

**New Zealand**  
**ISSP 1999 - Social Inequality III**  
**Questionnaire**

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# Social Equality in New Zealand

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### ***How to fill out this questionnaire***

To answer these questions all you have to do is circle a number, or write in the space provided. For some questions, there is an instruction in **bold type** explaining what to do. Some questions may not apply to you, in which case there are instructions on which questions to go to next.

The questions cover a wide range of subjects, but no special knowledge is required and there are no right or wrong answers. We just want to know your *own personal opinions*.

### ***Returning the questionnaire***

When you have completed the questionnaire, please post it back in the reply-paid envelope, **as soon as you possibly can**.

Enjoy the questionnaire, and thank you for your help.

If you would like a copy of a summary of the results of this survey, please write your name and address in the place below.

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|----------|-------|
| Name:    | _____ |
| Address: | _____ |
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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR GETTING AHEAD**

To begin, we have some questions about opportunities for getting ahead...

1. Please circle one number in each of the following questions to show how **important you think it is for getting ahead in life...**

- a. First, how important is coming from a wealthy family?

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Essential .....            | 1 |
| Very important .....       | 2 |
| Fairly important .....     | 3 |
| Not very important.....    | 4 |
| Not important at all ..... | 5 |
| Can't choose.....          | 8 |

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- b. Knowing the right people?

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Essential .....            | 1 |
| Very important .....       | 2 |
| Fairly important .....     | 3 |
| Not very important.....    | 4 |
| Not important at all ..... | 5 |
| Can't choose.....          | 8 |

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- c. Do you agree or disagree...  
In New Zealand people get rewarded for their effort

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Strongly agree .....            | 1 |
| Agree.....                      | 2 |
| Neither agree nor disagree..... | 3 |
| Disagree.....                   | 4 |
| Strongly disagree.....          | 5 |
| Can't choose.....               | 8 |

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- d. In New Zealand people get rewarded for their intelligence and skills

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Strongly agree .....            | 1 |
| Agree.....                      | 2 |
| Neither agree nor disagree..... | 3 |
| Disagree.....                   | 4 |
| Strongly disagree.....          | 5 |
| Can't choose.....               | 8 |

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- e. To get all the way to the top in New Zealand today, you have to be corrupt.

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Strongly agree .....            | 1 |
| Agree.....                      | 2 |
| Neither agree nor disagree..... | 3 |
| Disagree.....                   | 4 |
| Strongly disagree.....          | 5 |
| Can't choose.....               | 8 |

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**Next, some questions about inequality...**

2. a. Do you agree or disagree ...  
Inequality continues to exist because it benefits the rich and powerful.
- Strongly agree ..... 1  
Agree..... 2  
Neither agree nor disagree..... 3  
Disagree ..... 4  
Strongly disagree ..... 5  
Can't choose..... 8
- b. No one would study for years to become a lawyer or doctor unless they expected to earn a lot more than ordinary workers.
- Strongly agree ..... 1  
Agree..... 2  
Neither agree nor disagree..... 3  
Disagree ..... 4  
Strongly disagree ..... 5  
Can't choose..... 8
- c. Large differences in income are necessary for New Zealand's prosperity.
- Strongly agree ..... 1  
Agree..... 2  
Neither agree nor disagree..... 3  
Disagree ..... 4  
Strongly disagree ..... 5  
Can't choose..... 8
- d. Inequality continues to exist because ordinary people don't join together to get rid of it.
- Strongly agree ..... 1  
Agree..... 2  
Neither agree nor disagree..... 3  
Disagree ..... 4  
Strongly disagree ..... 5  
Can't choose..... 8
- e. Would you say that you earn...

***If you are not working now, please tell about your last job.***

- Much less than I deserve..... 1  
Less than I deserve ..... 2  
What I deserve..... 3  
More than I deserve ..... 4  
Much more than I deserve..... 5  
Never worked..... 6  
Can't choose..... 8

**HOW MUCH PEOPLE EARN**

3. We would like to know what you think people in some jobs actually earn.

For each of the people listed below, please write in how much you think they **usually** earn each year, before taxes.

*(You may not be exactly sure about this, but your best guess will be close enough. This may be difficult, but it is important, so please try.)*

*Please write in how much they **ACTUALLY** earn each year*

- a. First, **about** how much do you think a skilled worker in a factory earns?.....[\$].....
- b. A doctor in general practice?.....[\$].....
- c. The chairman of a large national corporation? .....[\$].....
- d. A solicitor? .....[\$].....
- e. A shop assistant? .....[\$].....
- f. The owner-manager of a large factory? .....[\$].....
- g. A judge in the High Court?.....[\$].....
- h. An unskilled worker in a factory?.....[\$].....
- i. A cabinet minister in parliament? .....[\$].....
- j. Your occupation – about how much do you actually earn? .....[\$].....  
*If not working now, please tell us about your last occupation.*

*If you have never worked, please circle here* 99

4. Next, what do you think people in these jobs **ought** to be paid – how much do you think they should earn each year before taxes, regardless of what they actually get?

