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How to fill out this questionnaire

To answer these questions all you have to do is tick (✓) a box or boxes, or write in the space provided. After some questions, there is an instruction in CAPITALS or **bold type** explaining what to do. Some questions may not apply to you, in which case there are instructions on which questions to go to next.

The questions cover a wide range of subjects, but no special knowledge is required and there are no right or wrong answers. We just want to know your *own personal opinions*.

Returning the questionnaire

When you have completed the questionnaire, please post it back in the reply-paid envelope, **as soon as you possibly can**.

Enjoy the questionnaire, and thank you for your help.

If you would like a copy of a summary of the results of this survey, please write your name and address in the place below. (The summary will be available in November 1997.)

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THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

1. 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?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX

Obey the law without exception ☒ 1

OR

Follow conscience on occasions ☐ 2

Can't choose ☐ 8

2. 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.

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ON EACH LINE

	Definitely	Probably	Probably not	Definitely not	Can't choose
a. Organising public meetings to protest against the government	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
b. Organising protest marches and demonstrations	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
c. Organising a nationwide strike of all workers against the government	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

3. Would you or would you not do any of the following to protest against a government action you strongly opposed?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ON EACH LINE

	Definitely would	Probably would	Probably would not	Definitely would not	Can't choose
a. Attend a public meeting organised to protest against the government	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
b. Go on a protest march or demonstration	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

4. And **in the past five years** how many times have you done each of the following to protest against a government action you strongly oppose?

	Never	Once	More than once
a. Attended a public meeting organised to protest against the government	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>
b. Gone on a protest march or demonstration	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>

5. 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:

	Definitely	Probably	Probably not	Definitely not	Can't choose
a. Hold public meetings to express their views?	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>
b. Publish books expressing their views?	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>

6. All systems of justice make mistakes, but which do you think is worse?

to convict an innocent person ☒

OR

to let a guilty person go free?

Can't choose

7. The government has a lot of different pieces of information about people which computers can bring together very quickly. This is:

A very serious threat to individual privacy ☒

A fairly serious threat

Not a serious threat

Not a threat at all to individual privacy

Can't choose

8. What is your opinion of the following statement:

It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes.

Agree strongly ☒

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Disagree strongly

Can't choose

9. 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.

	Strongly in favour of	In favour of	Neither in favour of nor against	Against	Strongly against	Can't Choose
a. Control of wages by law	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="text" value="6"/>
b. Control of prices by law	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="text" value="6"/>
c. Cuts in government spending	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="text" value="6"/>
d. Government financing of projects	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="text" value="6"/>
e. Less government regulation of business	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="text" value="6"/>
f. Support for industry to develop new products and technology	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="text" value="6"/>
g. Support for declining industries to protect jobs	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="text" value="6"/>
h. Reducing the working week to create more jobs	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="text" value="6"/>

10. 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.

	Spend much more	Spend More	Spend the same as now	Spend less	Spend much less	Can't choose	
a. The environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	28
b. Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	29
c. The police and law enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	30
d. Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	31
e. The military and defence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	32
f. Old age pensions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	33
g. Unemployment benefits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	34
h. Culture and the arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	35

- 11a. Do you think that trade unions in this country have too much power or too little power?

Far too much power	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	
Too much power	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	
About the right amount of power	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	
Too little power	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	
Far too little power	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	

- 11b. How about business and industry? Do they have too much power or too little power?

Far too much power	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	
Too much power	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	
About the right amount of power	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	
Too little power	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	
Far too little power	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	

- 11c. And what about the government, does it have too much power or too little power?

