at 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6.**

The main religions should have no influence on politics The main religions should have a great deal of influence on politics

1      2      3      4      5      6      7

**Q.43 If you need to decide what is right or wrong and good or bad, could you tell me, on a scale of 1 to 7, how strongly are you influenced by the following?**  
[Int: Circle one number of each line].

- |   | <u>Not at all</u><br><u>influenced</u> | —————→ |   |   |   |   | <u>Strongly</u><br><u>influenced</u> |
|---|--|--------|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
|   | 1                                      | 2      | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7                                    |
| A. My conscience  | 1                                      | 2      | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7                                    |
| B. What others will think of me                             | 1                                      | 2      | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7                                    |
| C. My up-bringing   | 1                                      | 2      | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7                                    |
| D. The law  | 1                                      | 2      | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7                                    |
| E. My religion  | 1                                      | 2      | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7                                    |
| F. What makes <i>other</i> people happy or unhappy          | 1                                      | 2      | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7                                    |
| G. What makes <i>you</i> , the respondent, happy or unhappy | 1                                      | 2      | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7                                    |

**Q.44** On a scale of 1 to 7 how strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following 6 statements regarding the cause of most human suffering in the world. [Int. Circle one number on each line]

Most human suffering in this world is because of:

	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	—————▶					Strongly <u>Agree</u>
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(i) people behaving badly (being greedy, corrupt.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(ii) an unjust (unfair) society	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(iii) a lack of nourishment and other natural resources	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(iv) God punishing us for our sins	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(v) accidental/random happenings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(vi) fate/destiny	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

**Q.45** Please indicate, on a scale of 1 to 7, how each of these statements applies to you personally. [Int. Circle one number on each line].

My religious beliefs have a great deal of influence on:

	Definitely <u>Not</u>	—————▶					Definitely <u>Yes</u>
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(i) my daily life	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(ii) how I make important decisions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

**Q.46a** What is your religion?

- |                   |   |                 |   |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|---|
| Roman Catholic    | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> → | Methodist       | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub> → |
| Church of Ireland | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> → | None            | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub> → |
| Presbyterian      | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> → | Other (specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub> → |
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**Q.46b** How close do you feel to the \_\_\_\_\_ Church? (from Q46a above)  
[Int: Tick one box only. If no religion at Q46a tick “Not at All”]

Very close ..... <sub>1</sub>      Close ..... <sub>2</sub>      A Little Bit ..... <sub>3</sub>      Not At All ..... <sub>4</sub>

**Q.47** Which kinds of religion, if any, should receive regular financial support from the State?  
[Int. Read out all possible responses, one at a time. Then tick one box only]

- All religions ..... <sub>1</sub>  
 Just the Main Christian Churches ..... <sub>2</sub>  
 No Church or religious group ..... <sub>3</sub>

**Q.48 Would you be willing to take a cut in your household income after tax to lower the level of unemployment in Ireland?**

**Q.49 Would you be willing to take a cut in your household income in order to help the poorest countries?**

**Q. 48  
to lower  
unemployment  
in Ireland**                      **Q. 49  
to help  
poorest countries**

- |   |                          |        |                          |   |
|---|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|---|
| A. Yes, I would definitely accept a cut in my household income..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| B. No, not unless everybody else had a cut in their income.....     | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 |
| C. No, because it wouldn't solve the problem.....                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 |
| D. No, because I already pay enough for that sort of thing.....     | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 |
| E. No, because I can't afford it.....                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 |
| F. No, for some other reason.....                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 |

**Q.50 I would like you to tell me how much confidence you have in each of the following. Do you have complete confidence; a great deal of confidence; some confidence; very little confidence; no confidence at all.**

[Int: Tick one box per line]

Your confidence in:	<u>Complete Confidence</u>	<u>A Great Deal of Confidence</u>	<u>Some Confidence</u>	<u>Very Little Confidence</u>	<u>No Confidence At All</u>	<u>Can't Choose</u>
a) Your local TDs	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
b) Your local Councillors/ Corporation Members	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
c) Your local industrialists and business people	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
d) Your local Trade Unionists	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
e) Your local Gardaí	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
f) Your local priests/clergy	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
g) Your local teachers	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

**Q. 51 Suppose a law was passed which conflicted with your religious principles and teachings. Would you:**[Int: Tick one box only].

