

**ZA5225**

**Youth in Europe**

**- Codebook -**

## **PERSPECTIVES ON LIFE AND RELIGION**

### **A European Survey**

(As “German/Germany” is used, the participating country (items) has to be named –  
when “Christian” or “Christianity” is used, we have to clarify how to translate it e.g. into the Jewish context)

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Dear participants,

The purpose of this survey is to gather data that we ( i.e. researchers in different European countries, the United States and Israel) need to get an idea of what religion means to you, the young people of the year 2001. We are interested in how you personally think about life and religion. For the success of our research, it is important that you answer these questions freely and openly. The questionnaire is completely anonymous and the answers will solely be used for university purposes of scientific research.

We will keep in touch with you via your teacher. The results of our research will be given to him/her.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

<b>Name &amp; Institution</b>
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#### **How to answer the questions?**

For most of the questions we will use a five-point scale. The significance of the numbers is as follows:

- AS** means I Agree Strongly
- A** means I Agree
- NC** means I am Not Certain
- D** means I Disagree
- DS** means I Disagree strongly

Circle the letters that reflect your view.

If another form of answer is needed, it will be explained together with the question.

#### **Note:**

The codes to use for data entry are shown in red bold types (like this)  
above/in front of/instead of possibilities of choice.

GENERALLY: Missing Answer = 99; Not applicable = 88; Don't know = 77

## Adolescent characteristics (Background Variables)

### 1 AGE

What is the year of your birth?

Year Last two digits of year of birth

### 2 SEX

What is your sex?

- ☐ Female (Code: 0)  
☐ Male (Code: 1)

### 3 EDUCATION

Note: according to a code system in the questionnaire, adjusted to the educational system of each country, and to be filled in by the teacher

1. What class do you attend? Use Your Country Specific Codes
2. What is the type of your school (e.g. secondary school, grammar school, college)?  
Use Your Country Specific Codes  
Is it a  
☐ State School (Code: 0)  
or ☐ Private School? (Code: 1)
4. City Use Your Country Specific Codes
5. Country Use Your Country Specific Codes

### 4 RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION AND PRACTICE

Do you belong to one of the following churches or religious groups? (to be adjusted for each country)

- ☐ No (Code: 0)  
☐ Yes – make a choice: (Code: 1)

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|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Roman Catholic    | 6 Christian Orthodox  | 11 Jewish (religious) |
| 2 Lutheran          | 7 Jehovah's Witnesses | 12 Jewish (secular)   |
| 3 Church of England | 8 URC/Presbyterian    | 13 Muslim (religious) |
| 4 Baptist           | 9 Buddhist            | 14 Muslim (secular)   |
| 5 Methodist         | 10 Hindu              | 15 Sikh               |

Other (please specify): Use Your Country Specific Codes

### 5 RELIGIOUS SOCIALIZATION

5a) How would you describe your parents' or your foster-/stepparents' belief and faith in God or a higher reality?

*Please answer this question for your father and mother separately.*

	Father	Mother
1 Believe absolutely	5	5
2 Believe, but with doubts	4	4
3 Doubtful	3	3
4 Rather unbelieving	2	2
5 Absolutely unbelieving	1	1
6 I don't know	77	77
7 Not applicable	88	88

**GENERALLY: Missing Answer = 99; Not applicable = 88; Don't know = 77**

5b) How important is it to your parents or your foster-/stepparents that you adopt their faith/belief? (Again: father and mother separately).

		Father	Mother
1	Very important	4	4
2	Fairly important	3	3
3	Not so important	2	2
4	Not at all important	1	1
5	I don't know	77	77
6	Not applicable	88	88

5c) Do your parents or your foster-/stepparents want you to attend religious services? (Again: father and mother separately).

		Father	Mother
1	Yes, they insist on it very strongly	3	3
2	Not really, but they do appreciate it	2	2
3	No, they leave me totally free in this regard	1	1
4	I don't know	77	77
5	Not applicable	88	88

5d) Apart from weddings, funerals and baptisms, how often do you go to a place of worship? (e.g. church, mosque, synagogue, temple, etc)

1	Nearly every week	5
2	At least once a month	4
3	Sometimes	3
4	Once or twice a year	2
5	Never	1

5e) Should you later marry, would it be important to you that your future wedding takes place within the scope of a religious service?

