

A Compilation of Documents Used to Develop the 2018 Religion IV Questionnaire
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The documents listed above were generated as part of the process of adopting and developing Religion IV for the International Social Survey Program (ISSP) study in 2018. Following standard ISSP protocol, Religion IV was selected to be the ISSP study in 2018 at the ISSP general meeting in 2015. Then at the general meeting in 2016, the themes and topics for Religion IV to focus on were chosen. Next, at the general meeting in 2017, the content of the questionnaire was finalized. Finally, the drafting group prepared a master copy of the questionnaire with related administration notes and sent it to the ISSP Secretariat which distributed it to ISSP members during the summer of 2017.

The first document, a bibliography of ISSP uses of Religion I-III, was distributed on January 26, 2015 along with the following email message:

At our 2015 meeting we will be selecting the topic for the 2018 ISSP. Religion is up for replication having been last fielded in 2008. I propose that we adopt Religion for 2018. It addresses a central component of societies, has been showing some important global trends, and has a crucial comparative dimension. Religion has been widely used in past ISSP research as shown by the attached list of over 750 entries from the ISSP bibliography. Among the many matters addressed by the previous three rounds of ISSP Religion are:

Societal change in religious beliefs and behaviors in general and secularization theory in particular

Religious change and the role of religion in Eastern Europe after the fall of communism

Differences in level religiousness across countries and individual, aggregate, and socio-historical factors causing this variation

Differences in specific religious beliefs and behaviors, inter-religious conflict with and across nations, and the so-called clash of civilizations

Comparisons of religiousness and spirituality

Religion as an independent variable predicting social and cultural beliefs and attitudes (e.g. on abortion rights, family values, sexual morality)

The contribution of religious beliefs and behaviors to well-being and health

Religion as an element in national identity

At the ISSP general meeting in Cape Town, South Africa on April 26-29, 2015, Religion IV was adopted as the 2018 ISSP study and a drafting group was selected to carry out the task. The members were the Czech Republic, India, Norway, Turkey, the United States, and Venezuela. The United States was chosen as conveyor of the drafting group. Following up on this decision, on July 6, 2015, three files were emailed. (Dates in this report are when the documents were emailed to members. They were

typically prepared before the day of distribution.) The second in this compilation was the final 2008 Religion III, annotated questionnaire. The third document was a list of topics and question types by years in which they were asked. (The last file distributed on that date was a spreadsheet that listed question # for variables in the three previous rounds, what countries fielded each round and the size of their samples, a count of compulsory vs. optional items in each round, and a list of derived variables. It is in the Appendix at the end of this compilation.)

The fourth document was sent on January 25, 2016 and was a discussion of Religion I-III content by year along with coverage of possible changes. Also, sent the same day was the fifth document, on topics/themes to be maintained, expanded, or added. The sixth document, showing the current ISSP religion structure, was distributed on March 8, 2016.

Then at the ISSP general meeting in Kaunas, Lithuania on April 30-May 4, 2016, the themes and topics to be focused on were selected. The seventh document on May 6, 2016 displays that vote. On May 9, 2016, the eighth document showing the schedule for the drafting group was circulated.

Next, documents 9-12 dealt with the pretesting of items. The ninth document was collated pretest items (July 8, 2016), the tenth document was the pretest questionnaire to be fielded (October 2, 2016), the eleventh the plans for the pretests (November 3, 2016), and the twelfth document the 2018 items that were pretested (January, 27, 2017). Also, emailed on January 27, 2017, the thirteenth document was the 2008 religion questionnaire with prior years annotated and highlighted.

In preparation for a drafting group meeting in Prague on February 15-16, 2017 to settle on the content on the 2018 Religion IV questionnaire, document fourteen, "Draft Content for Consideration," was distributed on February 8, 2017.

For the upcoming general meeting to finalize the content of the 2018 Religion questionnaire, documents 15-17 were circulated. On March 7, 2017, the fifteenth document on the pretest items annotated by previous usage and the sixteenth document with the drafting group's proposed content were distributed. In response to comments from ISSP on the draft questionnaire, on April 17, 2017 the seventeenth document that integrated the comments into the questionnaire was circulated within the drafting group.

