

**Canada**  
**ISSP 2006 – Role of Government IV**  
**Questionnaire**



Canada's Capital University

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 Programme. 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 'Work' and the 'Role of Government' 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](mailto:hpyman@ccs.carleton.ca)

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

Sincerely,

Jon Pammett, *Director*  
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P.S. 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>

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**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH QUESTION ONLY**

**Q1. Suppose you could change the way you spend your time, spending more time on some things and less time on others.**

**Which of the things on the following list would you like to spend more time on, which would you like to spend less time on and which would you like to spend the same amount of time on as now?**

**a. Time in a paid job**

Much more time	1
A bit more time	2
Same time as now	3
A bit less time	4
Much less time	5
Can't choose/Doesn'tApply	8

**b. Time doing household work**

Much more time	1
A bit more time	2
Same time as now	3
A bit less time	4
Much less time	5
Can't choose/Doesn'tApply	8

**c. Time with your family**

Much more time	1
A bit more time	2
Same time as now	3
A bit less time	4
Much less time	5
Can't choose/Doesn'tApply	8

**d. Time with your friends**

Much more time	1
A bit more time	2
Same time as now	3
A bit less time	4
Much less time	5
Can't choose/Doesn'tApply	8

**e. Time in leisure activities**

Much more time	1
A bit more time	2
Same time as now	3
A bit less time	4
Much less time	5
Can't choose/Doesn'tApply	8

**Q2. How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements. Thinking of work in general...**

**a. A job is just a way of earning money - no more**

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

**b. I would enjoy having a paid job even if I did not need the money**

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

**Q3. For each of the following, how important do you personally think it is in a job.**

**How important is...**

**a. Job security**

Very important	1
Important	2
Neither important nor unimportant	3
Not important	4
Not important at all	5
Can't choose	8

**b. High income**

Very important	1
Important	2
Neither important nor unimportant	3
Not important	4
Not important at all	5
Can't choose	8

**c. Good opportunities for advancement**

Very important	1
Important	2
Neither important nor unimportant	3
Not important	4
Not important at all	5
Can't choose	8

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**d. An interesting job**

Very important	1
Important	2
Neither important nor unimportant	3
Not important	4
Not important at all	5
Can't choose	8

**e. A job that allows someone to work independently**

Very important	1
Important	2
Neither important nor unimportant	3
Not important	4
Not important at all	5
Can't choose	8

**f. A job that allows someone to help other people**

Very important	1
Important	2
Neither important nor unimportant	3
Not important	4
Not important at all	5
Can't choose	8

**g. A job that is useful to society**

Very important	1
Important	2
Neither important nor unimportant	3
Not important	4
Not important at all	5
Can't choose	8

**h. A job that allows someone to decide their times or days of work**

Very important	1
Important	2
Neither important nor unimportant	3
Not important	4
Not important at all	5
Can't choose	8

**Q4. Suppose you were working and could choose between different kinds of jobs.**

**Which of the following would you personally choose?**

**a. I would choose...**

Being an employee	1
Being self-employed	2
Can't choose	8

**b. I would choose...**

Working in a small firm	1
Working in a large firm	2
Can't choose	8

**c. I would choose...**

Working in a private business	1
Working for the government or civil service	2
Can't choose	8

**Q5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

**a. Employees have more job security than the self-employed**

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

**b. Being an employee interferes more with family life than self-employment**

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

**Q6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

**a. Trade unions are very important for the job security of employees**

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

**b. Without trade unions the working conditions of employees would be much worse than they are**

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

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**Q7. Suppose you could decide on your work situation at present. Which of the following would you prefer?**

A <b>full time job</b> [30 hours or more per week]	1
A <b>part-time job</b> [10-29 hours per week]	2
A job with <b>less than [10]</b> hours a week	3
<b>No</b> paid job at all	4
Can't choose	8

