

Ireland
ISSP 2008 – Religion III
Questionnaire

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Good morning/afternoon/evening/ I am < --- *name* --- > from **Amárach Field Research**. We are carrying out a survey of people's opinions on a variety of social issues on behalf of the International Social Survey Programme (ISSP). Your address was included in a national sample taken at random from the Geo-Directory. This is an international study of people in over 40 countries and the aim is to find out exactly what the public in various parts of the world thinks on these issues. It is only the help of many people like you in answering these questions that makes this work possible. I can assure you that all answers will be treated in the strictest confidence and will not be released to anyone in any way that would allow your views to be identified with you. In acknowledgement of the time you are giving to us, we would like to offer a token of our appreciation.

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INTERVIEWER READ OUT...*The following questions are related to your free time, that is, time you are not occupied with work or household duties or other activities that you are obliged to do. I would like to ask you some specific questions about your leisure time and the activities you engage in.*

Showcard 1

A1. How often do you do each of the following activities in your free time? {INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

	Daily	Several times a week	Several times a month	Several times a year or less often	never	Cant choose/DK
Watch TV, DVD, videos	1	2	3	4	5	8
Go to the movies	1	2	3	4	5	8
Go out shopping (<i>for pleasure</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	8
Read books	1	2	3	4	5	8
Attend cultural events such as concerts, live theatre, exhibitions	1	2	3	4	5	8
Get together with relatives (<i>who do not live in your household</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	8
Get together with friends	1	2	3	4	5	8
Play cards or board games	1	2	3	4	5	8
Listen to music	1	2	3	4	5	8
Take part in physical activities such as sports, going to the gym, going for a walk	1	2	3	4	5	8
Attend sporting events as a spectator	1	2	3	4	5	8
Do handicrafts such as needle work, wood work, etc.	1	2	3	4	5	8
Spend time on the Internet or PC	1	2	3	4	5	8

Showcard 2

A2. When you are involved in free time activities to what extent do they enable you {INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

	Very much	A lot	Somewhat	A little	Not at all	Can't choose
to be the kind of person you really are?	1	2	3	4	5	8
to strengthen your relationships with other people	1	2	3	4	5	8

Showcard 3

A3. Please, indicate how much enjoyment you get from the following free time activities:

{INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

	No enjoyment	Not much enjoyment	Some enjoyment	A fair amount of enjoyment	A great amount of enjoyment	I never do that	Can't choose
Reading books	1	2	3	4	5	6	8
Getting together with friends	1	2	3	4	5	6	8
Taking part in physical activities such as sports, going to the gym, going for a walk	1	2	3	4	5	6	8
Watching TV, DVD, videos	1	2	3	4	5	6	8

Showcard 4

A4. People do different things during their free time. For each of the following, please indicate how often you use your free time to *{INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}*

	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Seldom	Never	Can't choose
establish useful contacts	1	2	3	4	5	8
relax and recover	1	2	3	4	5	8
... try to learn or develop skills	1	2	3	4	5	8

Showcard 5

A5a. In your free time, how often do you ... *{INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}*

	Very often	Often	Sometimes	Seldom	Never	Doesn't apply
Feel bored	1	2	3	4	5	9
Feel rushed	1	2	3	4	5	9
Find yourself thinking about work	1	2	3	4	5	9

Showcard 6

A5b. In your free time, do you prefer to be with other people or do you prefer to be by yourself?

{Single Response only}

Most of time with other people	1
More with other people than alone	2
More alone than with other people	3
Most of time alone	4
Can't choose	8

Showcard 7

A6. 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 you would you like to spend less time on and which would you like to spend the same amount of time on as now? *{INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}*

	Much more time	A bit more time	Same time as now	A bit less time	Much less time	Can't choose	Doesn't apply
Time in a paid job	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Time doing household work	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Time with your family	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Time in leisure activities	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

A7a. In the last 12 months, how many nights altogether did you stay away from home for holidays or social visits? *{Single Response only}*

I was not away	0
1-5 nights	1
6-10 nights	2
11-20 nights	3
21-30 nights	4
More than 30 nights	5
Can't choose	8
NA	9

A7b. In the last 12 months, how many days of leave from your work, if any, did you take altogether (both paid and unpaid leave - do not include maternity or sick leaves or similar types of leave)? *{Single Response only}*

None	0
1-5 days	1
6-10 days	2
11-20 days	3
21-30 days	4
More than 30 days	5
I do not work	6
Cant choose	8
NA	9

A8a. What sport or physical activity do you take part in most frequently? INTERVIEWER: Please write in activity in the space provided, or circle the appropriate code.

	I do not take part in any sport or physical activity 01
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A8b. Thinking about **games** rather than sports or physical activities, what type of game do you play most frequently? *{Single Response only}*

Backgammon	1
Draughts	2
Chess	3
Go	4
Other board games (monopoly, scrabble)	5
Card games (bridge, rummy, patience, solitaire, poker)	6
Dominoes	7
Mah jongg	8
Jigsaw puzzles	9
Word or number games (crosswords, soduko)	10
Video games, computer games, play station	11
Gambling games (casino games, slotmachines, lottery, sports betting)	12
Other games	14
I do not play any games	96
NA	99

Showcard 9

A9. Please indicate how important the following reasons are for you to take part in sports or games.
{INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important	Can't choose	Doesn't apply
For physical or mental health	1	2	3	4	8	9
To meet other people	1	2	3	4	8	9
To compete against others	1	2	3	4	8	9
To look good	1	2	3	4	8	9

A10a. What sport do you watch on TV most frequently? ((If you do not watch any sport on TV, please tick the box provided below and skip to question 11)).

