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Area code _____ Respondent code _____

Date of interview: Day _____ Month _____

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Introduction (Ask for named respondent)

Good morning/afternoon/evening. I am from the Economic and Social Research Institute in Dublin. We are carrying out a survey of people's opinions on a variety of social issues. You were included in a national sample taken at random from the Electoral Register. This is an international study whose aim is to find out exactly what the public thinks on these issues, so that planning by the Government and other bodies can be made as effective as possible. It is only the help of many people like yourself in answering some questions that makes this work possible. The interview will take about forty minutes to complete. I can assure you that all answers will be treated in the strictest confidence by the Economic and Social Research Institute. We are interested in the number of people who think in various ways, not in any individual's views as such.

To begin, we have some questions about women.

1. Do you agree or disagree . . .

	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.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W1.1
b. A pre-school child is likely to suffer if his or her mother works.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W1.2
c. All in all, family life suffers when the woman has a full-time job.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W1.3
d. A job is alright, but what most women really want is a home and children.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W1.4
e. Being a house wife is just as fulfilling as working for pay.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W1.5
f. Having a job is the best way for a woman to be an independent person.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W1.6
g. Most women have to work these days to support their families.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W1.7

2. And, do you agree or disagree . . .

	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.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W2.1
b. A man's job is to earn money; a woman's job is to look after the home and family.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W2.2

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose	
c. It is not good if the man stays at home and cares for the children and the woman goes out to work.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W2.3
d. Family life often suffers because men concentrate too much on their work.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W2.4

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

	Work Full-time	Work Part-time	Stay Home	Can't Choose	
a. After marrying and before there are children.	1	2	3	8	W3.1
b. When there is a child under school age.	1	2	3	8	W3.2
c. After the youngest child starts school.	1	2	3	8	W3.3
d. After the children leave home.	1	2	3	8	W3.4

4. **Do you agree or disagree . . .**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose	
a. Married people are generally happier than unmarried people.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W4.1
b. The main advantage of marriage is that it gives financial security.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W4.2
c. The main purpose of marriage these days is to have children.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W4.3
d. It is better to have a bad marriage than no marriage at all.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W4.4
e. People who want children ought to get married.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W4.5
f. One parent can bring up a child as well as two parents together.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W4.6
g. It is alright for a couple to live together without intending to get married.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W4.7
h. It's a good idea for a couple who intend to get married to live together first.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W4.8
i. Divorce is usually the best solution when a couple can't seem to work out their marriage problems.	1	2	3	4	5	8	W4.9

5. **All in all, what do you think is the ideal number of children for a family to have?** Please just write a number on the line below.

Ideal number of children for a family _____

W5.1

6. Do you agree or disagree . . .

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose	
a. Watching children grow up is life's greatest joy.	1	2	3	4	5	6	W6.1
b. Having children interferes too much with the freedom of parents.	1	2	3	4	5	6	W6.2
c. People who have never had children lead empty lives.	1	2	3	4	5	6	W6.3
d. When there are children in the family, parents should stay together even if they don't get along.	1	2	3	4	5	6	W6.4
e. Even when there are no children, a married couple should stay together even if they don't get along.	1	2	3	4	5	6	W6.5

7. Which of these would you say is more important in preparing children for life . . . (Please circle one number only.)

To be obedient	1	
OR		W7.1
To think for themselves?	2	
Can't choose	8	

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	1	
No	2	W8.1
Did not live with mother	3	

9. A. Is your mother still alive?

Yes (Go to B.)	1	W9.1
No (Go to Q. 10)	2	

B. How often do you see or visit with your mother?

She lives in the same household	1	
Daily	2	
At least several times a week	3	W9.2
At least once a week	4	
At least once a month	5	
Several times a year	6	
Less often	7	