**Q8. Are you currently working for pay?**

Yes <b>Please answer questions 9 to 27</b>	1
No <b>Please go to question 28</b>	2

**IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY:  
PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 9 - 27 ABOUT  
YOUR MAIN JOB**

**Q9. Think of the number of hours you work, and the money you earn in your main job, including any regular overtime.**

**If you had only one of these three choices, which of the following would you prefer?**

Work <b>longer</b> hours and earn <b>more money</b>	1
Work the <b>same</b> number of hours and earn the <b>same money</b>	2
Work <b>fewer</b> hours and earn <b>less money</b>	3
Can't choose	8

**Q10. For each of these statements, how much do you agree or disagree that it applies to your main job.**

**a. My job is secure**

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

**b. My income is high**

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

**c. My opportunities for advancement are high**

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

**d. My job is interesting**

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

**e. I can work independently**

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

**f. In my job I can help other people**

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

**g. My job is useful to society**

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

**h. My job gives me a chance to improve my skills.**

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

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**Q11. Now some more questions about your working conditions.**

**How often...**

**a. Do you come home from work exhausted?**

Always	1
Often	2
Sometimes	3
Hardly ever	4
Never	5
Can't choose	8

**b. Do you have to do hard physical work?**

Always	1
Often	2
Sometimes	3
Hardly ever	4
Never	5
Can't choose	8

**c. Do you find your work stressful?**

Always	1
Often	2
Sometimes	3
Hardly ever	4
Never	5
Can't choose	8

**d. Do you work in dangerous conditions?**

Always	1
Often	2
Sometimes	3
Hardly ever	4
Never	5
Can't choose	8

**Q12. Which of the following statements best describes how your working hours are decided? (By working hours we mean here the times you *start* and *finish* work, and *not* the total hours you work per week or month.)**

Starting and finishing times are decided by my employer and <b>I cannot</b> change them on my own	1
I can decide the time I start and finish work, <b>within certain limits</b>	2
<b>I am entirely free</b> to decide when I start and finish work	3

**Q13. Which of the following statements best describes how your daily work is organized?**

<b>I am free</b> to decide how my daily work is organized	1
I can decide how my daily work is organized, <b>within certain limits</b>	2
<b>I am not free</b> to decide how my daily work is organized	3
Can't choose	8

**Q14. How difficult would it be for you to take an hour or two off during working hours, to take care of personal or family matters?**

Not difficult at all	1
Not too difficult	2
Somewhat difficult	3
Very difficult	4
Can't choose	8

**Q15. How often do you feel that ...**

**a. The demands of your job interfere with your family life?**

Always	1
Often	2
Sometimes	3
Hardly ever	4
Never	5
Can't choose	8

**b. The demands of your family life interfere with your job?**

Always	1
Often	2
Sometimes	3
Hardly ever	4
Never	5
Can't choose	8

**Q16. How much of your past work experience and /or job skills can you make use of in your present job?**

Almost none	1
A little	2
A lot	3
Almost all	4
Can't choose	8

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- Q17. If you were to look for a new job, how helpful would your present work experience and/or job skills be?**
- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Very helpful       | 1 |
| Quite helpful      | 2 |
| Not so helpful     | 3 |
| Not helpful at all | 4 |
| Can't choose       | 8 |
- Q18. Over the past 12 months, have you had any training to improve your job skills, either at the workplace or somewhere else?**
- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Yes          | 1 |
| No           | 2 |
| Can't choose | 8 |
- Q19. In general, how would you describe relations at your workplace...**
- a. Between management and employees?**
- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Very good            | 1 |
| Quite good           | 2 |
| Neither good nor bad | 3 |
| Quite bad            | 4 |
| Very bad             | 5 |
| Can't choose         | 8 |
- b. Between workmates/colleagues?**
- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Very good            | 1 |
| Quite good           | 2 |
| Neither good nor bad | 3 |
| Quite bad            | 4 |
| Very bad             | 5 |
| Can't choose         | 8 |
- Q20. How satisfied are you in your (main) job?**
- |                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Completely satisfied               | 1 |
| Very satisfied                     | 2 |
| Fairly satisfied                   | 3 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 4 |
| Fairly dissatisfied                | 5 |
| Very dissatisfied                  | 6 |
| Completely dissatisfied            | 7 |
| Can't choose                       | 8 |