	I do not watch any sport on TV 01
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IF CODE 01 SELECTED AT A10a, I.E. DOES NOT WATCH ANY SPORT ON TV, PLEASE SKIP TO A11. REST CONTINUE

A10b. What sport is the SECOND MOST FREQUENT that you watch on TV?

	I do not watch a second sport 01
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ASK ALL**Showcard 10**

A11. How proud are you when Ireland does well at an international sports or games competition?
{Single response only}

I am very proud	1	I am not proud at all	4
I am somewhat proud	2	Can't choose	8
I am not very proud	3	NA	9

Showcard 11

A12. People have different opinions about sports. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *{INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}*

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose
Taking part in sports develops children's character	1	2	3	4	5	8
There is too much sport on TV	1	2	3	4	5	8
Sports bring different groups and races inside Ireland closer together	1	2	3	4	5	8
International sports competitions create more tension between countries than good feelings.	1	2	3	4	5	8
Ireland's government should spend more money on sports	1	2	3	4	5	8

THIS NEXT SECTION ASKS SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN ANY SOCIAL OR POLITICAL ORGANISATIONS.

Showcard 12

A13. In the last 12 months, how often have you participated in the activities of one of the following associations or groups? *{INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}*
 ... I have participated in....

	At least once a week	At least once a month	Several times	Once or twice	never	Can't choose
A sports association/group	1	2	3	4	5	8
A cultural association/group	1	2	3	4	5	8
A church or other religious organisation	1	2	3	4	5	8
A community-service or civic association/group	1	2	3	4	5	8
A political party or organisation	1	2	3	4	5	8

Showcard 13

A14.a. Generally speaking, would you say that people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people? *{Single Response only}*

People can almost always be trusted	1
People can usually be trusted	2
You usually can't be too careful in dealing with people	3
You almost always can't be too careful in dealing with people	4
Can't choose	8

Showcard 14

A14.b How interested would you say you personally are in politics?

{Single Response only}

Very interested	1
Fairly interested	2
Not very interested	3
Not at all interested	4
Can't choose	8

Now, some questions about your personal situation.

Showcard 15A15. To what extent do the following conditions prevent you from doing the free time activities you would like to do? *{INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}*

	Very much	To a large extent	To some extent	Not at all	Can't choose
Lack of facilities nearby	1	2	3	4	8
Lack of money	1	2	3	4	8
Personal health, age or disability	1	2	3	4	8
Need to take care of somebody (elderly, children)	1	2	3	4	8
Lack of time	1	2	3	4	8

Showcard 16

A16.If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole ...

Very happy	1
Fairly happy	2
Not very happy	3
Not at all happy	4
Can't choose	8

Showcard 17

A17. In general, would you say your health is ...

Excellent	1
Very good	2
Good	3
Fair	4
Poor	5
Can't choose	8

A18. Now, two questions about yesterday.

a. Just to recall for you, yesterday was...

A weekday or working day	1
A day off or a holiday	2

- A18b At what time did you get up yesterday
 A18c At what time did you go to sleep yesterday

Please use 24 hour clock format to record time for each in the space provided below

b) get up yesterday	c) go to sleep yesterday

A19. Could you please tell me your [Interviewer, please record the respondent's height in either cm's or feet/inches. Please record weight in either kg's or stone/lb's according to how respondent answers)

Height	cm's _____	Feet _____	Inches _____	I don't know 01
Weight	Kg's _____	Stone _____	Lb's _____	01

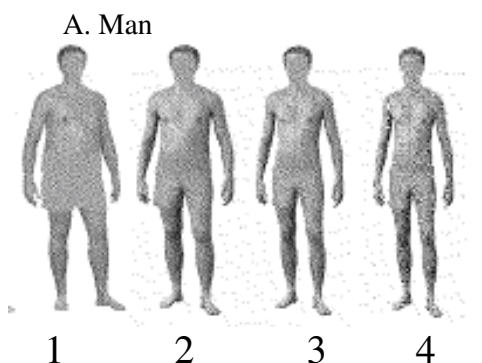
A20. Would you like to...Read out, {Single Response only}

Gain weight	1
Maintain your current weight	2
Lose weight	3
I don't care about my weight	4

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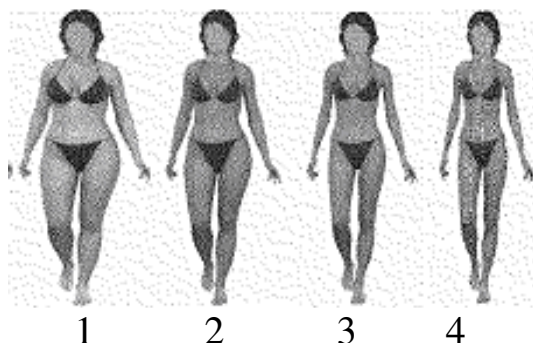
A21. Which of the following pictures come closest to your conception of an ideal shape of a man and a woman?

