USA ISSP 2000 – Environment II Questionnaire

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

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)

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

Highest priority

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America should...

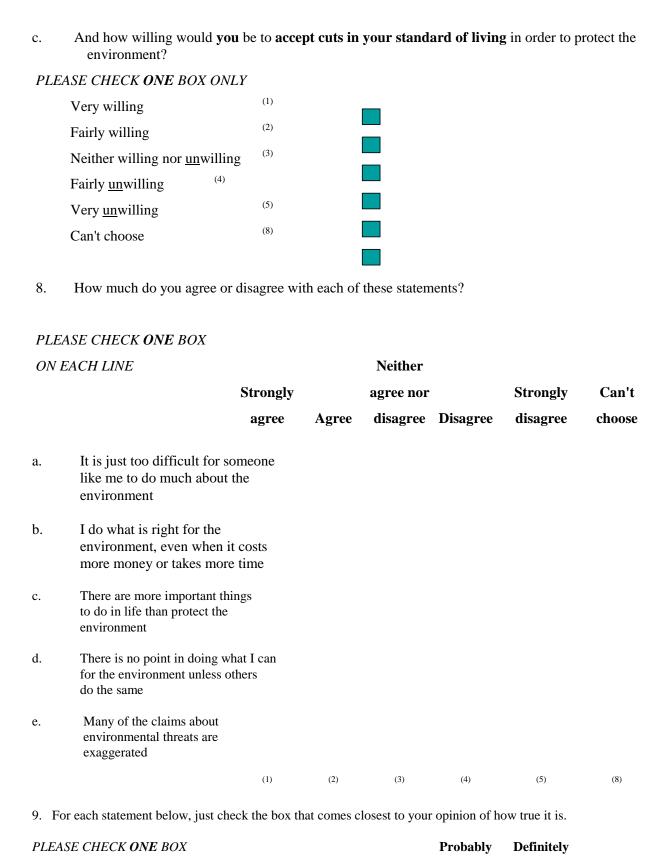
Maintain order in the nation	(1)
Give people more say in government decisions	(2)
Fight rising prices	(3)
Protect freedom of speech	(4)
Can't choose	(8)

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

	ould do?					Next highest	
	PLEASE CHECK (ONE BOX (ONLY			priority	
An	nerica should						
	Maintain order in the nation			(1)			
	Give people more say in gov	vernment de	cisions	(2)			
	Fight rising prices			(3)			
	Protect freedom of speech			(4)			
	Can't choose			(8)			
3.	How much do you agree or	disagree wi	th each of	these statem	ents?		
	ASE CHECK ONE BOX EACH LINE	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
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4. An	d how much do you agree	or disagree v	vith each	of these state	ements?		
	E CHECK ONE BOX CH LINE	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a.	We worry too much about future of the environment enough about prices and	t and not					
b.	Almost everything we do in modern life harms the environment						
c.	People worry too much a progress harming the env						
5. And	I please check one box for	each of these	e statemen		ow much yo	u agree or dis	sagree with
	E CHECK ONE BOX CH LINE	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a.	In order to protect the en America needs economic						
b.	It is right to use animals testing if it might save he						
c.	Economic growth always the environment	s harms					
d.	The earth simply cannot to support population great its present rate						
	•	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)

6.	Please check one box to show v	which statement i	is closest to yo	<u>ur</u> views.		
PLI	EASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY	•				
	Nature is sacred because it is o	created by God	(1)			
	Nature is spiritual or sacred in	itself	(2)			
	Nature is important, but not sp	piritual or sacred	(3)			
	Can't choose		(8)			
7a.	How willing would you be to	pay much high	er <u>prices</u> in or	der to prote	ect the environment	?
PLI	EASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY					
	Very willing	(1)				
	Fairly willing	(2)				
	Neither willing nor <u>un</u> willing	(3)				
	Fairly <u>un</u> willing (4)					
	Very unwilling	(5)				
	Can't choose	(8)				
b.	And how willing would you	e to pay much l	higher <u>taxes</u> i	n order to pi	rotect the environm	ent?
PLI	EASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY	•				
	Very willing	(1)				
	Fairly willing	(2)				
	Neither willing nor <u>un</u> willing	(3)				
	Fairly <u>un</u> willing (4)					
	Very unwilling	(5)				
	Can't choose	(8)				
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ON EA	CH 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. Iı	n general, do you think that air pollution ca	used by car	's is			
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	extremely dangerous for the environment	ent,	(1)			
	very dangerous,		(2))		
	somewhat dangerous,		(3)			
	not very dangerous,		(4))		
	or, not dangerous at all for the environ	ment?	(5)			
	Can't choose		(8)			