- Q21. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**
- a. I am willing to work harder than I have to in order to help the firm or organization I work for succeed**
- |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Strongly agree             | 1 |
| Agree                      | 2 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 3 |
| Disagree                   | 4 |
| Strongly disagree          | 5 |
| Can't choose               | 8 |
- b. I am proud to be working for my firm or organization**
- |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Strongly agree             | 1 |
| Agree                      | 2 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 3 |
| Disagree                   | 4 |
| Strongly disagree          | 5 |
| Can't choose               | 8 |
- c. I would turn down another job that offered quite a bit more pay in order to stay with this organization**
- |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Strongly agree             | 1 |
| Agree                      | 2 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 3 |
| Disagree                   | 4 |
| Strongly disagree          | 5 |
| Can't choose               | 8 |
- Q22. How difficult or easy do you think it would be for you to find a job at least as good as your current one?**
- |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Very easy                  | 1 |
| Fairly easy                | 2 |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 3 |
| Fairly difficult           | 4 |
| Very difficult             | 5 |
| Can't choose               | 8 |
- Q23. How difficult or easy do you think it would be for your firm or organization to replace you if you left?**
- |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Very easy                  | 1 |
| Fairly easy                | 2 |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 3 |
| Fairly difficult           | 4 |
| Very difficult             | 5 |
| Can't choose               | 8 |

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**Q24. All in all, how likely is it that you will try to find a job with another firm or organization within the next 12 months?**

Very likely	1
Likely	2
Unlikely	3
Very unlikely	4
Can't choose	8

**Q25. To what extent, if at all, do you worry about the possibility of losing your job?**

I worry a great deal	1
I worry to some extent	2
I worry a little	3
I don't worry at all	4

**Q26. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? In order to avoid unemployment I would be willing...**

**a. To accept a job that requires new skills.**

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

**b. To accept a position with lower pay.**

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

**c. To accept temporary employment.**

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

**d. To travel longer to get to work.**

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

**Q27. In addition to your main job, do you do any other work for additional income?**

No	1
Yes, mostly as an employee	2
Yes, mostly on a self-employed basis	3
Yes, other	4

**PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 28 – 36 IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY**

**Q28. Have you ever had a paid job for one year or more?**

Yes <b>Please answer questions 29 to 36</b>	1
No <b>Please go to question 31</b>	2

**Q29. When did your last paid job end?**

In \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

**Q30. What was the main reason that your job ended?**

I reached retirement age	1
I retired early, by choice	2
I retired early, not by choice	3
I became (permanently) disabled	4
My place of work shut down	5
I was dismissed	6
My term of employment/contract ended	7
Family responsibilities	8
I got married	9

**Q31. Would you like to have a paid job, either now or in the future?**

Yes	1
No	2

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- Q32. How likely do you think it is that you would find a job?**
- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Very likely   | 1 |
| Likely        | 2 |
| Unlikely      | 3 |
| Very unlikely | 4 |
| Can't choose  | 8 |
- Q33. Are you currently looking for a job?**
- |     |   |
|-----|---|
| Yes | 1 |
| No  | 2 |
- Q34. Thinking about the last 12 months, have you done any of the following in order to find a job?**
- a. Registered at a public employment agency?**
- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| No                   | 1 |
| Yes, once or twice   | 2 |
| Yes, more than twice | 3 |
- b. Registered at a private employment agency?**
- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| No                   | 1 |
| Yes, once or twice   | 2 |
| Yes, more than twice | 3 |
- c. Answered advertisements for jobs?**
- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| No                   | 1 |
| Yes, once or twice   | 2 |
| Yes, more than twice | 3 |
- d. Advertised for a job in newspaper or journals?**
- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| No                   | 1 |
| Yes, once or twice   | 2 |
| Yes, more than twice | 3 |
- e. Applied directly to employers?**
- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| No                   | 1 |
| Yes, once or twice   | 2 |
| Yes, more than twice | 3 |
- f. Asked relatives, friends, or colleagues to help you find a job?**
- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| No                   | 1 |
| Yes, once or twice   | 2 |
| Yes, more than twice | 3 |
- Q35. Over the past 12 months, have you had any training to improve your job skills?**
- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Yes          | 1 |
| No           | 2 |
| Can't choose | 8 |