(Please circle the appropriate number next to the image as specified by the respondent)



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B. Woman



INTERVIEWER READ OUT....*In this next section, I would like to ask you some questions about your spiritual and religious beliefs along with attitudes towards religion in general.*

Showcard 20

B1. If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole...

Very happy.....	1
Fairly happy	2
Not very happy.	3
Not at all happy..	4
Can't choose.	8

Showcard 21

B2. Do you think it is wrong or not wrong if a man and a woman have sexual relations before marriage? [interviewer, read out.. is it.....]

Always wrong....	1
Almost always wrong..	2
Wrong only sometimes....	3
Not wrong at all	4
Can't choose	8

Showcard 21

B3. What about a married person having sexual relations with someone other than his or her husband or wife, [interviewer, read out.. is it.....]

Always wrong	1
Almost always wrong	2
Wrong only sometimes.....	3
Not wrong at all	4
Can't choose	8

Showcard 21

B4. And what about sexual relations between two adults of the same sex, [interviewer, read out.. is it.....]

Always wrong	1
Almost always wrong	2
Wrong only sometimes.....	3
Not wrong at all	4
Can't choose	8

Showcard 21

- B5. Do you personally think it is wrong or not wrong for a woman to have an abortion ...
 {INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

	Always wrong.	Almost always wrong.	Wrong only sometimes...	Not wrong at all....	Can't choose
a. If there is a strong chance of serious defect in the baby...	1	2	3	4	8
b. If the family has a very low income and cannot afford any more children...	1	2	3	4	8

Showcard 22

- B6. Do you agree or disagree...A husband's job is to earn money; a wife's job is to look after the home and family

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

Showcard 23

- B7. Generally speaking, would you say that people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

People can almost always be trusted	1
People can usually be trusted	2
You usually can't be too careful in dealing with people	3
You almost always can't be too careful in dealing with people	4
Can't choose	8

Showcard 24

- B8. How much confidence do you have in . {INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

	1. Complete confidence	2. A great deal of confidence	3. Some confidence	4. Very little confidence	5. No confidence at all	8. Can't choose
a. Dail Eireann/Irish Government	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. Business and industry	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. Churches and religious Organizations	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. Courts and the legal System	1	2	3	4	5	8
e. Schools and the educational system	1	2	3	4	5	8

Showcard 25

- B9. We are interested in the extent to which you have moved from one kind of place to another. Which do you think is most like your experience of life?

I have lived in different countries	1
I have lived in different places in the same country	2
I have lived in different neighborhoods in the same place	3
I have always lived in the same neighborhood	4

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B10. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following... {INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree.	Disagree	Strongly disagree.	Can't choose
a. Religious leaders should not try to influence how people vote in elections.	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. Religious leaders should not try to influence government decisions.	1	2	3	4	5	8

Showcard 26

B11. Please consider the following statements and tell me whether you agree or disagree..

[interviewer, please read out each statment... {INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree.	Disagree	Strongly disagree.	Can't choose
a. Overall, modern science does more harm than good	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. We trust too much in science and not enough in religious faith.	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. Looking around the world, religions bring more conflict than peace.....	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. People with very strong religious beliefs are often too intolerant of others	1	2	3	4	5	8

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B12. Do you think that churches and religious organizations in this country have too much power or too little power?

Far too much power	1	Too little power	4
Too much power	2	Far too little power	5
About the right amount of power	3	Can't choose	8

Showcard 28

B13. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? {INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't choose
a. All religious groups in Ireland should have equal rights.	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. We must respect all religions.	1	2	3	4	5	8

Showcard 29

B14. People have different religions and different religious views. Would you accept a person from a different religion or with a very different religious view from yours...[interviewer, {INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}]

	1. Definitely accept,	2. Probably accept,	3. Probably not accept,	4. Definitely not accept,	8. Can't Choose
a. marrying a relative of yours	1	2	3	4	8
b. being a candidate of the political party you prefer	1	2	3	4	8

Showcard 30

B15. There are some people whose views are considered extreme by the majority. Consider religious extremists, that is people who believe that their religion is the only true faith and all other religions should be considered as enemies. Do you think such people should be allowed to...
{INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

	Definitely	Probably	Probably Not	Definitely Not	Can't Choose
a. Hold public meetings to express their views	1	2	3	4	8
Publish books expressing their views	1	2	3	4	8

Showcard 31

B16. Please indicate which statement below 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

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B17. Which best describes your beliefs about God?

I don't believe in God now and I never have.....	1
I don't believe in God now, but I used to.....	2
I believe in God now, but I didn't used to.....	3
I believe in God now and I always have.....	4
Can't choose.....	8

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B18. Do you believe in... {INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

	Yes definitely	Yes probably	No probably not	No definitely not	Can't choose
a. Life after death	1	2	3	4	8
b. Heaven	1	2	3	4	8
c. Hell	1	2	3	4	8
d. Religious miracles	1	2	3	4	8
e. Reincarnation – being reborn in this world again and again	1	2	3	4	8
f. Nirvana	1	2	3	4	8
g. The supernatural powers of deceased ancestors	1	2	3	4	8

Showcard 34

B19. Do you agree or disagree with the following... {INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a. There is a God who concerns Himself with every human being personally	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. There is little that people can do to change the course of their lives	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. To me, life is meaningful only because God exists	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. In my opinion, life does not serve any purpose	1	2	3	4	5	8
e. Life is only meaningful if you provide the meaning yourself	1	2	3	4	5	8
f. I have my own way of connecting with God without churches or religious services	1	2	3	4	5	8

