Canada
ISSP 2008 – Religion III
Questionnaire
(English)
Dear participant:

We’re inviting you to participate in Canada’s contribution to a vital international project. This national survey is part of an international survey called the International Social Survey Program. Carleton University is a member of this non-profit academic organization of over 40 countries. The knowledge we gain from this study of peoples’ ideas about ‘Social Equality’ and ‘Religion’ will help researchers from all over the world understand how people from different countries feel about these issues.

**WHICH FAMILY MEMBER SHOULD FILL IT OUT? NOT NECESSARILY THE PERSON WHOSE NAME IS ON THE ENVELOPE. TO ENSURE A RANDOM SAMPLE OF CANADIANS WE WOULD LIKE THE PERSON OVER 18 WHOSE BIRTHDAY COMES SOONEST AFTER TODAY TO ANSWER THE SURVEY.** It’s extremely important to the validity of this study that THIS person complete and return the questionnaire.

You do not have to have any special knowledge; we are just interested in your opinions. All the information you give us will be strictly confidential and will not be associated with you or your household after you mail it back to us (ONCE THE SURVEY IS REMOVED FROM THE ENVELOPE THERE IS NO WAY OF ASSOCIATING YOUR RESPONSES WITH YOU).

We need your help in completing this survey. It will only take a short time. When you’ve completed it please mail it back to us in the stamped self-addressed envelope.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact our Research Director, Heather Pyman at (613) 520-7420 or by email hpyman@ccs.carleton.ca

I really appreciate your time and thank you for your efforts.

Jon Pammett, Director, Carleton University Survey Centre

If you would like more information about the Survey Centre or the International Social Survey Programme you can view our website at http://www.carleton.ca/cusc

*Please complete the survey and return it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope.*

*Français au verso*
To begin we have some questions about opportunities for getting ahead.

Please tick one box for each of these to show how important you think it is for getting ahead in life...

1. how important is being born a man or a woman?

2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (please tick one box on each line)

3. Would you say that you earn... (please tick one box)

4. Do you think people with high incomes should pay a larger share of their income in taxes than those with lower incomes, the same share, or a smaller share? (please tick one box)

5. Generally, how would you describe taxes in Canada today for those with high incomes? Taxes are...

6. Differences in income in Canada are too large.

7a. Do you think people with high incomes should pay a larger share of their income in taxes than those with low incomes, the same share, or a smaller share? (please tick one box)

7b. How much do you think a cabinet minister in the federal government should earn?

8a. Very just, definitely right

8b. Is it just or unjust – right or wrong – that people with higher incomes can buy better health care than people with lower incomes? (please tick one box)

9a. Much larger share

9b. Larger
In all countries, there are differences or even conflicts between different social groups. In your opinion, in Canada how much conflict is there between... (please tick one box on each line)

...poor people and rich people? □ Very strong □ Strong conflicts □ Not very strong conflicts □ Not very strong □ Can’t choose

...the working class and the middle class? □ Very strong □ Strong conflicts □ Not very strong conflicts □ Not very strong □ Can’t choose

...management and workers? □ Very strong □ Strong conflicts □ Not very strong conflicts □ Not very strong □ Can’t choose

...people at the top of society and people at the bottom? □ Very strong □ Strong conflicts □ Not very strong conflicts □ Not very strong □ Can’t choose

In our society there are groups which tend to be towards the top and groups which tend to be towards the bottom. Below is a scale that runs from top to bottom. Where would you put yourself now on this scale? (please tick one box)

10a 10b

In deciding how much people ought to earn, how important should each of these things be, in your opinion? (please tick one box on each line)

How much ability does the job. □ Essential □ Very important □ Fairly important □ Not very important □ Not important at all □ Can’t choose

The number of years spent in education and training. □ Essential □ Very important □ Fairly important □ Not very important □ Not important at all □ Can’t choose

What is needed to support a family. □ Essential □ Very important □ Fairly important □ Not very important □ Not important at all □ Can’t choose

Please think about your present job (or your last one if you don’t have one now). If you compare this job to the job your father had when you were 15 would you say that the level of status of your job is (or was)... (please tick one box)

...much higher than your father’s □ 1

...higher □ 2

...about equal □ 3

...lower □ 4

...much lower than your father’s □ 5

I never had a job □ 6

I don’t know what my father did / father never had a job / never knew father / father deceased □ 7

When you were 15 years old, for whom did your father work? If your father did not have a paid job at the time, please give information about his last job before that time. (please tick one box)

Employee of a private company or business □ 1

Government □ 2

Self-employed □ 3

Other (please specify) □ 4

I have never had a paid job □ 8

Describe fully, using two words or more (do not use initials or abbreviations). If your father did not have a paid job at the time, please give information about his last job before that time.
16b In this first job, what was your main occupation?

