

**Australia**

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**Questionnaire**

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# International questions: Work and family issues

1. To begin, some questions about women. Do you agree or disagree...

<b>Yes!!</b>	--	<b>Strongly agree</b>
<b>Yes</b>	--	<b>Agree</b>
<b>??</b>	--	<b>Neither agree nor disagree</b>
<b>No</b>	--	<b>Disagree</b>
<b>No!!</b>	--	<b>Strongly disagree</b>
<b>--</b>	--	<b>Can't choose</b>



a. A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work.. **Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! --**

b. A pre-school child is likely to suffer if his or her mother works ..... **Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! --**

c. All in all, family life suffers when the woman has a full-time job ..... **Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! --**

d. A job is all right, but what most women really want is a home and children ..... **Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! --**

e. Being a housewife is just as fulfilling as working for pay ..... **Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! --**

f. Having a job is the best way for a woman to be an independent person..... **Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! --**

2a. Both the man and the woman should contribute to the household income..... **Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! --**

b. A man's job is to earn money; a woman's job is to look after the home and family ..... **Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! --**

c. Men ought to do a larger share of household work than they do now ..... **Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! --**

d. Men ought to do a larger share of childcare than they do now ..... **Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! --**

3. Do you think that women should work outside the home full-time, part-time or not at all under the following circumstances?

### OUGHT TO WORK FOR PAY?

a. After marrying and before there are children ..... **Full-time Part-time Stay home (can't say)**

b. When there is a child under school age ..... **Full-time Part-time Stay home (can't say)**

c. After the youngest child starts school..... **Full-time Part-time Stay home (can't say)**

d. After the children leave home..... **Full-time Part-time Stay home (can't say)**

4. Do you agree or disagree...

a. Married people are generally happier than unmarried people.. **Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! --**

b. It is better to have a bad marriage than no marriage at all ..... **Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! --**

c. People who want children ought to get married ..... **Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! --**

- d. One parent can bring up a child as well as two parents together..... **Yes!!** **Yes** ?? **No** **No!!** --
- e. It is all right for a couple to live together without intending to get married..... **Yes!!** **Yes** ?? **No** **No!!** --
- f. It's a good idea for a couple who intend to get married to live together first..... **Yes!!** **Yes** ?? **No** **No!!** --
- g. Divorce is usually the best solution when a couple can't seem to work out their marriage problems..... **Yes!!** **Yes** ?? **No** **No!!** --

5. About children, do you agree or disagree...

- a. Watching children grow up is life's greatest joy ..... **Yes!!** **Yes** ?? **No** **No!!** --
- b. People who have never had children lead empty lives. .... **Yes!!** **Yes** ?? **No** **No!!** --

- 6a. Working women should receive paid maternity leave when they have a baby. .... **Yes!!** **Yes** ?? **No** **No!!** --

- b. Families should receive financial benefits for child care when both parents work ..... **Yes!!** **Yes** ?? **No** **No!!** --

- c. It is all right for a couple to live together without intending to get married..... **Yes!!** **Yes** ?? **No** **No!!** --

7. How do you and your husband, wife or de facto organize the income that one or both of you receive? >>Include government benefits and investment income as well as income from jobs >>Please circle the first answer that applies.

- I manage all the money and give my spouse/partner his/her share..... **1**
- My spouse/partner manages all the money and gives me my share ..... **2**
- We pool all the money and each take out what we need..... **3**
- We pool some of the money and keep the rest separate ..... **4**
- We each keep our own money separate..... **5**
- (I don't have a husband, wife, or de facto now) ..... -

8. In your household who does the following things...?

<b>Me!!</b>	--	<b>Always me</b>
<b>Me</b>	--	<b>Usually me</b>
<b>=</b>	--	<b>About equal, or both together</b>
<b>Spouse</b>	--	<b>Usually your husband, wife, or defacto</b>
<b>Spouse!!</b>	--	<b>Always your husband, wife, or defacto</b>
<b>Other</b>	--	<b>(By a third person)</b>
--	--	<b>(Can't choose)</b>



- a. Does the laundry..... **You!!** **You** = **Spouse** **Spouse!!** (Other) (Can't choose)
- b. Makes small repairs around the house ..... **You!!** **You** = **Spouse** **Spouse!!** (Other) (Can't choose)
- c. Cares for sick family members ..... **You!!** **You** = **Spouse** **Spouse!!** (Other) (Can't choose)
- d. Shops for groceries..... **You!!** **You** = **Spouse** **Spouse!!** (Other) (Can't choose)
- e. Does the household cleaning ..... **You!!** **You** = **Spouse** **Spouse!!** (Other) (Can't choose)
- f. Prepares the meals ..... **You!!** **You** = **Spouse** **Spouse!!** (Other) (Can't choose)

9a. On average, how many hours a week do you personally spend on household tasks? >>Include housework, grocery shopping, lawn mowing, home improvements and household repairs here, but **not** childcare or leisure? .....  hours

b. And what about your husband, wife, or de facto? On average, how many hours a week does he or she spend on household work, not including childcare and leisure time activities? .....  hours

10. Which of the following best applies to the sharing of household work between you and your husband or wife or de facto?