*Please write in how  
much they **SHOULD**  
earn each year*

- a. First, **about** how much do you think a skilled worker in a factory should earn? .....[\$].....
- b. A doctor in general practice? .....[\$].....
- c. The chairman of a large national corporation? .....[\$].....
- d. A solicitor? .....[\$].....
- e. A shop assistant? .....[\$].....
- f. The owner-manager of a large factory? .....[\$].....
- g. A judge in the High Court?.....[\$].....
- h. An unskilled worker in a factory? .....[\$].....
- i. A cabinet minister in parliament .....[\$].....
- j. Your occupation – about how much should they earn?.....[\$].....  
***If not working now, please tell us about your last occupation***

***If you have never worked, please circle here***

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5. Please show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

|   | Strongly<br>Agree | Agree | Neither<br>Agree nor<br>Disagree | Disagree | Strongly<br>Disagree | Can't<br>choose |
|---|-------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------|
| a. Differences in income in<br>New Zealand are too large.....   | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |
| b. It is the responsibility of the<br>Government to reduce the<br>differences in income between<br>people with high incomes and<br>those with low incomes ..... | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |

6. 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**?

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Much larger share .....  | 1 |
| Larger .....             | 2 |
| The same share .....     | 3 |
| Smaller .....            | 4 |
| Much smaller share ..... | 5 |
| Can't choose.....        | 8 |

7. Turning to international differences, do you agree or disagree...  
Present economic differences between rich and poor countries are too large?

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Strongly agree .....            | 1 |
| Agree.....                      | 2 |
| Neither agree nor disagree..... | 3 |
| Disagree.....                   | 4 |
| Strongly disagree.....          | 5 |
| Can't choose.....               | 8 |

8. People in wealthy countries should make an additional tax contribution to help people in poor countries.

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Strongly agree .....            | 1 |
| Agree.....                      | 2 |
| Neither agree nor disagree..... | 3 |
| Disagree.....                   | 4 |
| Strongly disagree.....          | 5 |
| Can't choose.....               | 8 |



9. Is it just or unjust – right or wrong – that people with higher incomes can...

a. Buy better health care than people with lower incomes?

Very just, definitely right..... 1  
 Somewhat just, right ..... 2  
 Neither just nor unjust, mixed feelings ..... 3  
 Somewhat unjust, wrong ..... 4  
 Very unjust, definitely wrong..... 5  
 Can't choose..... 8

b. Buy better education for their children than people with lower incomes?

Very just, definitely right..... 1  
 Somewhat just, right ..... 2  
 Neither just nor unjust, mixed feelings ..... 3  
 Somewhat unjust, wrong ..... 4  
 Very unjust, definitely wrong..... 5  
 Can't choose..... 8

10. In all countries there are differences or even conflicts between different social groups. In your opinion, in New Zealand how much conflict is there between...

|  | Very<br>Strong<br>Conflicts | Strong<br>conflicts | Not very<br>strong<br>conflicts | There are<br>no<br>conflicts | Can't<br>choose |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| a. Poor people and rich people?.....                               | 1                           | 2                   | 3                               | 4                            | 8               |
| d. The working class and the<br>middle class?.....                 | 1                           | 2                   | 3                               | 4                            | 8               |
| c. Management and workers? .....                                   | 1                           | 2                   | 3                               | 4                            | 8               |
| d. People at the top of society<br>and people at the bottom? ..... | 1                           | 2                   | 3                               | 4                            | 8               |
| e. Young people and older people? ...                              | 1                           | 2                   | 3                               | 4                            | 8               |

11. In our society there are groups which tend to be towards the top and groups which tend to be toward the bottom. Below is a scale that runs from top to bottom. Where would you put yourself on this scale?

**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER**

|        |    |
|--------|----|
| Top    | 01 |
|        | 02 |
|        | 03 |
|        | 04 |
|        | 05 |
|        | 06 |
|        | 07 |
|        | 08 |
|        | 09 |
| Bottom | 10 |

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12. And ten years ago, where did you fit in then?

**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER**

|        |    |
|--------|----|
| Top    | 01 |
|        | 02 |
|        | 03 |
|        | 04 |
|        | 05 |
|        | 06 |
|        | 07 |
|        | 08 |
|        | 09 |
| Bottom | 10 |

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### **PAY AND JOBS**

13. Please think of your present job (or your last one if you don't have one now). If you compare this job with the job your father had when you were 16, would you say that the level or status of **your** job is (or was)...