Far too much power	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Too much power	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
About the right amount of power	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Too little power	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Far too little power	<input type="checkbox"/>	5

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

	Definitely should be	Probably should be	Probably should not be	Definitely should not be	Can't choose	
a. Provide a job for everyone who wants one	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	39
b. Keep prices under control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	40
c. Provide health care for the sick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	41
d. Provide a decent standard of living for the old	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	42
e. Provide industry with the help it needs to grow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	43
f. Provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	44
g. Reduce income differences between the rich and the poor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	45
h. Give financial help to university students from low-income families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	46
i. Provide decent housing for those who can't afford it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	47
j. Impose strict laws to make industry do less damage to the environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	48

13. How interested would you say you personally are in politics?

Very interested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Fairly interested	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Somewhat interested	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Not very interested	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Not at all interested	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	6

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

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a. People like me don't have any say about what the government does	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
b. The average citizen has considerable influence on politics	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
c. Even the best politician cannot have much impact because of the way government works	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
d. I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing our country	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
e. Elections are a good way of making governments pay attention to what the people think	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
f. I think most people are better informed about politics and government than I am	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
g. People we elect as MPs try to keep the promises they have made during the election	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
h. Most public servants can be trusted to do what is best for the country	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

15. All in all, how well or badly do you think the system of democracy in New Zealand works these days?

It works well and needs no changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1
It works well but needs some changes	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
It does not work well and needs a lot of changes	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
It does not work well and needs to be completely changed	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

16. If the government had a **choice** between reducing taxes **or** spending more on **social services**, which do you think it should do?
(We mean **all** taxes together, including income tax, GST and all the rest.)

Reduce taxes, even if this means spending less on social services ☒ 1

OR

Spend more on social services, even if this means higher taxes? ☐ 2

Can't choose ☐ 3

17. Generally, how would you describe taxes in New Zealand today?
(Again, we mean **all** taxes together, including income tax, GST 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 ☐ 6

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 ☐ 6

c. Lastly, for those with **low** incomes, are taxes ...

Much too high	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Too high	<input type="checkbox"/>
About right	<input type="checkbox"/>
Too low	<input type="checkbox"/>
Or, are they much too low	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. Do you think each of the following should mainly be run by private organisations or companies, or by government?

	Mainly run by private organisations or companies	Mainly run by government	Can't choose
Electricity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hospitals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Banks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19. If the government **had** to choose between keeping down inflation or keeping down unemployment, which do you think it should give highest priority to?

Keeping down inflation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Keeping down unemployment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>

20. Suppose the level of taxation in New Zealand stays the same as it is now. Should the government:

Spend the same amount as now on social welfare, even if this means the national deficit or debt stays as it is	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OR	
Spend less than now on social welfare, so that the national deficit or debt can be reduced	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>

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21a. How much tax per year, if any, do you think someone who earns \$20,000 **should** pay?

We mean **all** taxes that are deducted from a person's wages, such as PAYE and ACC levies.

PLEASE WRITE IN AMOUNT, OR TICK BOX
IF 'NONE' OR 'DON'T KNOW'

	\$	<input type="text"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	

b. And what about someone who earns \$40,000? How much tax **should** they pay per year?

PLEASE WRITE IN AMOUNT, OR TICK BOX
IF 'NONE' OR 'DON'T KNOW'

	\$	<input type="text"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	

c. And what about someone who earns \$80,000? How much tax **should** they pay per year?

PLEASE WRITE IN AMOUNT, OR TICK BOX
IF 'NONE' OR 'DON'T KNOW'

	\$	<input type="text"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	

d. And what about someone who earns \$160,000? How much tax **should** they pay per year?

PLEASE WRITE IN AMOUNT, OR TICK BOX
IF 'NONE' OR 'DON'T KNOW'

	\$	<input type="text"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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WORK ORIENTATION

Now, some questions about work.

22. 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?

	Much more time	A bit more time	Same time as now	A bit less time	Much less time	Can't choose/ Doesn't apply
a. Time in a paid job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Time doing household work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Time with your family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Time with your friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Time in leisure activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

23. Please tick one box for each statement below to show how much you agree or disagree with it, **thinking of work in general**.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a. A job is just a way of earning money - no more	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. I would enjoy having a paid job even if I did not need the money	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Work is a person's most important activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24. Are you the person responsible for doing the general domestic duties - like cleaning, cooking, washing and so on - in your household?