b. And do y	ou think that air pollution caused by cars is	
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6	extremely dangerous for you and your family,	(1)
7	very dangerous,	(2)
\$	somewhat dangerous,	(3)
1	not very dangerous,	(4)
(or, not dangerous at all for you and your family?	(5)
Can	n't choose	(8)
	eral, do you think that air pollution caused by indus	stry is
	HECK ONE BOX ONLY	(1)
€	extremely dangerous for the environment,	(1)
1	very dangerous,	(2)
5	somewhat dangerous,	(3)
1	not very dangerous,	(4)
(or, not dangerous at all for the environment?	(5)
Can	't choose	(8)
	you think that pesticides and chemicals used in far	ming are
	HECK ONE BOX ONLY	(I)
	extremely dangerous for the environment,	(1)
\	very dangerous,	(2)
5	somewhat dangerous,	(3)
1	not very dangerous,	(4)
(or, not dangerous at all for the environment?	(5)
Can	't choose	(8)

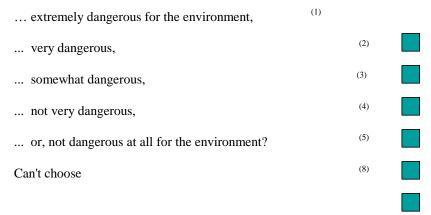
c. And do you think that pollution of America's rivers, lakes and streams is \dots

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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)	

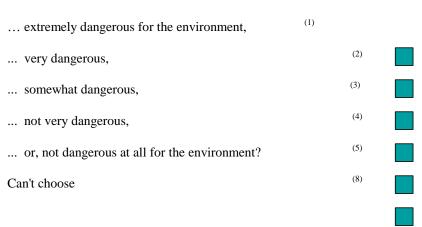
12a. In general, do you think that a rise in the world's temperature caused by the 'greenhouse effect' is ...

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

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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?	
PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY	
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	er countries are.
In general, do you think that America is doing	
PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY	
more than enough,	
about the right amount, (2)	
or, too little?	
Can't choose (8)	

15a. On balance, which	of these two do you think is making	more effort to look after the environment
PLEASE CHECK ONE	BOX ONLY	
	Business and industry,	(1)
	or people in general?	(2)
	Both equally	(3)
	Can't choose	(8)
b. And which of these tw	vo groups do you think is making mo	ore effort to look after the environment
PLEASE CHECK ONE	BOX ONLY	
	Government,	(1)
	or business and industry?	(2)
	Both equally	(3)
	Can't choose	(8)
c. And which of these to	wo groups is making more effort to	look after the environment
PLEASE CHECK ONE	BOX ONLY	
	People in general,	(1)
	or government?	(2)

(3)

(8)

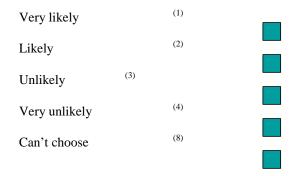
Both equally

Can't choose

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

PLEASE ON EAC	CHECK ONE BOX TH LINE	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a.	For environmental problems should be international agree that America and other coun should be made to follow	ements					
b.	Poorer countries should be expected to make less effort richer countries to protect the environment	than					
c.	Economic progress in Ameri will slow down unless we lo the environment better						
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)

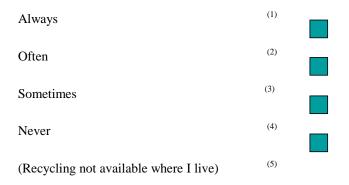
17. Within the next five years, how likely is it that an accident at a nuclear power station will cause long-term environmental damage across many countries?



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

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	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?

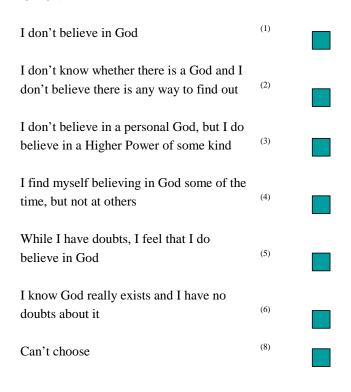


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	Always		(1)		
	Often		(2)		
	Sometimes		(3)		
	Never		(4)		
	(Recycling not available where I live)				
20. Are you a member of any group whose main aim is to preserve or protect the environment?					
PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY					
	Yes	(1)			
	No	(2)			
21. In the last five years , have you					
PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE				Yes I have	No 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?					

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

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

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

