Canada

ISSP 1995 - National Identity

- English -
We hope very much that you will agree to participate in this important study - the twelfth in an annual series of surveys. The questions are also being asked in twenty-four other countries, as part of an international survey of social attitudes.

Completing the questionnaire

It is imperative for sampling reasons that within each home only the person selected by the interviewer answer the questionnaire. Otherwise, the sample will be skewed.

The questions inside cover a wide range of subjects, but each one can be answered simply by placing a tick or check ( ) in one or more of the boxes provided. No special knowledge is required: we are confident that everyone will be able to offer an opinion on all questions. And we want all people to take part, not just those with strong views or particular viewpoints. The questionnaire should not take very long to complete (approximately 20 minutes), and we hope you will find it interesting and enjoyable. It should be completed by the person selected by the interviewer at your address. Your participation will be treated as confidential and anonymous.

Returning the questionnaire

Your interviewer will arrange with you the most convenient way of returning the questionnaire. If the interviewer has arranged to call back for it, please complete it and keep it safely until then.

Thank you for your help.
To begin with, we have some questions about where you live: your neighbourhood or village, your town or city, your province, and so on. (By "neighbourhood" we mean the part of the town/city you live in. If you live in a village, we take this as your "neighbourhood").

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2. If you could improve your work or living conditions, how willing or unwilling would you be to...

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3. Which of these statements comes closer to your own view?

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It is essential that Canada remain one country

OR

Parts of Canada should be allowed to become fully separate countries if they choose to

Can't choose

4. Some people say the following things are important for being truly Canadian. Others say they are not important. How important do you think each of the following is...

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<td>(b) to have Canadian citizenship</td>
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<td>(c) to have lived in Canada for most of one's life</td>
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a. It is impossible for people who do not share Canadian customs and traditions to become fully Canadian

b. Ethnic minorities should be given government assistance to preserve their customs and traditions

9. Some people say that it is better for a country if different racial and ethnic groups maintain their distinct customs and traditions. Others say that it is better if these groups adapt and blend into the larger society. Which of these views comes closer to your own?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

It is better for society if groups maintain their distinct customs and traditions

It is better if groups adapt and blend into the larger society

Don't know
10. There are different opinions about immigrants from other countries living in Canada. (By "immigrants" we mean people who come to settle in Canada.)

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

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<td>Immigrants make Canada more open to new ideas and cultures</td>
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11. Do you think the number of immigrants to Canada nowadays should be...

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- increased a lot
- increased a little
- remain the same as it is
- reduced a little
- reduced a lot
- can't choose
12. How much do you agree or disagree that refugees who have suffered political repression in their own country should be allowed to stay in Canada?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Agree strongly □
Agree □
Neither agree nor disagree □
Disagree □
Disagree strongly □
Can't choose □

13. Where did you spend most of your childhood [until age 16]?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

In this town (city, village) □
In a different town (city, village), but in Canada □
In a different province in Canada □
Outside Canada □

14. How long have you lived in the town (city, village) where you live now?

Less than 1 year □

______ years
15. About how long altogether have you lived in other countries?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Never lived in other countries □
Less than 1 year in all □
1 to 4 years in all □
5 years or longer □

16a. What language(s) do you speak at home?

PLEASE FILL IN

At home, I speak: ________________________________
______________________________

16b. What languages do you speak well?

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17a. Are you a citizen of Canada?

Yes □
No □
17b. At the time of your birth, were both, one or neither of your parents citizens of Canada?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Both were citizens of Canada

Only father was a citizen of Canada

Only mother was a citizen of Canada

Neither was a citizen of Canada

18a. From what country/countries or part(s) of the world did you ancestors come?

18b. How close do you feel to your ethnic group?

Very close

Close

Not very close

Not close at all

Can't choose
19. How much have you heard about the North American Free Trade Agreement?
   A lot [ ]
   Quite a bit [ ]
   Not much [ ]
   Nothing at all [ ]

20. Generally speaking, would you say that Canada benefits or does not benefit from being a member of the North American Free Trade Agreement?
   Benefits [ ]
   Does not benefit [ ]
   Don't know [ ]
   Have never heard of NAFTA [ ]

21. Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view?
   Canada should do all it can to unite fully with NAFTA [ ]
   OR
   Canada should do all it can to protect its independence from NAFTA [ ]
   Don't know [ ]

22. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
   It should be easier for the immigrants who have US/Mexican nationality and have come from other countries to attain Canada’s citizenship.

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   Agree strongly [ ]
   Agree [ ]
   Neither agree nor disagree [ ]
   Disagree [ ]
   Disagree strongly [ ]
   Can't choose [ ]
23. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Canada should take stronger measures to exclude illegal immigrants.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Agree strongly
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Disagree strongly
- Can't choose
QUEBEC RESPONDENTS ONLY
(Non-Quebec respondents please go to Question 21)

24. We would like to know your opinion about several constitutional options for Quebec. For each, please indicate how favourable you are to it.

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25. The referendum on October 30, 1995 was on the question of Quebec sovereignty.

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If you did NOT vote, please go to Question 28
26. [IF VOTED YES] What was the most important reason for your decision to vote YES? Please explain.

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[IF VOTED NO] What was the most important reason for your decision to vote NO? Please explain.

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27. [IF VOTED] When did you decide which way to vote?