B20. What was your mother's religious preference when you were a child? Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

Protestant.....	1	GO TO B21
Catholic.....	2	
Jewish.....	3	
Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox)	4	
Muslim.....	5	
Other (Please Specify)	6	
No religion.....	7	
Don't know.....	8	
Refused	9	
No mother/mother not present	0	

If Protestant

What specific denomination was that? Please record in the space below

ASK ALL

B21. What was your father's religious preference when you were a child? Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

Protestant.....	1	GO TO B22
Catholic.....	2	
Jewish.....	3	
Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox)...	4	
Muslim.....	5	
Other (Please Specify)	6	
No religion.....	7	
Don't know.....	8	
Refused	9	
No father/father not present	0	

If Protestant

What specific denomination was that? Please record in space below

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ASK ALL

B22. What religion, if any, were you raised in? Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

Protestant.....	1	GO TO B23
Catholic.....	2	
Jewish.....	3	
Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox)...	4	
Muslim.....	5	
Other (Please Specify)	6	
No religion.....	7	
Don't know.....	8	
Refused	9	

If Protestant:

What specific denomination is that? Please record in space below

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ASK ALL

*INTERVIEWER: If respondent is currently married or living as married, answer B23:
If not currently married or living as married, go to B24:*

B23. What is your husband's/wife's religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

Protestant.....	1	GO TO B24
Catholic.....	2	
Jewish.....	3	
Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox)...	4	
Muslim.....	5	
Other (Please Specify)	6	
No religion.....	7	
Don't know.....	8	
Refused	9	
No spouse/partner/spouse not present	0	

If Protestant

What specific denomination is that? Please record in space below

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ASK ALL**Showcard 35**

B24. When you were a child, how often did your mother attend religious services?

Never.....	1
Less than once a year.....	2
About once or twice a year....	3
Several times a year.....	4
About once a month.....	5
2-3 times a month.....	6
Nearly every week.....	7
Every week.....	8
Several times a week.....	9
No mother/mother not present..	10
Can't say/Can't remember.....	98

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B25. When you were a child, how often did your father attend religious services?

Never.....	1
Less than once a year.....	2
About once or twice a year....	3
Several times a year.....	4
About once a month.....	5
2-3 times a month.....	6
Nearly every week.....	7
Every week.....	8
Several times a week.....	9
No father/father not present..	10
Can't say/Can't remember.....	98

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B26. And what about when you were around 11 or 12, how often did you attend religious services then?

Never.....	1
Less than once a year.....	2
About once or twice a year....	3
Several times a year.....	4
About once a month.....	5
2-3 times a month.....	6
Nearly every week.....	7
Every week.....	8
Several times a week.....	9
Can't say/Can't remember.....	98

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B27. Now thinking about the present...about how often do you pray?

Never.....	1	Nearly every week.....	7
Less than once a year.....	2	Every week.....	8
About once or twice a year....	3	Several times a week.....	9
Several times a year.....	4	Once a day.....	10
About once a month.....	5	Several times a day.....	11
2-3 times a month.....	6		

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B28. How often do you take part in the activities or organizations of a church or place of worship other than attending services?

Never.....	1
Less than once a year.....	2
About once or twice a year....	3
Several times a year.....	4
About once a month.....	5
2-3 times a month.....	6
Nearly every week.....	7
Every week.....	8
Several times a week.....	9

B29. For religious reasons do you have in your home a shrine, altar, or a religious object on display such as a Crucifix, sacred heart picture, holy water font, statue or picture of Mary?

Yes	1
No	2

B30. How often do you visit a holy place for religious reasons such as going to a shrine or temple/church/mosque]? Please do **not** count attending regular religious services at your usual place of worship, if you have one.

Never	1
Less than once a year	2
About once or twice a year	3
Several times a year	4
About once a month or more	5

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B31. Would you describe yourself as ...

Extremely religious	1
Very religious	2
Somewhat religious	3
Neither religious nor non-religious	4
Somewhat non-religious.....	5
Very non-religious.....	6
Extremely non-religious.....	7
Can't choose.....	8

Showcard 41

B32. What best describes you: *{Single Response only}*

I follow a religion and consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural	1
I follow a religion, but don't consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural	2
I don't follow a religion, but consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural	3
I don't follow a religion and don't consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural	4
Can't choose	8

Showcard 42

B33. Which of the following statements come closest to your own views: {Single Response only}

There is very little truth in any religion.	1
There are basic truths in many religions.	2
There is truth only in one religion.	3
Can't choose	8

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B34. Do you agree or disagree that practicing a religion helps people to {INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a. find inner peace and happiness	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. make friends	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. gain comfort in times of trouble	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. meet the right kind of people	1	2	3	4	5	8

INTERVIEWER: ASK B35 OF THOSE CURRENTLY CHRISTIAN, OR RAISED AS A CHRISTIAN

B35. Would you say that you have been "born again" or have had a "born again" experience -- that is, a turning point in your life when you committed yourself to Christ?

Yes	1
No	2

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B36. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

a. The Bible is the actual word of God and it is to be taken literally, word for word	1
b. The Bible is the inspired word of God but not everything should be taken literally, word for word	2
c. The Bible is an ancient book of fables, legends, history, and moral precepts recorded by man	3
d. This does not apply to me	4
e. Can't choose	8

B37 Has there ever been a turning point in your life when you made a new and personal commitment to religion?