Describe fully, using two words or more (do not use initials or abbreviations)

□ _Employee of a private company or business_ 1
□ _Government_ 2
□ _Self-employed_ 3
□ _Other (please specify)_ 4
□ _I have never had a paid job_ 8

The following questions are concerning your personal beliefs.

19 If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole...? (please tick one box)

□ _Very happy_ 1
□ _Not too happy_ 2
□ _Not very happy_ 3
□ _Not at all happy_ 4
□ _Can't choose_ 8

20 Do you think it is wrong or not wrong if a man and a woman have sexual relations before marriage? (please tick one box)

□ _Always wrong_ 1
□ _Not wrong at all_ 4
□ _Wrong only_ 3
□ _Not wrong at all sometimes_ 2
□ _Can't choose_ 8

21 What about a married person having sexual relations with someone other than his or her husband or wife, is it...? (please tick one box)

□ _Always wrong_ 1
□ _Not wrong at all_ 4
□ _Wrong only_ 3
□ _Wrong only sometimes_ 2
□ _Can't choose_ 8

22 And what about sexual relations between two adults of the same sex, is it...? (please tick one box)

□ _Always wrong_ 1
□ _Not wrong at all_ 4
□ _Wrong only_ 3
□ _Wrong only sometimes_ 2
□ _Can't choose_ 8

23 Do you personally think it is wrong or not wrong for a woman to have an abortion? (please tick one box on each line)

□ _Always wrong_ 1
□ _Almost always wrong_ 2
□ _Wrong only sometimes_ 3
□ _Wrong only_ 4
□ _Not wrong at all_ 8

24 A husband’s job is to earn money; a wife’s job is to look after the home and family. (please tick one box)

□ _Strongly agree_ 1
□ _Agree_ 2
□ _Neither agree or disagree_ 3
□ _Disagree_ 4
□ _Strongly disagree_ 5
□ _Can’t choose_ 8

25 Generally speaking, would you say that people can be trusted or that you can’t be too careful in dealing with people? (please tick one box)

□ _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

26 How much confidence do you have in ... (please tick one box on each line)

□ _Parliament_ 1
□ _Business and industry_ 2
□ _Churches and religious organizations_ 3
□ _Courts and the legal system_ 4
□ _Schools and the educational system_ 5
□ _Complete confidence_ 1
□ _A great deal of confidence_ 2
□ _Some confidence_ 3
□ _Very little confidence_ 4
□ _No confidence at all_ 5
□ _Can’t choose_ 8

27 We are interested in the extent to which you have moved from one kind of place to another. Which do you think is most like your experience of life? (please tick one box)

□ _Have lived in different countries_ 1
□ _Have lived in different places in the same country_ 2
□ _I have lived in different neighbourhoods in the same place_ 3
□ _I have always lived in the same neighbourhood_ 4

28 How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following...? (please tick one box on each line)

□ _Religious leaders should not try to influence how people vote in elections._ 1
□ _We trust too much in science and not enough in religious faith._ 2
□ _Looking around the world, religions bring more conflict than peace._ 3
□ _People with very strong religious beliefs are often too intolerant of others._ 4
□ _Overall modern science does more harm than good._ 5
□ _Complete confidence_ 1
□ _A great deal of confidence_ 2
□ _Some confidence_ 3
□ _Very little confidence_ 4
□ _No confidence at all_ 5
□ _Can’t choose_ 8

29 Please consider the following statements and tell me whether you agree or disagree...? (please tick one box on each line)

□ _We have too much power or too little power._ 1
□ _Far too much power_ 1
□ _Too much power_ 2
□ _About the right amount of power_ 3
□ _Too little power_ 4
□ _Far too little power_ 5
□ _Can’t choose_ 8

16c When you were 15 years old, what kind of work did your mother do; what was her main occupation?

Describe fully, using two words or more (do not use initials or abbreviations). If your mother did not have a paid job at the time, please give information about her last job before that time.