1	Very important	4
2	Fairly important	3
3	Not so important	2
4	Not at all important	1
5	I don't know	77
6	Not applicable	88

5f) Should you later have a child or children, is it important to you that you have them christened, baptized or dedicated?

1	Very important	4
2	Fairly important	3
3	Not so important	2
4	Not at all important	1
5	I don't know	77
6	Not applicable	88

5g) Is it important to you that a religious service be held for a deceased relative/friend?

1	Very important	4
2	Fairly important	3
3	Not so important	2
4	Not at all important	1
5	I don't know	77
6	Not applicable	88

**GENERALLY: Missing Answer = 99; Not applicable = 88; Don't know = 77**

5h) Have you been baptized?

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|---|------------|----|
| 1 | Yes        | 1  |
| 2 | No         | 0  |
| 3 | Don't know | 77 |

5i) Have you attended any preparation classes for Confirmation or for first Communion?

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|---|-----|---|
| 1 | Yes | 1 |
| 2 | No  | 0 |

5j) Did you participate in any group activity organized by the church, apart from Sunday services?

- |   |                           | Yes | No |
|---|---------------------------|-----|----|
| 1 | In the age of 5-9 years   | 1   | 0  |
| 2 | In the age of 10-14 years | 1   | 0  |
| 3 | 15 until now              | 1   | 0  |

5k) I regard myself as a religious person

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|---|---------------------|---|
| 1 | I agree strongly    | 5 |
| 2 | I agree             | 4 |
| 3 | I am not certain    | 3 |
| 4 | I disagree          | 2 |
| 5 | I disagree strongly | 1 |

5l) I regard myself as a believer

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|---|---------------------|---|
| 1 | I agree strongly    | 5 |
| 2 | I agree             | 4 |
| 3 | I am not certain    | 3 |
| 4 | I disagree          | 2 |
| 5 | I disagree strongly | 1 |

5m) Do you pray on your own?

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|---|-------------|---|
| 1 | daily       | 5 |
| 2 | once a week | 4 |
| 3 | sometimes   | 3 |
| 4 | rarely      | 2 |
| 5 | never       | 1 |

5n) Do you meditate?

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|---|-------------|---|
| 1 | daily       | 5 |
| 2 | once a week | 4 |
| 3 | sometimes   | 3 |
| 4 | rarely      | 2 |
| 5 | never       | 1 |

5o) There are different ways of conceiving the Bible. Which of the following statements come closest to your own opinion? Please circle one letter only:

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|----|--|
| 1  | The Bible is the clear word of God and therefore literally true.   |
| 2  | The Bible was inspired by God but it was written by human beings and it must therefore be interpreted anew in each age |
| 3  | The Bible contains much human wisdom, but it is not in any way affected by God.  |
| 4  | The Bible is just a book among other books.  |
| 77 | I have no opinion on this matter.  |
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## Religious life-perspectives

### 6 RELIGIOUS LIFE PERSPECTIVES AND ALTERNATIVES (Allbus/Socon/Zie)

The following questions want you to discuss your own ideas about God or a higher reality. Indicate how far you agree with the following statements. Answers: AS = I Agree Strongly; A = I Agree; NC = I am Not Certain; D = I Disagree; DS = I Disagree strongly

	AS	A	NC	D	DS
<b>Christian</b>	5	4	3	2	1
1. God for me is "the God of the Bible"	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
44. There exists a God whose kingdom shall come					
29. There is one God who has revealed himself through Jesus Christ					
15. There is one God who is personally concerned about every person					
<b>Pragmatism</b>					
2. the meaning of life does not depend on God or a higher reality but on me myself.					
30. For me the meaning of life is to make the best out of it.					
16. Each person has to decide for him or herself what the meaning of life is.					
<b>Humanism</b>					
3. In my opinion, God is what is valuable in a human being.					
31. God is not somewhere hanging above us, but inside us.					
17. God is another expression for the good in mankind.					
<b>Naturalism</b>					
4. The only higher reality is represented by the powers of Nature.					
32. In the end, our lives are controlled through natural laws.					
18. Life is just a part of Nature's development.					
<b>Deism</b>					
5. The world would not exist if there was no higher power.					
43. The higher being, or God, is not a person but a sort of power.					
33. The world is based on an organising power.					
19. A higher power does exist; however, it is not the Christian God					
<b>Cosmology</b>					
6. We all participate in the higher reality of the cosmos.					
34. There is a sort of cosmic energy out of which we have arisen and to which will one day return.					
20. The Cosmos gives and takes life.					
45. Our earth originates from an interaction of cosmological powers					
<b>Immanence</b>					
7. Every person has a divine spark in his/her deepest self					
35. Every person is a small part of God himself/herself					
21. The divine is something in our deepest self					
<b>Nihilism</b>					
8. In my opinion, life has very little meaning.					
36. In my opinion, life is meaningless					
22. There is no reason for life to exist.					
<b>Atheism</b>					
9. There is no higher power.					
37. There is no God or any divine power					
23. Believing in God is nonsense.					
<b>Criticism of Religion</b>					
10. God has been made up by the churches for the purpose of subjugating people					
38. People have invented God in order to shirk responsibility.					
24. The word 'God' is still being used to deceive people.					

