

USA

ISSP 2000 – Environment II

Questionnaire

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

<i>PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)
a. Private enterprise is the best way to solve America's economic problems						
b. It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes						

2a. Looking at the list below, please check a box next to the one thing you think should be America's **highest priority**, the most important thing it should do.

		Highest priority
<i>PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY</i>		
America should...		
Maintain order in the nation	(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Give people more say in government decisions	(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fight rising prices	(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protect freedom of speech	(4)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can't choose	(8)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

**Next highest
priority**

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America should...

Maintain order in the nation	(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Give people more say in government decisions	(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fight rising prices	(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protect freedom of speech	(4)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can't choose	(8)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<i>PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a. We believe too often in science, and not enough in feelings and faith						
b. Overall, modern science does more harm than good						
c. Modern science will solve our environmental problems with little change to our way of life						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)

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

<i>PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a.	We worry too much about the future of the environment and not enough about prices and jobs today						
b.	Almost everything we do in modern life harms the environment						
c.	People worry too much about human progress harming the environment						

5. And please check one box for each of **these** statements to show how much you agree or disagree with it.

<i>PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a.	In order to protect the environment America needs economic growth						
b.	It is right to use animals for medical testing if it might save human lives						
c.	Economic growth always harms the environment						
d.	The earth simply cannot continue to support population growth at its present rate						
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)

6. Please check **one** box to show which statement is closest to your views.

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Nature is sacred because it is created by God	(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nature is spiritual or sacred in itself	(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nature is important, but not spiritual or sacred	(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can't choose	(8)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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Very willing	(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fairly willing	(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neither willing nor <u>un</u> willing	(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fairly <u>un</u> willing	(4)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Very <u>un</u> willing	(5)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can't choose	(8)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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Very willing	(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fairly willing	(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neither willing nor <u>un</u> willing	(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fairly <u>un</u> willing	(4)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Very <u>un</u> willing	(5)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can't choose	(8)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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Very willing	(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fairly willing	(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neither willing nor <u>un</u> willing	(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fairly <u>un</u> willing	(4)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Very <u>un</u> willing	(5)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can't choose	(8)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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ON EACH LINE

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a. It is just too difficult for someone like me to do much about the environment						
b. I do what is right for the environment, even when it costs more money or takes more time						
c. There are more important things to do in life than protect the environment						
d. There is no point in doing what I can for the environment unless others do the same						
e. Many of the claims about environmental threats are exaggerated						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)

9. For each statement below, just check the box that comes closest to your opinion of how true it is.

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX

Probably **Definitely**

ON EACH LINE

Definitely
true

Probably
true

not
true

not
true

Can't
choose

In your opinion, how true is this?

- a. 'Antibiotics can kill bacteria but not viruses'
- b. 'Human beings developed from earlier species of animals'
- c. 'All man-made chemicals can cause cancer if you eat enough of them'
- d. 'If someone is exposed to any amount of radioactivity, they are certain to die as a result'
- e. 'The greenhouse effect is caused by a hole in the earth's atmosphere'
- f. 'Every time we use coal or oil or gas, we contribute to the greenhouse effect'

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

(8)

10a. In general, do you think that **air pollution caused by cars** is ...

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... extremely dangerous for the environment,

(1)

... very dangerous,

(2)

... somewhat dangerous,

(3)

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... not very dangerous,

(4)

... or, not dangerous at all for the environment?

(5)

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Can't choose

(8)

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

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| ... extremely dangerous for you and your family, | (1) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... very dangerous, | (2) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... somewhat dangerous, | (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... not very dangerous, | (4) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... or, not dangerous at all for you and your family? | (5) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can't choose | (8) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

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| ... extremely dangerous for the environment, | (1) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... very dangerous, | (2) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... somewhat dangerous, | (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... not very dangerous, | (4) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... or, not dangerous at all for the environment? | (5) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can't choose | (8) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

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| ... extremely dangerous for the environment, | (1) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... very dangerous, | (2) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... somewhat dangerous, | (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... not very dangerous, | (4) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... or, not dangerous at all for the environment? | (5) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can't choose | (8) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

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| ... extremely dangerous for the environment, | (1) | |
| ... very dangerous, | (2) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... somewhat dangerous, | (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... not very dangerous, | (4) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... or, not dangerous at all for the environment? | (5) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can't choose | (8) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

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| ... extremely dangerous for the environment, | (1) | |
| ... very dangerous, | (2) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... somewhat dangerous, | (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... not very dangerous, | (4) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... or, not dangerous at all for the environment? | (5) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can't choose | (8) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

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| ... extremely dangerous for the environment, | (1) | |
| ... very dangerous, | (2) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... somewhat dangerous, | (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... not very dangerous, | (4) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... or, not dangerous at all for the environment? | (5) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can't choose | (8) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

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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

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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)

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

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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

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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)

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

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

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... more than enough, (1)

... about the right amount, (2)

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... or, too little? (3)

Can't choose (8)

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

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Business and industry,	(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
or people in general?	(2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Both equally	(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Can't choose	(8)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

Government,	(1)	
or business and industry?	(2)	
Both equally	(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Can't choose	(8)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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People in general,	(1)	
or government?	(2)	
Both equally	(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Can't choose	(8)	

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

<i>PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a. For environmental problems, there should be international agreements that America and other countries should be made to follow						
b. Poorer countries should be expected to make less effort than richer countries to protect the environment						
c. Economic progress in America will slow down unless we look after the environment better						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(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?

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Very likely	(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Likely	(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unlikely	(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Very unlikely	(4)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can't choose	(8)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<i>PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>	A great deal of trust	Quite a lot of trust	Some trust	Not much trust	Hardly any trust	Can't choose
a. Business and industry						
b. Environmental groups						
c. Government departments						
d. Newspapers						
e. Radio or TV programs						
f. University research centers						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)

19a. How often do you make a special effort to **sort glass or tins or plastic or newspapers and so on** for recycling?

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Always	(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Often	(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometimes	(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	(4)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Recycling not available where I live)	(5)	

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

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Always	(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Often	(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometimes	(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	(4)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Recycling not available where I live)	(5)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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Yes	(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>

21. In the last **five years**, have you ...

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Yes	No
I have	I have not

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

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

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

22. Please check one box below to show which statement comes closest to expressing what you believe about God.

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

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

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| ... a big city, | (1) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... the suburbs or outskirts of a big city, | (2) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... a small city or town, | (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... a country village, | (4) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... or, a farm or home in the country? | (5) | <input type="checkbox"/> |