- Q36. What is your main source of economic support?**
- |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Pension (private or state) | 1 |
| Unemployment benefits      | 2 |
| Spouse/partner             | 3 |
| Other family members       | 4 |
| Social assistance/welfare  | 5 |
| Occasional work            | 6 |
| Other                      | 7 |
- Q.37 How would you assess your general knowledge of Canadian society?**  
(i.e. history, politics, geography and culture)
- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Very Knowledgeable       | 1 |
| Somewhat knowledgeable   | 2 |
| Not Very knowledgeable   | 3 |
| Not knowledgeable at all | 4 |
| Can't choose             | 8 |
- Q.38 If you could improve your knowledge of Canada in one of the following areas which would you choose?**
- |                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| History                 | 1 |
| Politics and Government | 2 |
| Geography               | 3 |
| Culture and Society     | 4 |
| Arts and Literature     | 5 |
| Can't choose            | 8 |
- Q.39 Which of the following do you think is the most important responsibility of citizenship**
- |                                                   |   |
|---------------------------------------------------|---|
| vote in elections;                                | 1 |
| help others in the community;                     | 2 |
| care for and protect our heritage and environment | 3 |
| eliminate discrimination and injustice            | 4 |
| Can't choose                                      | 8 |

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**Q.40** Canada faces a serious population problem in the next few decades with retirees increasingly outnumbering workers. What do you think the government should do to address the issue?

Provide more incentives for families to have children	1
Increase the numbers of immigrants coming to Canada	2
Raise the retirement age	3
Increase contribution to government pension funds to redistribute more to retirees	4
Can't choose	8

**Q.41** Which of the following reasons is the most important amongst those Quebecers who support sovereignty?

Little in common with the rest of Canada	1
Rest of Canada refuses to recognize their distinct character	2
Don't like Canadians outside of Quebec	3
Need for more control over Quebec's own affairs (i.e. more influence internationally)	4
Can't choose	8

**Q.42** Which of the following do you think is the best approach to addressing demands for Quebec sovereignty?

Constitutionally recognize Quebec's difference	1
Provide Quebec with more autonomy (i.e. transfer of more power to Quebec)	2
Transfer more funds from federal government to Quebec to reduce perceived imbalance	3
Focus on the possible consequences of negotiating separation	4
Can't choose	8

**Q. 43** There is a clause in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms that provides an override to Charter Rights under certain circumstances. What do you think the government should do with the notwithstanding clause in the Charter?

Strongly agree that it should remain in the Charter	1
Somewhat agree that it should remain in the Charter	2
Somewhat agree that it should be removed from the Charter	3
Strongly agree that it should be removed from the Charter	4
Can't choose	8

**AND NOW SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ROLE GOVERNMENT PLAYS IN OUR LIVES.**

**Q44.** In general, would you say that people should obey the law without exception, or are there exceptional occasions on which people should follow their consciences even if it means breaking the law?

Obey the law without exception or	1
Follow conscience on occasions	2
Can't choose	8

**Q45.** There are many ways people or organisations can protest against a government action they strongly oppose. Please show which you think should be allowed and which should not be allowed . Should it be allowed?