- |  |                          |   |
|--|--------------------------|---|
| Definitely follow the law.....                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| Probably follow the law.....                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 |
| Probably follow your religious convictions.....  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 |
| Definitely follow your religious principles..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 |
| I have no religious principles.....              | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 |
| Can't choose .....                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 |

**Q.52 Now we would like to get some idea of how important you think it is to encourage the development of independence, obedience and creativity in the home. Please assign a score of 1 to 7 depending on how important or otherwise you feel it is to encourage children to develop the following:**

[Int: Circle one number on each line].

	Not at all <u>Important</u>	—————→					<u>Very Important</u>
a. Independence	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b. Obedience	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c. Creativity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

**Q.53a** Now I'd like to change style a little. I'm going to read you some statements and I would like you to tell how strongly you disagree or agree using the same scale as before. A '1' indicates that you strongly disagree while a '7' indicates that you strongly agree. A score of 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 indicates that you are somewhat in between strongly Disagreeing and strongly Agreeing.  
[Int. Tick one on each line]

		Strongly Disagree	—————▶					Strongly Agree	Can't Choose
(i)	women are more spiritual than men	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(ii)	some people can remember a bit of what happened to them in a past life	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(iii)	angels can help us in our lives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(iv)	how you live your life is more important than saying you believe particular doctrines or attending a place of worship	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(v)	more attention should be paid to environmental issues by the main religions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(vi)	religious leaders should give a much clearer direction on moral behaviour	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(vii)	homosexual couples should have the same rights to adopt children as other couples have	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(viii)	people who are in full possession of their senses should have the right to commit suicide	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(ix)	science can, by itself, give a meaning to life	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(x)	the more science advances, the more difficult it is for me to believe in God	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

**Q.53b** The death penalty is justifiable for crimes like brutal murder:

		Strongly Disagree	—————▶					Strongly Agree	Can't Choose	Never Justifiable
(i)	because it deters others from committing such crimes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
(ii)	because the criminal should be punished	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
(iii)	because it makes absolutely sure that the particular criminal will never commit a such a crime again	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

**Q.54 Could I just check again, what is your religion?**

- |                   |  |                 |  |
|-------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| Roman Catholic    | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> → Go to Q.55 | Methodist       | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub> → Go to Q.56 |
| Church of Ireland | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> → Go to Q.56 | None            | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub> → Go to Q.56 |
| Presbyterian      | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> → Go to Q.56 | Other (specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub> → Go to Q.56 |

[INT. IF RESPONDENT IS ROMAN CATHOLIC GOT TO Q.55 OTHERWISE GO TO Q.56]

**Q.55 I have a few questions about different elements of the Catholic faith. Some of these elements of the faith may be more important to you than others. As I read them out please indicate how essential each of the following elements is to your vision of what the Catholic faith is. Give a score of `1` for Not Essential At All up to a score of `7` for Absolutely Essential. Give a score of 2,3,4,5, or 6 for a position somewhere between Not Essential At All and Absolutely Essential.**

	Not Essential <u>At All</u>	—————→					<u>Absolutely Essential</u>
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(i) belief that God is with us in the Sacraments .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(ii) charitable efforts to help the poor.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(iii) belief that Christ is really present in the Eucharist.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(iv) devotion to Mary the Mother of God.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(v) belief that God is present in a special way in the poor ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(vi) having religious orders of priests, sisters, brothers and monks .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(vii) having a Pope .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(viii) efforts to eliminate the social causes of poverty such as unequal wages and discrimination .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(ix) regular mass attendance.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(x) regular daily prayers.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(xi) sacramental confession with a priest .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(xii) opposition to abortion.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(xiii) that priests are not permitted to marry.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(xiv) belief that only men can be priests .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

**Now I would like to record some general information about yourself. This will be used only to clarify your answer in order to see if there are important differences between the opinions of men and women, young and old etc.**

