ZA5055

European Election Voter Study 2009

Country Questionnaire
Ireland
2009 EES VOTER SURVEY

MASTER QUESTIONNAIRE TEMPLATE (IRELAND)

Q1. What do you think is the most important problem facing Ireland today?
[OPEN ENDED ANSWER TO BE RECORDED VERBATIM]

77 - [REFUSED]                     GO TO Q7
88 - [DK]                         GO TO Q7

Q2. And what do you think is the second most important problem facing Ireland today?
[OPEN ENDED ANSWER TO BE RECORDED VERBATIM]

77 - [REFUSED]                     GO TO Q4
88 - [DK]                         GO TO Q4
99 - [NAP]

Q3. And what do you think is the third most important problem facing Ireland today?
[OPEN ENDED ANSWER TO BE RECORDED VERBATIM]

77 - [REFUSED]
88 - [DK]
99 - [NAP]

Q4. Which political party do you think would be best at dealing with [answer in Q1]?
[OPEN ENDED WITH PRECODED ANSWERS]
[98 “OTHER” = OPEN ENDED ANSWER TO BE RECORDED VERBATIM]
[DO NOT READ OUT]

01 - Fianna Fail [INTV: pronounced “FEEANNA FAWL”]
02 - Fine Gael [INTV: pronounced “FEENA GAEL”]
03 - Green Party
04 - Labour Party
05 - Sinn Fein [INTV: pronounced “SHIN FANE”]
06 - Libertas
07 - Independents
98 - other (write in) ---------------
66 - [NONE]
77 - [REFUSED]
88 - [DK]
99 - [NAP]

Q5. As of today, is (answer in Q1) mainly dealt with by the regional, national, or European level political authorities?
[DO NOT READ OUT]

1 - regional
2 - national
3 - European
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]
Q6. And who do you think would be the most appropriate level to deal with (answer in Q1)regional, national, or European political authorities?
[DO NOT READ OUT]
1 - regional
2 - national
3 - European
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]
9 - [NAP]

Q7. In a typical week, how many days do you follow the news?
INTERVIEWER: INCLUDES NEWS ON TV, RADIO, NEWSPAPER
[OPEN ENDED WITH PRECODED ANSWERS]

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Q8. In a typical week, how many days do you watch the following news programmes?
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Q9. Is there any other channel on which you watch the news more often than these?
1 - yes  
2 - no  
7 - [REFUSED]  
8 - [DK]

GO TO Q12

[If Q9: = Yes:]

Q10. Which one?
[OPEN ENDED WITH PRECODED ANSWERS]

DO NOT READ OUT, CODE UP TO FIVE ANSWERS

01 - RTE 2/Network 2
02 - BBC1
03 - BBC2
04 - UTV/HTV
05 - Channel 4/S4C
06 - E4
07 - Sky One
08 - TG4
09 - Super RTL
10 - VOX
11 - Sky News
71 - [OTHER, SPECIFY]: ______________________
72 - [OTHER, SPECIFY]: ______________________
73 - [OTHER, SPECIFY]: ______________________
74 - [OTHER, SPECIFY]: ______________________
75 - [OTHER, SPECIFY]: ______________________
77 - [REFUSED]
88 - [DK]
99 - [NAP]

IF THE ANSWER IN Q10 IS NOT “77” OR “88” OR “99” ASK FOR ALL THE CHANNELS MENTIONED

Q11A. How many days per week do you watch the news on [ANSWER 1 IN Q10]?

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Q11C. How many days per week do you watch the news on [ANSWER 3 IN Q10]?

