New Zealand ISSP 2009 – Social Inequality IV Questionnaire

1. Please tick one box for each of these to show how important you think it is for getting ahead in life...

		Essential	Very Important	Fairly Important	Not very Important	Not Important At all	Can't Choose
a.	Coming from a wealthy family		2	3	4	5	8
b.	Having well- educated parents		2	3	4	5	8
c.	Having a good education yourself		2	3	4	5	8
d.	Having ambition		2	3	4	5	8
e.	Hard work		2	3	4	5	8
f.	Knowing the right people		2	3	4	5	8
g.	Having political connections		2	3	4	5	8
h.	Giving bribes		2	3	4	5	8
i.	A person's race		2	3	4	5	8
j.	A person's religion		2	3	4	5	8
k.	Being born a man or a woman		2	3	4	5	8

2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
a.	To get all the way to the top in New Zealand today, you have to be corrupt		2	3	4	5	8
b.	In New Zealand only students from the best secondary schools have a good chance to obtain a university education		2	3	4	_5	8
c.	In New Zealand only the rich can afford the costs of attending university		2	3	4	5	8
d.	In New Zealand people have the same chances to enter university, regardless of their gender, ethnicity or social background		2	3	4	5	8

3. Would you say that you earn....If you are not working now, please tell us about your last job?

Much less than I deserve	1
Less than I deserve	2
What I deserve	3
More than I deserve	4
Much more than I deserve	5
Never worked	6
Can't choose	8

4. We would like to know what you think people in these jobs actually earn. Please write in how much you think they usually earn each year before tax. Many people are not exactly sure about this, but your best guess will be close enough. This may be difficult, but it is very important. So please try.

Please write in how much they <u>ACTUALLY</u> earn each year before tax.

a.	How much do you think a doctor in general practice earns?	\$
b.	How much do you think a chairman of a large national company earns?	\$
c.	How much do you think a shop assistant earns?	\$
d.	How much do you think an unskilled worker in a factory earns?	\$
e.	How much do you think a cabinet minister in the New Zealand government earns?	\$

5. Next, what do you think these people ought to be paid? How much do you think they should earn each year before taxes regardless of what they actually get?

Please write in how much they <u>SHOULD</u> earn each year before taxes.

a.	How much do you think a doctor in general practice should earn?	\$
b.	How much do you think a chairman of a large national company should earn?	\$
c.	How much do you think a shop assistant should earn?	\$
d.	How much do you think an unskilled worker in a factory should earn?	\$
e.	How much do you think a cabinet minister in the New Zealand government should earn?	\$

6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
a.	Differences in income in New Zealand are too large		2	3	4	5	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		2	3	4	5	8
c.	The government should provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed		2	3	4	5	8
d.	The government should spend less on benefits for the poor		2	3	4	5	8

7a. Do you think people with high incomes should pay a larger share of their income in taxes than those with low incomes, the same share, or a smaller share?

Much larger share	1
Larger	2
The same share	3
Smaller	4
Much smaller share	5
Can't choose	8

7b. Generally, how would you describe taxes in New Zealand today for those with high incomes? Taxes are ...

much too high	1
too high	2
about right	3
too low	4
much too low	5
Can't choose	8

8a. Is it just or unjust – right or wrong – that people with higher incomes can buy better health care than people with lower incomes?

1	Very just, definitely right
2	Somewhat just, right
3	Neither just nor unjust, mixed feelings
4	Somewhat unjust, wrong
5	Very unjust, definitely wrong
8	Can't choose

8b. Is it just or unjust – right or wrong – that people with higher incomes can buy better education for their children than people with lower incomes?

Very just, definitely right	1
Somewhat just, right	2
Neither just nor unjust, mixed feelings	3
Somewhat unjust, wrong	4
Very unjust, definitely wrong	5
Can't choose	8

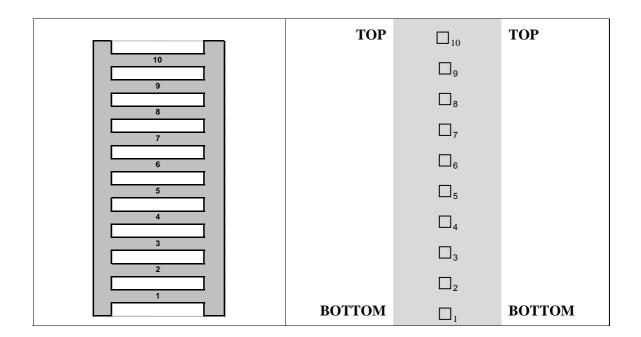
9. In all countries, there are differences or even conflicts between different social groups. In your opinion, in New Zealand how much conflict is there between...