Yes	1
No	2

B38. During the last year, did you make some personal sacrifice as an expression of your faith such as by fasting, following a special diet, or giving up some activity during a holy season such as (Lent or Ramadan)

Yes	1
No	2

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B39. There are many different ways of picturing God. We'd like to know the kinds of images you are most likely to associate with God.

Below are sets of contrasting images. On a scale of 1-7 where would you place your images of God between the two contrasting images?

The first set of contrasting images shows Mother at 1 on the scale and Father at 7. If you imagine God as a Mother, you would place yourself at 1. If you imagine God as a Father, you would place yourself at 7. If you imagine God as somewhere between Mother and Father, you would place yourself at 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6.

Where would you place your image of God on the scale for each set of images? {INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

Mother 1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Father
Master 1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Spouse
Judge 1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Lover
Friend 1	2	3	4	5	6	7 King

Showcard 46

B40. Now please think about something different. Please check one box on each line below to show whether you think each statement is true or false {INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

	Definitely true	Probably true	Probably false	Definitely false	Can't choose
a. Good luck charms sometimes do bring good luck.	1	2	3	4	8
b. Some fortune tellers really can fore- see the future	1	2	3	4	8
c. Some faithhealers do have God-given healing powers	1	2	3	4	8
d. A person's star sign at birth, or horoscope, can affect the course of their future	1	2	3	4	8

Showcard 47

B41. Suppose a law was passed which conflicted with your religious principles and teachings. Would you...read out.....

Definitely follow the law.....	1
Probably follow the law.....	2
Probably follow your religious principles.....	3
Definitely follow your religious principles...	4
I have no religious principles.....	5
Can't choose.....	8

Showcard 48

B42. What is your personal attitude towards members of the following religious groups?

{INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

	Very positive	Some what positive	Neither positive nor negative	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Can't choose
a) Christians	1	2	3	4	5	8
b) Muslims	1	2	3	4	5	8
c) Hindus	1	2	3	4	5	8
d) Buddhists	1	2	3	4	5	8
e) Jews	1	2	3	4	5	8
f) Atheists or non-believers	1	2	3	4	5	8

INTERVIEWER: Ask of Roman Catholics only .(i.e. those raised as Roman Catholics – CODE 2 AT B22. REST GO TO C1)

Showcard 49

B43 I have a few questions about different elements of the Catholic faith. Some of these elements of the faith may be more important to you than others. As I read them out please indicate how essential each of the following elements is to your vision of what the Catholic faith is. Give a score of `1' for Not Essential At All up to a score of `7' for Absolutely Essential. Give a score of 2,3,4,5, or 6 for a position somewhere between Not Essential At All and Absolutely Essential.

{INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

	Not essential at all 1	2	3	4	5	6	7 – absolutely essential
(i) belief that God is with us in the Sacraments	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(ii) charitable efforts to help the poor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(iii) belief that Christ is really present in the Eucharist	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(iv) devotion to Mary the Mother of God	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(v) having a Pope	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(vi) opposition to abortion	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

B44 a How often do you attend Mass?

B44b How often do you receive Holy Communion?

B44c How often do you go to Confession?

	Mass	Holy Communion	Confession
Never	1	1	1
Less than once a year	2	2	2
About once or twice a year	3	3	3
Several times a year	4	4	4
About once a month	5	5	5
2-3 times a month	6	6	6
Nearly every week	7	7	7
Every week	8	8	8
Several times a week	9	9	9
Can't say/can't remember	98	98	98

INTERVIEWER: continue if B44a is answered code 1-8 (shaded section), i.e. ever attends mass. Rest go to C1

Showcard 50

B45 People have many reasons for attending Mass. What is the main reason why you go to Mass? *Do not prompt, single response only*

Because of my religious beliefs	1
It's my duty as a Catholic	2
I feel better if I go	3
To pray for Forgiveness	4
Because it's a sin if I don't	5
To pray for help	6
Out of habit	7
To please my family	8
Other	9

B46 What would you think of a Catholic missing mass on a Sunday/Saturday evening? *[interviewer read out.. is it...]*

Always wrong	1	Generally right	4
Generally wrong	2	Always right	5
Depends on circumstances	3	Don't know	6

INTERVIEWER READ OUT...I would now like to continue with some questions about your religious upbringing and general views about issues of a moral or ethical nature...

ASK ALL

Showcard 51

C1. When you were a child, was your mother ...

Extremely religious	1
Very religious	2
Somewhat religious	3
Neither religious nor non-religious	4
Somewhat non-religious	5
Very non-religious	6
Extremely non-religious	7
Can't choose / don't know	8
Refusal	9
No mother/mother not present	0

Showcard 51

C2. When you were a child, was your father ...

Extremely religious	1
Very religious	2
Somewhat religious	3
Neither religious nor non-religious	4
Somewhat non-religious	5
Very non-religious	6
Extremely non-religious	7
Can't choose / don't know	8
Refusal	9
No father/father not present	0

Showcard 52

C3. Is your spouse or partner (if you have one) ...

Extremely religious	1
Very religious	2
Somewhat religious	3
Neither religious nor non-religious	4
Somewhat non-religious	5
Very non-religious	6
Extremely non-religious	7
Can't choose / don't know	8
Refusal	9
No spouse/partner	10

Showcard 53

C4. How important was religion in your upbringing?