At the ISSP general meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland on April 29-May 3, 2017, the final content of the 2018 Religion IV study was adopted. The drafting group then prepared the eighteenth document, the final questionnaire and sent it to the Secretariat on June 5, 2017. The final document, a copy of an email that clarified the intent and meaning of one question, was sent on November 30, 2017.

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June, 2007; Annotated June, 2015

1. If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole...

1991, 1998, 2008

Very happy.....	1
Fairly happy.....	2
Not very happy.....	3
Not at all happy....	4
Can't choose.....	8

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

1991, 1998, 2008

Always wrong.....	1
Almost always wrong.....	2
Wrong only sometimes....	3
Not wrong at all.....	4
Can't choose.....	8

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

1991, 1998, 2008

Always wrong.....	1
Almost always wrong.....	2
Wrong only sometimes.....	3
Not wrong at all.....	4
Can't choose.....	8

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

1991, 1998, 2008

Always wrong.....	1
Almost always wrong.	2
Wrong only sometimes....	3
Not wrong at all.....	4
Can't choose.....	8

5. Do you personally think it is wrong or not wrong for a woman to have an abortion ...

	Always Wrong	Almost Always Wrong	Wrong Only Sometimes	Not Wrong at All	Can't Choose
a. If there is a strong chance of serious defect in the baby...1		2	3	4	8
1991, 2008					

b. If the family has a very low income and cannot afford any more children...	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 2008					

6. Do you agree or disagree...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Dis- agree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
A husband's job is to earn money; a wife's job is to look after the home and family	1	2	3	4	5	8
1991, 2008						

7. Generally speaking, would you say that people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

1998, 2008	
People can almost always be trusted	1
People can usually be trusted	2
You usually can't be too careful in dealing with people	3
You almost always can't be too careful in dealing with people	4
Can't choose.....	8

8. How much confidence do you have in ...

- 1. Complete confidence
- 2. A great deal of confidence
- 3. Some confidence
- 4. Very little confidence
- 5. No confidence at all
- 8. Can't choose

PLEASE CIRCLE A NUMBER

a. [Parliament]..... 1 2 3 4 5 8
<use national legislature, e.g. U.S. Congress>

1991, 1998, 2008

b. Business and industry.... 1 2 3 4 5 8

1991, 1998, 2008

c. Churches and religious
organizations..... 1 2 3 4 5 8

1991, 1998, 2008

d. Courts and the legal
system..... 1 2 3 4 5 8

1991, 1998, 2008

e. Schools and the
educational system.... 1 2 3 4 5 8

1991, 1998, 2008

9. We are interested in the extent to which you have moved from
one kind of place to another. Which do you think is most
like your experience of life?

2008

I have lived in different countries 1
I have lived in different places in the same country 2
I have lived in different neighborhoods in the same place 3
I have always lived in the same neighborhood 4

10. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

Strongly agree..... 1
Agree..... 2
Neither agree nor disagree.... 3
Disagree..... 4
Strongly disagree..... 5
Can't choose..... 8

PLEASE CIRCLE A NUMBER

a. Religious leaders
should not try to

influence how people vote in elections...	1	2	3	4	5	8
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1991, 1998, 2008

b. Religious leaders should not try to influence government decisions.	1	2	3	4	5	8
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1991, 1998, 2008

11. Please consider the following statements and tell me whether you agree or disagree..

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Dis- agree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
a. Overall, modern science does more harm than good.....	1	2	3	4	5	8

1998, 2008

b. We trust too much in science and not enough in religious faith.....	1	2	3	4	5	8
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1998, 2008

c. Looking around the world, religions bring more conflict than peace.....	1	2	3	4	5	8
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1998, 2008

d. People with very strong religious beliefs are often too intolerant of others.....	1	2	3	4	5	8
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1998, 2008

12. Do you think that churches and religious organizations in this country have too much power or too little power?

2008

Far too much power.....	1
Too much power.....	2
About the right amount of power....	3
Too little power.....	4
Far too little power.....	5
Can't choose.....	8

13. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neithe r agree nor disagr ee	Disag ree	Strong ly Disagr ee	Can't choose
a. All religious groups in [country] should have equal rights. 2008	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. We must respect all religions. 2008	1	2	3	4	5	8

14. People have different religions and different religious views. Would you accept a person from a different religion or with a very different religious view from yours...

