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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

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.

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To begin, we have some questions about women.

1. Do you agree or disagree.. Please select one answer on each line

	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	can't choose
a. A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work.						
b. A pre-school child is likely to suffer if his or her mother works						
c. All in all, family life suffers when the woman has a full-time job.						
d. A job is alright, but what most women really want is a home and children.						
e. Being a housewife is just as fulfilling as working for pay.						
f. Having a job is the best way for a woman to be an independent person.						
g. Most women have to work these days to support their families.						

2. And, do you agree or disagree... Please select one answer on each line

	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	can't choose
a. Both the man and woman should contribute to the household income.						
b. A man's job is to earn money; a woman's job is to look after the home and family						
c. It is not good if the man stays at home and cares for the children and the woman goes out to work.						
d. Family life often suffers because men concentrate too much on their work.						

3. Do you think that women should work outside the home full-time, part-time or not at all under these circumstances: Please select one answer on each line.

	Work Full-time	Work Part-time	Stay Home	Can't choose
a. After marrying and before there are children.				
b. When there is a child under school age.				
c. After the youngest child starts school.				
d. After the children leave home				

4. Do you agree or disagree... Please select one answer on each line

	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	can't choose
a. Married people are generally happier than unmarried.						
b. The main advantage of marriage is that it gives financial security.						
c. The main purpose of marriage these days is to have children.						
d. It is better to have a bad marriage than no marriage at all.						
e. People who want children ought to get married.						
f. One parent can bring up a child as well as two parents together.						
g. It is alright for a couple to live together without intending to get married.						
h. It's a good idea for a couple who intend to get married to live together first.						
i. Divorce is usually the best solution when a couple can't seem to work out their marriage problems.						

5. All in all, what do you think is the ideal number of children for a family to have?
Ideal # of children _____

6. Do you agree or disagree.. Please select one answer on each line

	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	can't choose
a. Watching children grow up is life's greatest joy.						
b. Having children interferes too much with freedom of parents.						
c. People who have never had children lead empty lives.						
d. When there are children in the family, parents should stay together even if they don't get along.						
e. Even when there are no children, a married couple should stay together even if they don't get along.						

Please check one box for each question

7. Which of these would you say is more important in preparing children for life...

To be obedient

or

To think for themselves

Can't choose

8. Did your mother ever work for pay for as long as one year after you were born and before you were 14?

Yes, she worked

No

Did not live with mother

9. Is your mother still alive?

Yes (go to (a))

No

9.(a) How often do you see or visit with your mother?

Lives in the same household

Daily

At least several times a week

At least once a week

At least once a month

Several times a year

Less often

10. Were you ever divorced?

Yes

No

Never married

Please answer this question if you are married or living as married.

11. Was your (current) spouse/partner ever divorced?

- Yes
- No
- Not married

Please answer this question if you are married.

12. Did you live with your husband/wife before you got married?

- Yes
- No
- Not married

13. Did you ever live together with a partner you didn't marry?

- Yes, with a previous partner
- Yes, with my present partner
- Yes, both with a previous partner and with my present partner
- No, never

14. Do you agree or disagree... Please select one answer on each line

	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	can't choose
a. Working women should receive paid maternity leave when they have a baby.						
b. Families should receive financial benefits for child care when both parents work.						
c. A pregnant woman should be able to obtain a legal abortion for any reason whatsoever, if she chooses not to have the baby						

15. Do you think it is wrong or not wrong if a man and a woman have sexual relations before marriage?

- Always wrong
- Almost always wrong
- Wrong only sometimes
- Not wrong at all
- Can't choose

16. What if they are in their early teens, say under 16 years old, in that case is it...

- Always wrong
- Almost always wrong
- Wrong only sometimes
- Not wrong at all
- Can't choose

17. What about a married person having sexual relations with someone other than his or her husband or wife. is it...

- Always wrong
- Almost always wrong
- Wrong only sometimes
- Not wrong at all
- Can't choose

18. And what about sexual relations between two adults of the same sex, is it...

- Always wrong
- Almost always wrong
- Wrong only sometimes
- Not wrong at all
- Can't choose

19. Sometimes at work people find themselves the object of sexual advances, propositions, or unwanted sexual discussions from co-workers or supervisors. The advances sometimes involve physical contact and sometimes just involve sexual conversations. Has this ever happened to you?