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<b>Agnostic</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
11. It is a great question if God exists or not	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
39. I do not know if there is a God or a higher being.					
25. There are serious doubts as to the existence of God.					
<b>Rel.universalism</b>					
12. One God is given different names by the religions.					
40. The religions all refer to the same God					
26. Religions are different paths to the same God.					
<b>Metatheism</b>					
13. There is a higher being that we cannot describe in words					
41. God or the divine cannot be described in words.					
27. What God or the divine is, lies outside our comprehension.					
<b>Pantheism</b>					
14. There is something that unites all parts of mankind and the world.					
42. God is everywhere in Nature and Nature is divine.					
28. God is inside everything, God is everything.					

## 7 RELIGION AND THE MODERN WORLD (Zie)

It is not easy to determine the influences of modern society on religion. Opinions on this issue vary. What is your opinion regarding the following questions?

Answers: AS = I Agree Strongly; A = I Agree; NC = I am Not Certain; D = I Disagree; DS = I Disagree strongly

<b>Church-negative-macro</b>	<b>AS</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>DS</b>
a. Modern society and the Christian church do not fit together.	5	4	3	2	1
j. It seems modern society can get along just fine without the Christian Church	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
s. The Church does not deal with the issues of modern society					

<b>Church-negative-micro</b>					
e. Church beliefs are becoming less and less important for the individual modern person					
p. The modern person has no need for the Church's faith					
w. The modern person looking for answers will not find them in the Church					

<b>Church-positive-macro</b>					
d. The Church has a positive effect on the morality of modern society					
i. Without the Church, political and cultural life would be less interesting.					
v. The Church's influence as a guiding power in society is getting weaker rather than stronger					

<b>Church-positive-micro</b>					
q. The modern person can find what he or she is looking for within the faith of the Church					
b. In modern society especially, the Christian Church has become more attractive					
l. The inconsistencies of modern life steers ever more people back to the beliefs of the Church					

<b>Religion-positive-macro</b>					
g. In the supposedly secularized society, various religious movements are enjoying a renaissance					
f. If there were no religions in our modern society, one would have to invent one					
u. In spite of all our emphasis on progress, religion will always play an important role in public life					

<b>Religion-positive-micro</b>					
c. Contrary to what many people think, the support and meaning that religion delivers are important again in modern society					

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n. Crisis situations and inconsistencies in our modern lives open our eyes to the significance of religious symbols and rituals	5	4	3	2	1
k. Modern society will further rather than hinder quests for religious meaning	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓

#### **Religion-negative-macro**

x. In a modern society, people's need for religion disappears					
m. Religious convictions, rituals and symbols do not fit into these modern times					
r. Religion is a relic from times past					

#### **Religion-negative-micro**

o. For a modern person with an "enlightened" consciousness, there are no more religious questions					
h. For someone who thinks in a modern way, there is no more need for religion					
t. The more modern a person is, the less important become 'supernatural' matters, such as religion.					