**a. Organising public meetings to protest against the government**

Definitely	1
Probably	2
Probably not	3
Definitely not	4
Can't choose	8

**b. Organising protest marches and demonstrations**

Definitely	1
Probably	2
Probably not	3
Definitely not	4
Can't choose	8

**c. Organising a nationwide strike of all workers against the government**

Definitely	1
Probably	2
Probably not	3
Definitely not	4
Can't choose	8

**Q46.** There are some people whose views are considered extreme by the majority. Consider people who want to overthrow the government by revolution. Do you think such people should be allowed to...

**a. Hold public meetings to express their views?**

Definitely	1
Probably	2
Probably not	3
Definitely not	4
Can't choose	8

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**b. Publish books expressing their views?**

Definitely	1
Probably	2
Probably not	3
Definitely not	4
Can't choose	8

**Q47. All systems of justice make mistakes, but which do you think is worse...**

To convict an innocent person or	1
to let a guilty person go free	2
Can't choose	8

**Q48 Here are some things the government might do for the economy. Please show which actions you are in favour of and which you are against.**

**a. Cuts in government spending**

Strongly in favour of	1
In favour of	2
Neither in favour of nor against	3
Against	4
Strongly against	5
Can't choose	8

**b. Government financing of projects to create new jobs**

Strongly in favour of	1
In favour of	2
Neither in favour of nor against	3
Against	4
Strongly against	5
Can't choose	8

**c. Less government regulation of business**

Strongly in favour of	1
In favour of	2
Neither in favour of nor against	3
Against	4
Strongly against	5
Can't choose	8

**d. Support for industry to develop new products and technology**

Strongly in favour of	1
In favour of	2
Neither in favour of nor against	3
Against	4
Strongly against	5
Can't choose	8

**e. Support for declining industries to protect jobs**

Strongly in favour of	1
In favour of	2
Neither in favour of nor against	3
Against	4
Strongly against	5
Can't choose	8

**f. Reducing the working week to create more jobs**

Strongly in favour of	1
In favour of	2
Neither in favour of nor against	3
Against	4
Strongly against	5
Can't choose	8

**Q49. Listed below are various areas of government spending. Please show whether you would like to see more or less government spending in each area.**

**Remember that if you say "much more", it might require a tax increase to pay for it.**

**a. The environment**

Spend much more	1
Spend more	2
Spend the same as now	3
Spend less	4
Spend much less	5
Can't choose	8

**b. Health**

Spend much more	1
Spend more	2
Spend the same as now	3
Spend less	4
Spend much less	5
Can't choose	8

**c. The police and law enforcement**

Spend much more	1
Spend more	2
Spend the same as now	3
Spend less	4
Spend much less	5
Can't choose	8

**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH QUESTION ONLY**

**d. Education**

Spend much more	1
Spend more	2
Spend the same as now	3
Spend less	4
Spend much less	5
Can't choose	8

**e. The military and defence**

Spend much more	1
Spend more	2
Spend the same as now	3
Spend less	4
Spend much less	5
Can't choose	8

**f. Old age pensions**

Spend much more	1
Spend more	2
Spend the same as now	3
Spend less	4
Spend much less	5
Can't choose	8

**g. Unemployment benefits**

Spend much more	1
Spend more	2
Spend the same as now	3
Spend less	4
Spend much less	5
Can't choose	8

**h. Culture and the arts**

Spend much more	1
Spend more	2
Spend the same as now	3
Spend less	4
Spend much less	5
Can't choose	8

**b. Keep prices under control**

Definitely should be	1
Probably should be	2
Probably should not be	3
Definitely should not be	4
Can't choose	8

**c. Provide health care for the sick**

Definitely should be	1
Probably should be	2
Probably should not be	3
Definitely should not be	4
Can't choose	8

**d. Provide a decent standard of living for the old**

Definitely should be	1
Probably should be	2
Probably should not be	3
Definitely should not be	4
Can't choose	8

**e. Provide industry with the help it needs to grow**

Definitely should be	1
Probably should be	2
Probably should not be	3
Definitely should not be	4
Can't choose	8

**f. Provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed**

Definitely should be	1
Probably should be	2
Probably should not be	3
Definitely should not be	4
Can't choose	8

**g. Reduce income differences between the rich and the poor**

Definitely should be	1
Probably should be	2
Probably should not be	3
Definitely should not be	4
Can't choose	8

**Q50. On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to...**

**a. Provide a job for everyone who wants one**

Definitely should be	1
Probably should be	2
Probably should not be	3
Definitely should not be	4
Can't choose	8

**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH QUESTION ONLY**

**h. Give financial help to university students from low-income families**

Definitely should be	1
Probably should be	2
Probably should not be	3
Definitely should not be	4
Can't choose	8

**i. Provide decent housing for those who can't afford it**

Definitely should be	1
Probably should be	2
Probably should not be	3
Definitely should not be	4
Can't choose	8

**j. Impose strict laws to make industry do less damage to the environment**

Definitely should be	1
Probably should be	2
Probably should not be	3
Definitely should not be	4
Can't choose	8

**Q51. How successful do you think the government in Canada is nowadays in each of the following areas?**

**a. Providing health care for the sick?**

Very successful	1
Quite successful	2
Neither successful nor unsuccessful	3
Quite unsuccessful	4
Very unsuccessful	5
Can't choose	8

**b. Providing a decent standard of living for the old?**

Very successful	1
Quite successful	2
Neither successful nor unsuccessful	3
Quite unsuccessful	4
Very unsuccessful	5
Can't choose	8

**c. Dealing with threats to Canada's security?**

Very successful	1
Quite successful	2
Neither successful nor unsuccessful	3
Quite unsuccessful	4
Very unsuccessful	5
Can't choose	8

**d. Controlling crime?**

Very successful	1
Quite successful	2
Neither successful nor unsuccessful	3
Quite unsuccessful	4
Very unsuccessful	5
Can't choose	8

**e. Fighting unemployment?**

Very successful	1
Quite successful	2
Neither successful nor unsuccessful	3
Quite unsuccessful	4
Very unsuccessful	5
Can't choose	8

**f. Protecting the environment?**

Very successful	1
Quite successful	2
Neither successful nor unsuccessful	3
Quite unsuccessful	4
Very unsuccessful	5
Can't choose	8

**Q52. Suppose the government suspected that a terrorist act was about to happen. Do you think the authorities should have the right to...**

**a. Detain people for as long as they want without putting them on trial?**

Definitely should have the right	1
Probably should have the right	2
Probably should not have the right	3
Definitely should not have the right	4
Can't choose	8

**b. Tap people's telephone conversations?**

Definitely should have the right	1
Probably should have the right	2
Probably should not have the right	3
Definitely should not have the right	4
Can't choose	8

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**c. Stop and search people in the street at random?**

Definitely should have the right	1
Probably should have the right	2
Probably should not have the right	3
Definitely should not have the right	4
Can't choose	8

**d. I think most people are better informed about politics and government than I am**

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

**e. People we elect as MPs try to keep the promises they have made during the election**

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

**f. Most civil servants can be trusted to do what is best for the country**

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

**NOW SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT POLITICS.**

**Q53. How interested would you say you personally are in politics?**

Very interested	1
Fairly interested	2
Somewhat interested	3
Not very interested	4
Not at all interested	5
Can't choose	8

**Q54. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.**

**a. People like me don't have any say about what the government does**

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

**b. The average citizen has considerable influence on politics**

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

**c. I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing our country**

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

**Q55. Generally, how would you describe taxes in Canada today? (We mean all taxes together, including income tax, taxes on goods and services, 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