Much higher than your father's ..... 1  
 Higher ..... 2  
 About equal ..... 3  
 Lower ..... 4  
 Much lower than your father's ..... 5  
 I have never had a job ..... 6  
 I never knew my father/father never had a job ..... 7

- 3 -

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14. In deciding how much people **ought** to earn, how important should each of these things be, in your opinion?

- (a) First, the amount of responsibility that goes with the job – how important do **you** think that should be in deciding pay?

Essential ..... 1  
Very important ..... 2  
Fairly important ..... 3  
Not very important ..... 4  
Not important at all ..... 5  
Can't choose ..... 8

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- (b) The number of years spent in education and training?

Essential ..... 1  
Very important ..... 2  
Fairly important ..... 3  
Not very important ..... 4  
Not important at all ..... 5  
Can't choose ..... 8

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- (c) Whether the job requires supervising others – how important should that be in deciding pay?

Essential ..... 1  
Very important ..... 2  
Fairly important ..... 3  
Not very important ..... 4  
Not important at all ..... 5  
Can't choose ..... 8

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- (d) What is needed to support a family?

Essential ..... 1  
Very important ..... 2  
Fairly important ..... 3  
Not very important ..... 4  
Not important at all ..... 5  
Can't choose ..... 8

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- (e) Whether the person has children to support

Essential ..... 1  
Very important ..... 2  
Fairly important ..... 3  
Not very important ..... 4  
Not important at all ..... 5  
Can't choose ..... 8

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(f) How well he or she does the job?

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Essential .....            | 1 |
| Very important .....       | 2 |
| Fairly important .....     | 3 |
| Not very important.....    | 4 |
| Not important at all ..... | 5 |
| Can't choose.....          | 8 |

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(g) How hard he or she works at the job?

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Essential .....            | 1 |
| Very important .....       | 2 |
| Fairly important .....     | 3 |
| Not very important.....    | 4 |
| Not important at all ..... | 5 |
| Can't choose.....          | 8 |

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15. Is your pay just? We are not asking about what you do earn, nor what you would like to earn – but what you feel is just given your skills and effort. Is your pay...

***If not working now, please tell about your last job.***

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Much less than is just.....      | 1 |
| A little less than is just ..... | 2 |
| About just for me.....           | 3 |
| A little more than is just ..... | 4 |
| Much more than is just.....      | 5 |
| Never had a job.....             | 6 |
| Can't choose.....                | 8 |

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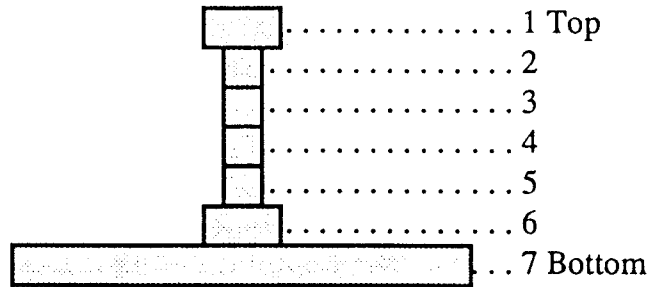
## SHAPE OF NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY

These five diagrams show different kinds of society. Please read the descriptions and look at the diagrams.

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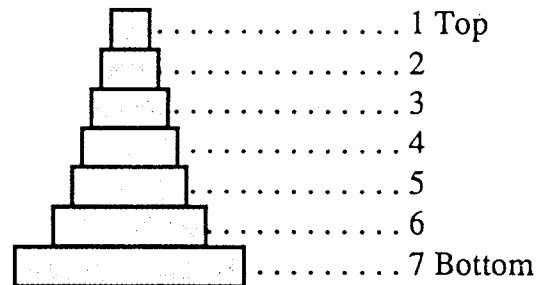
### Type A

A small elite at the top, very few people in the middle and the great mass of people at the bottom



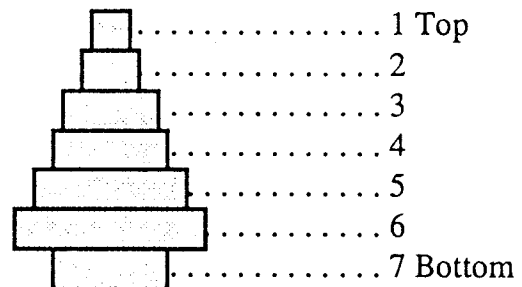
### Type B

A society like a pyramid, with a small elite at the top, more people in the middle, and most at the bottom