Very important	1	Not at all important	4
Somewhat important	2	Can't choose / don't know	8
Not very important	3	Refusal	9

Showcard 53

C5. If you have children, how important is or was religion in their upbringing?

Very important	1
Somewhat important	2
Not very important	3
Not at all important	4
Can't choose / don't know	8
No children	0

Showcard 53

C6. How important is religion in your daily life?

Very important	1
Somewhat important	2
Not very important	3
Not at all important	4
Can't choose / don't know	8

Showcard 54

C7 If you have religious beliefs, do you think that God is {INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

	Yes definitely	Yes probably	No probably not	No definitely not	Can't choose/dk	Don't believe in God
a) directly involved in your affairs	1	2	3	4	8	5
b) angered by human sin?	1	2	3	4	8	5

ASK ALL**Showcard 55**

C8. Some schools are for children of a particular religion. What is your opinion about these schools?

No religious group should have its own schools	1
Some religious groups but not others should have their own schools	2
Any religious group should be able to have its own schools	3
Dont Know/can't choose	8

Showcard 56

C9. Some books or films offend people who have strong religious beliefs. Should books and films that attack religions be prohibited by law or should they be allowed?

Should definitely be banned	1
Should probably be banned	2
Should probably be allowed	3
Should definitely be allowed	4
Can't choose / don't know	8

Showcard 57

C10. Scientists can now clone animals – in other words, make exact genetic copies of an animal. Do you approve or disapprove of cloning the best farm animals to improve breeding stock?

Strongly approve	1
Approve	2
Neither approve nor disapprove	3
Disapprove	4
Strongly disapprove	5
Can't choose/don't know	8

Showcard 58

C11. Some people think that scientists should be allowed to use cells from human embryos for certain types of medical research. Others think this should never be allowed. What do you think?

Definitely should be allowed	1
Probably should be allowed	2
Probably should not be allowed	3
Definitely should not be allowed	4

Showcard 59

C12. People have different views about the beginnings of human life. In your opinion, is an embryo a human being at the moment of conception?

Yes, definitely	1
Yes, probably	2
No, probably not	3
No, definitely not	4
Can't choose/don't know	8
<i>Spontaneous: It depends</i>	5
Refusal	9

Showcard 60

C13. Suppose a person has a painful incurable disease. Do you think that doctors should be allowed by law to end the patient's life, if the patient requests it?

Definitely should be allowed	1
Probably should be allowed	2
Probably should not be allowed	3
Definitely should not be allowed	4
Can't choose/don't know	8
Refusal	9

Showcard 61

C14. Some people think that women are still not treated equally in our society, while others think that efforts to change the status of women have gone too far. What is your opinion?

More should definitely be done to promote equality	1
More should be probably done to promote equality	2
Changes have probably gone too far	3
Changes have definitely gone too far	4
Can't choose/don't know	8

Showcard 62

C15. Some people live with partners of the same sex. Do you approve or disapprove of laws that treat these partnerships somewhat like marriage?

Strongly approve	1
Approve	2
Neither approve nor disapprove	3
Disapprove	4
Strongly disapprove	5
Can't choose/don't know	8

Showcard 62

C16. Do you approve or disapprove of allowing same-sex couples to adopt children?

Strongly approve	1
Approve	2
Neither approve nor disapprove	3
Disapprove	4
Strongly disapprove	5
Can't choose/don't know	8

C17. Should people who work with the general public be allowed to dress in a way that shows their religious faith – for example, by wearing veils, turbans or crucifixes?

Yes	1
No	2
<i>Spontaneous:</i> It depends on the job	3
<i>Spontaneous:</i> It depends on the symbol/religion	4
Can't choose / don't know	8

Showcard 63

C18. Some people say that being Catholic is important for being truly Irish. Others say it is not important. How important do you think it is?

Very important	1
Fairly important	2
Not very important	3
Not important at all	4
Can't choose / don't know	8

Showcard 64

C19. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Immigration is a threat to our national identity.

strongly agree	1
agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
disagree	4
strongly disagree	5
Dont know	8
refusal	9

Showcard 64

C20. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Nearly all Muslims living in Ireland really want to fit in.

strongly agree	1
agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
disagree	4
strongly disagree	5
Dont know	8
Refusal	9

Showcard 65

C21. In political matters, people talk of the 'left' and the 'right'. How would you place your views on this scale, generally speaking?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	98
1 -Left	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - Right	98 - Can't choose

Showcard 66

C22A. There is a lot of talk these days about what the aims of this country should be for the next ten years. On this card are listed some of the goals which different people would give top priority. Would you please say which one of these you, yourself, consider the most important?

Showcard 66

C22B And which would be the **next** most important?

	C22A 1st priority		C22B 2nd priority
a. Maintaining order in the nation.	1	a. Maintaining order in the nation.	1
b. Giving people more say in important government decisions.	2	b. Giving people more say in important government decisions.	2
c. Fighting rising prices.	3	c. Fighting rising prices.	3
d. Protecting freedom of speech.	4	d. Protecting freedom of speech.	4
e. Can't choose	8	e. Can't choose	8
f. Refusal	9	f. Refusal	9

C23. Most people think of themselves in terms of some national identity, such as American or French or German. In these terms, how do you usually think of yourself?