1. Definitely accept,
2. Probably accept,
3. Probably not accept,
4. Definitely not accept,
8. Can't Choose

a. marrying a relative of yours	1	2	3	4	8
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2008

b. being a candidate of the political party you prefer?	1	2	3	4	8
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2008

15. There are some people whose views are considered extreme by the majority. Consider religious extremists, that is people who believe that their religion is the only true faith and all other religions should be considered as enemies. Do you think such people should be allowed to...

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE.

	Definitely	Probably	Probably	Definitely	Can't
			Not	Not	Choose
a. Hold public meetings to express their views?	1	2	3	4	8

2008

b. Publish books expressing their views?	1	2	3	4	8
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2008

16. Please indicate which statement below comes closest to expressing what you believe about God.

1991, 1998, 2008

I don't believe in God..... 1

I don't know whether there is a God and
I don't believe there is any way
to find out..... 2

I don't believe in a personal God, but
I do believe in a Higher Power of
some kind..... 3

I find myself believing in God some of
the time, but not at others..... 4

While I have doubts, I feel that I do
believe in God..... 5

I know God really exists and I have no
doubts about it..... 6

17. Which best describes your beliefs about God?

1991, 1998, 2008

I don't believe in God now and I never have..... 1

I don't believe in God now, but I used to..... 2

I believe in God now, but I didn't used to..... 3

I believe in God now and I always have..... 4

Can't choose..... 8

18. Do you believe in

	Yes, Definitely	Yes, Probably	No, Probably Not	No, Definitely Not	Can't Choose
.....					
a. Life after death.	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
b. Heaven.....	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
c. Hell.....	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
d. Religious miracles	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
e. Reincarnation - being reborn in this world again and again.....	1	2	3	4	8
2008					
f. Nirvana.....	1	2	3	4	8
2008					
g. The supernatural powers of deceased ancestors	1	2	3	4	8
2008					

19. Do you agree or disagree with the following...

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree
8. Can't choose

PLEASE CIRCLE A NUMBER

a. There is a God who concerns
Himself with every human
being personally..... 1 2 3 4 5 8
1991, 1998, 2008

b. There is little that people
can do to change the course
of their lives..... 1 2 3 4 5 8
1991, 1998, 2008

c. To me, life is meaningful
only because God exists..... 1 2 3 4 5 8
1991, 1998, 2008

d. In my opinion, life does not
serve any purpose..... 1 2 3 4 5 8
1991, 1998, 2008

e. Life is only meaningful if
you provide the meaning
yourself..... 1 2 3 4 5 8
1991, 1998, 2008

f. I have my own way of connecting
with God without churches
or religious services. 1 2 3 4 5 8
1991, 2008

20. What was your mother's religious preference when you were a child? Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1991, 1998, 2008

Protestant..... 1
Catholic..... 2
Jewish..... 3
Orthodox (such as Greek
or Russian Orthodox)... 4
Muslim..... 5
Other (Please Specify)

6
No religion..... 7
Don't know..... 8

If Protestant:

What specific denomination was that?

<List in Qs. 20-23 may be modified to include all major religions in each country.>

21. What was your father's religious preference when you were a child? Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1991, 1998, 2008

Protestant..... 1
Catholic..... 2
Jewish..... 3
Orthodox (such as Greek
or Russian Orthodox)... 4
Muslim..... 5
Other (Please Specify)

6
No religion..... 7
Don't know..... 8

If Protestant:

What specific denomination was that?

22. What religion, if any, were you raised in? Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1991, 1998, 2008

Protestant.....	1
Catholic.....	2
Jewish.....	3
Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox)...	4
Muslim.....	5
Other (Please Specify)	6
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No religion.....	7
Don't know.....	8

If Protestant:

What specific denomination was that?

If you are currently married or living as married, answer Q. 23:
If you are not currently married or living as married,
go to Q. 24:

23. What is your husband's/wife's religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1998, 2008

Protestant.....	1
Catholic.....	2
Jewish.....	3
Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox)...	4
Muslim.....	5
Other (Please Specify)	6
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No religion.....	7
Don't know.....	8

If Protestant:

What specific denomination is that?

<It is strongly recommended that the item on respondent's religion in the demographics use response categories fully compatible with those above.>

24. When you were a child, how often did your mother attend religious services?

1991, 1998, 2008

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
No mother/mother not present..	10
Can't say/Can't remember.....	98

25. When you were a child, how often did your father attend religious services?

1991, 1998, 2008

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
No father/father not present..	10
Can't say/Can't remember.....	98

26. And what about when you were around 11 or 12, how often did you attend religious services then?

1991, 1998, 2008

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
Can't say/Can't remember.....	98

<It is strongly recommended that the item on respondent's church attendance in the demographics use the same response categories as above.>

Now thinking about the present...

27. About how often do you pray?

1991, 1998, 2008

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

28. How often do you take part in the activities or organizations of a church or place of worship other than attending services?

1991, 1998, 2008

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

29. For religious reasons do you have in your home a shrine, altar, or a religious object on display such as a (COUNTRY-SPECIFIC LIST icon, retablos, mezuzah, menorah, or crucifix)?

2008

Yes	1
No	2

30. How often do you visit a holy place for religious reasons such as going to [shrine/temple/church/mosque]?

Please do not count attending regular religious services at your usual place of worship, if you have one.

2008

Never	1
Less than once a year	2
About once or twice a year	3
Several times a year	4
About once a month or more	5

31. Would you describe yourself as ...
1991, 1998, 2008

Extremely religious..... 1
Very religious..... 2
Somewhat religious..... 3
Neither religious nor
non-religious..... 4
Somewhat non-religious..... 5
Very non-religious..... 6
Extremely non-religious..... 7
Can't choose..... 8

32. What best describes you:
2008

I follow a religion and consider
myself to be a spiritual person
interested in the sacred or
the supernatural. 1

I follow a religion, but don't
consider myself to be a spiritual
person interested in the sacred
or the supernatural. 2

I don't follow a religion, but
consider myself to be a spiritual
person interested in the sacred
or the supernatural. 3

I don't follow a religion and don't
consider myself to be a spiritual
person interested in the sacred
or the supernatural. 4

Can't choose 8

33. Which of the following statements come closest to your own views:
1998, 2008

There is very little truth in any religion.	1
There are basic truths in many religions.	2
There is truth only in one religion.	3
Can't choose.....	8

34. Do you agree or disagree that practicing a religion helps people to...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Dis- agree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
a. find inner peace and happiness	1	2	3	4	5	8
2008						
b. make friends	1	2	3	4	5	8
2008						
c. gain comfort in times of trouble or sorrow	1	2	3	4	5	8
2008						
d. meet the right kind of people	1	2	3	4	5	8
2008						

Optionals

1. Would you say that you have been "born again" or have had a "born again" experience -- that is, a turning point in your life when you committed yourself to Christ?

1991, 1998, 2008

Yes.....1
No.....2

2. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

1991, 1998, 2008

a. The Bible is the actual word of God and it is to be taken literally, word for word..... 1

b. The Bible is the inspired word of God but not everything should be taken literally, word for word 2

c. The Bible is an ancient book of fables, legends, history, and moral precepts recorded by man..... 3

d. This does not apply to me 4

e. Can't choose..... 8

- 3 Has there ever been a turning point in your life when you made a new and personal commitment to religion?

Previously a required item

1991, 1998, 2008

Yes.....1
No.....2

4. During the last year, did you make some personal sacrifice as an expression of your faith such as by fasting, following a special diet, or giving up some activity during a holy season such as (Lent or Ramadan) <use examples that are appropriate for religions in your country>?

New

2008

Yes 1
No 2

5. There are many different ways of picturing God. We'd like to know the kinds of images you are most likely to associate with God.

Below are sets of contrasting images. On a scale of 1-7 where would you place your images of God between the two contrasting images?

The first set of contrasting images shows Mother at 1 on the scale and Father at 7. If you imagine God as a Mother, you would place yourself at 1. If you imagine God as a Father, you would place yourself at 7. If you imagine God as somewhere between Mother and Father, you would place yourself at 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6.

Where would you place your image of God on the scale for each set of images?

A. Mother							Father
1991, 1998, 2008							
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
B. Master							Spouse
1991, 1998, 2008							
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
C. Judge							Lover
1991, 1998, 2008							
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
D. Friend							King
1991, 1998, 2008							
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	

6. Now please think about something different. Please check one box on each line below to show whether you think each statement is true or false.