10. Were you ever divorced?

Yes	1	
No	2	W10.1
Never married	3	

11. A. Are you married (or living as married)? Yes ☐ 1 ↓ Go to B No ☐ 2 → Go to Q. 13 W11.1
- B. Was your (current) spouse/partner ever divorced?
- My partner has married and has divorced 1
- My partner has married but has never divorced 2 W11.2
- My partner has never married 3
12. A. Are you married? Yes ☐ 1 ↓ Go to B No ☐ 2 → Go to Q. 13 W12.1
- B. Did you live with your husband/wife before you got married?
- Yes 1 W12.2
- No 2
13. Did you ever live together with a partner you didn't marry?
- Yes, with a previous partner 1
- Yes, with my present partner 2 W13.1
- Yes, both with a previous partner and with my present partner 3
- No, never 4
14. Do you agree or disagree . . .
- | | 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. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | W14.1 |
| b. Families should receive financial benefits for child care when both parents work. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | W14.2 |
| c. A pregnant woman should be able to obtain a legal abortion for any reason whatsoever, if she chooses not to have the baby. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | W14.3 |
15. Do you think it is wrong or not wrong if a man and a woman have sexual relations before marriage?
- Always wrong 1
- Almost always wrong 2 W15.1
- Wrong only sometimes 3
- Not wrong at all 4
- Can't choose 8
16. What if they are in their early teens, say under 16 years old, in that case is it . . .
- Always wrong 1
- Almost always wrong 2 W16.1
- Wrong only sometimes 3
- Not wrong at all 4
- Can't choose 8
17. What about a married person having sexual relations with someone other than his or her husband or wife, is it . . .
- Always wrong 1
- Almost always wrong 2 W17.1
- Wrong only sometimes 3
- Not wrong at all 4
- Can't choose 8

18. **And what about sexual relations between two adults of the same sex, is it . . .**
- | | | |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Always wrong | 1 | |
| Almost always wrong | 2 | |
| Wrong only sometimes | 3 | |
| Not wrong at all | 4 | |
| Can't choose | 8 | |
- W18.1
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 | 1 | |
| No | 2 | |
| Have never worked | 3 | |
- W19.1
20. **A. Are you married (or living as married)?** Yes 1 ↓ Go to B No 2 → Go to Q. 23
- W20.1
- B. How do you and your spouse/partner organise 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 | 1 | |
| My partner manages all the money and gives me my share | 2 | |
| We pool all the money and each take out what we need | 3 | |
| We pool some of the money and keep the rest separate | 4 | |
| We each keep our own money separate | 5 | |
- W20.2
21. **In your household who does the following things . . .**
- | | Always
the
Woman | Usually
the
Woman | About Equal
or Both
Together | Usually
the
Man | Always
the
Man | Is Done
by a Third
Person | Can't
Choose | |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| a. Does the laundry | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | W21.1 |
| b. Makes small repairs
around the house | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | W21.2 |
| c. Cares for sick family
members | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | W21.3 |
| d. Shops for groceries | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | W21.4 |
| e. Decides what to have for
dinner | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | W21.5 |
22. **A. Are both you and your spouse working for pay?** Yes 1 ↓ Go to B No 2 → Go to Q. 24
- W22.1
- B. Who earns more money?**
- | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| The man earns much more | 1 | |
| The man earns a bit more | 2 | |
| We earn about the same amount | 3 | |
| The woman earns a bit more | 4 | |
| The woman earns much more | 5 | |
- W22.2

23. A. Have you ever had children? Yes ☐ 1 ↓ Go to B No ☐ 2 → Go to Q. 24 W23.1

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

	Worked Full-time	Worked Part-time	Stayed Home	Does Not Apply	
a. After marrying and before you had children?	1	2	3	8	W23.2
b. And what about when a child was under school age?	1	2	3	8	W23.3
c. After the youngest child started school?	1	2	3	8	W23.4
d. And how about after the children left home?	1	2	3	8	W23.5

C. What about your spouse/partner at that time - did he or she work outside the home full-time, part-time, or not at all?

	Worked Full-time	Worked Part-time	Stayed Home	Does Not Apply	
a. After marrying and before you had children?	1	2	3	8	W23.6
b. And what about when a child was under school age?	1	2	3	8	W23.7
c. After the youngest child started school?	1	2	3	8	W23.8
d. And how about after the children left home?	1	2	3	8	W23.9

The level of crime in our society is of concern to many people today. I'd now like to ask you a few questions on this subject.