**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

**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH QUESTION ONLY**

**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

**Q56 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements.**

**a) There are only a few people I can trust completely**

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

**b) If you are not careful, other people will take advantage of you**

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

**Q57 Some people because of their job, position in the community or contacts, are asked by others to help influence important decisions in their favour. What about you?**

**a. How often are you asked to help influence important decisions in other people's favour?**

Never	1
Seldom	2
Occasionally	3
Often	4
Can't choose	8

**b. And are there people you could ask to help influence important decisions in your favour?**

No, nobody	1
Yes, a few people	2
Yes, some people	3
Yes, a lot of people	4
Can't choose	8

**Q58. In your opinion, how often do public officials deal fairly with people like you?**

Almost always	1
Often	2
Occasionally	3
Seldom	4
Almost never	5
Can't choose	8

**Q59. Do you think that the treatment people get from public officials in Canada depends on who they know?**

Definitely does	1
Probably does	2
Probably does not	3
Definitely does not	4
Can't choose	8

**Q60. In your opinion, about how many politicians in Canada are involved in corruption?**

Almost none	1
A few	2
Some	3
Quite a lot	4
Almost all	5
Can't choose	8

**Q61. And in your opinion, about how many public officials in Canada are involved in corruption?**

Almost none	1
A few	2
Some	3
Quite a lot	4
Almost all	5
Can't choose	8

**Q62. In the last five years, how often have you or a member of your immediate family come across a public official who hinted they wanted, or asked for, a bribe or favour in return for a service?**

Never	1
Seldom	2
Occasionally	3
Quite often	4
Very often	5
Can't choose	8

**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH QUESTION ONLY**

**Q63. On average, about how many people do you have contact with in a typical week day, including people you live with.**

**We are interested in contact on a one-to-one basis, including everyone with whom you chat, talk, or discuss matters. This can be face-to-face, by telephone, by mail, or on the internet. Please include only people you know.**

**Please select one from the following categories that best matches your estimate.**

0-4 persons	1
5-9	2
10-19	3
20-49	4
50 or more	5
Can't choose	8

**JUST A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT YOURSELF TO HELP US ANALYZE THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE GIVEN US**

**Q.64 Are you:**

Male	1
Female	2

**Q.65 What language do you normally speak at home?**

English	1
French	2
English and French	3
Other	4

**Q.66 Please write down your exact age: [     ]**

**Q.67 Are you currently:**

Married, living as married	1
Widowed	2
Divorced	3
Separated	4
Not married	5

**Q.68 If not married (widowed, divorced, separated, single) do you live together with a partner?**

Yes	1
No	2

**Q.69 How many years of schooling have you completed? # of years [     ]**

**Q.70 How far did you go in school?**

No formal education	1
Some grade school	2
Finished grade school	3
Some high school	4
Finished high school	5
College/CEGEP /some university	6
Completed university	7
Graduate studies	8

**Q71. Are you:**

Employed full time (35 hours + weekly)	1
Employed part time (15-35 hours weekly)	2
Employed less than part time	3
Helping a family member	4
Unemployed	5
Student or in vocational training	6
Retired	7
Housewife/Home duties	8
Permanently disabled	9
Others (not in labour force)	10

**(IF YOU WORK, CONTINUE WITH Q72. IF NOT WORKING NOW, PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR LAST JOB AND CONTINUE WITH Q.72 FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER WORKED, PLEASE GO TO Q.79)**

**Q72. How many hours do you normally work? [     ]**

**Q73. If you work, what is your occupation**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Q74. Do you supervise, or are you responsible for the work of other people?**