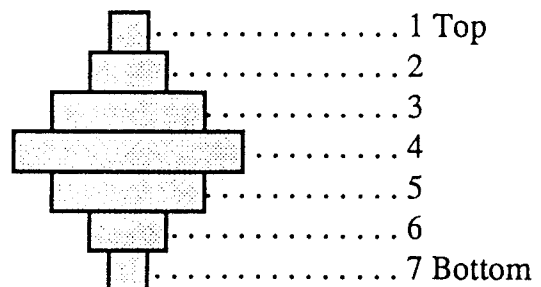
### Type C

A pyramid except that just a few people are at the very bottom



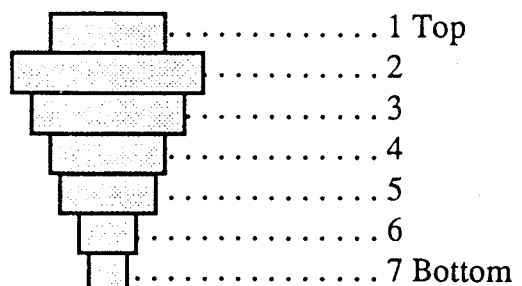
### Type D

A society with most people in the middle



### Type E

Many people near the top and only a few near the bottom



16. (a) First, what type of society is New Zealand today - which diagram comes closest?

Type A..... 1  
Type B..... 2  
Type C..... 3  
Type D ..... 4  
Type E..... 5  
Can't choose..... 8

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- (b) What do you think New Zealand **ought** to be like - which would you prefer?

Type A..... 1  
Type B..... 2  
Type C..... 3  
Type D ..... 4  
Type E..... 5  
Can't choose..... 8

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17. Now, we would like to know where you and other people fit in. Please look at the diagram you think **best** describes New Zealand today, the one you chose first.

- (a) Where would you say you and your family are - at the top, somewhere in the middle, or **toward** the bottom?

1 Top ..... 1  
2..... 2  
3..... 3  
4..... 4  
5..... 5  
6..... 6  
7 Bottom ..... 7  
8 Can't choose..... 8

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- (b) Where would you say unskilled worker in a factory fits in?

1 Top ..... 1  
2..... 2  
3..... 3  
4..... 4  
5..... 5  
6..... 6  
7 Bottom ..... 7  
8 Can't choose..... 8

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## (c) The chairman of a large national corporation?

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| 1 Top .....          | 1 |
| 2 .....              | 2 |
| 3 .....              | 3 |
| 4 .....              | 4 |
| 5 .....              | 5 |
| 6 .....              | 6 |
| 7 Bottom .....       | 7 |
| 8 Can't choose ..... | 8 |

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18. If the government had a choice between **reducing taxes** or **spending more** on **social services**, which do you think it should do?(We mean **all** taxes together, including income tax, GST and all the rest.)

Reduce taxes, even if this means  
spending less on social services..... 1

**OR**

Spend more on social services, even if  
this means higher taxes? ..... 2

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Can't choose..... 8

## 19. Generally, how would you describe taxes in New Zealand today?

(Again, we mean **all** taxes together, including income tax, GST and all the rest.)a. First, for those with **high** incomes, are taxes...

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Much too high .....             | 1 |
| Too high .....                  | 2 |
| About right .....               | 3 |
| Too low .....                   | 4 |
| Or, are they much too low ..... | 5 |
| Can't choose .....              | 8 |

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b. Next, for those with **middle** incomes, are taxes...

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Much too high .....             | 1 |
| Too high .....                  | 2 |
| About right .....               | 3 |
| Too low .....                   | 4 |
| Or, are they much too low ..... | 5 |
| Can't choose .....              | 8 |

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- c. Lastly, for those with **low** incomes, are taxes...

Much too high ..... 1  
 Too high ..... 2  
 About right ..... 3  
 Too low ..... 4  
 Or, are they much too low ..... 5  
 Can't choose ..... 8

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20. Please circle **one** number for **each** statement to show how much you agree or disagree with it.

**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE**

- |  | Agree<br>strongly | Agree | Neither<br>agree nor<br>disagree | Disagree | Strongly<br>Disagree | Can't<br>choose |
|--|-------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------|
| a. The welfare state makes people nowadays less willing to look after themselves .....                             | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |
| b. People receiving social security are made to feel like second class citizens .....                              | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |
| c. The welfare state encourages people to stop helping each other ....   | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |
| d. The government should spend more money on welfare benefits for the poor, even if it leads to higher taxes ..... | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |
| e. Around here, most unemployed people could find a job if they really wanted to .....                             | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |
| f. Many people who get social security don't really deserve any help .....   | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |
| g. Most people on the dole are fiddling in one way or another .....  | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |
| h. If welfare benefits weren't so generous, people would learn to stand on their own two feet .....                | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |

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21. ~~There~~ are some people in New Zealand who are poor and live in need.  
How much do you agree or disagree with the following?

|   | Agree<br>strongly | Agree | Neither<br>agree nor<br>disagree | Disagree | Strongly<br>Disagree | Can't<br>choose |
|---|-------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------|
| a. There are people in need because it is an inevitable part of modern life.....    | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |
| b. There are people in need because society treats them unfairly .....              | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |
| c. There are people in need because they have been unlucky .....                    | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |
| d. People in need are poor because of <del>laziness</del> or lack of willpower..... | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |

22. Suppose you had to make a choice between **increasing** government spending in particular areas even though this would mean paying **higher** taxes for this ~~extra~~ spending, or **cutting** government spending in these areas and thereby **reducing** taxes; which would you choose for each of the following areas of government spending?

|  | Greatly<br>Increase | Some<br>Increase | Keep<br>the<br>same | Cut | Greatly<br>Cut | Can't<br>Choose |
|--|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----|----------------|-----------------|
| a. The military, armaments and defence .....                             | 1                   | 2                | 3                   | 4   | 5              | 8               |
| b. The education system.....   | 1                   | 2                | 3                   | 4   | 5              | 8               |
| c. Pensions .....  | 1                   | 2                | 3                   | 4   | 5              | 8               |
| d. The domestic purposes benefit .....                                   | 1                   | 2                | 3                   | 4   | 5              | 8               |
| e. Protecting the environment.....                                       | 1                   | 2                | 3                   | 4   | 5              | 8               |
| f. Special assistance for Maori and Pacific Islanders.....               | 1                   | 2                | 3                   | 4   | 5              | 8               |
| g. Job training and assistance for the unemployed .....                  | 1                   | 2                | 3                   | 4   | 5              | 8               |
| h. The health services .....   | 1                   | 2                | 3                   | 4   | 5              | 8               |
| c. Spending on special sporting events like the commonwealth games ..... | 1                   | 2                | 3                   | 4   | 5              | 8               |

23. Which, if any, of the following groups should be charged for visiting their **doctor** (GP)?

**FOR EACH GROUP CIRCLE ONE NUMBER**

**Charged for doctor visits**

|  |            |          |                  |    |
|--|------------|----------|------------------|----|
| Adults without children, earning low incomes.....      | Yes..... 1 | No ....2 | Don't know ... 3 | 44 |
| Adults without children, earning middle incomes .....  | Yes..... 1 | No ....2 | Don't know ... 3 | 45 |
| All adults without children.....                       | Yes..... 1 | No ....2 | Don't know ... 3 | 46 |
| Children in families earning low incomes .....         | Yes..... 1 | No ....2 | Don't know ... 3 | 47 |
| Children in families earning middle incomes .....      | Yes..... 1 | No ....2 | Don't know ... 3 | 48 |
| All children, regardless of their family's income..... | Yes..... 1 | No ....2 | Don't know ... 3 | 49 |

24. Which, if any, of the following groups should be charged for the cost of **hospital care**?

**FOR EACH GROUP CIRCLE ONE NUMBER**

**Charged for hospital care**

|  |            |          |                  |    |
|--|------------|----------|------------------|----|
| Adults without children, earning low incomes.....      | Yes..... 1 | No ....2 | Don't know ... 3 | 50 |
| Adults without children, earning middle incomes .....  | Yes..... 1 | No ....2 | Don't know ... 3 | 51 |
| All adults without children.....                       | Yes..... 1 | No ....2 | Don't know ... 3 | 52 |
| Children in families earning low incomes .....         | Yes..... 1 | No ....2 | Don't know ... 3 | 53 |
| Children in families earning middle incomes .....      | Yes..... 1 | No ....2 | Don't know ... 3 | 54 |
| All children, regardless of their family's income..... | Yes .... 1 | No ....2 | Don't know ... 3 | 55 |

## THE ROLES OF MEN AND WOMEN

25. Do you agree or disagree...?

- |   | Agree<br>strongly | Agree | Neither<br>agree nor<br>disagree | Disagree | Disagree<br>strongly | Can't<br>Choose |
|---|-------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------|
| a. Both the man and woman should contribute to the household income....                                   | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |
| b. A man's job is to earn money; a woman's job is to look after the home and family .....                 | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |
| c. It is not good if the man stays at home and cares for the children and the woman goes out to work..... | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |
| d. Family life often suffers because men concentrate too much on their work....                           | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |
| e. Working women should receive paid maternity leave when they have a baby                                | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |
| f. Families should receive financial benefits for child care when both parents work.....                  | 1                 | 2     | 3                                | 4        | 5                    | 8               |

26. **PLEASE ANSWER THIS QUESTION IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY MARRIED OR LIVING AS MARRIED. IF NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED OR LIVING AS MARRIED, PLEASE GO TO Q.29.**

In your household who does the following things?