- Yes
- No
- Never have worked

Please answer this question if you are currently married or living as married. If not currently married or living as married, please go to Q.23.

20. How do you and your spouse/partner organize the income that one or both of you receive? Please choose the option that comes closest.

- I manage all the money and give my partner his/her share.
- My partner manages all the money and gives me my share.
- We pool all the money and each take what we need.
- We pool some of the money and keep the rest separate.
- We each keep our own money separate.
- Not married or living as married.

Please answer if you are married or living as married.

21. In your household who does the following things...

Please select one answer on each line

	Always the woman	Usually the woman	Equal or together	Usually the man	Always the man	Done by a third person	Can't choose
a. Does the laundry							
b. Makes small repairs around the house							
c. Cares for sick family members							
d. Shops for groceries							
e. Decides what to have for dinner							

Please Answer this question if you are married or living as married and both of you are currently working for pay.

22. Who earns more money?
- The man earns much more
 - The man earns a bit more
 - We earn about the same amount
 - The woman earns a bit more
 - The woman earns much more

Please Answer This Question If You Ever Had Children

23a). Did you work outside the home full-time, part-time, or not at all...

Please select one answer on each line.

	worked full-time	worked part-time	stayed home	does not apply
a. After marrying and before you had children				
b. And what about when a child was under school age?				
c. After the youngest child started school				
d. And how about after the children left home				

23b) And what about your spouse/partner at that time--did he or she work outside the home full-time, part-time or not at all...**Please select one answer on each line**

	worked full-time	worked part-time	stayed home	does not apply
a. After marrying and before you had children				
b. And what about when a child was under school age?				
c. After the youngest child started school				
d. And how about after the children left home				

NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT SOME STATEMENTS ABOUT HOW CANADIANS THINK ABOUT THE WAY SPECIFIC CANADIAN ISSUES AFFECT WOMEN.

24. Please select one answer for each line.

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	CAN'T CHOOSE
Some people say that at the federal level women tend to be less suited to politics						
Some people say that at the municipal level women tend to be less suited for politics						
Parties should have a rule that half their candidates in provincial or federal elections should be women						
There has been a major narrowing of the wage gap between women and men over the past 10 years						
The notion that women and men should have equal pay for work of equal value should be passed into law						
Women have a much better chance of getting a job in areas traditionally considered male dominated than they did 10 years ago						
Women in Canada are less likely to get an important job than women in other Western countries						
There is much more violence against women than there was 10 years ago						
The judicial system is more likely to come down harder on those who commit violence against women than it did 10 years ago						

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

25. Are you: Male
Female

26. What language do you normally speak at home?

- English
French
English & French
Other

27. Please write down your exact age: _____

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

29. How far did you go in school?

- Grade school
Some high school
Finished high school
Some college/university
Finished college
Finished university
Graduate school

30. 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

31. If you work, how many hours do you normally work in a week? _____

32. If you work, what is your occupation? _____

33. Do you supervise, or are you responsible for, the work of other people?

Yes

No

34. If you work, is your job in the public or private sector?

Work for government

Work for publicly owned firm

Work for private company

35. If you work, are you self employed?

Yes

No

36. If you work, how many employees work for your firm or government department? _____

37. Are you a member of a trade union?

Yes

No

38. 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

39. If your spouse or partner works, what is their occupation? _____

40. 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+

41. 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+

42. Please write down the number of people who live in your household. _____

43. 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

44. Just as reference point, if you managed to vote in the last federal election, could you tell be which party you voted for?

- PC
- Liberal
- NDP
- Bloc Quebecois
- Reform
- Libertarian
- Confederation of regions
- Communist
- Other party

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

- PC
- Liberal
- NDP
- Partie Quebecois
- Reform
- Libertarian
- Confederation of regions
- Communist
- Other party

46. 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
- Other

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

48. 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
- Once a month
- Several times a year
- Less frequently
- Never

49. 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

50. Would you say you live in a :

- Completely rural area
- A village
- A town
- A city

51. In what province do you reside?

- Newfoundland
- Nova Scotia
- P.E.I.
- New Brunswick
- Quebec
- Ontario
- Manitoba
- Saskatchewan
- Alberta
- B.C.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION