

Canada
ISSP 2000 – Environment II
Questionnaire (English)

1 How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

a. Private enterprise is the best way to solve Canada's economic problems

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

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

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

2a What is the one thing you think should be Canada's *highest priority*, the most important thing it should do.

Canada should...

Highest priority

Maintain order in the nation	1
Give people more say in government decisions	2
Fight rising prices	3
Protect freedom of speech	4
Can't choose	8

b And which one do you think should be Canada's *next highest priority*, the second most important thing it should do?

Canada should...

Next highest priority

Maintain order in the nation	1
Give people more say in government decisions	2
Fight rising prices	3
Protect freedom of speech	4
Can't choose	8

3 How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

a. We believe too often in science, and not enough in feelings and faith

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

b. Overall, modern science does more harm than good

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

c. Modern science will solve our environmental problems with little change to our way of life

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

4 And how much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

a. We worry too much about the future of the environment and not enough about prices and jobs today

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

b. Almost everything we do in modern life harms the environment

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

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c. People worry too much about human progress harming the environment

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

5 How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

a. In order to protect the environment Canada needs economic growth

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

b. It is right to use animals for medical testing if it might save human lives

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

c. Economic growth always harms the environment

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

d. The earth simply cannot continue to support population growth at its present rate

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

6 Which statement is closest to your views.

Nature is sacred because it is created by God	1
Nature is spiritual or sacred in itself	2
Nature is important, but not spiritual or sacred	3
Can't choose	8

7a How willing would you be to pay much higher prices in order to protect the environment?

Very willing	1
Fairly willing	2
Neither willing nor unwilling	3
Fairly unwilling	4
Very unwilling	5
Can't choose	8

b And how willing would you be to pay much higher taxes in order to protect the environment?

Very willing	1
Fairly willing	2
Neither willing nor unwilling	3
Fairly unwilling	4
Very unwilling	5
Can't choose	8

c And how willing would you be to accept cuts in your standard of living in order to protect the environment?

Very willing	1
Fairly willing	2
Neither willing nor unwilling	3
Fairly unwilling	4
Very unwilling	5
Can't choose	8

8 How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

a. It is just too difficult for someone like me to do much about the environment

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

b. I do what is right for the environment, even when it costs more money or takes more time

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

c. There are more important things to do in life than protect the environment

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

d. There is no point in doing what I can for the environment unless others do the same

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

e. Many of the claims about environmental threats are exaggerated

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

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Which statement comes closest to your opinion of how true it is.

In your opinion, how true is this?

a. 'Antibiotics can kill bacteria but not viruses'

Definitely true	1
Probably true	2
Probably not true	3
Definitely not true	4
Can't choose	8

b. 'Human beings developed from earlier species of animals'

Definitely true	1
Probably true	2
Probably not true	3
Definitely not true	4
Can't choose	8

c. 'All man-made chemicals can cause cancer if you eat enough of them'

Definitely true	1
Probably true	2
Probably not true	3
Definitely not true	4
Can't choose	8

d. 'If someone is exposed to any amount of radioactivity, they are certain to die as a result'

Definitely true	1
Probably true	2
Probably not true	3
Definitely not true	4
Can't choose	8

e. 'The greenhouse effect is caused by a hole in the earth's atmosphere'

Definitely true	1
Probably true	2
Probably not true	3
Definitely not true	4
Can't choose	8

f. 'Every time we use coal or oil or gas, we contribute to the greenhouse effect'

Definitely true	1
Probably true	2
Probably not true	3
Definitely not true	4
Can't choose	8

10a

In general, do you think that air pollution caused by cars is ...

... extremely dangerous for the environment,	1
very dangerous,	2
somewhat dangerous,	3
not very dangerous,	4
or, not dangerous at all for the environment?	5
Can't choose	8

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b. And do you think that *air pollution caused by cars* is ...

... extremely dangerous for you and your family,	1
very dangerous,	2
somewhat dangerous,	3
not very dangerous,	4
or, not dangerous at all for you and your family?	5
Can't choose	8

11a In general, do you think that *air pollution caused by industry* is ...

... extremely dangerous for the environment,	1
very dangerous,	2
somewhat dangerous,	3
not very dangerous,	4
or, not dangerous at all for the environment?	5
Can't choose	8

b And do you think that *pesticides and chemicals used in farming* are ...

... extremely dangerous for the environment,	1
very dangerous,	2
somewhat dangerous,	3
not very dangerous,	4
or, not dangerous at all for the environment?	5
Can't choose	8

c And do you think that *pollution of Canada's rivers, lakes and streams* is ...

... extremely dangerous for the environment,	1
very dangerous,	2
somewhat dangerous,	3
not very dangerous,	4
or, not dangerous at all for the environment?	5
Can't choose	8

12a In general, do you think that *a rise in the world's temperature caused by the 'greenhouse effect'* is...

... extremely dangerous for the environment,	1
very dangerous,	2
somewhat dangerous,	3
not very dangerous,	4
or, not dangerous at all for the environment?	5
Can't choose	8

b And do you think that *modifying the genes of certain crops* is ...

... extremely dangerous for the environment,	1
very dangerous,	2
somewhat dangerous,	3
not very dangerous,	4
or, not dangerous at all for the environment?	5
Can't choose	8

13a If you had to choose, which *one* of the following would be closest to your views?

Government should let ordinary people decide for themselves how to protect the environment, even if it means they don't always do the right thing	1
OR	
Government should pass laws to make ordinary people protect the environment, even if it interferes with people's rights to make their own decisions	2
Can't choose	8

b And which *one* of the following would be closest to your views?

Government should let businesses decide for themselves how to protect the environment, even if it means they don't always do the right thing	1
OR	
Government should pass laws to make businesses protect the environment, even if it interferes with businesses' rights to make their own decisions	2
Can't choose	8

14 Some countries are doing more to protect the world environment than other countries are.

In general, do you think that Canada is doing ...

...more than enough	1
about the right amount	2
or, too little	3
Can't choose	8

15a On balance, which of these two do you think is making more effort to look after the environment...

Business and industry	1
or people in general?	2
Both equally	3
Can't choose	8

b And which of **these** two groups do you think is making more effort to look after the environment...

Government	1
or business and industry?	2
Both equally	3
Can't choose	8

c And which of **these** two groups is making more effort to look after the environment...

People in general	1
or government?	2
Both equally	3
Can't choose	8

16 How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

a. For environmental problems, there should be international agreements that Canada and other countries should be made to follow

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

b. Poorer countries should be expected to make less effort than richer countries to protect the environment

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

c. Economic progress in Canada will slow down unless we look after the environment better

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

17 Within the next five years, how likely is it that an accident at a nuclear power station will cause long-term environmental damage across many countries?

Very likely	1
Likely	2
Unlikely	3
Very unlikely	4
Can't choose	8

18 How much trust do you have in each of the following groups to give you correct information about *causes of pollution*?

a. Business and industry ...

A great deal of trust	1
Quite a lot of trust	2
Some trust	3
Not much trust	4
Hardly any trust	5
Can't choose	8

b. Environmental groups ...

A great deal of trust	1
Quite a lot of trust	2
Some trust	3
Not much trust	4
Hardly any trust	5
Can't choose	8

c. Government departments ...

A great deal of trust	1
Quite a lot of trust	2
Some trust	3
Not much trust	4
Hardly any trust	5
Can't choose	8

d. Newspapers ...

A great deal of trust	1
Quite a lot of trust	2
Some trust	3
Not much trust	4
Hardly any trust	5
Can't choose	8

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e. Radio or TV programmes ...

A great deal of trust	1
Quite a lot of trust	2
Some trust	3
Not much trust	4
Hardly any trust	5
Can't choose	8

f. University research centres ...

A great deal of trust	1
Quite a lot of trust	2
Some trust	3
Not much trust	4
Hardly any trust	5
Can't choose	8

19a

How often do you make a special effort to sort glass or tins or plastic or newspapers and so on for recycling?

Always	1
Often	2
Sometimes	3
Never	4
(Recycling not available where I live)	5

b

And how often do you cut back on driving a car for environmental reasons?

Always	1
Often	2
Sometimes	3
Never	4
(I do not have or cannot drive a car)	5

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Are you a member of any group whose main aim is to preserve or protect the environment?

Yes	1
No	2

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In the last five years, have you ...

a. ... signed a petition about an environmental issue?

I have	1
I have not	2

b. ... given money to an environmental group?

I have	1
I have not	2

c. ... taken part in a protest or demonstration about an environmental issue?

I have	1
I have not	2

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Which statement comes closest to expressing what you believe about God.

I don't believe in God	1
I don't know whether there is a God and I don't believe there is any way to find out	2
I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a Higher Power of some kind	3
I find myself believing in God some of the time, but not at others	4
While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God	5
I know God really exists and I have no doubts about it	6
Can't choose	8

23

Would you describe the place where you live as ...

... a big city,	1
the suburbs or outskirts of a big city,	2
a small city or town,	3
a country village,	4
or, a farm or home in the country?	5

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In general, do you think that nuclear power stations are ...

... extremely dangerous for the environment,	1
very dangerous,	2
somewhat dangerous,	3
not very dangerous,	4
or, not dangerous at all for the environment?	5
Can't choose	8

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How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

a. Government should redistribute income from the better-off to those who are less well-off

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

b. There are times when people should follow their consciences even if it means breaking the law

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8