		Very strong conflicts	Strong conflicts	Not very strong conflicts	There are no conflicts	Can't choose
a.	Poor people and rich people	1	2	3	4	8
b.	The working class and the middle class	1	2	3	4	8
c.	Management and workers	1	2	3	4	8
d.	People at the top of society and people at the bottom		2	3	4	8

10a. In our society there are groups which tend to be towards the top and groups which tend to be towards the bottom. Below is a scale that runs from top to bottom. Where would you put yourself now on this scale? 10 being top, 1 being bottom.

	ТОР	\square_{10}	ТОР
10			
9			
6			
5		\square_5	
4		\square_4	
		\square_3	
		\square_2	
	BOTTOM	\square_1	BOTTOM

10b. And if you think about the family that you grew up in, where did they fit in then?



11. Please think about your present job (or your last one if you don't have one now). If you compare this job to the job your father had when you were 15, would you say that the level of status of your job is (or was)...

Much higher than your father's	
Higher	2
About equal	3
Lower	4
Much lower than your father's	5
I never had a job	6
I don't know what my father did/father never had a job/never knew father/father deceased	7

12. In deciding how much people ought to earn, how important should each of these things be, in your opinion?

		Essential	Very Important	Fairly Important	Not very Important	Not Important At all	Can't Choose
a.	How much responsibility goes with the job. How important do you think that ought to be in deciding pay?		2	3	4	5	8
b.	The number of years spent in education and training		2	3	4	5	8
c.	What is needed to support a family		2	3	4	5	8
d.	Whether the person has children to support		2	3	4	5	8
e.	How well he or she does the job		2	3	4	5	8
f.	How hard he or she works at the job		2	3	4	5	8

13. Is your pay just? We are not asking about how much you would like to earn – but what you feel is just given your skills and effort. If you are not working now, please tell us about your last job.

Much less than is just	1
A little less than is just	2
About just for me	3
A little more than is just	4
Much more than is just	5
Never had a job	6
Can't choose	8

14. These five diagrams show different types of society. Please read the descriptions and look at the diagrams and decide which you think best describes New Zealand.

Туре А	Туре В	Туре С	Туре D	Туре Е
A small elite at the top, very few people in the middle and the great mass of people at the bottom.	A society like a pyramid with a small elite at the top, more people in the middle, and most at the bottom.	A pyramid except that just a few people are at the bottom.	A society with most people in the middle.	Many people near the top, and only a few near the bottom.

14a. First, what type of society is New Zealand today – which diagram comes closest?

Type A	1
Type B	2
Type C	3
Type D	4
Type E	5
Can't choose	8

14b. What do you think New Zealand ought to be like – which would you prefer?

Type A	
Type B	2
Type C	3
Type D	4
Type E	5
Can't choose	8

15. When you were 15 years old, for whom did your father work? If your father did not have a paid job at the time, please give information about his last job before that time.

Employee of a private company or business	
Government (national, state or local government)	2
Self-employed	3
Other (please specify)	4
Can't choose	8

16a. When you were 15 years old, did your mother work outside the household? If your mother did not work when you were 15 years old, did your mother work before? If she worked before, when did she stop working?

1	My mother did have a job when I was 15 years old	Yes
2	My mother never had a job outside the household	No
3	My mother stopped working before she got married	
4	My mother stopped working after she got married, but before her first child was born	
5	My mother stopped working after her first child was born	
8	Can't choose	

16b. In her last job – i.e., when or before you were 15 years old, for whom did your mother work? If your mother did not have a paid job at the time, please give information about her last job before that time.

Employee of a private company or business	1
Government (national, state or local government)	2
Self-employed	3
Other (please specify)	4
My mother never worked outside the household	5
Can't choose	8

17. Here is a list of different types of jobs. Which type of job did your father/mother have when you were 15 years old (or earlier when they did not have a paid job at that time)?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX FOR YOUR FATHER AND ONE BOX FOR YOUR MOTHER.

