

Contents of ISSP 2012 module

(Modified table taken from the German ISSP 2012 technical report)

2012			Abbreviated version of questions	1988 Study		1994 Study		2002 Study	
Question numbers	Variables	No. of Items		Question numbers	Variables	Question numbers	Variables	Question numbers	Variables
Attitudes towards Family and Gender Roles									
1		5	Agree / Disagree ...	1		1		1	
a	V5		Working mother can have warm relation with child	a	V4	a	V4	a	V4
b	V6		Pre-school child suffers through working mother	b	V5	b	V5	b	V5
c	V7		Family life suffers through working mother	c	V6	c	V6	c	V6
d	V8		Women's preference: home and children	e	V8	d	V7	d	V7
e	V9		Being housewife is satisfying	f	V9	e	V8	e	V8
2a	V10	1	Both should contribute to household income	h	V11	2a	V11	2a	V10
2b	V11	1	Men's job is earn money, women's job household	i	V12	2b	V12	2b	V11
3		2	Should women work ...	2		3		3	
a	V12		With a pre-school child	b	V15	b	V16	b	V15
b	V13		After youngest child at school	c	V16	c	V17	c	V16
Attitudes towards Marriage									
4		4	Agree / Disagree ...	5		4		4	
a	V14		Married people are generally happier	a	V27	a	V19	a	V18
b	V15		People who want children ought to marry	f	V32	e	V23	c	V20
d	V17		Divorce best solution when marriage problems			i	V27	g	V24

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Alternative Family Forms									
4c	V16	1	Agree / Disagree: Living together is ok without intention to marry			4g	V25	4e	V22
5		3	Agree/ Disagree ...						
a	V18		Single parent can raise child as well as two parents	1		4f	V24	4d	V21
b	V19		Lesbian couple can raise child as well as heterosexual couple						
c	V20		Gay couple can raise child as well as heterosexual couple						
Attitudes towards Children									
6	V21	1	Ideal number of children	6	V37	5	V28		
7		6	Agree / Disagree ...	8		6		5	
a	V22		Watching children grow up is greatest joy	8b	V44	6a	V29	5a	V25
b	V23		Interfering with freedom of parents	8c	V45	6b	V30		
c	V24		Children financial burden						
d	V25		Having children restricts the employment and career chances						
e	V26		Having children increases people's social standing						
f	V27		Adult children are help for elderly parents						

¹ 1988 items differentiate between single mother and father: 5g =V33 “single mother” and 5h =V34 “single father”.

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Gender, Care, and Social Policy									
8	V28	1	Paid leave and preferred duration						
9	V29	1	Preferred paid leave funder						
10	V30	1	Preferred division of paid leave between mother and father						
12	V33	1	Children under school age: childcare provider						
13	V34	1	Children under school age: childcare funder						
14	V35	1	Care for elderly people: provider						
15	V36	1	Care for elderly people: funder						
Preferred and Actual Division of Paid and Unpaid Work: Model Families									
11 a b	V31 V32	2	Preferred division of work between mother and father Best option Worst option						
16a 16b 17a 17b	V37 V38 V39 V40	4	Actual hours on household work and family care R: household work R: looking after family members Spouse / partner: household work Spouse / partner spends: looking after family members					9a 9b	V36 V37
Income in Partnership									
18 22	V41 V50	1 1	Organizing income in partnership Who has the higher income?			17	V50	7 14	V29 V43

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Gendered Division of Household Work									
19		6	Division of household work, who ...			18		8	
a	V42		Does the laundry			a	V51	a	V30
b	V43		Makes small repairs about house			b	V52	b	V31
c	V44		Cares for sick family members			c	V53	c	V32
d	V45		Shops for groceries			d	V54	d	V33
e	V46		Does the household cleaning					e	V34
f	V47		Prepares the meals					f	V35
20	V48	1	Sharing household work between partners: Perceived fairness					10	V38
Power and Decision-making within Partnership									
21	V49	1	Who makes decisions about choosing weekend activities					13a	V41
31	V64	1	Who makes decisions about raising children					12	V40
Work – Family Conflict									
23		4	How often ...					16	
a	V51		Is R too tired from work to do duties at home					a	V48
b	V52		Has R difficulty to fulfil family responsibilities					b	V49
c	V53		Is R too tired from housework to function in job					c	V50
d	V54		Has R difficulty to concentrate at work					d	V51

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Happiness and Satisfaction...									
24	V55	1	with life in general					17	V52
25	V56	1	with main job					18	V53
26	V57	1	with family life					19	V54
Additional Demographics / Background Variables									
27	V58	1	R's subjective health						
28	V59	1	Mother ever working for pay before R 14	15	V55	8	V35	20	V55
29		2	Respondent worked away from home ...	19		20		21	
a	V60		Child under school age	b	V60	b	V59	b	V57
b	V61		Youngest child started school	c	V61	c	V60	c	V58
30		2	Spouse / Partner worked away from home ...			21		22	
a	V62		Child under school age			b	V63	b	V61
b	V63		Youngest child started school			c	V64	c	V62
32	V65	1	Spouse / partner degree: highest qualification					B	V70
33	V66	1	Age of spouse / partner						
34	V67	1	Duration of current relationship						