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Q11E. How many days per week do you watch the news on [ANSWER 5 IN Q10]?
**ASK ALL**

**Q12.** In a typical week, how many days do you read the following newspapers?

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Q13.  Is there any other newspaper that you read more frequently than these?
[DO NOT READ OUT]
1 - yes  GO TO Q16
2 - no  GO TO Q16
7 - [REFUSED]  GO TO Q16
8 - [DK]  GO TO Q16

[If Q13: = Yes:]

Q14.  Which one?
[OPEN ENDED WITH PRECODED ANSWERS]
[DO NOT READ OUT, CODE UP TO FIVE ANSWERS]

01 - Cork Evening Echo
02 - Daily Express
03 - Daily Mail
04 - Daily Mirror
05 - Examiner/Irish Examiner (previously Cork Examiner)
06 - Evening Herald
07 - Sun
08 - Star
71 - [OTHER, SPECIFY]: ______________________________
72 - [OTHER, SPECIFY]: ______________________________
73 - [OTHER, SPECIFY]: ______________________________
74 - [OTHER, SPECIFY]: ______________________________
75 - [OTHER, SPECIFY]: ______________________________
77 - [REFUSED]
88 - [DK]
99 - [NAP]

IF THE ANSWER IN Q14 IS NOT “77” OR “88” OR “99” ASK FOR ALL THE NEWSPAPERS MENTIONED
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**ASK ALL**

**Q16-Q20. How often did you do any of the following during the three or four weeks before the European election?**

**How often did you:**

**[READ OUT]**

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Q21. Have you ever been contacted by a candidate or party organisation during the election campaign in any of the following ways?

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Q22. There are websites offering advice on how to vote in the European Parliament elections on the basis of your ideas, values and policy preferences.

a. In the weeks before the European Parliament elections, did you visit such a website?
   1 - yes
   2 - no
   7 - [REFUSED]
   8 - [DK]

b. What was the name of this website?

   DO NOT READ OUT, OPEN ENDED ANSWER TO BE RECORDED VERBATIM, CODE ONLY “EU-PROFILER” AS ‘01’

01 - EU-PROFILER
02 - OTHER, SPECIFY: ________________________________
03 - OTHER, SPECIFY: ________________________________
04 - OTHER, SPECIFY: ________________________________
05 - OTHER, SPECIFY: ________________________________
06 - OTHER, SPECIFY: ________________________________
77 - [REFUSED]
88 - [DK]
99 - [NAP]

Q23. Thinking back to just before the elections for the European Parliament were held, how interested were you in the campaign for those elections: very, somewhat, a little, or not at all?

[DO NOT READ OUT]
1 - very
2 - somewhat
3 - a little
4 - not at all
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]

Q24. A lot of people abstained in the European Parliament elections of June 5, while others voted. Did you cast your vote?

[DO NOT READ OUT]
1 - yes, voted
2 - no, did not vote
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]
[If Q24: = YES]
Q25. Which party did you give your first preference vote to?

[OPEN ENDED ANSWER, DO NOT READ OUT, ONLY ONE ANSWER IS POSSIBLE]

INTERVIEWER: If R voted for a joint list/coalition (of two or more parties) and the parties on that joint list are included separately among the answer options, ask whether R preferred one of those parties in particular and, if so, code separate party instead of list.

01 - Fianna Fail [INTV: pronounced “FEEANNA FAWL”]
02 - Fine Gael [INTV: pronounced “FEENA GAEL”]
03 - Green Party
04 - Labour Party
05 - Sinn Fein [INTV: pronounced “SHIN FANE”]
06 - Libertas
07 - Independents
20 - [OTHER, SPECIFY]: ______________________________
77 - [REFUSED]
88 - [DK]
94 - [voted blank ]
95 - [spoiled vote]
96 - [did not vote]
99 - [NAP]

[If Q24: = No]
Q26. If you had voted in the European Parliament elections, which party would you have given your first preference vote to?

[OPEN ENDED ANSWER, DO NOT READ OUT, ONLY ONE ANSWER IS POSSIBLE]

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06 - Libertas
07 - Independents
20 - [OTHER, SPECIFY]: ______________________________
77 - [REFUSED]
88 - [DK]
94 - [would have voted blank ]
95 - [would have spoiled vote]
96 - [would have not vote]
99 - [NAP]

Q26b. Which party did you give your first preference vote to at the local elections of June 5?

