Great Britain

ISSP 1999 - Social Inequality III

Questionnaire
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BRITISH SOCIAL ATTITUDES 1999

SELF-COMPLETION QUESTIONNAIRE

To the selected respondent:

Thank you very much for agreeing to take part in this important study - the fifteenth in this annual series. The study consists of this self-completion questionnaire, and the interview you have already completed. The results of the survey are published in a book each autumn; some of the questions are also being asked in thirty other countries, as part of an international survey.

Completing the questionnaire:

The questions inside cover a wide range of subjects, but most can be answered simply by placing a tick (✓) in one or more of the boxes. No special knowledge is required: we are confident that everyone will be able to take part, not just those with strong views or particular viewpoints. The questionnaire should not take very long to complete, and we hope you will find it interesting and enjoyable. Only you should fill it in, and not anyone else at your address. The answers you give will be treated as confidential and anonymous.

Returning the questionnaire:

Your interviewer will arrange with you the most convenient way of returning the questionnaire. If the interviewer has arranged to call back for it, please fill it in and keep it safely until then. If not, please complete it and post it back in the pre-paid, addressed envelope, AS SOON AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP.

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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 ...

1a. First, how important is coming from a wealthy family?

*PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY*

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

1b. Knowing the right people?

*PLEASE TICK ONE BOX*

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

2. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

*PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE*

a. In Britain people get rewarded for their effort

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

b. In Britain people get rewarded for their intelligence and skills

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

2c. To get all the way to the top in Britain today, you have to be corrupt

(1) Strongly agree
(2) Agree
(3) Neither agree nor disagree
(4) Disagree
(5) Strongly disagree
(6) Can't choose
3. Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE**

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4. Please think now about the amount of money you earn. Would you say that you earn ...
*If you are not working now, please think about your last job.*

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5. We would like to know what you think people in these jobs actually earn.

Please write in how much you think they usually earn each year before taxes.

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

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

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a. Differences in income in Britain are too large.  

b. It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes

8. 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 ONLY**

- Much larger share  
- Larger  
- The same share  
- Smaller  
- Much smaller share  
- Can't choose

9. Turning now to international differences, how much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

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a. Present economic differences between rich and poor countries are too large

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

10. Is it right or wrong that people with higher incomes can ...

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a. Buy better health care than people with lower incomes

b. Buy better education for their children than people with lower incomes
11. In all countries, there are differences or even conflicts between different social groups. In your opinion, in Britain how much conflict is there between …

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(1) Poor people and rich people?
(2) The working class and the middle class?
(3) Management and workers?
(4) People at the top of society and people at the bottom?
(5) Young people and older people?

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12. 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 on this scale?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

Top 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10

Bottom

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

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

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14. 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) …

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<td>Much lower than your father’s</td>
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15. 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 ought to be in deciding pay?

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b. The number of years spent in education and training?

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

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d. What is needed to support a family?

(✓)

- Essential □ (1)
- Very important □ (2)
- Fairly important □ (3)
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- Can't choose □ (6)

Please tick one box only.

e. Whether the person has children to support - 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 □ (6)

Please tick one box only.

f. How well he or she does the job - 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 □ (6)

Please tick one box only.

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)
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Please tick one box only.
16. Is your pay fair? We are not asking about what you do earn, nor what you would like to earn - but what you feel is fair given your skills and effort. Is your pay ...

**IF NOT WORKING NOW, PLEASE TELL ABOUT YOUR LAST JOB.**

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Much less than is fair [ ]
- A little less than is fair [ ]
- About fair for me [ ]
- A little more than is fair [ ]
- Much more than is fair [ ]
- I have never had a job [ ]
- Can't choose [ ]

17. Which of the following statements do you think are generally true and which false?

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<td>b. Councils give a low standard of repairs and maintenance</td>
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<td>c. Council estates are generally pleasant places to live</td>
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18. Suppose a newly-married young couple, both with steady jobs, asked your advice about whether to buy or rent a home. If they had the choice, what would you advise them to do?

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- To buy a home as soon as possible [ ]
- To wait a bit, then try to buy a home [ ]
- Not to plan to buy a home at all [ ]
- Can't choose [ ]
19. Still thinking of what you might say to this young couple, please tick one box for each statement below to show how much you agree or disagree with it.