Yes, I am mainly responsible ☒

Yes, I am equally responsible with someone else ☐

No, someone else is mainly responsible ☐

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25. From the following list, please tick one box for each item to show how important you personally think it is in a job.

How important is...	Very important	Important	Neither important nor unimportant	Not important	Not important at all	Can't choose
a. Job security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. High income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Good opportunities for advancement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. An interesting job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. A job that allows someone to work independently	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. A job that allows someone to help other people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. A job that is useful to society	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. A job that allows someone to decide their times or days of work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

26. In deciding on pay for two people doing the same kind of work, how important should each of the following be:

	Essential	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not important at all	Can't choose
a. How well the person does the job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The person's family responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The person's education and formal qualifications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. How long the person has been with the firm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

27. New kinds of technology are being introduced more and more in New Zealand: computers, robots and so on. Over the next few years; do you think these new technologies will:

Greatly increase the number of jobs ☒

Slightly increase the number of jobs ☐

Make no difference to the number of jobs ☐

Slightly reduce the number of jobs ☐

Greatly reduce the number of jobs ☐

Can't choose ☐

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28. Do you think that the introduction of new technologies in New Zealand, over the next few years, will make work:

- Much more interesting ☒ 1
 A little more interesting ☐ 2
 Neither more nor less interesting ☐ 3
 A little less interesting ☐ 4
 Much less interesting ☐ 5
 Can't choose ☐ 6

29. 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 ☐ 3

b. I would choose

- Working in a small firm ☒ 1
 Working in a large firm ☐ 2
 Can't choose ☐ 3

c. I would choose

- Working in a private business ☒ 1
 Working for the government or public service ☐ 2
 Can't choose ☐ 3

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

- A full-time job (30 hours or more per week) ☒ 1
 A part-time job (10-29 hours per week) ☐ 2
 A job with less than 10 hours a week ☐ 3
 No paid job at all ☐ 4

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31. If you were looking actively, how easy or difficult do you think it would be for you to find an acceptable job?

- Very easy ☒ 1
 Fairly easy ☐ 2
 Neither easy nor difficult ☐ 3
 Fairly difficult ☐ 4
 Very difficult ☐ 5
 Can't choose ☐ 6

32. Are you currently working for pay?

- Yes ☒ 1 **PLEASE ANSWER Q33**
 No ☐ 2 **PLEASE GO TO Q48**

33. Which of the following statements best describes your feelings about your job?

PLEASE ANSWER (Q33) ABOUT YOUR MAIN JOB

In my job...

- I only work as hard as I have to ☒ 1
 I work hard, but not so that it interferes with the rest of my life ☐ 2
 I make a point of doing the best work I can, even if it sometimes does interfere with the rest of my life ☐ 3
 Can't choose ☐ 4

34. 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 three choices, which of the following would you prefer?

- Work **longer** hours and earn **more** money ☒ 1
 Work the **same** number of hours and earn the **same** money ☐ 2
 Work **fewer** hours and earn **less** money ☐ 3
 Can't choose ☐ 4

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35. For each of these statements about your (main) job, please tick one box to show how much you agree or disagree that it applies to your job.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a. My job is secure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. My income is high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. My opportunities for advancement are high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. My job is interesting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. I can work independently	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. In my job I can help other people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. My job is useful to society	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

36. Now some more questions about your working conditions. Please tick one box for each item below to show how often it applies to your work.

How often...	Always	Often	Sometimes	Hardly ever	Never	Can't choose
a. Do you come home from work exhausted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Do you have to do hard physical work?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Do you find your work stressful?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Do you work in dangerous conditions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

37. 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 I cannot change them on my own ☒

I can decide the time I start and finish work within certain limits ☐

I am entirely free to decide when I start and finish work ☐

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38. Which of the following statements best describes where you work?