**Q.56 What is your sex?** Male..... <sub>1</sub> Female..... <sub>2</sub>

**Q.57 What is your date of birth?** Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Q.58 What is your marital status?**

- |                           |                                       |                             |                                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Married.....              | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> | Separated.....              | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub> |
| Living with partner ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> | Single.....                 | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub> |
| Widowed .....             | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> | Other (please specify)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>7</sub> |
| Divorced.....             | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub> | _____                       |                                       |

**Q.59 How many years of full-time education did you receive?**[Int: If respondent did not return to full-time education as an adult calculate as (age when left full-time education minus 5)]

\_\_\_\_\_ years of full-time education      No formal education ..... <sub>8</sub>

- Q.60a** What is the highest level of education that you attained? [Int: Tick one box in column A]  
**Q.60b** What is the highest level of education that your father attained? [Int: Tick one box in column B]  
**Q.60c** What is the highest level of education that your mother attained? [Int: Tick one box in column C]  
**Q.60d** What is the highest level of education that you spouse/partner attained? [Int: Tick one box in column D]

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
	<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Father</b>	<b>Mother</b>	<b>Spouse/Partner</b>
None	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Incomplete Primary	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Complete Primary	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Some second level	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Group Cert or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Junior/Intermediate Cert or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Leaving Cert or equiv.	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
Third level incomplete	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
Certificate or diploma	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
University primary degree or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 10
University higher degree or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/> 11	<input type="checkbox"/> 11	<input type="checkbox"/> 11	<input type="checkbox"/> 11
No Spouse/Partner				<input type="checkbox"/> 12

**Q.61** Which of the following best describes your present situation with regard to employment:

- |   |                            |                                  |                             |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| At work full-time (35+ hours weekly) .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Student.....                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 6  |
| At work part-time (15-35) hours weekly..... | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Retired .....                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 7  |
| At work less than 15 hours weekly .....     | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Engaged in home duties.....      | <input type="checkbox"/> 8  |
| At work as relative assisting .....         | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | Permanently disabled .....       | <input type="checkbox"/> 9  |
| Unemployed (incl. Seeking first job) .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | Other, not in labour force ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 |

If 'At work' (Codes 1-4 in Q.61 above), answer Questions 62-68b in relation to your present job. If not now working but did work in the past, answer Questions 62-68b in relation to your most recent job. If respondent never had a job go to Question 69.

**Q.62** How many hours do/did you normally work per week? \_\_\_\_\_ hours

**Q.63** What is/was your occupation? Please describe fully. If farmer please record number of acres farmed.

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**Q.64** Do/did you supervise, or are/were you responsible for the work of any other people?

Yes.....  1      No .....  2

**Q.65** Do/did you work in the public or private sector?

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Civil Service .....                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 |
| Local Authority Health Board or VEC.....              | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| Non-commercial semi-state body .....                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |
| Semi-state body.....                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Private sector (employee or relative assisting) ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Self-employed (incl. Farmer).....                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

**Q.66** [If self employed (code 6 in Q.65 above) ask Question 66, otherwise go to Question 67]. How many people do/did you employ, including yourself if self employed?

\_\_\_\_\_ people

**Q.67** Are you a member of any trade union at this time?

Yes.....  1      No .....  2

**Q.68a Do you normally supervise any other workers in your job?**

Yes ..... <sub>1</sub> → Go to Q.68b      No..... <sub>2</sub> → Go to Q.69

**Q.68b Approximately how many do you supervise? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Q.69 Which of the following best describes spouse's/partner's present situation with regard to employment**

- |   |                                       |                                  |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| At work full-time (35+ hours weekly) .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> | Student.....                     | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>  |
| At work part-time (15-35) hours weekly..... | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> | Retired .....                    | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>7</sub>  |
| At work less than 15 hours weekly .....     | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> | Engaged in home duties.....      | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>  |
| At work as relative assisting .....         | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub> | Permanently disabled .....       | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>9</sub>  |
| Unemployed (incl. Seeking first job).....   | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub> | Other, not in labour force ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>10</sub> |

**Q.70 What is/was your spouse's occupation? Please describe as fully as possible.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Q.71 What is your current religious denomination? Please describe as fully as possible.**[Int: If none, please write NONE, do not leave blank]