Yes	1
No	2

**Q75. Is your job in the private or public sector?**

**I work for...**

Government	1
Publicly owned firm	2
Private company	3
Self-employed	8

**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH QUESTION ONLY**

- Q76. Are you:**
- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Self-employed            | 1 |
| Working for someone else | 2 |
- Q77. If self-employed, how many employees work for you?** \_\_\_\_\_
- Q78. Are you a member of a trade union?**
- |                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| presently a member      | 1 |
| member only in the past | 2 |
| not a member            | 3 |
- Q79. If you have a spouse or a partner, is he/she...**
- |                                         |    |
|-----------------------------------------|----|
| Employed full time (35 hours + weekly)  | 1  |
| Employed part time (15-35 hours weekly) | 2  |
| Employed less than part time            | 3  |
| Helping a family member                 | 4  |
| Unemployed                              | 5  |
| Student or in vocational training       | 6  |
| Retired                                 | 7  |
| Housewife/Home duties                   | 8  |
| Permanently disabled                    | 9  |
| Others not in labour force              | 10 |
- Q80. What is your spouse's/partner's occupation?**  
(If not currently working, please tell us about their last job)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Q81. And what was your own total personal income from all sources in 2005 before taxes?**
- |                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Under \$15,000    | 1  |
| \$15,000-\$24,999 | 2  |
| \$25,000-\$34,999 | 3  |
| \$35,000-\$44,999 | 4  |
| \$45,000-\$54,999 | 5  |
| \$55,000-\$64,999 | 6  |
| \$65,000-\$74,999 | 7  |
| \$75,000-\$84,999 | 8  |
| \$85,000-\$94,999 | 9  |
| \$95,000+         | 10 |

- Q.82. What was the total income of your household from all sources in 2005 before taxes?**
- |                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Under \$15,000    | 1  |
| \$15,000-\$24,999 | 2  |
| \$25,000-\$34,999 | 3  |
| \$35,000-\$44,999 | 4  |
| \$45,000-\$54,999 | 5  |
| \$55,000-\$64,999 | 6  |
| \$65,000-\$74,999 | 7  |
| \$75,000-\$84,999 | 8  |
| \$85,000-\$94,999 | 9  |
| \$95,000+         | 10 |
- Q.83. How many people live in your household?** [    ]
- Q.84. Please specify the composition of your household (adults; children under 18)**  
# adults \_\_\_\_\_ #children \_\_\_\_\_
- Q85. Generally, in federal politics, do you think of yourself as:**
- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Conservative   | 1 |
| Liberal        | 2 |
| New Democrat   | 3 |
| Bloc Québécois | 4 |
| Other Party    | 8 |
| No Party       | 9 |
- Q.86. Did you vote in the last federal election in 2006.**
- |     |   |
|-----|---|
| Yes | 1 |
| No  | 2 |
- Q.87. Could you tell us what, if any, religious group you belong to?**
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Q.88. If you are a member of a religious group or church, how often do you attend religious services?**
- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Several times a week | 1 |
| Once a week          | 2 |
| 2 or 3 times a month | 3 |
| Once a month         | 4 |
| Several times a year | 5 |
| Once a year          | 6 |
| Less frequently      | 7 |
| Never                | 8 |

**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH QUESTION ONLY**

**Q.89** In our society today there are groups which tend to be towards the top and groups which tend to towards the bottom. Where would put yourself on this scale.

'Lowest'	1
'02'	2
'03'	3
'04'	4
'05'	5
'06'	6
'07'	7
'08'	8
'09'	9
'Highest, 10'	10

**Q.90** In what province do you reside?

Newfoundland	1
Nova Scotia	2
P.E.I	3
New Brunswick	4
Quebec	5
Ontario	6
Manitoba	7
Saskatchewan	8
Alberta	9
B.C	10

**Q.91** What size of city or town do you live in?

Greater than 1 million	1
750 000 - 999 999	2
500 000 - 749 999	3
250 000 - 499 999	4
100 000 - 249 999	5
50 000 - 99 999	6
10 000 - 49 999	7
1 000 - 9 999	8
less than 1 000	9

**Q.92** Would you say you live in an area that is:

Urban, a big city	1
Suburb, outskirts of a big city	2
Town or small city	3
Village	4
Farm or home in the country	5

**Q.93** To which ethnic or cultural groups did your ancestors belong?

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