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<td>d. Owning a home ties up money you may need urgently for other things</td>
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<td>e. Owning a home gives you the freedom to do what you want to it</td>
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<td>g. Your own home will be something to leave your family</td>
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20. In your opinion, would you rather live in an area where most people own their homes, or where most people rent, or where there is a mixture?

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21. Do most people around here own their homes, or do most people rent, or is it about equal?

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22. In your opinion, should your local council spend …

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- more money in the poorer parts of the district compared to other parts (✓) (1)
- more money in the better off parts of the district compared to other parts (2)
- or should it spend its budget equally across the district? (3)
- Can’t choose (8)

23. Do you think most people would describe this area as a poorer part of the district, a better off part of the district, or is it more or less equally mixed?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- A poorer part of the district (✓) (1)
- A better off part of the district (2)
- More or less equally mixed (3)
- Can’t choose (8)

24. Thinking now about renting from the council and renting from a private landlord. From what you know or have heard, which type of landlord do you think is generally better at …

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a. … providing a good quality of housing? (1) 2453
b. … providing a good standard of repairs and maintenance? (2) 2454
c. … providing housing in good neighbourhoods? (3) 2455
d. … charging reasonable rents? (4) 2456
e. … giving their tenants long-term security? (5) 2457
f. … giving good value for money? (8) 2458
25. Please tick one box for each statement below to show how much you agree or disagree with it.

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a. It is just too difficult for someone like me to do much about improving my local area

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (8)

b. There is no point in doing my best to improve my local area unless others do the same

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (8)

c. It's a disgrace that people around here don't do more to improve the local area

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (8)

26. Please tick one box for each of the following statements to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

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a. It is right that the law should set a minimum wage so that no employer can pay their workers too little

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (8)

b. A minimum wage will mean wage levels will go down, because employers won't pay workers any more than this minimum level

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (8)

c. There should be no minimum wage set by law because it will mean too many low paid workers will lose their jobs

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (8)

27. How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

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a. A lot of false benefit claims are a result of confusion rather than dishonesty

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (8)

b. The reason that some people on benefit cheat the system is that they don't get enough to live on

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (8)
28a. Consider this situation:

An unemployed person on benefit takes a casual job and is paid in cash. He does not report it to the benefit office and is £500 in pocket. Do you feel this is wrong or not wrong?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Not wrong [ ]
- A bit wrong [ ]
- Wrong [ ]
- Seriously wrong [ ]
- Can't choose [ ]

b. And how likely do you think it is that you would do this, if you found yourself in this situation?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Very likely [ ]
- Fairly likely [ ]
- Not very likely [ ]
- Not at all likely [ ]
- Can't choose [ ]

29a. Now consider this situation:

A person in paid work takes on an extra weekend job and is paid in cash. He does not declare it for tax and so is £500 in pocket. Do you feel this is wrong or not wrong?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Not wrong [ ]
- A bit wrong [ ]
- Wrong [ ]
- Seriously wrong [ ]
- Can't choose [ ]

b. And how likely do you think it is that you would do this, if you found yourself in this situation?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Very likely [ ]
- Fairly likely [ ]
- Not very likely [ ]
- Not at all likely [ ]
- Can't choose [ ]
30. And now consider this situation:

A person has been receiving extra benefit since a back injury stopped him working. Even though he is now well enough to do some types of full-time work he does not tell the benefit office and is £500 in pocket. Do you feel this is wrong or not wrong?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Not wrong (1)
- A bit wrong (2)
- Wrong (3)
- Seriously wrong (4)
- Can’t choose (8)

31. Which is it more important for the government to do?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- To get people to claim benefits to which they are entitled (1)
- OR
- To stop people claiming benefits to which they are not entitled (2)
- Can’t choose (8)

32. Nowadays some people on benefit are asked to visit the job centre every six months to talk about ways in which they might find work. Which of these statements comes closest to what you think should happen to their benefits if they do not go?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Their benefits should not be affected (1)
- Their benefits should be reduced a little (2)
- Their benefits should be reduced a lot (3)
- Their benefits should be stopped (4)
- Can’t choose (8)
33. From what you know or have heard, please tick a box for each of the items below to show whether you think the National Health Service in your area is, on the whole, satisfactory or in need of improvement.