	Your father	Your mother
Professional and technical (for example: doctor, teacher, engineer, artist, accountant, nurse)		
Higher administrative (for example: banker, executive in big business, high government official, union official)	2	2
Clerical (for example: secretary, clerk, office manager, civil servant, bookkeeper)	3	3
Sales (for example: sales manager, shop owner, shop assistant, insurance agent, buyer)	4	4
Service (for example: restaurant owner, police officer, waitress, barber, caretaker)	5	5
Skilled worker (for example: foreman, motor mechanic, printer, seamstress, tool and die maker, electrician)	6	6
Semi-skilled worker (for example: bricklayer, bus driver, cannery worker, carpenter, sheet metal worker, baker)	7	7
Unskilled worker (for example: labourer, porter, unskilled factory worker, cleaner)	8	8
Farm worker (for example: farm labourer, tractor driver)	9	9
Farm proprietor, farm manager	10	10
Father/mother never had a job	11	11
Father/mother unknown	99	99

18. About how many books were there around your family's house when you were 15 years old?

None	1
1 or 2	2
Around 10	3
Around 20	4
Around 50	5
Around 100	6
Around 200	7
Around 500	8
1000 or more	9

19. In your first job after leaving full-time education, for whom did you work?

ompany or business	А
r local government)	Government (nation
elf (Self-employed)	
	Other (please specify) _
never had a paid job	

20. In your current job, for whom do you work? If not working now, please tell us about your most recent job.

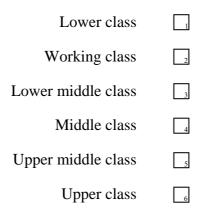
Government (national, state or local government)	1
Work for a publicly owned firm	2
Do not work for government or a publicly owned firm and not self-employed	3
Yourself (Self-employed)	4
Other (please specify)	5
I have never had a paid job	0

21. Here is a list of different types of jobs. Which type of job did you have in your first job – after leaving full-time education – and which type of job do you have now in your current job? If you are not working now, please tell us about your last job.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX FOR YOUR FIRST JOB AND ONE BOX FOR YOUR CURRENT/LAST JOB.

	Your first job	Your current/last job
Professional and technical (for example: doctor, teacher, engineer, artist, accountant, nurse)		
Higher administrative (for example: banker, executive in big business, high government official, union official)	_2	2
Clerical (for example: secretary, clerk, office manager, civil servant, bookkeeper)	3	3
Sales (for example: sales manager, shop owner, shop assistant, insurance agent, buyer)	4	4
Service (for example: restaurant owner, police officer, waitress, barber, caretaker)	5	5
Skilled worker (for example: foreman, motor mechanic, printer, seamstress, tool and die maker, electrician)	6	6
Semi-skilled worker (for example: bricklayer, bus driver, cannery worker, carpenter, sheet metal worker, baker)	7	7
Unskilled worker (for example: labourer, porter, unskilled factory worker, cleaner)	8	8
Farm worker (for example: farm labourer, tractor driver)	9	9
Farm proprietor, farm manager	10	10
First job is same as current job	11	11
I have never had a job	99	99

22. Most people see themselves as belonging to a particular class. Please tell us which social class you would say you belong to?



23a. How much money would be left if the home or apartment you and/or your immediate family live in was sold, and any debts on it, such as a mortgage or personal loan, would have been paid off? Please give your best estimate.

Just debts	1
I/we do not own a home	2
\$1 - \$30,000	3
\$30,000 - \$60,000	4
\$60,000 - \$90,000	5
\$90,000 - \$120,000	6
\$120,000 - \$160,000	7
\$160,000 - \$200,000	8
\$200,000 - \$400,000	9
\$400,000 - \$700,000	10
\$700,000 - \$1,000,000	11
More than \$1,000,000	12
Can't choose	99

23b. How much money would be left if you and/or your immediate family converted to cash all savings, stocks, or bonds you own, and then paid off any personal debts you have (not including any home loan)? Please give your best estimate.

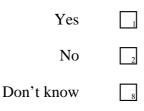
Just debts	1
Nothing	2
\$1 - \$20,000	3
\$20,000 - \$40,000	4
\$40,000 - \$60,000	5
\$60,000 - \$80,000	6
\$80,000 - \$120,000	7
\$120,000 - \$200,000	8
\$200,000 - \$300,000	9
\$300,000 - \$500,000	10
\$500,000 - \$700,000	11
More than \$700,000	12
Can't choose	99

Now, some questions about two important social issues.

24. 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 person requests it?

Yes	1
No	2
Don't know	8

25. Suppose a person has an incurable disease, but with medication is not in pain. Do you think that doctors should be allowed by law to end the patient's life if the person requests it?