### **8 CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS PLURALITY /Cultural and Religious Diversity (Zie)**

We live in a modern society which contains many different cultural and religious currents. Not everyone is happy about that. Opinions on this subject are divergent. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Answers: AS = I Agree Strongly; A = I Agree; NC = I am Not Certain; D = I Disagree; DS = I Disagree strongly

	AS	A	NC	D	DS
<b>Positive evaluation</b>	5	4	3	2	1
a. As there are so many world views at the present time, your own way of thinking is challenged	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
c. It is good that we encounter so many different world views in our society					
f. The fact that there are so many cultures is good for our society and makes it colourful					
i. The variety of religious beliefs in this country is enriching					
l. The presence of so many beliefs and religions enables you to reflect better on such matters					
<b>Negative evaluation</b>					
b. It fits with the times that there are many world views in our society					
d. The many religions world views in our country cause unrest and tension					
g. In our society, there are so many religions and cultural influences that you don't know in which direction to go					
j. There are, all in all, too many religions and world views in our country					
<b>Neutral evaluation</b>					
e. It is neither good nor bad that everyone in our country can believe what he/she wants					
h. The many religions in our country make life neither more nor less difficult					
k. It really doesn't matter that there are so many religions in our country					

### **9 MULTI-RELIGIOUSNESS /Relations Between The Religions(Van der Ven/Ziebertz)**

Here are a number of statements with regard to the relations between the religions. Please indicate for each of them the extent to which you agree with it.

Answers: AS = I Agree Strongly; A = I Agree; NC = I am Not Certain; D = I Disagree; DS = I Disagree strongly

	AS	A	NC	D	DS
<b>Multi-religious (salvation/redemption = truth)</b>	5	4	3	2	1
a. Religions are equal to each other, they are all directed at the same truth	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
g. All religions are equally valuable, they are different paths to the same salvation					



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i. Within religion as a whole, my religion is only one possible way to redemption	5	4	3	2	1
k. There is no difference between religions, they all stem from a longing for God	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
<b>Inter-religious</b>					
b. The way to real salvation can only be found in a dialogue between the religions					
e. God may only be found in the meeting between religions					
l. Before finding authentic (real) redemption, religions must enter into dialogue with each other					
o. The real truth can only be discovered in the communication between religions					
<b>Mono-religious</b>					
c. My religion is the best way to salvation compared to other religions					
h. Compared to my religion, other religions contain only part of the truth					
m. Compared to other religions, my religion contains the supreme salvation					
p. Compared to other religions, the deepest truth lies locked in my religion					
<b>Confessional-religious</b>					
d. Only in my religion do people have access to true redemption					
f. Only in my religion can people attain true salvation					
j. The only way to true salvation is revealed to mankind in my religion					
n. My religion contains the one, true light of redemption					

## 10 RELIGIOUS AUTHENTICITY AND EXPERIENCE /Questions about belief (Zie)

Next we present statements that people make about their faith. What do you think about these statements? Circle the answer that you find to be most appropriate.

a) *Many people say that their religion gives them a certainty in life that they otherwise would not have.*

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|--|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1 Do you believe that this is true?                | yes <b>3</b> | uncertain <b>2</b> | no <b>1</b> |
| 2 Would you wish for this to be true for yourself? | yes <b>3</b> | uncertain <b>2</b> | no <b>1</b> |
| 3 Do you experience this certainty yourself?       | yes <b>3</b> | uncertain <b>2</b> | no <b>1</b> |

b) *Many people say that through their belief they have experienced the closeness of God.*

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|--|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1 Do you believe that this is true?                | yes <b>3</b> | uncertain <b>2</b> | no <b>1</b> |
| 2 Would you wish for this to be true for yourself? | yes <b>3</b> | uncertain <b>2</b> | no <b>1</b> |
| 3 Do you experience the closeness of God yourself? | yes <b>3</b> | uncertain <b>2</b> | no <b>1</b> |

c) *Many people say that God has helped them in a concrete situation.*

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|--|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1 Do you believe that this is true?                                      | yes <b>3</b> | uncertain <b>2</b> | no <b>1</b> |
| 2 Would you wish for this to be true for yourself?                       | yes <b>3</b> | uncertain <b>2</b> | no <b>1</b> |
| 3 Have you ever experienced God's help in a concrete situation yourself? | yes <b>3</b> | uncertain <b>2</b> | no <b>1</b> |

d) *Many people say that their faith gives them a feeling of security that cannot be explained with the intellect.*

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|---|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1 Do you believe that this is true?                 | yes <b>3</b> | uncertain <b>2</b> | no <b>1</b> |
| 2 Would you wish for this to be true for yourself?  | yes <b>3</b> | uncertain <b>2</b> | no <b>1</b> |
| 3 Have you ever experienced this security yourself? | yes <b>3</b> | uncertain <b>2</b> | no <b>1</b> |

e) *Many people say that their faith has often helped them not to lose courage in particular situations.*