[OPEN ENDED ANSWER, DO NOT READ OUT, ONLY ONE ANSWER IS POSSIBLE]

01 - Fianna Fail [INTV: pronounced “FEEANNA FAWL”]
Q27. Which party did you vote for at the General Election of 2007?

[OPEN ENDED ANSWER, DO NOT READ OUT, ONLY ONE ANSWER IS POSSIBLE]

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06 - Libertas
07 - Independents
20 - [OTHER, SPECIFY]: ______________________________
77 - [REFUSED]
88 - [DK]
94 - [would have voted blank]
95 - [would have spoiled vote]
96 - [would have not vote]
99 - [NAP]

Q28. And if there was a general election tomorrow, which party would you give your first preference vote to?

[OPEN ENDED ANSWER, DO NOT READ OUT, ONLY ONE ANSWER IS POSSIBLE]

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06 - Libertas
07 - Independents
08 - PDs (Progressive Democrats)
20 - [OTHER, SPECIFY]: ______________________________
77 - [REFUSED]
88 - [DK]
93 - [Was not eligible/old enough]
94 - [voted blank]
95 - [spoiled vote]
96 - [did not vote]
94 - [would vote blank]
ASK ALL
Q29-Q38. Now I would like to ask you some questions about how much responsibility the Irish government and the European Union have for some of the things going on in Ireland. Of course, you may think that neither is responsible.

First, thinking about the economy, how responsible is the Irish government for economic conditions in Ireland? Please indicate your views using any number on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means “no responsibility” and 10 means “full responsibility”.

[READ OUT]

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Q39. We have a number of parties in Ireland each of which would like to get your vote. How probable is it that you will ever give your first preference vote to the following parties? Please specify your views on a scale where 0 means “not at all probable” and 10 means “very probable”.

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If you think of (Party X): what mark out of ten best describes how probable it is that you will ever give your first preference vote to (Party X)?

Question repeated for all parties in the list

And (Party Y): what mark from 0 to ten best describes how probable it is that you will ever give your first preference vote to (Party Y)?

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Q40-Q45: For each of the following propositions, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.
“The European Parliament takes into consideration the concerns of European citizens”
Do you ‘strongly agree’, ‘agree’, ‘neither agree nor disagree’, ‘disagree’ or ‘strongly disagree’?

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Q46: In political matters people talk of “the left” and “the right”. What is your position? Please indicate your views using any number on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means “left” and 10 means “right”. Which number best describes your position?

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Q47. And about where would you place the following parties on this scale?

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How about the (Party X)? Which number from 0 to 10, where 0 means “left” and 10 means “right” best describes (Party X)?

Question repeated for all parties in the list

And for (Party x)?

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Q48. What do you think about the economy? Compared to 12 months ago, do you think that the general economic situation in Ireland is

[READ OUT]
1 - a lot better
2 - a little better
3 - stayed the same
4 - a little worse or
5 - a lot worse
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]

Q49. And over the next 12 months, how do you think the general economic situation in this country will be?

Will it...

[READ OUT]
1 - get a lot better
2 - a little better
3 - stay the same
4 - a little worse or
5 - get a lot worse
7 - [REFUSED]
8. - [DK]
Q50. And over the last 12 months, has the standard of health care in Ireland got a lot better, a little better, stayed about the same, got a little worse or got a lot worse?
[DO NOT READ OUT]
1 - a lot better
2 - a little better
3 - stayed the same
4 - a little worse
5 - a lot worse
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]

Q51. And over the last 12 months, has immigration in Ireland increased a lot, increased a little, stayed the same, decreased a little or decreased a lot?
[DO NOT READ OUT]
1 - increased a lot
2 - increased a little
3 - stayed the same
4 - decreased a little
5 - decreased a lot
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]

[IF Q51: NOT ‘3’ OR ‘7’ OR ‘8’]
Q52. In your opinion, is this a change for the better or the worse?
[DO NOT READ OUT]
1 - Better
2 - Worse
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]