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a) before the referendum was announced 

b) when the referendum date was announced 

c) during the campaign 

d) in the last few days before the vote 

28. Think for a moment about a thermometer scale which runs from 1 to 100 degrees, where 50 is the neutral point. If your feelings are warm to something give it a higher score than 50, the warmer your feelings the higher the score. Similarly, the cooler your feelings the lower the score below 50. What score would you give each of the following?

a) Jacques Parizeau

b) Daniel Johnson

c) Mario Dumont

d) Lucien Bouchard

e) Jean Chretien

f) Jean Charest

g) Canada

h) Quebec

i) the Parti Quebecois

j) the Quebec Liberal Party
29. We would like to know whether you agree or disagree with the following statements about referendums.

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30. We would now like to change from the referendum to elections in general. People understand the meaning of elections in general in various ways. We would like to know whether these statements have a lot, something, or not much to do with what elections mean TO YOU.

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32. We would now like to change from the referendum to elections in general. People understand the meaning of elections in various ways. We would like to know whether these statements have a lot, something, or not much to do with what elections mean TO YOU.

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE**

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JUST A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT YOURSELF TO HELP US ANALYZE THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE GIVEN US:

33. Are you: 
   - Male 
   - Female 

34. What language do you normally speak at home? 
   - English 
   - French 
   - English & French 
   - Other 

35. Please write down your exact age: _______

36. Are you: 
   - Married 
   - Widowed 
   - Divorced 
   - Separated 
   - Single 
   - Living with someone 

37. How far did you go in schools 
   - Grade school 
   - Some high school 
   - Finished high school 
   - Some college/university 
   - Finished college 
   - Some university 
   - Graduate school 

38. In total, how many years of schooling have you completed? 
   # of years _______

39. Are you: 
   - Employed full time (35 hours+ weekly) 
   - Employed part time (15-35 hours weekly) 
   - Help family member 
   - Unemployed 
   - Student/in vocational training 
   - Retired 
   - Housewife/Home duties 
   - Permanently disabled 
   - Not working
40. If you work, how many hours do you normally work in a week? ________________

41. If you work, what is your occupation? ________________________________

42. Do you supervise, or are you responsible for, the work of other people?
   Yes ☐
   No ☐

43. If you work, is your job in the public or private sector?
   Work for government ☐
   Work for publicly owned firm ☐
   Work for private company ☐

44. If you work, are you self employed?
   Yes ☐
   No ☐

45. If you work, how many employees work for your firm or government department? ________________

46. Are you a member of a trade union?
   Yes ☐
   No ☐

47. If you have a spouse or partner, what is her/his occupation?
   Employed full time (35 hours+ weekly) ☐
   Employed part time (15-35 hours weekly) ☐
   Help family member ☐
   Unemployed ☐
   Student/ In vocational training ☐
   Retired ☐
   Housewife/Home duties ☐
   Permanently disabled ☐
   Not working ☐

48. If your spouse or partner works what is their occupation? ____________________
49. What is the total income of your household?

- Under $15,000.00
- $15,000-$24,999.00
- $25,000-$34,999.00
- $35,000-$44,999.00
- $45,000-$54,999.00
- $55,000-$64,999.00
- $65,000-$74,999.00
- $75,000.00+

50. And in what range would your own personal income fall?

- Under $15,000.00
- $15,000-$24,999.00
- $25,000-$34,999.00
- $35,000-$44,999.00
- $45,000-$54,999.00
- $55,000-$64,999.00
- $65,000-$74,999.00
- $75,000.00+

51. Please write down the number of people who live in your household. ________

52. How would you describe the composition of your household?

- Single
- One adult and one child
- One adult and two children
- One adult and three+ children
- Two adults
- Two adults and one child
- Two adults and two children
- Two adults and three+ children
- Three adults
- Four adults
- Four adults with children
- Other
53. Do you or your family own your house/apartment, pay rent, or what?

Own house/apartment
Rent
Public/subsidized housing
Rent from employer
Other rental arrangement
Other

54. Just as reference points, if you managed to vote in the last federal election, for which party did you vote?

PC
Liberal
NDP
Bloc Quebecois
Reform
Libertarian
Confederation of regions
Communist
Other party
Did not vote

55. In federal politics, do you normally think of yourself as...

PC
Liberal
NDP
Bloc Quebecois
Reform
Libertarian
Confederation of regions
Communist
Green Party
Other party
No regular affiliation

56. And what about the provincial level: If you voted in the last provincial election which party did you vote for?

PC
Liberal
NDP
Parti Quebecois
Reform
Libertarian
Confederation of regions
Communist
Green Party
Other party
Did not vote
57. To which ethnic or cultural groups did your ancestors belong?

- French
- English
- German
- Scottish
- Italian
- Irish
- Ukrainian
- Chinese
- Dutch/Netherlands
- Polish
- Jewish
- Black
- North American Indian
- Metis
- Inuit/Eskimo
- South East Asian
- Latin American
- Other

58. Could you tell us what, if any, church or religious group you belong to?

59. If you are a member of a church or religious group, how often do you attend religious services?

- Once a week
- 2 or 3 times a month
- Several times a year
- Less frequently
- Never

60. Some people consider themselves to be members of a specific social class. Of the following groups, would you consider yourself a member of:

- The lower class
- The working class
- Upper working class/
- lower middle class
- Middle class
- Upper middle class
- Upper class
- No class affiliation
61. Would you say you live in a:

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62. In what province do you reside?

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