- |  | Always<br>the<br>Woman | Usually<br>The<br>Woman | About<br>equal or<br>both<br>together | Usually<br>the man | Always<br>the<br>man | Is done<br>by a<br>third<br>person | Can't<br>Choose |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| a. Does the laundry.....                     | 1                      | 2                       | 3                                     | 4                  | 5                    | 6                                  | 8               |
| b. Makes small repairs around the house..... | 1                      | 2                       | 3                                     | 4                  | 5                    | 6                                  | 8               |
| c. Cares for sick family members.....        | 1                      | 2                       | 3                                     | 4                  | 5                    | 6                                  | 8               |
| d. Shops for groceries.....                  | 1                      | 2                       | 3                                     | 4                  | 5                    | 6                                  | 8               |
| e. Decides what to have for dinner.....      | 1                      | 2                       | 3                                     | 4                  | 5                    | 6                                  | 8               |

27. Do you have any dependent children living at home?

Yes.....1

No.....2 → PLEASE GO TO Q29

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28. PLEASE ANSWER IF YOU ARE MARRIED OR LIVING AS MARRIED

Who takes main responsibility for the children?

| Always<br>the<br>Woman | Usually<br>the<br>Woman | About<br>equal or<br>both<br>together | Usually<br>the<br>man | Always<br>the man | Is done<br>by a<br>third<br>person | Can't<br>Choose |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1.....                 | 2.....                  | 3.....                                | 4.....                | 5.....            | 6.....                             | 8.....          |

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29. Do you care for a dependant who is sick, aged or has a disability?

Yes.....1

No.....2 → PLEASE GO TO Q30

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If yes, does this limit your opportunities for paid employment?

Yes.....1

No.....2

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## ABOUT YOURSELF

So that we can be sure we have a good cross section of people in our survey, would you please answer the following questions about yourself and your household. Remember that all responses remain **STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**.

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30. Please indicate the year in which you were born:

Year: 19\_\_\_\_

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31. What is your sex?

Male .....1  
Female.....2

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32. Which of these categories best describes your **current** marital status?

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Married .....              | 1 |
| Widowed .....              | 2 |
| Divorced.....              | 3 |
| Separated.....             | 4 |
| Single, never married..... | 5 |

33. Do you live together with a partner?

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| Yes..... | 1 |
| No.....  | 1 |

34. Which one of these categories **best** describes the amount of formal education you have had?

**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE ONLY**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| No formal schooling.....                             | 1 |
| A few years of primary school.....                   | 2 |
| Primary/intermediate up to Standard 6 or Form 2..... | 3 |
| Secondary school for up to 3 years .....             | 4 |
| Secondary school for 4 years or more .....           | 5 |
| University/polytechnic for up to 3 years .....       | 6 |
| University/polytechnic for 4 years or more .....     | 7 |

35. Which of these categories **best** describes your **highest** formal qualification?

**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE ONLY**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| No formal qualification.....   | 1 |
| School qualifications only (Proficiency, School C, UE, Bursary etc)..... | 2 |
| Trade or Professional certificate.....                                   | 3 |
| Diploma below Bachelor level.....  | 4 |
| Bachelor's Degree.....   | 5 |
| Post-graduate or higher qualification.....                               | 6 |

36. Which of these categories describe your employment status?

**PLEASE CIRCLE AS MANY AS APPLY**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Employed – full time (35+ hours weekly).....                | 1 |
| Employed – part time (15-35 hours weekly) .....             | 1 |
| Employed – less than 15 hours/temporarily out of work ..... | 1 |
| Helping family member .....                                 | 1 |
| Unemployed or beneficiary.....                              | 1 |
| Student.....  | 1 |
| Retired.....  | 1 |
| Housewife/husband – home duties .....                       | 1 |
| Permanently disabled .....                                  | 1 |

37. How many hours, on average, do you **usually** work in a normal week?

Number of hours: \_\_\_\_\_

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38. What is your **main** occupation?

- If you have more than one job, business or professional practice, please give the occupation for the job you spend the most time at.
- Please describe fully, using two words or more; for example, builders' labourer *not* labourer, accounts clerk *not* clerk, deer farmer *not* farmer.

Main occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ not applicable.....9999

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39. Do you supervise, or are you responsible for, the work of any other people?

Yes..... 1  
No..... 2 → GO TO 940

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If yes, how many people do you supervise?

Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_

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40. Which of these categories best describes your current employment status?

Public sector (i.e. local government, Government) ..... 1  
Publicly-owned private sector organisation ..... 2  
Privately-owned private sector organisation ..... 3  
Non-profit/Charity/Welfare organisation ..... 4  
Self-employed..... 5  
Not working..... 6

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41. If you are self-employed, how many **employees** do you currently have?

Number of employees: \_\_\_\_\_

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42. Are you currently a member of a Trade Union?

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

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43. Have you been unemployed at any time during the last ten years?