I usually work in one place away from home (e.g., office or factory) ☒

I usually work at home ☐

I usually work part of the week at home and part at one place away from home ☐

I usually work in a variety of places ☐

39. Which of the following describes your present job situation?

It is a job with no written contract ☒

It is a fixed term job lasting less than 12 months ☐

It is a fixed term job lasting for one year or more ☐

It is a job with no set time limit ☐

40. How much of your past work experience or job skills can you make use of in your present job?

Almost none ☒

A little ☐

A lot ☐

Almost all ☐

Can't choose ☐

41. Now think about the skills that you actually use in your job. How important would you say each of the following was in developing these skills?

	Very important	Important	Neither important nor unimportant	Not important	Not important at all	Can't choose
a. School, college or university	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Training or experience gained in my present or a previous job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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42. In general, how would you describe relations at your workplace?

	Very good	Quite good	Neither good nor bad	Quite bad	Very bad	Can't choose
a. Between management and employees	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
b. Between workmates/colleagues	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

43. How satisfied are you in your (main) job?

Completely satisfied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1
Very satisfied	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Fairly satisfied	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Fairly dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Very dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Completely dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

44. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a. I am willing to work harder than I have to in order to help the firm or organisation I work for succeed	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
b. I am proud to be working for my firm or organisation	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
c. Given the chance, I would change my present type of work for something different	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
d. I would turn down another job that offered quite a bit more pay in order to stay with this organisation	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
e. I am proud of the type of work I do	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7

45. About how many days have you been absent from work in the last six months (not counting vacation)?

More than 20 days	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1
11 to 20 days	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
6 to 10 days	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
1 to 5 days	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
None	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

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

Very likely	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1
Likely	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Unlikely	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Very unlikely	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

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

I worry a great deal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1
I worry to some extent	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
I worry a little	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
I don't worry at all	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

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

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	PLEASE ANSWER Q49
No	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	PLEASE GO TO Q51

49. When did your **last** paid job end? In 19_____

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

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- I reached retirement age ☒ 1
- I retired early, by choice ☐ 2
- I retired early, not by choice ☐ 3
- I became ill or 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

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

- Yes ☒ 1
- No ☐ 2

52. 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 ☐ 5

53. Are you currently looking for a job?

- Yes ☒ 1
- No ☐ 2

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54. Thinking about the last 12 months, have you done any of the following, in order to find a job?

- | | No | Yes,
once or twice | Yes,
more than twice |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| a. Registered at a public employment agency | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |
| b. Registered at a private employment agency | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |
| c. Answered advertisements for jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |
| d. Advertised for a job in newspapers or journals | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |
| e. Applied directly to employers | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |
| f. Asked relatives, friends, or colleagues to help find a job | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |

55. What is your **main** source of economic support?

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- Pension (private or state) ☒ 1
- Unemployment benefits ☐ 2
- Spouse/partner ☐ 3
- Other family members ☐ 4
- Social assistance/welfare ☐ 5
- Occasional work ☐ 6
- Other ☐ 7

ABOUT YOURSELF

So that we can be sure we have a good cross section of people in our survey, would you please answer the following questions about yourself and your household. Remember that all responses remain **STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**.

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56. Please indicate the year in which you were born?

Year: 19

57. What is your sex?

- Male ☐ 1
- Female ☐ 2

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58. Which of these categories best describes your **current** marital status?