□ _Self-employed_ 1
□ _Employee of a private company or business_ 2
□ _Government_ 3
□ _Other (please specify)_ 4
□ _I have never had a paid job_ 8

17 About how many books were there around your family’s house when you were 15 years old? (please tick one box)

□ _None_ 1
□ _1 or 2_ 2
□ _Around 10_ 3
□ _Around 20_ 4
□ _Around 50_ 5
□ _Around 100_ 6
□ _Around 200_ 7
□ _Around 500_ 8
□ _1000 or more_ 9

18a In your first job, after leaving full-time education, for whom did you work? (please tick one box)

□ _Employee of a private company or business_ 1
□ _Government_ 2
□ _Self-employed_ 3
□ _Other (please specify)_ 4
□ _I have never had a paid job_ 8

18b In this first job, what was your main occupation?

Describe fully, using two words or more (do not use initials or abbreviations)
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<td>How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (please tick one box on each line)</td>
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<td>People have different religions and different religious views. Would you accept a person from a different religion or with a very different religious view from yours... (please tick one box on each line)</td>
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<td>There are some people whose views are considered extreme by the majority. Consider religious extremists, that is people who believe that their religion is the only true faith and all other religions should be considered as enemies. Do you think such people should be allowed to... (please tick one box on each line)</td>
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<td>Please indicate which statement below comes closest to expressing what you believe about God. (please tick one box)</td>
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<td>Which best describes your beliefs about God? (please tick one box)</td>
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<td>Do you believe in: (please tick one box on each line)</td>
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<td>What religion, if any, were you raised in? (please tick one box)</td>
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<td>When you were a child, how often did your mother attend religious services? (please tick one box)</td>
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When were you a child, how often did your father attend religious services? (please tick one box)

- Never □
- Less than once a year □
- About once or twice a year □
- Several times a year □
- About once a month □
- 2-3 times a month □
- Nearly every week □
- Every week □
- Several times a week □
- No father/mother not present □
- Can’t say/Can’t remember □

And what about when you were around 11 or 12, how often did you attend religious services then? (please tick one box)

- Never □
- Less than once a year □
- About once or twice a year □
- Several times a year □
- About once a month □
- 2-3 times a month □
- Nearly every week □
- Every week □
- Several times a week □
- No mother/mother not present □
- Can’t say/Can’t remember □

Now thinking about the present...

- About how often do you pray? (please tick one box)
  - Never □
  - Less than once a year □
  - About once or twice a year □
  - Several times a year □
  - About once a month □
  - 2-3 times a month □
  - Nearly every week □
  - Every week □
  - Several times a week □
  - Once a day □
  - Several times a day □

How often do you take part in the activities or organizations of a church or place of worship other than attending services? (please tick one box)

- Never □
- Less than once a year □
- About once or twice a year □
- Several times a year □
- About once a month □
- 2-3 times a month □
- Nearly every week □
- Every week □
- Several times a week □

For religious reasons do you have in your home a shrine, altar, or a religious object on display such as a retablo, mezuzah, menorah, or crucifix? (please tick one box)

- Yes □
- No □

How often do you visit a holy place for religious reasons such as going to shrine/temple/church/mosque? (please do not count attending regular religious services at your usual place of worship, if you have one) (please tick one box)

- Never □
- Less than once a year □
- About once or twice a year □
- Several times a year □
- About once a month □
- 2-3 times a month □
- Nearly every week □
- Every week □
- Several times a week □

Would you describe yourself as... (please tick one box)

- Extremely religious □
- Very religious □
- Somewhat religious □
- Neither religious or non-religious □
- Very non-religious □
- Extremely non-religious □
- Can’t choose □

When you were a child, did you attend religious services at your usual place of worship, going to shrine/temple/church/mosque?

- Never □
- Less than once a year □
- About once or twice a year □
- Several times a year □
- About once a month □
- 2-3 times a month □
- Nearly every week □
- Every week □
- Several times a week □

How often do you participate in the activities or organizations of a religious group, a church or place of worship other than attending services? (please tick one box)

- Never □
- Less than once a year □
- About once or twice a year □
- Several times a year □
- About once a month □
- 2-3 times a month □
- Nearly every week □
- Every week □
- Several times a week □

What best describes you: (please tick one box)

- Very non-religious □
- Somewhat non-religious □
- Neither religious or non-religious □
- Somewhat religious □
- Very religious □
- Extremely religious □
- Can’t choose □

Which of the following statements come closest to your own views? (please tick one box)

- There is very little truth in any religion □
- There are basic truths in many religions □
- There is truth only in one religion □
- Can’t choose □

Do you agree or disagree that practicing a religion helps people to... (please tick one box on each line)

- ... find inner peace and happiness
- ... make friends
- ... gain comfort in times of trouble or sorrow
- ... meet the right kind of people

What language do you normally speak at home? (please tick one box)

- English □
- French □
- English and French □
- Other □

Just a few questions about yourself to help us analyze the information you have given us.