	Definitely True	Probably True	Probably False	Definitely False	Can't Choose
a. Good luck charms sometimes do bring good luck.	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
b. Some fortune tel- lers really can fore- see the future.....	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
c. Some faithhealers do have God-given healing powers.....	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
d. A person's star sign at birth, or horoscope, can af- fect the course of their future.....	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					

7. Suppose a law was passed which conflicted with your religious principles and teachings. Would you...

1998, 2008

Definitely follow the law.....	1
Probably follow the law.....	2
Probably follow your religious principles.....	3
Definitely follow your religious principles...	4
I have no religious principles.....	5
Can't choose.....	8

8. What is your personal attitude towards members of the following religious groups?

New

1. Very positive,
2. Somewhat positive,
3. Neither positive nor negative,
4. Somewhat negative,
5. Very negative,
8. Can't Choose

a. Christians 2008	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. Muslims 2008	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. Hindus 2008	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. Buddhists 2008	1	2	3	4	5	8
e. Jews 2008	1	2	3	4	5	8
f. Atheists or non-believers 2008	1	2	3	4	5	8

Notes on Question Wordings

In the above text "()" are parenthetical statements that will appear in the version administered to respondents. "[]" are used to show where appropriate, country-specific words will be inserted and the punctuations will be removed from the final text. "< >" are special notes or instructions to follow. The punctuations and the statements themselves will be removed from the final text.

Qs. 2-4 - "sexual relations" means "sexual intercourse".

Q. 8 - "confidence" takes on several meanings, but having trust in is the main dimension.

Q 8B - "Business and industry" - refers to large-scale businesses, but don't use an adjective like "big" in the translation.

Q. 9 - By "neighborhood we mean the part of the town/city one lives in. If one lives in a village, we take this as your "neighborhood". "Place" is a very flexible term, it can refer to anything from a rural locale to a large city. It generally means the smallest governing unit one resides in, such as a city, organized suburb, town, or rural district.

Q. 12 - "churches and religious organizations" refers to the power of organized or institutional religions collectively. The question is whether overall religious organizations (e.g. the Catholic and Lutheran churches) have too much/too little power.

Q. 14B - "prefer" refers to the political party that you favor or usually support or vote for

Qs. Required: 16, 17, 19a, 19c, 19f and Optionals: 2, 5A-D, 6C: "God" refers to a supreme being. The term should refer to an entity rather than a non-sentient force. An encompassing, non-sectarian term is desirable if possible.

Q. 16, response 3 - a "personal God" - a supreme being who cares about and is involved with individuals. This is a view of God in contrast to a deistic outlook.

Q. 18F - "Nirvana" is a Buddhist concept that refers to the ultimate state transcending pain and desire in which individual consciousness

ends.

Q 18G, 32 - "supernatural" refers to beyond the physical world, should conote things of a divine or transcendental nature. Avoid if possible, terms that refer mostly to entities like ghosts, poldergeists, elves, gremlins, etc. not associated with religion.

Qs 20-23 - "preference" refers to the religion that a person favors or identifies with. If a person was born a member of one religion, but then preferred or identified with another religion, this question asks about the latter.

"religions" refers to major faiths or organized theological systems as opposed to "denominations" which are sub-divisions within a religion. What is important is that these questions distinguish all relevant faiths, religions, denominations, sects, etc. that exist in each country.

Qs. 24-26 - "religious services" generally refers to organized, group worship activities like Muslims going to the mosque on Fridays, Catholic mass, attending church on Sundays for Protestants, etc. Private prayers at home would not normally count.

Q. 29 - In general, list two or three examples that would be appropriate for the two or three largest religions in your country. If the country is religiously homogenous and only one type of religious object would be typical for that religion, a single example would suffice. However, we want to avoid creating the impression that we are referring only to religious objects relating to one particular religion.

Q. 30 Note that this refers to a religious visit, thus sightseeing at a shrine, temple, church, tomb, etc. without a religious purpose would not count. In general, list two or three examples of holy places that would be appropriate for the two or three largest religions in your country. If the country is religiously homogenous and only one type of holy place would be typical for that religion, a single example would suffice. However, we want to avoid creating the impression that we are referring only to holy places relating to one particular religion.