- Married ☒ 1
Widowed ☐ 2
Divorced ☐ 3
Separated ☐ 4
Single/never married ☐ 5

59. Do you live together with a partner?

- Yes ☐ 1
No ☐ 2

60. Which of these categories best describes your **highest** level of **formal** education?

- No formal schooling ☒ 1
Kura kaupapa/primary school (including intermediate) ☐ 2
Secondary school for up to 3 years ☐ 3
Secondary school for 4 years or more ☐ 4
Some university, wananga, polytechnic or other tertiary ☐ 5
Completed trade or professional qualification ☐ 6
Completed university or polytechnic degree ☐ 7

61. How many years of formal, full-time education have you had?
(Include primary school, intermediate, secondary school, university and polytechnic)

Years: _____

62. Which **one** of these categories best describes your current employment status? ☒

- Employed - full time (35+ hours weekly) ☐ 1
Employed - part time (15-35 hours weekly) ☐ 2
Employed - less than 15 hours/temporarily out of work ☐ 3
Helping family member ☐ 4
Unemployed or beneficiary ☐ 5
Student ☐ 6
Retired ☐ 7
Housewife/husband - home duties ☐ 8
Permanently disabled ☐ 9
Other (Please specify) _____ ☐ 10

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63. What is your **main** occupation?

- If you have more than one job, business or professional practice, please give the occupation for the job you spend the most time at.
- Please describe fully, using two words or more; for example, builder's labourer not labourer, accounts clerk not clerk, deer farmer not farmer.

Main occupation: _____

64. In which industry do you work?

PLEASE ANSWER FOR YOUR **MAIN** OCCUPATION

- Agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishing ☒ 1
Mining and quarrying ☐ 2
Manufacturing: food, beverages, textiles, wood, paper ☐ 3
Manufacturing: chemicals, coal, rubber, plastic ☐ 4
Manufacturing: concrete, plaster, glass, mineral products ☐ 5
Manufacturing: metal products, machinery, equipment ☐ 6
Other manufacturing ☐ 7
Electricity, gas, water ☐ 8
Building, construction ☐ 9
Wholesale and retail trade, restaurants and hotels ☐ 10
Transport and storage ☐ 11
Communication ☐ 12
Banking, finance, insurance, property ☐ 13
Public administration and defence ☐ 14
Education, research, science, medical, dental, welfare services ☐ 15
Culture, recreation, sport ☐ 16
Personal services, repair services, cleaning services ☐ 17
Other _____ ☐ 18

65. Do you supervise or are you responsible for the work of any other people?

Yes ☐ 1
No ☐ 2 → PLEASE GO TO Q67

If yes, how many people do you supervise?

Number of people: _____

66. Which of these categories best describes your current employment status?

Public sector (i.e., local government, Government)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	} PLEASE GO TO Q68 → PLEASE TO TO Q67
Publicly-owned private sector organisation	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	
Privately-owned private sector organisation	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	
Non-profit/Charity/Welfare organisation	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	
Self-employed	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	

67. If you are self-employed, how many **employees** do you currently have?

Number of employees: _____

68. Are you currently a member of a Trade Union?

Yes ☐ 1
No ☐ 2

69. Have you ever been unemployed during the last ten years?

NOTE: By unemployed we mean unable to get a paid job when you wanted one.

Yes ☐ 1
No ☐ 2 → PLEASE GO TO Q71

70. And how many months have you been unemployed during the last ten years? (Consider all times of unemployment)

Number of months: _____

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71. **INCLUDING YOURSELF**, how many people are there in your household?

Number in household _____

72. How many children aged 15 or under are in your household?

Children 15 years or under _____

If you are married or living with a partner, please continue through Question 73. Otherwise, please go to question 75.

73. Which of the following categories best describes your **partner's or spouse's** current employment status?

	(✓)	
Employed - full time (35+ hours weekly)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	} PLEASE GO TO Q75
Employed - part time (15-35 hours weekly)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	
Employed - less than 15 hours/temporarily out of work	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	
Helping family member	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	
Unemployed or beneficiary	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	
Retired	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	
Housewife/husband - home duties	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	
Permanently disabled	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	
Other (Please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	

74. What is your **partner's or spouse's** main occupation?

- **If your partner or spouse has more than one job, business or professional practice, please give the occupation for the job he or she spends the most time at.**
- **Please describe fully using two words or more; for example, builder's labourer *not* labourer, accounts clerk *not* clerk, deer farmer *not* farmer.**

Spouse's/partner's main occupation _____

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75. Generally speaking, in politics do you usually think of yourself as:

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alliance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Labour	<input type="checkbox"/>
National	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Zealand First	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
No particular party	<input type="checkbox"/>

How strongly do you feel about that?