**NOTE:** By unemployed we mean unable to get a paid job when you wanted one.

Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 2 → PLEASE TO TO 945

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44. And how many months have you been unemployed during the last ten years?  
(Consider all times of unemployment)

Number of months: \_\_\_\_\_

45. **INCLUDING YOURSELF**, how many people are there in your household?

Number in household \_\_\_\_\_

46. How many children under the age of 16 are in your household?

Children under 16 years \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are married or living with a partner, please go to Question 47.  
Otherwise, please go to question 50.**

47. Which of the following categories best describes your **partner's or spouse's** current employment status?

**PLEASE CIRCLE AS MANY AS APPLY**

Employed – full time (35+ hours weekly) ..... 1  
Employed – part time (15-35 hours weekly) ..... 1  
Employed – less than 15 hours/temporarily out of work ..... 1  
Helping family member ..... 1  
Unemployed or beneficiary ..... 1  
Student..... 1  
Retired..... 1  
Housewife/husband – home duties ..... 1  
Permanently disabled ..... 1  
Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_ 1

48. How many hours, on average, does your partner or spouse **usually** work in a normal week?

Number of hours: \_\_\_\_\_

49. What is your **partner's or spouse's** main occupation?

- **If your partner or spouse has more than one job, business or professional practice, please give the occupation for the job he or she spends the most time at.**
- **Please describe fully, using two words or more; for example, builders' labourer not labourer, accounts clerk not clerk, deer farmer not farmer.**

Main occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Not applicable.....9999

50. Which of the following categories describe your ethnic origin?

**Please circle as many as you need to show which ethnic group(s) you belong to.**

|                               |   |    |
|-------------------------------|---|----|
| N.Z. Maori .....              | 1 | 60 |
| N.Z. European or Pakeha ..... | 1 | 61 |
| Other European.....           | 1 | 62 |
| Samoan.....                   | 1 | 63 |
| Cook Island Maori .....       | 1 | 64 |
| Tongan.....                   | 1 | 65 |
| Niuean .....                  | 1 | 66 |
| Other Pacific Island .....    | 1 | 67 |
| Indian .....                  | 1 | 68 |
| Chinese.....                  | 1 | 69 |
| Other Asian.....              | 1 | 70 |
| Other .....                   | 1 | 71 |

51. At the 1996 General Election, which Political Party did you vote for?

|                                       | <b>Electorate<br/>candidate</b> | <b>Party<br/>list</b> |     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Didn't vote/not eligible to vote..... | 1.....                          | 1                     |     |
| Act .....                             | 2.....                          | 2                     | 5-6 |
| Alliance.....                         | 3.....                          | 3                     |     |
| Christian Coalition .....             | 4.....                          | 4                     |     |
| Labour .....                          | 5.....                          | 5                     |     |
| National .....                        | 6.....                          | 6                     | 7-8 |
| New Zealand First.....                | 7.....                          | 7                     |     |
| United.....                           | 8.....                          | 8                     |     |
| Other (please specify).....           | 9.....                          | 9                     |     |
| Don't Know/Can't remember.....        | 10.....                         | 10                    |     |

52. Which of the following categories best describes **your own** yearly income from all sources before tax?

|                          |   |   |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| \$10,000 or less.....    | 1 |   |
| \$10,001 - \$15,000..... | 2 |   |
| \$15,001 - \$20,000..... | 3 |   |
| \$20,001 - \$25,000..... | 4 |   |
| \$25,001 - \$30,000..... | 5 | 9 |
| \$30,001 - \$40,000..... | 6 |   |
| \$40,001 - \$50,000..... | 7 |   |
| \$50,001 - \$70,000..... | 8 |   |
| \$70,001 or more.....    | 9 |   |



53. Which of the following categories best describes the total yearly income of **everyone in your household** from all sources before tax?

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| \$10,000 or less.....     | 1 |
| \$10,001 - \$20,000.....  | 2 |
| \$20,001 - \$30,000.....  | 3 |
| \$30,001 - \$40,000.....  | 4 |
| \$40,001 - \$50,000.....  | 5 |
| \$50,001 - \$60,000.....  | 6 |
| \$60,001 - \$80,000.....  | 7 |
| \$80,001 - \$100,000..... | 8 |
| \$100,001 or more.....    | 9 |

54. In terms of your social status, which of the following categories do you think you fit into?

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Lower class .....                      | 1 |
| Working class.....                     | 2 |
| Upper working/lower middle class ..... | 3 |
| Middle class .....                     | 4 |
| Upper middle class .....               | 5 |
| Upper class .....                      | 6 |
| Don't know.....                        | 8 |