\_\_\_\_\_

**Q.72 How often do you currently attend religious services?**

- |                            |                                       |                               |                                       |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Once a week or more .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> | Less than once per year ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub> |
| 2-3 times per month .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> | Never.....                    | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub> |
| Once per month.....        | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> | Don't Know .....              | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>7</sub> |
| Several times a year ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub> | Not applicable .....          | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub> |

**Q.73 People have different ideas about social classes and who belongs to them. In your own case, if you had to classify yourself with one of these categories, which would it be?**

- |   |                                       |                              |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Lower Class.....                        | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> | Middle Class .....           | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub> |
| Working Class .....                     | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> | Upper/Middle Class .....     | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub> |
| Upper working /Lower middle Class ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> | Upper Class .....            | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub> |
|   |                                       | Don't Know/Can't decide..... | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>7</sub> |

**Q.74 Do you feel closer to one of the political parties than to the others?**

Yes ..... <sub>1</sub> → Go to Q.75      No..... <sub>2</sub> → Go to Q.77

**Q.75 If yes: which party is that?**

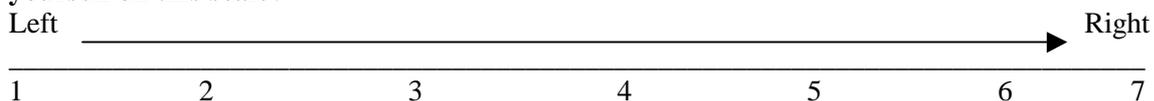
- |                    |                                       |                             |                                       |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Fianna Fail.....   | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> | Progressive Democrats ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub> |
| Fine Gael .....    | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> | Green Party .....           | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub> |
| Labour .....       | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> | Sinn Fein.....              | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>7</sub> |
| Workers Party..... | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub> | Democratic Left .....       | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub> |
|                    |                                       | Other, specify.....         | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>9</sub> |

\_\_\_\_\_

**Q.76 Do you feel yourself to be very close to this party, fairly close to this party or merely a sympathiser?**

Very close..... <sub>1</sub>      Fairly close..... <sub>2</sub>      Merely a sympathiser..... <sub>3</sub>

**Q.77 People often use the term 'right wing' or 'left wing' in describing political opinions. This card [Show Card A] shows a scale from very left wing to very right wing. Where would you put yourself on this scale?**



**Q. 78** If there were a General Election tomorrow which party would you vote for? [Int: Tick one box only]

Fianna Fail.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Progressive Democrats.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
Fine Gael.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Green Party.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	6
Labour.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Sinn Fein.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	7
Workers Party.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Democratic Left.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	8
			Other, specify.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	9

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**Q. 79** Thinking now of the other members of your household, could you please give their first names or initials, their sex and their age.

First Name	Sex		Age
1 _____	M	F	_____
2 _____	M	F	_____
3 _____	M	F	_____
4 _____	M	F	_____
5 _____	M	F	_____
6 _____	M	F	_____
7 _____	M	F	_____
8 _____	M	F	_____
9 _____	M	F	_____
10 _____	M	F	_____

**Q.80** Would you say you live in:

An urban area.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
A suburb of a large town, city.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
A rural area.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	3

**Q.81** Here is a scale of incomes, and we would like to know in what group your household lies in terms of it's gross income, counting all wages, salaries, pensions and other income that come in. [ Show Card B, Circle in column (a) the letter of the group your household falls into, before taxes and other deductions]

**And which group does your own gross income fall into, again before taxes and other deductions?**  
[Circle in column (b) the letter of the group your personal income falls into]

£ Total Gross Income		(a)	(b)
Per week	Per year	Household Category	Personal Category
£0-£49	£0-2,599	C	C
£50-£99	£2,600-£5,199	D	D
£100-£149	£5,200-£7,799	E	E
£150-£199	£7,800-£10,399	F	F
£200-£299	£10,400-£15,599	G	G
£300-£399	£15,600-£20,799	H	H
£400-£499	£20,800-£25,999	I	I
£500-£699	26,000-£36,399	J	J
£700+	£36,400	K	K