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34. In the last twelve months, have you or a close family member ...

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE**

- ... visited an NHS GP? ( )
- ... been an out-patient in an NHS hospital? ( )
- ... been an in-patient in an NHS hospital? ( )
- ... visited a patient in an NHS hospital? ( )
- ... had any medical treatment as a private patient? ( )
- ... had any dental treatment as a private patient? ( )
- ... had any dental treatment as an NHS patient? ( )

(1) (2) (3) (4)

35. How well would you say the National Health Service nowadays caters for everyone's medical needs?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

Very well ( )
Adequately ( )
Not very well ( )
Not at all well ( )
Can't choose ( )

36. If the government had to choose between the three options below, which do you think it should choose?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

Spend more on the NHS, even if this means an increase in taxes ( )
Keep spending on the NHS at about the same level as now ( )
Spend less on the NHS and reduce taxes ( )
Can't choose ( )

37. Which of these views comes closest to your own?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

Health care should be the same for everyone ( )
People who can afford it should be able to pay for better health care ( )
Can't choose ( )
38. Which of these two statements comes closest to your view?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

With people living longer, the NHS will always have too many demands on it and should cut down or cut out certain types of treatment

OR

Everybody has a right to health care, so the NHS should never cut down or cut out any types of treatment

Can't choose

39. And which of the following two statements best describes what you think will actually happen in the future?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

The NHS will have enough money and resources to provide everyone with the treatment they need when they need it

OR

The NHS will not have enough money and resources for everyone and will have to cut down or cut out certain types of treatment

Can't choose

40a. Suppose two equally sick people in the same area go on a waiting list at the same time for the same heart operation. One is a heavy smoker, the other does not smoke. Which one do you think would be likely to get the operation first ...

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

... the non-smoker,  
the smoker,  
or, would their smoking habits make no difference?

Can't choose

b. And in your opinion which one should get the operation first?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

... the non-smoker,  
the smoker,  
or, should their smoking habits make no difference?

Can't choose
41a. Now, suppose two other equally sick people in the same area go on a waiting list for the same heart operation. In this case one is aged 70, the other 30. Which one do you think would be likely to get the operation first?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- (✓) ... the 30 year old, □ (1)
- □ (2) the 70 year old,
- □ (3) or, would their ages make no difference?
- □ (8) Can't choose

b. And in your opinion which one should get the operation first?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- (✓) ... the 30 year old, □ (1)
- □ (2) the 70 year old,
- □ (3) or, should their ages make no difference?
- □ (8) Can't choose

42. Please say how much you agree or disagree with the following.

a. If the NHS had to choose, it should give lower priority to expensive treatments so that more money is available to treat a larger number of sick people whose treatment costs less.

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- (✓) Agree strongly □ (1)
- □ (2) Agree
- □ (3) Neither agree nor disagree
- □ (4) Disagree
- □ (5) Disagree strongly
- □ (8) Can't choose

b. And do you think the NHS does this now?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- (✓) Always or most of the time □ (1)
- □ (2) Some of the time
- □ (3) Hardly ever
- □ (4) Never
- □ (8) Can't choose
43. Please say how much you agree or disagree with the following.

a. If the NHS had to choose, the seriousness of their condition should be the only basis for choosing between patients.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly
- Can't choose

b. And do you think the NHS does this now?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Always or most of the time
- Some of the time
- Hardly ever
- Never
- Can't choose

44. Suppose that the NHS did have to make these sorts of choices about who to treat, or the order in which they should be treated. Please tick one box on each line below to show how much say you think each of these groups should have.

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45. And how much say do you think each of these groups have nowadays in these sorts of decisions?

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46. If these sorts of difficult decisions need to be made, which do you think is the better way of making them?

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- There should be publicly available guidelines about who should get priority for health care ❑ (1)
- Medical experts should be allowed to make these sorts of decisions as they see best ❑ (2)
- Can't choose ❑ (8)

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47. Some people say the NHS should cut down on very expensive treatments or services and use the savings to provide less expensive treatments or services for more people. With this aim, how much would you be in favour of, or against, the NHS cutting down on ...

