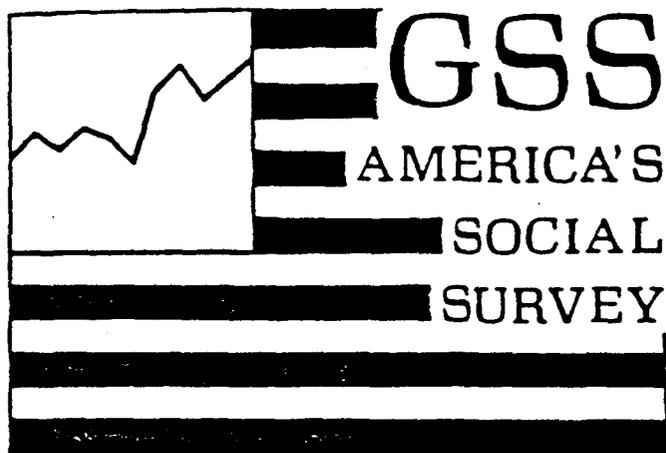


**USA**  
**ISSP 1988 – Family and Changing Gender**  
**Roles I**  
**Questionnaire**



# NORC

University of Chicago

International Self-Administered Questionnaire

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BEGIN DECK 16

TO BE USED ONLY  
WITH SCIENTIFICALLY  
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GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY

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In this part of the survey we are interested in your opinions about politics, social issues and other things that affect our way of life in America.

We would like you to fill out this questionnaire on your own using a pencil. When you are finished please return the questionnaire to our interviewer.

HOW TO FILL OUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

To answer most questions you need only circle a number. Here are two examples:

Example A:

Do you think the government is doing a good job or a poor job?

- A very good job.....1
- A fairly good job.....2
- A poor job.....3
- A very poor job.....4

(IF YOU THINK THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING A "FAIRLY GOOD JOB," CIRCLE "2." (CIRCLE ONE ANSWER ONLY))

Example B:

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?  
(PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH STATEMENT)

- Strongly agree.....1
- Agree.....2
- Neither agree nor disagree.....3
- Disagree.....4
- Strongly disagree.....5

It is difficult to raise children..... CIRCLE A NUMBER  
1 2 3 4 5

A woman should devote almost all her time to her family..... 1 2 3 4 5

(YOU WOULD CIRCLE "1" IF YOU "STRONGLY AGREE" WITH THE FIRST STATEMENT, AND "4" IF YOU "DISAGREE" WITH THE SECOND STATEMENT).

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PLEASE READ EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY, REMEMBER THERE ARE NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWERS--WE JUST WANT TO KNOW YOUR OWN PERSONAL OPINION.

To begin, we have some questions about women.

1. Do you agree or disagree ...

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Dis- agree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
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a. A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work.	1	2	3	4	5	8	07/
b. A pre-school child is likely to suffer if his or her mother works.	1	2	3	4	5	8	08/
c. All in all, family life suffers when the woman has a full-time job.	1	2	3	4	5	8	09/
d. A woman and her family will all be happier if she goes out to work.	1	2	3	4	5	8	10/
e. A job is alright, but what most women really want is a home and children.	1	2	3	4	5	8	11/
f. Being a housewife is just as fulfilling as working for pay.	1	2	3	4	5	8	12/
g. Having a job is the best way for a woman to be an independent person.	1	2	3	4	5	8	13/
h. Both the husband and wife should contribute to the household income.	1	2	3	4	5	8	14/
i. A husband's job is to earn money; a wife's job is to look after the home and family.	1	2	3	4	5	8	15/
j. I would enjoy having a job even if I didn't need the money.	1	2	3	4	5	8	16/

2. Do you think that women should work outside the home full-time, part-time or not at all under these circumstances:

Please circle one answer on each line.

Work full-time	Work part-time	Stay Home	Can't Choose
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a. After marrying and before there are children.	1	2	3	8	17/
b. When there is a child under school age.	1	2	3	8	18/
c. After the youngest child starts school.	1	2	3	8	19/
d. After the children leave home.	1	2	3	8	20/

3. Think of a child under 3 years old whose parents both have full-time jobs. How suitable do you think each of these childcare arrangements would be for the child?