Are you:

- Male □
- Female □

Please write down your exact age: ________
Are you currently: (please tick one box)

- Married, living as married: [ ]
- Widowed: [ ]
- Divorced: [ ]
- Separated: [ ]
- Not married: [ ]

If not married (widowed, divorced, separated, single) do you live together with a partner?

- Yes: [ ]
- No: [ ]

How many years of schooling have you completed?

# of years _______

How far did you go in school? (please tick one box)

- No formal education: [ ]
- Some grade school: [ ]
- Finished grade school: [ ]
- Some high school: [ ]
- Finished high school: [ ]
- College/CEGEP /some university: [ ]
- Completed university: [ ]
- Graduate studies: [ ]

Are you: (please tick one box)

- Employed full time (35 hours + weekly): [ ]
- Employed part time (15-35 hours weekly): [ ]
- Employed less than part time: [ ]
- Helping a family member: [ ]
- Self-employed: [ ]
- Unemployed: [ ]
- Student or in vocational training: [ ]
- Retired: [ ]
- Housewife/Home duties: [ ]
- Permanently disabled: [ ]
- Others (not in labour force): [ ]

If you work, continue with Q62. If not working now, please tell us about your last job. For those who have never worked, please go to Q68.

How many hours do you normally work? _____________

71. What was the total income of your household from all sources in 2008 before taxes? $ _________

72. And what was your own total personal income from all sources in 2008 before taxes? $ _________

The next few questions are about the things you and your immediate family own.

About how much money would be left if the home or apartment you and/or your immediate family live in was sold, and any debts on it, such as a mortgage or personal loan, would have been paid off? Please give your best estimate. (Tick only one box.)

- $1 – 15,000: [ ]
- $16,001 – $20,000: [ ]
- $20,001 – $25,000: [ ]
- $25,001 – $50,000: [ ]
- $50,001 – $80,000: [ ]
- $80,001 – $120,000: [ ]
- $120,001 – $200,000: [ ]
- $200,001 – $500,000: [ ]
- $500,001 – $700,000: [ ]
- More than $700,000: [ ]
- Can’t Choose: [ ]

How many people live in your household in total?

- Children (<18) _______
- Adults (18+) _______

Generally, in federal politics, do you think of yourself as: (please tick one box)

- Conservative: [ ]
- Liberal: [ ]
- New Democrat: [ ]
- Bloc Québécois: [ ]
- Green Party: [ ]
- Other Party: [ ]
- No Party: [ ]

Did you vote in the 2008 federal election?

- Yes: [ ]
- No: [ ]
Could you tell us what, if any, religious group you belong to?
________________________________

If you are a member of a religious group or church, how often do you attend religious services? (please tick one box)
Never □
Less than once a year □
About once or twice a year □
Several times a year □
About once a month □
2-3 times a month □
Nearly every week □
Every week □
Several times a week □

Most people see themselves as belonging to a particular class. Please tell me which social class you would say you belong to? (please tick one box)
Lower class □
Working class □
Lower middle class □
Middle class □
Upper middle class □
Upper class □

Would you say you live in an area that is: (please tick one box)
Urban, a big city □
Suburb, outskirt of a big city □
Town or small city □
Village □
Farm or home in the country □

What size of city or town do you live in? (please tick one box)
Greater than 1,000,000 □
750,000 to 999,999 □
500,000 to 749,999 □
250,000 to 499,999 □
100,000 to 249,999 □
50,000 to 99,999 □
10,000 to 9,999 □
1,000 to 9,999 □
Less than 1,000 □

In what province do you reside? (please tick one box)
Newfoundland and Labrador □
Nova Scotia □
Prince Edward Island □
New Brunswick □
Quebec □
Ontario □
Manitoba □
Saskatchewan □
Alberta □
British Columbia □

To which ethnic or cultural group did you ancestors belong?
___________________________________________________

Thank you very much for your co-operation