24. Have you or any member of your household been a victim of crime within the past three years?

Yes ☐ 1 No ☐ 2 → Go to Q. 28 W24.1

25. Please indicate the type of crime:

Burglary (breaking in to your home/business)	1	W25.1
Theft of/damage to car/van	2	W25.2
Street crime (mugging, handbag snatching, etc.)	3	W25.3
Other type of robbery	4	W25.4
Sexual crime	5	W25.5
Domestic violence	6	W25.6
Other (specify) _____	7	W25.7

26. Was the crime reported to the Garda Síochána?

Yes ☐ 1 → Go to Q. 28 No ☐ 2 W26.1

27. Please indicate why the crime was not reported:

W27.1
W27.2
W27.3

28. A. Have you had any contact with the Garda Síochána over the past two years?

Yes ☐ 1 No ☐ 2 → Go to Q. 39 W28.1

B. About how many times have you been in contact with the Gardai?

Once	1	
2 - 3 times	2	
4 - 8 times	3	
more than 8 times	4	W28.2



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There is a great deal of concern today about the AIDS epidemic and how to deal with it. Because of the grave nature of this problem, we are going to ask you some personal questions and we need your frank and honest responses. Your answers are confidential and will be used only for statistical reports. Co-operation with this part of the survey is, of course, entirely optional. Your answers will not be known to the interviewers and will be placed in a sealed envelope.

The past 12 months:

1. How many sex partners have you had in the last 12 months? Please circle ONE answer.

No partners	00 → Go to Question 6
1 partner	01
2 partners	02
3 partners	03
4 partners	04
5-10 partners	05
11-20 partners	06
21-100 partners	07
More than 100 partners	08

Q1.1

2. Was one of the partners your husband or wife or regular sexual partner?

Yes	1
No	2

Q2.1

If you had NO other partners beside your husband or wife or regular sexual partner, please go to Question 4.

3. If you had other partners, please indicate all categories that apply to them. Please circle ALL the answers that apply.

Close personal friend	1
Neighbour, co-worker, or long-term acquaintance	2
Casual date or pick-up	3
Person you paid or paid you for sex	4
Other (Please specify)	5

Q3.1

Q3.2

Q3.3

Q3.4

Q3.5

4. Have your sex partners in the last 12 months been . . . Please circle ONE answer.

Exclusively male	1
Both male and female	2
Exclusively female	3

Q4.1

5. About how often did you have sex during the past 12 months?

Not at all	0
Once or twice	1
About once a month	2
Two or three times a month	3
About once a week	4
Two or three times a week	5
Four or more times a week	6

Q5.1

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The past 5 years:

6. Now thinking about the past five years, the time since March/April 1989, and including the past 12 months, how many sex partners have you had in that five year period?

No partners	00 → Go to Question 8
1 partner	01
2 partners	02
3 partners	03
4 partners	04
5-10 partners	05
11-20 partners	06
21-100 partners	07
More than 100 partners	08

Q6.1

7. Have your sex partners in the last five years been . . . Please circle ONE answer only.

Exclusively male	1
Both male and female	2
Exclusively female	3

Q7.1

Since your 18th birthday:

8. Now thinking about the time since your 18th birthday, (again, including the recent past that you have already told us about) how many FEMALE partners have you had sex with?

_____ Female Partners

Q8.1

9. Now thinking about the time since your 18th birthday, (again, including the recent past that you have already told us about) how many MALE partners have you had sex with?

_____ Male Partners

Q9.1

10. Thinking about the time since your 18th birthday, have you ever had sex with a person you paid or who paid you for sex?

Yes	1
No	2

Q10.1

While married:

11. Have you ever had sex with someone other than your husband or wife while you were married?

Yes	1
No	2
Never married	3

Q11.1

Thank you for your co-operation. Please place form in envelope, seal it, and give it to the interviewer or return it to us in the post.

Now thinking about the present...

29. About how often do you pray?

Never	1
Less than once a year	2
About once or twice a year	3
Several times a year	4
About once a month	5
2-3 times a month	6
Nearly every week	7
Every week	8
Several times a week	9
Once a day	10
Several times a day	11

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