Q53. And over the last 12 months, have interest rates in Ireland increased a lot, increased a little, stayed the same, decreased a little or decreased a lot?
[DO NOT READ OUT]
1 - increased a lot
2 - increased a little
3 - stayed the same
4 - decreased a little
5 - decreased a lot
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]

[IF Q53: NOT ‘3’ OR ‘7’ OR ‘8’]
Q54. In your opinion, is this a change for the better or the worse?
[DO NOT READ OUT]
1 - Better
2 - Worse
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]

Q55. Finally, over the last 12 months, has climate change in Ireland become a lot more of a problem, a little more of a problem, is about the same, has become a little less of a problem or a lot less of a problem.
[DO NOT READ OUT]
1 - a lot more of a problem
2 - a little more of a problem
3 - stayed the same
Q56. Immigrants should be required to adapt to the customs of Ireland.  
Q57. Private enterprise is the best way to solve Ireland’s economic problems.  
Q58. Same-sex marriages should be prohibited by law.  
Q59. Major public services and industries ought to be in state ownership.  
Q60. Women should be free to decide on matters of abortion.  
Q61. Politics should abstain from intervening in the economy.  
Q62. People who break the law should be given much harsher sentences than they are these days.  
Q63. Income and wealth should be redistributed towards ordinary people.  
Q64. Schools must teach children to obey authority.  
Q65. EU treaty changes should be decided by referendum.  
Q66. A woman should be prepared to cut down on her paid work for the sake of her family.  
Q67. Immigration to Ireland should be decreased significantly.

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positive influence, a negative influence or no influence on the standard of health care in Ireland?

Q70. And, do you think Irish government policies have had a positive influence, a negative influence or no influence on levels of immigration in Ireland? 1 2 3 7 8

Q71. And, do you think Irish government policies have had a positive influence, a negative influence or no influence on interest rates in Ireland? 1 2 3 7 8

Q72. And finally, do you think Irish government policies have had a positive influence, a negative influence or no influence on climate change in Ireland? 1 2 3 7 8

Q73-Q77. And now, do you think European Union policies have had a positive influence, a negative influence or no influence...?

[READ OUT]

Q73. on the economic conditions in Ireland? 1 2 3 7 8

Q74. And, do you think EU policies have had a positive influence, a negative influence or no influence on the standard of health care in Ireland? 1 2 3 7 8

Q75. And, do you think EU policies have had a positive influence, a negative influence or no influence on levels of immigration in Ireland? 1 2 3 7 8

Q76. And, do you think EU policies have had a positive influence, a negative influence or no influence on interest rates in Ireland? 1 2 3 7 8

Q77. And finally, do you think EU policies have had a positive influence, a negative influence or no influence on climate change in Ireland? 1 2 3 7 8

Q78. To what extent would you say you are interested in politics? Very, somewhat, a little, or not at all?

[DO NOT READ OUT]

1 - very
2 - somewhat
3 - a little
4 - not at all
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]

Q79. Generally speaking, do you think that Ireland’s membership of the European Union is a good thing, a bad thing, or neither good nor bad?

[DO NOT READ OUT]

1 - good thing
2 - bad thing
3 - neither
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]

Q80. Some say European unification should be pushed further. Others say it already has gone too far. What is your opinion? Please indicate your views using a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means unification ‘has already gone too far’ and 10 means it ‘should be pushed further’. What number on this scale best describes your position?

| unification | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | REF | DK |

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Q81. And about where would you place the following parties on this scale?


How about the (Party X)? Which number from 0 to 10, where 0 means “already gone too far” and 10 means “should be pushed further” best describes (party X)?

Question repeated for all parties in the list

And for (Party Y)?