55. What is your current religion?

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Anglican (C of E).....           | 1  |
| Assemblies of God .....          | 2  |
| Baptist.....                     | 3  |
| Brethren .....                   | 4  |
| Buddhist .....                   | 5  |
| Catholic.....                    | 6  |
| Christian.....                   | 7  |
| Jehovah's Witness .....          | 8  |
| Jewish.....                      | 9  |
| Hindu.....                       | 10 |
| Lutheran .....                   | 11 |
| Mormon (Latter Day Saints) ..... | 12 |
| Methodist .....                  | 13 |
| Muslim.....                      | 14 |
| Orthodox.....                    | 15 |
| Pentecostal.....                 | 16 |
| Presbyterian.....                | 17 |
| Protestant.. ..                  | 18 |
| Ratana.....                      | 19 |
| Ringatu.....                     | 20 |
| Salvation Army.....              | 21 |
| Seventh Day Adventist.....       | 22 |
| Other (please specify) .....     | 23 |
| No Religion.....                 | 24 |

56. How often do you attend a religious service?

- Never ..... 1
- Less than once a year ..... 2
- About once or twice a year ..... 3
- Several times a year ..... 4
- About once a month ..... 5
- Two or three times a month ..... 6
- Nearly every week ..... 8
- Every week ..... 9
- Several times a week ..... 10
- Can't choose/Don't Know ..... 11

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57. Which of the following categories best describes your current housing situation?

- Own house (freehold or mortgaged) ..... 1
- Rent: private rental market ..... 2
- Rent: public or subsidised ..... 3
- Rent: from employer ..... 4
- Rent: other ..... 5
- Boarding ..... 6
- Living with parents or family ..... 7
- House comes with job ..... 8
- Other (please specify) ..... 9

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58. Do you have a disability or handicap that is long-term (lasting 6 months or more)?

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

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59. And in which area do you live?

- |                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Northland ..... 1            | Horowhenua ..... 12           |
| Auckland ..... 2             | Wellington ..... 13           |
| Thames Valley ..... 3        | Wairarapa ..... 14            |
| Bay of Plenty ..... 4        | Nelson Bays ..... 15          |
| Waikato ..... 5              | Marlborough ..... 16          |
| Tongariro ..... 6            | West Coast ..... 17           |
| East Cape ..... 7            | Canterbury ..... 18           |
| Hawkes Bay ..... 8           | Aorangi ..... 19              |
| Taranaki ..... 9             | Clutha-Central Otago ..... 20 |
| Wanganui ..... 10            | Coastal-North Otago ..... 21  |
| Manawatu-Rangitikei ..... 11 | Southland ..... 22            |

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60. Do you live in a rural or urban area?

- Rural ..... 1
- Urban ..... 2

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61. What size of city or town do you live in?

- Farm or rural property ..... 1
- Village (under 1,000 people) ..... 2
- Small town (1,000 to 9,999 people) ..... 3
- Large town (10,000 to 29,999 people) ..... 4
- Small city (30,000 to 49,999 people) ..... 5
- Medium city (50,000 to 99,999 people) ..... 6
- Large city (100,000 people or more) ..... 7

## ABOUT YOUR PARENTS

We would also like to know something about your parents so that we can see how things have changed since you were young.

62. When you were 16 years old, what kind of work did your father do; what was his occupation?

**Please describe fully using two words or more**

Father's occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know/NA.....9999

63. In that job, did your father supervise anyone who was directly responsible to him?

- No, did not supervise ..... 1
- Yes, supervised 1 to 9 people ..... 2
- Yes, supervised 10 or more ..... 3
- Don't know ..... 4
- Not applicable ..... 5

64. Did your father work for a private company, or what?

- Employee of a private company or business ..... 1
- Government or local authority employee ..... 2
- Self-employed, in partnership; conducting own business ..... 3
- Other ..... 4
- Don't know ..... 5
- Not applicable ..... 6

65. How much education did your father have?

- None ..... 1
- Only a few years of primary school ..... 2
- Finished primary school ..... 3
- Some schooling beyond primary (including trade qualifications) ..... 4
- Finished secondary school ..... 5
- Some education beyond secondary school, but no university degree ..... 6
- Completed university degree ..... 7
- Don't know ..... 8
- Not applicable ..... 9

66. How much education did your mother have?

- None ..... 1
- Only a few years of primary school ..... 2
- Finished primary school ..... 3
- Some schooling beyond primary (including trade  
qualifications) ..... 4
- Finished secondary school ..... 5
- Some education beyond secondary school, but no  
university degree ..... 6
- Completed university degree ..... 7
- Don't know ..... 8
- Not applicable ..... 9

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67. About how many books were around your family's house when you were 16 years old?

- None ..... 1
- 1 or 2 ..... 2
- Around 10 ..... 3
- Around 20 ..... 4
- Around 50 ..... 5
- Around 100 ..... 6
- Around 200 ..... 7
- Around 500 ..... 8
- 1,000 or more ..... 9

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If you have any other comments you wish to add, on any of the topics raised in this questionnaire, we would welcome them. Please write them in the space provided below:

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