26. Suppose a person is not in pain and does not have an incurable disease but is permanently and completely dependent on others for all their physical needs. Do you think that doctors should be allowed by law to end the patient's life if the person requests it?

Yes	1
No	2
Don't know	8

27. Here are a number of circumstances in which a woman might consider an abortion. Please say whether or not you think the law should allow an abortion in each case.

Should abortion be allowed by law?

		Yes	No	Don't Know
a.	If there is a strong chance of serious defect in the baby		2	8
b.	If the family has a very low income and cannot afford any more children		2	8
c.	If the woman's physical health is seriously endangered by the pregnancy		2	8
d	If the woman's mental health is seriously endangered by the pregnancy		2	8
e.	If the woman became pregnant as a result of rape or incest		2	8
f.	If the woman decides on her own she does not want to have the baby		2	8
g.	If the couple agree they do not want to have the baby		2	8
h.	If the woman is not married and does not wish to marry the man		2	8

About Yourself

So that we can be sure we have a good cross section of people in our survey, would you please answer the following questions about yourself. Remember that all responses remain *STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL*.

28.	Please indicate the year in which you were born: Year: 19
29.	What is your gender? Male Female 2
30.	Which of these categories best describes your <i>current</i> marital status?
	Married
	Widowed 2
	Divorced
	Separated 4
	Single, never married
31.	Do you live together with a partner?
	Yes No 2
32.	INCLUDING YOURSELF, how many people are there in your household?
	Number in household :
	How many children under the age of 18 are in your household?
	Children under 18 years

33. Which of the following categories describe your ethnic origin?

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS YOU NEED TO SHOW WHICH ETHNIC GROUP(S) YOU BELONG TO

N Z Maori	1
N Z European or Pakeha	
Other European	1
Samoan	
Cook Island Maori	1
Tongan	1
Niuean	1
Chinese	1
Indian	
Other (such as Fijian, Korean)	1

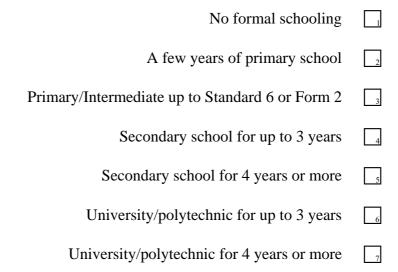
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13	Methodist	1	Anglican
14	Muslim	2	Assemblies of God
15	Orthodox	3	Baptist
16	Pentecostal	4	Brethren
17	Presbyterian	5	Buddhist
18	Protestant	6	Catholic
19	Ratana	7	Christian
20	Ringatu	8	Jehovah's Witness
21	Salvation Army	9	Jewish
22	Seventh Day Adventist	10	Hindu
23	Other	11	Lutheran
24	No religion	12	Mormon (Latter Day Saints)

34. What is your current religion or religious denomination?

35. How often do you attend a religious service?

Less than once a year	
Once a year	3
Several times a year	Ļ
Once a month	5
Two or three times a month \Box_{e}	,
Once a week	,
Several times a week	3
Can't choose/Don't know)

36. Which one of these categories best describes the amount of formal education you have had?



37. Which of these categories best describes your highest formal qualification?

- No formal qualification \Box_1
 - Proficiency 2
- School C, Nat Cert Level 1, NCEA Level 1
- Sixth Form Cert, Nat Cert Level 2, UE, NCEA Level 2
- Higher Sch Cert, Higher Leaving Cert, Bursary/Scholarship, NCEA Level 3
 - Trade or Professional certificate \int_{6}
 - Diploma below degree level $\boxed{7}$
 - University degree $\boxed{8}$
 - Post-graduate or higher qualification

38. Which one of these categories best describes your current employment status?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY

- Employed full time (35+ hours weekly)
- Employed part time (15-35 hours weekly) $\boxed{2}$
- Employed less than 15 hours/temporarily out of work $\boxed{3}$

Helping family member \Box_4

NOT CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY

- Unemployed or beneficiary \int_{5}
 - Student _
 - Retired 7
- Housewife/husband home duties
 - Permanently disabled

39. How many hours, on average, do you *usually* work in a normal week?

Number of hours: _____ OR: Doesn't apply to me ____

40. What is your *main* occupation?

- If you have more than one job, business or professional practice, please give the occupation for the job you spend the most time at.
- Please describe fully, using two words or more; for example, builders' labourer *not* labourer, accounts clerk *not* clerk, deer farmer *not* farmer.