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Q82. Do you see yourself as..  
[READ OUT]  
1 - Irish only  
2 - Irish and European  
3 - European and Irish  
4 - European only  
7 - [REFUSED]  
8 - [DK]

Q83. In general, do you think that enlargement of the European Union would be a good thing, a bad thing, or neither good nor bad?  
[DO NOT READ OUT]  
1 - a good thing  
2 - a bad thing
Q84. On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Ireland? Are you
[READ OUT]
1 - very satisfied
2 - fairly satisfied
3 - not very satisfied or
4 - not at all satisfied
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]

Q85. And how satisfied are you, on the whole, with the way democracy works in the European Union?
[READ OUT]
1 - very satisfied
2 - fairly satisfied
3 - not very satisfied or
4 - not at all satisfied
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]

Q86. Let us now come back to Ireland. Do you approve or disapprove the government’s record to date?
[DO NOT READ OUT]
1 - approve
2 - disapprove
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]

Q87. Do you consider yourself to be close to any particular party? If so, which party do you feel close to?
[OPEN ENDED ANSWER, DO NOT READ OUT, ONLY ONE ANSWER IS POSSIBLE]

INTERVIEWER: If R choosing a joint list/coalition (of two or more parties) and the parties on that joint list are included separately among the answer options, ask whether R preferred one of those parties in particular and, if so, code separate party instead of list.

00 - no, does not feel close to any party  GO TO Q89
01 - Fianna Fail [INTV: pronounced “FEEANNA FAWL”]
02 - Fine Gael [INTV: pronounced “FEENA GAEL”]
03 - Green Party
04 - Labour Party
05 - Sinn Fein [INTV: pronounced “SHIN FANE”]
06 - Libertas
07 - Independents
20 - [OTHER, SPECIFY]: ____________________________
77 - [REFUSED]  GO TO Q89
88 - [DK]  GO TO Q89

Q88. Do you feel yourself to be very close to this party, fairly close, or merely a sympathiser?
[DO NOT READ OUT]
1 - very close
2 - fairly close
3 - merely a sympathiser
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]
9 - [NAP]
[if R does not feel close to a party (Q87: = 0 or Q87: = DK or Refused)]

Q89. Do you feel yourself a little closer to one of the political parties than others?
[DO NOT READ OUT]
1 - yes
2 - no
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]
9 - [NAP]

[if Q89: = Yes]

Q90. Which party is that?
[OPEN ENDED ANSWER, DO NOT READ OUT, ONLY ONE ANSWER IS POSSIBLE]

INTERVIEWER: If R choosing a joint list/coalition (of two or more parties) and the parties on that joint list are included separately among the answer options, ask whether R preferred one of those parties in particular and, if so, code separate party instead of list.

01 - Fianna Fail [INTV: pronounced “FEEANNA FAWL”]
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03 - Green Party
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05 - Sinn Fein [INTV: pronounced “SHIN FANE”]
06 - Libertas
07 - Independents
20 - [OTHER, SPECIFY]: __________________________
77 - [REFUSED]
88 - [DK]
99 - [NAP]

Q91. How much confidence do you have that decisions made by the European Union will be in the interest of Ireland?
[READ OUT]
1 - a great deal of confidence
2 - a fair amount
3 - not very much or
4 - no confidence at all
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]

Q92-Q98. Now some questions about the European Union and Ireland. For these questions, I am going to read out some statements. For each one, could you please tell me whether you believe they are true or false? If you don’t know, just say so and we will skip to the next one.

INTERVIEWER: ROTATE – START THE ROTATION ACCORDING TO THE ROTATION LIST, MARK THE STARTING POINT OF THE ROTATION BY “R”, CONTINUE TO READ OUT THE ITEMS FROM THE ROTATION STARTING POINT DOWNWARDS—READ OUT ALL THE ITEMS

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Q98. There are 249 members of the Irish parliament, the Dáil.

Q99. Are you yourself a member of a trade union or is anyone else in your household a member of a trade union?  
[DO NOT READ OUT]
1 - yes, I am
2 - yes, someone else is
3 - yes I am and someone else in the household is
4 - no
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]

Q100. How old were you when you stopped full-time education?  
[OPEN ENDED]
☐☐ (age in years, 2 digits)
98 - still studying
77 - [REFUSED]
88 - [DK]

Q101. What is the highest level of education you have completed in your education?