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|---|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1 Do you believe that this is true?                     | yes <b>3</b> | uncertain <b>2</b> | no <b>1</b> |
| 2 Would you wish for this to be true for yourself?      | yes <b>3</b> | uncertain <b>2</b> | no <b>1</b> |
| 3 Do you experience such a support from faith yourself? | yes <b>3</b> | uncertain <b>2</b> | no <b>1</b> |

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f) *Many people say that life would be meaningless without faith in God.*

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|---|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1 Do you believe that this is true?                   | yes <b>3</b> | uncertain <b>2</b> | no <b>1</b> |
| 2 Would you wish for this to be true for yourself?    | yes <b>3</b> | uncertain <b>2</b> | no <b>1</b> |
| 3 Do you experience such a meaningful faith yourself? | yes <b>3</b> | uncertain <b>2</b> | no <b>1</b> |

## 11 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SCHOOL (Zie)

Please give your opinion about your ideal idea of Religious Education at school.

Answers: AS = I Agree Strongly; A = I Agree; NC = I am Not Certain; D = I Disagree; DS = I

Disagree strongly

*The ideal religious education...*

Dimension		AS	A	NC	D	DS
Catechetical	a. brings students closer to the Christian belief	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
	d. puts students in a position to discover the truth about God by means of religions	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
	k. brings the students closer to the church					
Existential	b. helps students in their search for meaning and life-direction					
	h. makes for a better learning environment in class					
	i. provides answers to important questions					
Information	c. gives students an objective image of the world religions					
	e. helps students to understand what religions really mean					
	f. puts students in a position to converse about religious questions					
	g. promotes the understanding of societal questions and problems					
	j. adds to our general knowledge					
Disapproval	(!) l. would only be ideal if it didn't exist at all					

## 12 CONGREGATION SATISFACTION

Listed below are several words and phrases that may or may not describe a specific area of your church. Please, decide whether the word or phrase is

- +2 = completely descriptive
- +1 = very much descriptive
- 0 = pretty much descriptive
- 1 = somewhat descriptive
- 2 = not at all descriptive

Draw a circle around one of the five numbers after the word or phrase to show the answer you have selected. If you feel that you cannot give any answer to one section, please tack 'not applicable' at the beginning of the section. (R) = reverse code

### a) Religious Services

Think of the weekly religious services at your church. Indicate how well each of the following words describes these services.

**88** not applicable

Codes	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
01. Interesting	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
02. Too long (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
03. Comforting	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
04. Confusing (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
05. Inspiring	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
06. Dull (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
07. Useful in daily life	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
08. Not well planned (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
09. Not enough variety (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
10 Easy to understand	+2	+1	0	-1	-2

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**b) Church Members**

Think of the majority of the people that you know at your church. Indicate how well each of the following words describes these church members.

**88** not applicable

<b>Codes</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
01. Close-minded	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
02. Uninvolved	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
03. Supportive	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
04. Easy to get to know	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
05. Dedicated	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
06. Willing to listen to problems	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
07. Active	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
08. Hard to meet	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
09. Prejudiced	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
10. Complaining	+2	+1	0	-1	-2

**c) Special Programmes and Activities**

Think about the special programmes and activities at your church, such as social events, fundraising activities, programmes for helping needy groups, choir groups, etc. Indicate how well each of the following words describes the special programmes and activities.

**88** not applicable

<b>Codes</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
01. Inadequate (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
02. Hard to get involved in (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
03. Fun	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
04. Poorly planned (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
05. Creative	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
06. Interesting	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
07. Not well publicised (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
08. Something for everyone	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
09. Not well attended (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
10. Well run	+2	+1	0	-1	-2

**d) Religious Education for Children and Young People at your Parish**

Think about the religious education and training offered by your church for children and young people. Indicate how well each of the following words describes this education and training.

**88** not applicable

<b>Codes</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
01. Well organised	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
02. Qualified teachers	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
03. Poorly taught(R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
04. Boring (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
05. Interesting	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
06. Poorly attended (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
07. Incomplete (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
08. Misbehaving students (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
09. Meaningful	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
10. Something for all ages	+2	+1	0	-1	-2

**GENERALLY: Missing Answer = 99; Not applicable = 88; Don't know = 77**

### e) Church Facilities

Think of the facilities of your church, such as building, grounds, sanctuary, rooms, etc. Indicate how well each of the following words describes these facilities.