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48. Other people say the NHS should cut down on certain treatments or services that should be provided instead by private medicine or charities. With this aim, how much would you be in favour of, or against, the NHS cutting down on ...

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49. One way of getting more money into the NHS is to charge people for certain things. How much would you be in favour of or against introducing charges for ...

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50. Which of these statements comes closest to your view about the treatment of male sexual impotence?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Treatment of male sexual impotence **should** be available on the NHS - but only when it is caused by particular medical conditions
- Treatment of male sexual impotence **should** be available on the NHS - whatever its cause
- Can't choose

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51. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

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52. Suppose you saw someone begging in the street. Would you be ...

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... more likely to give money if you had some spare change easily to hand, (✓) (1)

or would this make no difference to whether you gave money or not? (2)

53a. Now suppose you saw someone in their late teens begging in the street. Would you be ...

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

... more likely to give if the person was a man, (✓) (1)

more likely to give if the person was a woman, (2)

or would this make no difference? (3)

53b. Now suppose you saw a man begging in the street. Would you be ...

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... more likely to give if he was in his late teens, (✓) (1)

more likely to give if he was in his late 50s, (2)

or would this make no difference? (3)

53c. Now suppose you saw a man in his late teens begging in the street. Would you be ...

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... more likely to give if he was asking for money directly, (✓) (1)

more likely to give if he was not asking for money directly, (2)

or would this make no difference? (3)
d. Now suppose you saw a man, again in his late teens, begging in the street. Would you be ...  

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... *more* likely to give if he had a *dog* with him, [✓] [1]  
less likely to give if he had a dog, [2]  
or would this make no difference? [3]  

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e. Now suppose you saw a *woman* in her late teens begging in the street. Would you be ...  

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... *more* likely to give if she had a *baby* with her, [✓] [1]  
less likely to give if she had a baby with her, [2]  
or would this make no difference? [3]  

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54. Please tick one box for each statement below to show how much you agree or disagree with it.

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<td>c. Most people who beg spend what they are given on alcohol or drugs</td>
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<td>d. Most people who beg are homeless</td>
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55. Please tick one box for each statement below to show how much you are in favour of, or against, each of these things that could be done about begging.

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<td>b. Providing accommodation so that people who beg can get off the street, even if this means an increase in taxes</td>
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<td>c. Making it easier for people who beg to claim benefits</td>
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<td>e. Arresting people for begging in public</td>
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56. How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?

"Britain should introduce proportional representation, so that the number of MPs each party gets matches more closely the number of votes each party gets?"

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a. The welfare state makes people nowadays less willing to look after themselves  
   □ □ □ □ □  
   (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

b. People receiving social security are made to feel like second class citizens  
   □ □ □ □ □  
   (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

c. The welfare state encourages people to stop helping each other  
   □ □ □ □ □  
   (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

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)

e. Around here, most unemployed people could find a job if they really wanted one  
   □ □ □ □ □  
   (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

f. Many people who get social security don't really deserve any help  
   □ □ □ □ □  
   (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

g. Most people on the dole are fiddling in one way or another  
   □ □ □ □ □  
   (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

h. If welfare benefits weren't so generous, people would learn to stand on their own two feet  
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a. Government should redistribute income from the better-off to those who are less well off  
   □ □ □ □ □  
   (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

b. Big business benefits owners at the expense of workers  
   □ □ □ □ □  
   (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

c. Ordinary working people do not get their fair share of the nation's wealth  
   □ □ □ □ □  
   (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

d. There is one law for the rich and one for the poor  
   □ □ □ □ □  
   (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

e. Management will always try to get the better of employees if it gets the chance  
   □ □ □ □ □  
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60a. To help us plan better in future, please tell us about how long it took you to complete this questionnaire.

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Less than 15 minutes ☐ (1)
- Between 15 and 20 minutes ☐ (2)
- Between 21 and 30 minutes ☐ (3)
- Between 31 and 45 minutes ☐ (4)
- Between 46 and 60 minutes ☐ (5)
- Over one hour ☐ (6)

b. And on what date did you fill in the questionnaire?

**PLEASE WRITE IN:** ☐ DATE 0 ☐ MONTH 1999

Thank you very much for your help

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