

Contents of ISSP 1998
(modified table 1 taken from the German ISSP 1998 methods report)

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1	V4	Happiness	1	How happy or unhappy are you?	1	V4
2	V5 V6	Social Welfare	2	Should government be responsible ...	2	
a				Providing a job for everyone	a	V5
b	Reducing income differences	b	V6			
3	V7	Sexual Morality	3	Wrong or not wrong?	4	V9
4	V8			- premarital relations	5	V10
5	V9			- extramarital relations	6	V11
6	V10 V11	Abortion	2	Is abortion wrong or not wrong	8	
a				... if chance of serious defect	a	V12
b	... if family has low income	b	V13			
7	V12 V13	Gender Roles	2	Husband's job is to earn, wife's to look after home and family.	9	
a				Family life suffers when woman works full time.	b	V16
b				a	V17	
8	V14 V15	Cohabitation	2	It is OK if ...	ISSP94	ISSP94
b				a couple lives together without marrying	4g	V25
a	a couple tries out living together before marrying	4h	V26			
9	V16 V17	Financial Cheating	2	Person does not ...	10	
b				... report all of income to tax office	a	V18
a	... report to government office so as to claim benefits	b	V19			
10	V18	Misanthropy	2	People try to take advantage of you	--	--
11	V19			People can be trusted	--	--
Religion and Governmental Connections						
13	V25 V26	Church and Politics	2	Religious leaders should not try to ...	12	
a				influence votes	b	V27
b	influence government decisions	d	V29			
15	V29 V30	Influence and effect of religion	4	Religion brings more conflict than peace	--	--
a				People with strong beliefs often intolerant		
b	V31	[Country] better if religion had less influence				
17	V36	Church has too much/little power			13	V30
Religion in Comparison to Other Aspects						
12	V20 V21 V22 V23 V24	Confidence in Institutions	5	- National legislature	11	
a				- Business and industry	a	V20
b				- Churches and religious organisations	d	V23
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d				- Schools and educational system	e	V25
e						
14	V27 V28	Religion and Science	2	Science does more harm than good	--	--
a				We trust science too much, faith not enough		
b						
16	V32 V33 V34 V35	Volunteer Work	4	In last 12 months, volunteer work?	--	--
a				- political		
b				- charity		
c				- religious		
d	- other					
Opt		Confidence in Politicians	2	Politicians try to keep their promises	ISSP96	ISSP96
				Civil servants can be trusted	14 g	V53
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Religious Socialisation/Past Religious Practices						
24	V51	Mother's religion	1	Mother's preference when you were child	22	V50
25	V53	Father's religion	1	Father's preference when you were child	23	V51
26	V55	Own Religion	1	What religion raised in?	24	V53
28	V59	Mother's church attendance	1	How often attend when you were child?	26	V54
29	V60	Father's church attendance	1	How often attend when you were child?	27	V55
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31	V62	Frequency of prayer	1	How often do you pray?	29	V57
32	V63	Other religious activities	1	How often take part in other activities of a church?	30	V58
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Religious Experience and Feelings						
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33	V64	Feel Religious	1	Would you describe yourself as religious (7 response categories)	31	V59
Opt No. 1		Born again	1	Would you say you have been born again?	Opt. 1	V70

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Religious Beliefs						
18	V37	God	2	Indicate which statement is close to what you believe about God.	14	V31
19	V38	Afterlife	4	What best describes your beliefs about God?	16	V33
20	V39			Do you believe in ...	17	
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b	V41			- heaven	c	V36
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21	V43	Bible	1	What comes closest to your belief about the Bible	18	V39
22 a	V44	Theism	1	God concerns himself with everything	19 a	V40
22	V45 V49	Fatalism	2	Little people can do to change their lives	19	
b				We make our own fate	b	V41
f					g	V46
22 d	V47	Nihilism	1	Life does not serve any purpose	19 d	V43
22	V46 V48	Meaning of Life	2	God gives the meaning	19	
c				You provide the meaning yourself	c	V42
e					f	V45
34	V65	'Truth' of different religions	1	What comes closest to your view ... little truth ... basic truths ... truth only in one religion	--	--
Secular morality, superstition						
35	V66 V67	Rights of friends	2	Vignette about 'telling' on friend driving too fast	--	--
a						
b						
Opt. No. 3	V73 V74 V75 V76	Superstitions	4	Good luck charms bring luck Fortune tellers can foresee future Faith-healers do have healing powers People's star sign can affect course of their future	ISSP 91 Optional	ISSP 91 V66 V67 V68 --
	RELIG	R's religion				V106
	ATTEND	R's church attendance				V107

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