INTERVIEWER: ‘completed’ means diploma or certificate awarded, or examination passed

[OPEN ENDED WITH PRECODED ANSWERS] [ONLY ONE ANSWER IS POSSIBLE]

INTERVIEWER: consult with respondent to confirm code

01 - Did not complete primary education.
02 - Completed primary
03 - Youthreach training certificate or group certificate
04 - Inter/Junior Certificate
05 - Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) or Leaving Cert Applied
06 - Leaving Certificate or LCVP
07 - Post Leaving Cert Course, Teagasc Cert/Diploma, Secretarial/Technical Course, or Apprenticeship.
08 - National Cert/Diploma or Cadetship
09 - Primary Degree
10 - Postgraduate Diploma or Masters Degree
11 - Doctorate
71 - [OTHER, SPECIFY]: _____________________________
77 - [REFUSED]
88 - [DK]

ASK ALL
Q102. Are you ...  
[READ OUT]
1 - male
2 - female
7 - [REFUSED]

Q103. What year were you born?  
[OPEN ENDED]
☐☐☐☐ (record year of birth (4 digits))
Q104. Were both of your parents born in Ireland?
[DO NOT READ OUT]
1 - yes GO TO Q108
2 - no
7 - [REFUSED] GO TO Q108
8 - [DK] GO TO Q108

[If Q104: =2 NO:]
[OPEN ENDED ANSWER TO BE RECORDED VERBATIM]
Q105. In which country was your mother born? ____________________

77 - [REFUSED]
88 - [DK]
99 - [NAP]

[If Q104: =2 NO:]
[OPEN ENDED ANSWER TO BE RECORDED VERBATIM]
Q106. In which country was your father born? ____________________

77 - [REFUSED]
88 - [DK]
99 - [NAP]

[If Q104: =2 NO:]
[OPEN ENDED ANSWER TO BE RECORDED VERBATIM]
Q107. In which country were you born? ____________________

77 - [REFUSED]
88 - [DK]
99 - [NAP]

ASK ALL
Q108. Many people in this country consider themselves to be Irish while others don’t. How about you? Do you consider yourself Irish or do you feel you belong to another group? Or do you perhaps see yourself as Irish as well as belonging to this other group?
[DO NOT READ OUT]
1 - I see myself just as Irish
2 - I belong to another group, namely [WRITE IN VERBATIM]:________
3 - I am Irish, but I also belong to another group, namely [WRITE IN VERBATIM]:________
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]
9 - [NAP]

Q109. What is your current marital status?
[READ OUT]
1 - Married
2 - Living with partner (not married)
3 - Widowed
4 - Divorced
5 - Separated
6 - Single
7 - [REFUSED]
Q110. What is your current work situation? Are you:

[READ OUT]
01 - self-employed
02 - employed
03 - in school, still in education  GO TO Q112
04 - working in the household  GO TO Q112
05 - military service  GO TO Q112
06 - retired
07 - unemployed
08 - other  GO TO Q112
77 - [REFUSED]  GO TO Q112
88 - [DK]  GO TO Q112
88 - [DK]

IF Q110: = SELF-EMPLOYED, EMPLOYED, UNEMPLOYED or RETIRED

Q111. Are (were) you working in ...

[READ OUT]
01 - agriculture
02 - state industry
03 - private industry
04 - public services
05 - private services
06 - other
66 - [NEVER WORKED]
77 - [REFUSED]
88 - [DK]
99 - [NAP]

Q112.

IF ANSWER IN Q110 = SELF-EMPLOYED, EMPLOYED ASK:

F ANSWER IN Q110 = MILITARY SERVICE and R IS PROFESSIONAL SOLDIER, ASK

And in your current job, what is your main occupation?

IF ANSWER IN Q110 = WORKING IN THE HOUSEHOLDS, MILITARY SERVICE*, RETIRED OR UNEMPLOYED (CODE 04, 05, 06, OR 07) ASK:“

*IF ANSWER IN Q110 = MILITARY SERVICE and R IS FULFILLING MANDATORY SERVICE, ASK

Please tell us about your last job, what was your main occupation?