Irish	1
Other(WRITE IN _____)	2
Don't know	7
No Answer	9

Showcard 67

C24. Could you tell me how important it is to you that you are - Read out Irish or other nationality as stated above

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	77	99	
Not v import 1		2	3	4						Very important	DK	No Answer

Showcard 68

C25. Thinking now about Northern Ireland, do you think the long-term policy for Northern Ireland should be for it...single response only

... to remain part of the United Kingdom, with direct rule	1
... to remain part of the United Kingdom, with devolved government	2
or, to reunify with the rest of Ireland?	3
(Independent state)	4
Other answer (WRITE IN _____)	5
(Don't know)	8

Showcard 69

C26. And thinking about all the political changes that have taken place in Northern Ireland since 1998, would you say that they have benefited Catholics more than Protestants, Protestants more than Catholics or have Protestants and Catholics benefited equally? {Single Response only}

Protestants benefited a <u>lot</u> more than Catholics	1	Protestants and Catholics benefited <u>equally</u>	5
Protestants benefited a <u>little</u> more than Catholics	2	Other (WRITE IN _____)	6
Catholics benefited a <u>lot</u> more than Protestants	3	(Neither side benefited)	7
Catholics benefited a <u>little</u> more than Protestants	4	(Don't know)	8

Showcard 70

C27. And are you in favour of more mixing or more separation between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland in... {INTERVIEWER: Read out, single response per line}

	Much more mixing	Bit more mixing	Keep things as they are	Bit more separation	Much more separation	Can't choose
Primary schools	1	2	3	4	5	8
Secondary & grammar schools	1	2	3	4	5	8
Where people live	1	2	3	4	5	8
Where people work	1	2	3	4	5	8
People's leisure or sports activities	1	2	3	4	5	8
People's marriages	1	2	3	4	5	8

INTERVIEWER READ OUT....Now I would like to record some general information about yourself. This will be used only in order to see if there are important differences between the opinions of men and women, young and old etc.

D.1 Are you male or female?

Male	1
Female	2

D.2 What is your date of birth?

Date:	Month:	Year:
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D.3a What is your present legal marital status? [INTERVIEWER: READ LIST. PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY]

Married and living with husband/wife	1	Separated (including married and living apart)	4
Widowed	2	Single (never married)	5
Divorced	3	Other (please specify)	6

D.3b Are you presently living with a partner?

Yes	1
No	2
NA (Married and living with spouse	3

D.4 How many years of full-time education did you receive? [Int: If respondent did not return to full-time education as an adult calculate as (age when left full-time education minus 5)] Int: please write in number of years in space provided, or circle appropriate code

Years of full time education	
Still at school	95
Still at college/university	96
No answer	98
Don't know	99
No formal education	00

D.5a What is the highest level of education that you attained? {INT: Single response only}

D.5b What is the highest level of education that your father attained? {INT: Single response only}

D.5c What is the highest level of education that your mother attained? {INT: Single response only}

	D5a Respondent	D5b Father	D5c Mother
None	01	01	01
Incomplete Primary	02	02	02
Complete Primary	03	03	03
Some Second Level	04	04	04
Group Cert or equivalent	05	05	05
Junior/Intermediate Cert or equivalent	06	06	06
Leaving Cert or equivalent	07	07	07
Third Level incomplete	08	08	08
Certificate or diploma	09	09	09
University primary degree or equivalent	10	10	10
University higher degree or equivalent	11	11	11
Don't know	12	12	12

- D.6 Which of the following best describes your present situation with regard to employment?
{Single response only}

At work full-time (30+ hours weekly)	01
At work part-time (10-29) hours weekly	02
At work less than 10 hours weekly	03
At work as relative assisting	04
Unemployed (incl. Seeking first job)	05
Student	06
Retired	07
Engaged in home duties	08
Permanently disabled	09
Other, not in labour force	10

[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT IS CURRENTLY AT WORK, QUESTIONS REFER TO PRESENT JOB. IF RESPONDENT IS NOT CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY, QUESTIONS REFER TO MOST RECENT JOB]

- D.7 How many hours do [did] you normally work per week, including any regular overtime work? If you work at more than one job, please include the hours in all jobs.

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- D.8 What is/was your occupation? Please describe fully. If farmer please record number of acres farmed and type of farm. {INTERVIEWER: record occupation in space provided, or circle appropriate code number}

Occupation		
Refused	99997	
Don't know	99998	
No Answer	99999	
INAP (never had a job)	00000	

- D.9 Please describe as fully as possible the nature of the business activity of your employer.

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- D.10 Do [did] you supervise, or are [were] you responsible for the work of any other people?

Yes	1
No	2

D.11 Do/did you work in the public or private sector or are/were you self-employed? *{Single Response Only}*

Public Sector		Private Sector	
Gardai and defence forces	1	Private sector (employee or relative assisting)	6
Education or Health	2	Self-employed (incl. Farmer)	7
Non-commercial semi-state body	3	Other (please specify) _____)	8
Commercial semi-state body	4	Never worked	9
Other public sector (civil service, local authority, etc.)	5		

[INTERVIEWER: If self employed (code 7 in D.11 above) ask D.12, otherwise go to D.13].

D.12 How many people do [did] you employ, including yourself if self employed? Please write in space provided below

No. Of People:

ASK ALL

D.13 Are you a member of any trade union at this time or were you a member in the past?