Very Suitable	Somewhat Suitable	Not Very Suitable	Not At All Suitable	Can't Choose
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a. A public day care center?	1	2	3	4	8	21/
b. A private day care center?	1	2	3	4	8	22/
c. A babysitter?	1	2	3	4	8	23/
d. A neighbor or friend?	1	2	3	4	8	24/
e. A relative?	1	2	3	4	8	25/

4A. If you were advising a young woman, which of the following ways of life would you recommend?

Please choose only one of the following responses.

- To live alone, without a steady partner?.....1 26/
- To live with a steady partner, without marrying?.....2
- To live with a steady partner for a while, and then marry?.....3
- To marry without living together first?.....4
- Can't choose?.....8

4B. If you were advising a young man, which of the following ways of life would you recommend?

Please choose only one of the following responses.

- To live alone, without a steady partner?.....1 27/
- To live with a steady partner, without marrying?.....2
- To live with a steady partner for a while, and then marry?.....3
- To marry without living together first?.....4
- Can't choose?.....8

5. Do you agree or disagree?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose	
a. Married people are generally happier than unmarried people.	1	2	3	4	5	8	28/
b. Personal freedom is more important than the companionship of marriage.	1	2	3	4	5	8	29/
c. The main advantage of marriage is that it gives financial security.	1	2	3	4	5	8	30/
d. The main purpose of marriage these days is to have children.	1	2	3	4	5	8	31/
e. It is better to have a bad marriage than no marriage at all.	1	2	3	4	5	8	32/
f. People who want children ought to get married.	1	2	3	4	5	8	33/
g. A single mother can bring up her child as well as a married couple.	1	2	3	4	5	8	34/
h. A single father can bring up his child as well as a married couple.	1	2	3	4	5	8	35/
i. Couples don't take marriage seriously enough when divorce is easily available.	1	2	3	4	5	8	36/
j. Homosexual couples should have the right to marry one another.	1	2	3	4	5	8	37/

6. All in all, what do you think is the ideal number of children for a family to have? Please just write a number in the box below.

Ideal number of children for a family.....

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7. In general, what do you feel about each of these family sizes? Please circle one answer on each line.

It is ...

Very Desirable	Desirable	Neither Desirable Nor Undesirable	Un- Desirable	Very Undesirable	Can't Choose
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A family with:

a. No children?	1	2	3	4	5	8	40/
b. One child?	1	2	3	4	5	8	41/
c. Two children?	1	2	3	4	5	8	42/
d. Three children?	1	2	3	4	5	8	43/
e. Four children or more?	1	2	3	4	5	8	44/

8. Do you agree or disagree ...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Dis- agree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose	
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a. Children are more trouble than they are worth.	1	2	3	4	5	8	45/
b. Watching children grow up is life's greatest joy.	1	2	3	4	5	8	46/
c. Having children interferes too much with the freedom of parents.	1	2	3	4	5	8	47/
d. A marriage without children is not fully complete.	1	2	3	4	5	8	48/
e. It is better <u>not</u> to have children because they are such a heavy financial burden.	1	2	3	4	5	8	49/
f. People who have never had children lead empty lives.	1	2	3	4	5	8	50/

9. In general, would you say that the law now makes it easy or difficult for people who want to get divorced?

Very easy.....	1	51/
Fairly easy.....	2	
Neither easy nor difficult.....	3	
Fairly difficult.....	4	
Very difficult.....	5	
Can't choose.....	8	

10. And in general, how easy or difficult do you think the law should make it for couples without young children to get a divorce?

Very easy.....	1	52/
Fairly easy.....	2	
Neither easy nor difficult.....	3	
Fairly difficult.....	4	
Very difficult.....	5	
Can't choose.....	8	

11. And what about couples with young children? How easy or difficult should the law make it for them to get a divorce?

Very easy.....	1	53/
Fairly easy.....	2	
Neither easy nor difficult.....	3	
Fairly difficult.....	4	
Very difficult.....	5	
Can't choose.....	8	