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Very strongly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fairly strongly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not very strongly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not at all strongly	<input type="checkbox"/>

76. At the 1996 General Election, which Political Party did you vote for?

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Didn't vote/not eligible to vote	<input type="checkbox"/>
ACT	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alliance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christian Coalition	<input type="checkbox"/>
Labour	<input type="checkbox"/>
National	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Zealand First	<input type="checkbox"/>
United	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

77. If you did not vote, which **one** of the following reasons comes closest to explaining why you did not manage to vote at the last national election.

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I was not eligible or not registered to vote	<input type="checkbox"/>
I wanted to vote but was not able to get to the polling booth	<input type="checkbox"/>
I didn't understand enough about politics	<input type="checkbox"/>
I was not interested enough in the election	<input type="checkbox"/>
I wanted to vote but forgot to	<input type="checkbox"/>
I never vote for reasons of conscience	<input type="checkbox"/>
I couldn't decide who to vote for	<input type="checkbox"/>
There was no-one I wanted to vote for	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other reason (Please say what)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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78. Which of the following categories best describes **your own** yearly income from all sources before tax?

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
\$10,000 or less	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$10,001 - \$15,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$15,001 - \$20,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$20,001 - \$25,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$25,001 - \$30,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$30,001 - \$40,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$40,001 - \$50,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$50,001 - \$70,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$70,001 or more	<input type="checkbox"/>

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79. Which of the following categories best describes the total yearly income of **everyone in your household** from all sources before tax?

- (✓)
- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| \$10,000 or less | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| \$10,001 - \$20,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$20,001 - \$30,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$30,001 - \$40,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$40,001 - \$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$50,001 - \$60,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$60,001 - \$80,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$80,001 - \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,001 or more | <input type="checkbox"/> |

80. In terms of your social status, which of the following categories do you think you fit into?

- (✓)
- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lower class | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Working class | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Upper working/lower middle class | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Middle class | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Upper middle class | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Upper class | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

81. What is your current religion?

- | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Anglican (C of E) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Methodist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Assemblies of God | <input type="checkbox"/> | Muslim | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Baptist | <input type="checkbox"/> | Orthodox | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Brethren | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pentecostal | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Buddhist | <input type="checkbox"/> | Presbyterian | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> | Protestant | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Christian | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ratana | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jehovah's Witness | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ringatu | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jewish | <input type="checkbox"/> | Salvation Army | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hindu | <input type="checkbox"/> | Seventh Day Adventist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lutheran | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mormon (Latter Day Saints) | <input type="checkbox"/> | No Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> |

82. How often do you attend a religious service?

- (✓)
- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Never | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Less than once a year | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| About once or twice a year | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Several times a year | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| About once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Two or three times a month | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nearly every week | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Every week | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Several times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can't choose/Don't Know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

83. About how often do you pray?

- (✓)
- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Never | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Less than once a year | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| About once or twice a year | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Several times a year | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| About once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Two or three times a month | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nearly every week | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Every week | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Several times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Once a day | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Several times a day | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can't choose/Don't Know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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If you have any other comments you wish to add, on any of the topics raised in this questionnaire, we would welcome them. Please write them in the space provided below:

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Village (under 1,000 people)	2
Small town (1,000 to 9,999 people)	3
Large town (10,000 to 29,999 people)	4
Small city (30,000 to 49,999 people)	5
Medium city (50,000 to 99,999 people)	6
Large city (100,000 people or more)	7

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