- I do much more than my fair share of the household work .... 1
- I do a bit more than my fair share of the household work ..... 2
- I do roughly my fair share of the household work ..... 3
- I do a bit less than my fair share of the household work ..... 4
- I do much less than my fair share of the household work ..... 5
- (Can't choose) ..... -6
- (No husband, wife, or de facto)..... -7

11. How often do you and your husband, wife, or de facto have a discussion or disagreement about the sharing of household work?

- Several times a week,      Several times a month,      Several times a year, 3
- Less often,      Never,      (Can't choose), 6

12. Who usually makes the decisions about how to bring up your children?

>>If your children are adults, please tell how it was while they were growing up.

- Mostly me ..... 1
- Mostly my husband, wife, or de facto ..... 2
- Sometimes me, sometimes my husband, wife, or de facto ..... 3
- We decide together..... 4
- Someone else decides ..... 5
- (Can't choose) ..... -6
- (No children) ..... -7
- (No husband, wife or de facto) ..... -8

13. When you and your spouse/partner make decisions about the following, who has the final say?

a. Choosing what to do together on the weekend? (Please answer in the box below)

b. Buying major things for your home? (Please answer in the box below)

	<b>WEEKEND</b>	<b>BUYING</b>	
Mostly me .....	<b>Me</b>	<b>Me</b>	1
Mostly my husband, wife, or de facto .....	<b>Spouse</b>	<b>Spouse</b>	2
Sometimes me, sometimes my spouse.....	<b>Take turns</b>	<b>Take turns</b>	3
We decide together.....	<b>Together</b>	<b>Together</b>	4
Someone else decides.....	<b>Other</b>	<b>Other</b>	5
(No husband, wife, or de facto).....	--	--	6

14. Considering all sources of income, between you and your spouse/partner, who has the higher income?

- My husband, wife, or de facto has no income..... 1
- I have a much higher income ..... 2
- I have a higher income ..... 3
- We have about the same income ..... 4
- My husband, wife, or de facto has a higher income ..... 5
- My husband, wife, or de facto has a much higher income ..... 6
- I have no income ..... 7
- (Don't know) ..... 8
- (No husband, wife, or de facto)..... 9

15. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

- a. There are so many things to do at home, I often run out of time before I get them all done **Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! --**
- b. My life at home is rarely stressful ..... **Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! --**
- c. There are so many things to do at work, I often run out of time before I get them all done..... **Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! (Can't choose) (no job)**
- d. My job is rarely stressful..... **Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! (Can't choose) (no job)**

16. How often has each of the following happened to you during the past three months?

- a. I have come home from work too tired to do the chores which need to be done.  
**Several times a week    Several times a month    Once or twice    Never    (No job)**
- b. It has been difficult for me to fulfil my family responsibilities because of the amount of time I spent on my job.  
**Several times a week    Several times a month    Once or twice    Never    (No job)**
- c. I have arrived at work too tired to function well because of the household work I had done.  
**Several times a week    Several times a month    Once or twice    Never    (No job)**
- d. I have found it difficult to concentrate at work because of my family responsibilities.  
**Several times a week    Several times a month    Once or twice    Never    (No job)**

17. If you were to consider your life in general, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole?

- Completely happy ..... 1
- Very happy ..... 2
- Fairly happy ..... 3
- Neither happy nor unhappy ..... 4
- Fairly unhappy ..... 5
- Very unhappy ..... 6
- Completely unhappy ..... 7
- (Can't choose) ..... -

18. All things considered, how satisfied are you with your (main) job? *(Please answer in the box below).*

19. All things considered, how satisfied are you with your family life? *(Answer in the box)*

	<b>JOB</b>	<b>FAMILY LIFE</b>
Completely satisfied.....	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Very satisfied.....	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Fairly satisfied.....	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied .....	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Fairly dissatisfied.....	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
Very dissatisfied.....	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
Completely dissatisfied.....	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
(No job or no family ).....	—	—

20. Did your mother ever work for pay for as long as one year, after you were born and before you were 14?..... **Yes, she worked for pay<sub>1</sub>**                      **No<sub>2</sub>**                      (Don't know)

21. Did you work outside the home full-time, part-time, or not at all...

>> *If you have not come to that stage yet, please circle "NA"*

	<b>YOU WORK?</b>				<b>SPOUSE WORK?</b>			
a. After marrying and before you had children?.....	<b>Full-time</b>	<b>Part-time</b>	<b>Not</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Full-time</b>	<b>Part-time</b>	<b>Not</b>	<b>NA</b>
b. And what about when a child was under school age? ..	<b>Full-time</b>	<b>Part-time</b>	<b>Not</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Full-time</b>	<b>Part-time</b>	<b>Not</b>	<b>NA</b>
c. After the youngest child started school?.....	<b>Full-time</b>	<b>Part-time</b>	<b>Not</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Full-time</b>	<b>Part-time</b>	<b>Not</b>	<b>NA</b>
d. And how about after the children left home?.....	<b>Full-time</b>	<b>Part-time</b>	<b>Not</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Full-time</b>	<b>Part-time</b>	<b>Not</b>	<b>NA</b>

22. What about your husband, wife, or de facto at that time -- did he or she work outside the home full-time, part-time, or not at all... >> *Please answer in the box above.*

23. Do you think that women should work outside the home full-time, part-time or not at all, when a couple has not yet had a child?

**Work full-time      Work part-time      Stay at home      (Can't choose)**