**88** not applicable

<b>Codes</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
01. Pleasant to be in	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
02. Enough parking	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
03. In need of repair (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
04. Neat	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
05. Attractive	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
06. Poorly lit (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
07. Well kept up	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
08. Not big enough (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
09. Unsafe neighbourhood	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
10. Too hot or too cold (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
11. Comfortable to be in	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
12. Services are hard to hear (R)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2

## Non-religious life perspectives

### 13 LIFE PERSPECTIVE IN TIME (Shell: Youth 2000 –rev-)

What is your opinion regarding the following statements dealing with philosophy of life:

Answers: AS = I Agree Strongly; A = I Agree; NC = I am Not Certain; D = I Disagree; DS = I Disagree strongly

	<b>AS</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>DS</b>
<b>Pessimism for the future</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
1. Technology and industry is going to ruin the environment.	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
15. Violent conflicts are going to make life more and more unsafe.					
8. The economic crisis is going to get worse.					
<b>Orienting oneself in the present</b>					
2. The only thing that counts is how you live today.					
16. I have no plans, I'll just wait and see what the future brings.					
9. I live in the here and now, and do not think about how to go about making a future life for myself.					
<b>Securing one's personal lifestyle</b>					
3. Come what may, I will not surrender my own interests and private life.					
17. Right when everything else is becoming complicated, it is important to have an uncomplicated personal private sphere					
10. There has to be at least one safe point which one can always come back to.					
<b>The challenges of the future</b>					
4. I do not see my future in a positive light.					
18. Today everything changes so fast, you just have to try to hang on.					
11. The future will probably not turn out the way I imagine it now anyway.					
<b>Clear planning for life</b>					
5. I have set plans for the future and believe that I will fulfill them.					
19. I believe I have my life well under control.					
12. No matter what the world looks like in the future, I am sure I will be able to change along with it.					
<b>Nostalgia</b>					
6. People and animals are a lot more similar than they think.					
20. Humanity is headed straight for Armageddon.					
22. I enjoy thinking about my past.					
13. I like to hear stories from the good old times.					

**GENERALLY: Missing Answer = 99; Not applicable = 88; Don't know = 77**

<b>Commitment until the next change</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
7. If I plan something today, I am prone to abandoning that plan tomorrow.	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
21. It is not possible to predict where I will be in 10 years.					
23. I am not really able to plan anything, since I don't know what's coming.					
14. Since one can't tell what the world will look like tomorrow, there is no way to plan for your future life today.					

#### **14 VALUES /Attitudes Regarding Values (Shell: Youth 2000 –rev-)**

Every person holds a set of values for his or her life. What are yours? Please judge the following statements.

Answers: AS = I Agree Strongly; A = I Agree; NC = I am Not Certain; D = I Disagree; DS = I Disagree strongly

*It's important to...*

	<b>AS</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>DS</b>
<b>Autonomy</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
1. think and act independently	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
17. not get depressed over unpleasant issues					
25. hold on to one's personal opinion, even if it goes against the majority					
9. having the courage to say 'no'					
<b>Humanity</b>					
2. be ready to help others					
18. share with others, and be able to give from yourself					
26. accept every person the way he or she is					
10. do something for society					
<b>Self management</b>					
3. to stay in charge, exercise self-control					
19. fit into a certain order, be able to adapt					
11. be thorough in all what you do					
<b>Attractiveness</b>					
4. still look good in 20 or 30 years					
20. dress young even when you are 20 or 30 years old					
27. eventually make a lot of money in your life					
12. above all have fun and to experience a lot of things					
<b>Modernity</b>					
5. be interested in politics					
21. be able to use computers					
28. be able to use technology					
13. always have the latest technology and appropriate know-how					
<b>Authenticity</b>					
6. stay the way you are					
22. do or not do what you feel like					
29. be free from obligations					
14. convince others of your opinions					
<b>Family orientation</b>					
7. have a happy partnership					
30. have children					
23. build a family of your own where you feel comfortable					
15. later build a comfortable home					
<b>Professional orientation</b>					
8. a good education					
24. a solid job which allows you your independence					
31. a job which will mean something to you later in life					
16. find a stable job					

**GENERALLY: Missing Answer = 99; Not applicable = 88; Don't know = 77**

## 15 RELATIONSHIPS (Shell: Youth 2000 –rev-)

a) The following statements consider your relationship to your parents. How important are the following people in your life?