Currently member	1
Once a member, not now	2
Never a member	3
No answer	9

D.14 Which of the following best describes your spouse's/partner's present situation with regard to employment? *{Single Response Only}*

At work full-time (30+ hours weekly)	01
At work part-time (10-29) hours weekly	02
At work less than 10 hours weekly	03
At work as relative assisting	04
Unemployed (incl. Seeking first job)	05
Student	06
Retired	07
Engaged in home duties	08
Permanently disabled	09
Other, not in labour force	10
No spouse/partner	11

[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT'S SPOUSE/PARTNER IS CURRENTLY AT WORK, QUESTIONS REFER TO PRESENT JOB OF SPOUSE/PARTNER. IF RESPONDENT'S SPOUSE/PARTNER IS NOT CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY, QUESTIONS REFER TO MOST RECENT JOB]

- D.15 What is [was] your spouse's (or partner's) occupation? Please describe as fully as possible. If farmer please record number of acres farmed and type of farm. Int: Please write in occupation or circle appropriate code.

Occupation	
Refused	99997
Don't know	99998
No Answer	99999
INAP (never had a job)	00000

- D.16 Does/did your spouse/partner work in the public or private sector or are/were they self-employed? [PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY]

Public Sector		Private Sector	
Gardai and defence forces	1	Private sector (employee or relative assisting)	6
Education or Health	2	Self-employed (incl. Farmer)	7
Non-commercial semi-state body	3	Other (please specify) _____)	8
Commercial semi-state body	4	Never worked	9
Other public sector (civil service, local authority, etc.)	5		

Showcard 71

- D.17 Here is a scale of incomes, and we would like to know in what group your household lies in terms of its gross income, counting all wages, salaries, pensions and other income that come in, *before taxes and other deductions*. [Show Card 71, Tick in column (1) the letter of the group your household falls into, before taxes and other deductions]

And which group does your own gross income fall into, again *before taxes and other deductions*? Tick in column (2) the letter of the group your personal income falls into]

CATE-GORY	Per week	Per month	Per year	Own income	Household Income
A	Under €120	Under €500	Under €6,000	1	1
B	€120 to under €180	€500 to under €750	€6,000 to under €9,500	2	2
C	€180 to under €230	€780 to under €1,000	€9,500 to under €12,000	3	3
D	€230 to under €350	€1,000 to under €1,500	€12,000 to under €18,000	4	4
E	€350 to under €460	€1,500 to under €2,000	€18,000 to under €24,000	5	5
F	€460 to under €580	€2,000 to under €2,500	€24,000 to under €30,000	6	6
G	€580 to under €690	€2,500 to under €3,000	€30,000 to under €36,000	7	7
H	€690 to under €1150	€3,000 to under €5,000	€36,000 to under €60,000	8	8
J	€1,150 to under €1,730	€5,000 to under €7,500	€60,000 to under €90,000	9	9
K	€1,730 to under €2,310	€7,500 to under €10,000	€90,000 to under €120,000	10	10
L	€2,310 to under €3,000	€10,000 to under €13,500	€120,000 to under €160,000	11	11
M	€3,000 or more	€13,500 or more	€160,000 or more	12	12
Refused				77	77
Don't know				88	88

D.18a I would like you to think now of the other members of your household. How many people age 18 and over live in this household?

_____ (Number adults age 18 and over)

D.18b And how many age 17 and under? _____ (Number children age 17 and under)

Showcard 72

D.19 People often use the term 'right wing' or 'left wing' in describing political opinions. This card] shows a scale from very left wing to very right wing. Where would you put yourself on this scale?

Left ←————→ Right					<i>Other</i>	No party/preference	Don't know	No answer
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

D.20 Do you feel closer to one of the political parties than to the others?

Yes	1	CONTINUE
No	2	GO TO D.23

D.22 If yes: which party is that? *{Single Response Only}*

Fianna Fail	1	Green Party	6
Fine Gael	2	Sinn Fein	7
Labour	3	Other, specify (_____)	9
Socialist Party	4		
Progressive Democrats	5		

ASK ALL

D.23 Did you vote in the last General Election?

Yes	1
No	2

D.24 How often do you currently attend religious services? *{Single Response Only}*

Several times a week	1	Several times a year	5
Once a week	2	Once per year	6
2-3 times per month	3	Less than once per year	7
Once per month	4	Never	8

D.25 What is your current religious denomination? Please describe as fully as possible.
[Int: If none, please write NONE, do not leave blank]

Showcard 73

D.26 People have different ideas about social classes and who belongs to them. In your own case, if you had to classify yourself in terms of this kind of ladder, where would you place yourself?

10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	99
10 – Highest	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1 – Lowest	No Answer (not on card)

D.27 Would you say you live in: *{Single Response Only}*

A big city	1	A country village	4
A suburb or outskirts of a big city	2	A farm or home in the country	5
A town or small city	3	No answer	9

D.28 In what country were you born?

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D.29 Are you a citizen of Ireland?

Yes, Irish (including dual) Citizen	1
No, Other EU citizen	2
No, Other	3

THANK RESPONDENT & CLOSE INTERVIEW

Interviewer's Declaration I certify that this is an eligible interview which has been carried out strictly in accordance with your specifications and has been conducted within the MRS code of conduct.

Interviewers Signature: _____ Date: _____

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