[OPEN ENDED ANSWER TO BE RECORDED VERBATIM]

PLEASE DESCRIBE FULLY, USING TWO WORDS OR MORE. DO NOT USE INITIALS OR ABBREVIATIONS If R only mentions the name of their job, ask “and what is it you do in this job?”

Q113. 

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IF mode of interviewing is PHONE: interviewer to code based on Q112.
INTERVIEWER: consult with respondent to confirm code

[OPEN ENDED WITH PRECODED ANSWERS] [ONLY ONE ANSWER IS POSSIBLE]
Just to confirm that I understand your answer correctly, would you say that your current / last job is [NAME OF THE CODE ASSIGNED]?

If mode of interviewing is other than PHONE:
Please pick one box for your current job

INTERVIEWER: if retired/unemployed/work in household/R is fulfilling mandatory military service, ask “Please pick one box for your last job”

[INTERVIEWER: consult with respondent to confirm code]

01 - Professional and technical (for example: doctor, teacher, engineer, artist, accountant)
02 - Higher administrative (for example: banker, executive in big business, high government official, union official)
03 - Clerical (for example: secretary, clerk, office manager, civil servant, bookkeeper)
04 - Sales (for example: sales manager, shop owner, shop assistant, insurance agent, buyer)
05 - Service (for example: restaurant owner, police officer, waitress, barber, caretaker, nurse)
06 - Skilled worker (for example: foreman, motor mechanic, printer, seamstress, tool and die maker, electrician)
07 - Semi-skilled worker (for example: bricklayer, bus driver, cannery worker, carpenter, sheet metal worker, baker)
08 - Unskilled worker (for example: labourer, porter, unskilled factory worker, cleaner)
09 - Farm worker (for example: farm labourer, tractor driver)
10 - Farm proprietor, farm manager
11 - Still in education
12 - I have never had a job
66 - [NEVER WORKED]
77 - [REFUSED]
88 - [DK]
99 - [NAP]

Q114. If you were asked to choose one of these five names for your social class, which would you say you belong to - the working class, the lower middle class, the middle class, the upper middle class or the upper class?
[DO NOT READ OUT]
1 - working class
2 - lower middle class
3 - middle class
4 - upper middle class
5 - upper class
6 - [other]
7 - [refused to be classified]
8 - [DK]

Q115. Would you say you live in a...
[READ OUT]
1 - rural area or village
2 - small or middle-sized town
3 - suburbs of large town or city
4 - large town or city?
7 - [REFUSED]
Q116. How long have you been living in your current residential community?
[OPEN ENDED]
______ years
777 - [REFUSED]
888 - [DK]

Q117. Do you belong to a religion or religious denomination? If yes, which one?
[OPEN ENDED WITH PRECODES]

INTERVIEWER: Code 0 if respondent does not belong to religion
0 - No, do not belong to a denomination

If yes, which one?
1 - Roman Catholic
2 - Protestant
3 - Orthodox (Russian/Greek/etc.)
4 - Jew
5 - Muslim
6 - Hindu
7 - Buddhist
8 - other<! [WRITE IN VERBATIM]: __________
77 - [REFUSED]
88 - [DK]

Q118. Apart from special occasions such as weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services nowadays?
[READ OUT]
1 - several times a week
2 - once a week
3 - at least once a month
4 - a few times a year
5 - once a year or less,
6 - never
7 - [REFUSED]
8 - [DK]

Q119. Regardless of whether you belong to a particular religion, how religious would you say you are?
On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 stands for “not at all religious” and 10 for “very religious”, where would you place yourself?

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Q120. Taking everything into account, at about what level is your family’s standard of living?
If you think of a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 means a poor family, 7 a rich family, and the other numbers are for the positions in between, about where would you place your family?

INTERVIEWER: refers to Respondent’s own household/family (partner and/or children)
If Respondent is single, refers to Respondent’s own standard of living
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