Answers: +2 = most important to -2 = least important; plus “x”

						I do not have one yet/ anymore
01 Father	5	4	3	2	1	88
02 Mother	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
03 Brother/s	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	x
04 Sister/s	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	x
05 Older relatives	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	x
06 Relatives of the same age	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	x
07 Steady partner/ Spouse	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	x
08 Own Child/ren	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	x
09 Good male friend	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	x
10 Good female friend	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	x
11 Group of friends	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	x
12 Other Students	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	x
13 Professional colleagues	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	x
14 Teachers	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	x
15 Boss/es	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	x

## 16 POLITICS

a) Here are a few statements in regards to ‘Politics’. Which statements do you agree with and which do you not? (Shell: Youth 2000 –rev-)

Answers: AS = I Agree Strongly; A = I Agree; NC = I am Not Certain; D = I Disagree; DS = I Disagree strongly

	AS	A	NC	D	DS
<b>Indifference</b>	5	4	3	2	1
1. There is no party that represents the young.	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
17. I don't know any politician who is committed to the young people.					
25. In the next few years, things are going to get worse for the young people.					
9. Too much money is being saved on the backs of the younger generation, this is wrong for the future of the state					
<b>Distance</b>					
2. Politics is boring.					
18. I do not know anyone among my friends who is interested in politics.					
26. Politics mostly deals with topics that have nothing to do with me anyway.					
10. I don't care which party is in power.					
<b>Alienation</b>					
3. It doesn't matter which party wins the election, the little guy and his problems don't count for anything anyway					
19. It shouldn't come as a surprise to the parties if, soon, no one turns out to vote for them anymore.					
27. The politicians often cheat the people.					
11. A lot of politicians take nice trips at our expense.					
<b>Anomy</b>					
4. Everything is so disorderly these days, no one really knows where he or she stands.					
20. Things today are so difficult, it is hard to know what is going on .					
28. Most people lack something solid to believe in and hold on to.					
12. Today everybody are so busy with themselves, they have no time to think about tomorrow.					

GENERALLY: Missing Answer = 99; Not applicable = 88; Don't know = 77

<b>Private sphere</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
5. I am satisfied if I have my private life and ordered relationships.					
21. You should just live your life and be happy if no one comes along to bother you from the outside.	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
29. I just want to live in peace and have not thought of revolting in any way.					
13. I want to do what I want and the others should do what they want.					
<b>Readiness to conform</b>					
6. People have to learn to be satisfied with what they have.					
22. Subordination and conformity are sometimes things you have to learn in life.					
30. In today's world, you can't be choosy, you have to use the possibilities that come along.					
14. You should definitely try to conform to things, and not try to be different every time.					
<b>Personal assertiveness</b>					
7. I would like to try to break out of the uniformity of this society.					
23. I don't want to live according to regulations and plans, I want to do what I like.					
31. I want to live and not just go with the flow.					
15. The people have become little wheels in a giant invisible machinery.					
<b>Polarity of generations and how it is experienced</b>					
8. The grown-up generation are closing off our future with their politics.					
24. We will suffer in the future because of the errors of today's politics.					
32. The grown-ups only take their own interests into account, and don't care about the future of today's youth..					
16. Politics principally tries to save money in those places where the future of today's youth is being decided					

b) In the following you find some questions about personal political activism. Please circle the answer which is most appropriate to you:

Have you or would you consider doing something of the following? Or would you rather refuse to do so?

	Have done	would consider	refuse to do
01. Sign a petition	3	2	1
02. Take part in a boycott/ consumer's strike	↓	↓	↓
03. Contact a politician	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04. Wear a sign/ symbol expressing an opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05. Take part in demonstrations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06. Be member of a political party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07. Occupy buildings or similar actions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08. Distribute extreme political propaganda	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09. Destroying private or public property as a protest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Paint political slogans in public places	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Use violence for political purposes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 17 ORGANISATIONS (Trust In Organisations)

This is a list of groupings or organisations We would like to know how much trust you have in these groups or organisations. (Shell: Youth 2000 –rev-)

Answers: +2 = “a lot of trust” to -2 = “very little trust”

01. Employer organisations	5	4	3	2	1
02. Citizen's action group	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
03. Government	+2	+1	0	-1	-2



**GENERALLY: Missing Answer = 99; Not applicable = 88; Don't know = 77**

04. Parliament	5	4	3	2	1
05. Military	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
06. Television	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
07. Courts	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
08. Unions	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
09. Churches	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
10. Human rights groups (e.g. Amnesty International)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
11. Political Parties	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
12. Police	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
13. Environmental protection groups (e.g. Greenpeace, WWF)	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
14. Newspapers	+2	+1	0	-1	-2

## 18 IMMIGRANT CITIZENS (Shell: Youth 2000 –rev-)

The last few years have brought several debates regarding immigrant citizens in our country. How do you find the following statements?