Main occupation:	OR: not applicable	99	
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41. Do you supervise, or are you responsible for, the work of any other people?

Yes	1	No	2
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If yes, how many people do you supervise?

42. Which of these categories best describes who you work for (or who you worked for most recently)?

Public sector (i.e. local government, Government)	1
Publicly-owned private sector organisation	2
Privately-owned private sector organisation	3
Non-profit/Charity/Welfare organisation	4
Self-employed	5
Not working	6

43. If you are self-employed, how many employees do you currently have?

Number of employees: _____

44. Have you ever been a member of a Trade Union?

Currently a member	1	
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Once a member, but not now	2
Never a member	3

IF YOU ARE MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTION 45. OTHERWISE, PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 48.

45. Which one of the following ca	ategories best describes	s your partner	's or spouse's
current employment status?			

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY

- Employed full time (35+ hours weekly) \Box_1
- Employed part time (15-35 hours weekly) $\boxed{2}$

Employed - less than 15 hours/temporarily out of work $\boxed{3}$

Helping family member \Box_4

NOT CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY

Unemployed or beneficiary	5

Student

Retired [

Housewife/husband - home duties $\boxed{8}$

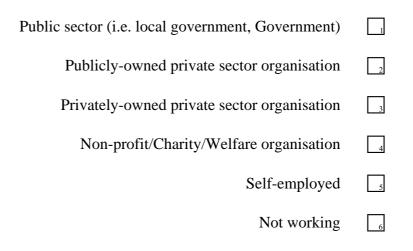
Permanently disabled

46. What is your *partner's* or *spouse's* main occupation?

- If your partner or spouse has more than one job, business or professional practice, please give the occupation for the job he or she spends the most time at.
- Please describe fully, using two words or more; for example, builders' labourer *not* labourer, accounts clerk *not* clerk, deer farmer *not* farmer.

Main occupation:	OR: not applicable	99
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47. Which of these categories best describes who your partner or spouse works for (or who they worked for most recently)?



48. At the 2008 General Election, who did you vote for?

	Electorate candidate	Party list
Didn't vote/not eligible to vote		
Act	2	2
Alliance	3	3
Destiny	4	4
Green	5	5
Labour	6	6
Maori Party	7	7
National	8	8
New Zealand First	9	9
Progressive Coalition	10	10
United Future	11	11
Other	12	12
Don't know	13	13

49. Where on the following scale would you say your political views lie?



50. Which of the following categories best describes your own yearly income from all sources before tax?

\$10,000 or less	1
\$10,001 - \$15,000	2
\$15,001 - \$20,000	3
\$20,001 - \$25,000	4
\$25,001 - \$30,000	5
\$30,001 - \$40,000	6
\$40,001 - \$50,000	7
\$50,001 - \$70,000	8
\$70,001 - \$100,000	9
\$101,000 or more	10

- 51. Which of the following categories best describes the total yearly income of *everyone in your household* from all sources before tax?
 - \$15,000 or less

2

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\$20,001 - \$30,000

\$15,001 - \$20,000

- \$30,001 \$40,000
- \$40,001 \$50,000
- \$50,001 \$60,000
- \$60,001 \$70,000
- \$70,001 \$80,000
 - \$100,001 or more

\$80,001 - \$100,000

52. And in which area do you live?

- 1 Horowhenua 12 Wellington 13 Wairarapa 14 Nelson Bays 15 16 Marlborough West Coast 17 Canterbury 18 Aorangi 19 Clutha-Central Otago 20 Coastal-North Otago 21 Southland 11 22
- Auckland 2 Thames Valley 3 Bay of Plenty 4 5 Waikato Tongariro 6 East Cape 7 Hawkes Bay 8 Taranaki 9 Wanganui 10 Manawatu-Rangitikei

Northland

53. 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
A farm or home in the country	5

54. What is the population of place where you live?

 100,000 or more ____

 50,000 - 99,000 ___

 30,000 - 49,999 ___

 10,000 - 29,999 ___

 1,000 - 9,999 ___

 Less than 1,000

 Farm or rural property

If you have any other comments you wish to add, on any of the topics raised in this questionnaire, we would welcome them. Please write them in the space provided below.

We are very grateful for your help. Please return your questionnaire in the stamped addressed envelope provided, to:

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