Answers: AS = I Agree Strongly; A = I Agree; NC = I am Not Certain; D = I Disagree; DS = I Disagree strongly

<b>Xenophobia</b>	<b>AS</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>DS</b>
1. Foreigners who turn to crime in my country should be deported immediately.	5	4	3	2	1
2. The foreigners take away jobs from the natives because they work for less money.	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
3. A lot of foreigners have it too good in this country.					
4. Foreigners who don't want to conform to this country shouldn't stay here.					
5. The economy would do a lot better in this country if there were fewer foreigners.					
6. People from this country should not marry foreigners.					
7. Most politicians in this country care too much about foreigners, and not enough about the people who have always lived here.					
8. There are too many foreigners in this country.					
9. Foreigners shouldn't act so provocatively in public.					
10. I try to stay away from foreign young people.					

## 19 PERSONALITY / Questions About Yourself (Eysenck)

These are questions of a different type designed to tell us about your personality. Answer honestly moving quickly from one question to the next.

<b>Neuroticism</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>
1. Does your mood often go up and down?	1	0
9. Do you often feel 'fed-up'?	↓	↓
11. Would you call yourself a nervous person?	□	□
14. Are you a worrier?	□	□
18. Do you suffer from 'nerves'?	□	□
21. Do you often feel lonely?	□	□
<b>Extraversion</b>		
2. Are you a talkative person?	1	0
4. Are you rather lively?	↓	↓
13. Can you easily get some life into a rather dull party?	□	□
23. Do other people think of you as being very lively?	□	□
15. Do you tend to keep in the background on social occasions?	□	□
20. Are you mostly quiet when you are with other people?	□	□



GENERALLY: Missing Answer = 99; Not applicable = 88; Don't know = 77

### Lie Scale

5. Were you ever greedy by helping yourself to more than your share of anything? 1 0  
 7. Have you ever blamed someone for doing something that you knew was really your fault? ↓ ↓  
 10. Have you ever taken anything (even a pin or a button) that belonged to someone else? □ □  
 17. Have you ever cheated at a game? □ □  
 19. Have you ever taken advantage of someone? □ □  
 24. Do you always practice what you preach? □ □

### Psychoticism

6. Would you take drugs which may have strange or dangerous effects? 1 0  
 12. Do you think marriage is old fashioned and should be done away with? ↓ ↓  
 22. Would you like other people to be afraid of you? □ □  
 8. Do you enjoy co-operating with others? □ □  
 15. Do you try not to be rude to people? □ □  
 3. Would being in debt worry you? □ □

### 20 EUROPE (Shell: Youth 2000 –rev-)

a) Europe: for some people it represents hope, for others an atrocity. What do you think of Europe?

Answers: AS = I Agree Strongly; A = I Agree; NC = I am Not Certain; D = I Disagree; DS = I Disagree strongly

	AS	A	NC	D	DS
<b>Disadvantages for the individual through Europe</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
01. For me it will be hard to find a good workplace in a united Europe, since competition is growing.	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
04. The greater the economic zones in the world become, the smaller my chances of fulfilling my personal interests become.					
06. A united Europe will mix the cultures in such a way that no one will really know where they come from anymore					
03. It is only a question of time before the languages get so blended into one another that my language will disappear					
<b>Europe as opportunity</b>					
02. Europe growing together will open up many doors, particularly for young people.					
07. The uniting of Europe will improve the conditions of all people in the long run.					
08. I think it is very important that old European enemies now unite with one another.					
05. The introduction of the euro as a currency will help the Europeans integrate.					

b) How do you think the integration of the European nations will affect you personally? Please, choose only one answer:

A united Europe...

- 1 ... will not change anything for me personally.  
 2 ... will affect me mostly negatively.  
 3 ... will affect me mostly positively.  
 4 ... will have both negative and positive consequences for me.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.