Q. 31 "extremely non-religious" - this does not mean anti-religious or attacking religion, but being without any religious feelings, beliefs, or behaviors.

Q. 32 - see Q. 18G above.

Q. 34A - "inner peace" - refers to a state of mental and spiritual serenity. One is calm and content and avoids or overcomes discord and anxiousness.

Q. 34D - "right kind of people" - this would generally refer to good people, solid members of the community, people who would be good examples and potentially in a position of give assistance

Optionals

Qs. 1 and 2 should be asked in countries with an appreciable number of Evangelical Protestants. They are not general questions to be asked in all countries.

Qs. 3-8 are generally applicable for all countries.

Notes in **Bold** have been left in that describe the past history of the optionals.

Optional Q. 1 - "born-again" - this refers to a specific type of spiritual experience in which people accept Christ as their personal Savior and are "born-again" as a Christian on the path to salvation. If your country has Baptist or Pentecostal sects, find what they use in your language(s) for this. It does not refer to "rebirth" in the sense of reincarnation.

Optional Q. 2 - "Bible" should be used in all countries with predominantly Judeo-Christian heritage. Countries with adherents mostly from other religious traditions might either omit this item or replace "Bible" with the appropriate holy book. For example, a predominately Muslim country could rephrase the item in terms of the Koran.

"This does not apply to me." This code is largely for members of religions outside the Judeo-Christian tradition, but we want it to be flexible enough for other respondents to use it, if it seems appropriate to them.

Optional Q. 3 - Q. 20 - "turning point" - a time or event in one's life when a change occurred resulting in a gaining of faith, becoming a believer, a rededication to one's religion or similar.

Optional Q. 5 - "Master" is technically masculine in English, but is probably not seen in a highly gendered sense in this comparison. Carries the ideas of "master and servants" or an overlord. Someone who is in a position of social, economic, and political superiority. This item does assume a single Supreme Being and may not be appropriate in countries with polytheistic faiths.

Optional Q. 8A - "Christians" collectively refers to followers of all churches associated with Christianity: Eastern Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, Baptist, Seventh Day Adventist, etc. Similarly the other terms cover all sects or divisions within each of the listed major religions.

Years Asked In 7/6/2015#3

Topics/Types of Vars	91-98-08	91-98	98-08	08	Qs. Numbers
Non-religious, dependent vars	4	3	1	0	1-7
Non-religious, indep. vars	0	0	0	1	9
Confidence in institutions	5	0	0	0	8
Religion and politics	2	0	0	0	10
Religion and power	0	0	0	1	12
Religion and science	0	0	2	0	11a,b
Religion and peace/conflict	0	0	2	0	11c,d
Religious extremists	0	0	0	2	15
Religious beliefs	11	0	0	3	16-18,19a-e
Religious behaviors	8	0	1	2	20-30
Religiousness, degree of	1	0	0	0	31
Religious/Spiritual	0	0	0	1	32
Own way	0	1	0	0	19f
Religion, benefits of	0	0	0	4	34
Religious pluralism/ particularism	0	0	1	4	13,14,33

Years Asked In Discussion of Religion I-III Content and Possible Changes 1/25/2016#4

I consulted with a half dozen sociologists of religion and based on their input and some personal deliberation suggest the following topics and areas that the 2018 ISSP might increase or diminish.

Since I am also suggesting retaining all 42 asked in 2008 that were also asked in 1991 and/or 1998, there would be a maximum of 18 new items. If we retained some of the items asked only in 2008, there would be even fewer new items in 2018. That is acceptable to me personally, since I see a) the content of the module as strong now, b) the module has been widely used, and c) studying trends in religion is particularly important (e.g. relating to megatrends such as secularization and the clash of civilizations).

I have highlighted in **yellow** current counts, in **red** possible cuts, and in **green** possible additions.

Religious Beliefs

Of the **14** belief items in 2008 five with an afterlife, four dealt with God, three with meaning/fatalism, and two with other topics (religious miracles and powers of deceased ancestors). Three of the belief items were added in 2008 to have an Eastern religious orientation. They asked about nirvana, reincarnation, and ancestors. Reincarnation had some translation errors and probably some misunderstandings even when the translation was appropriate.

Additional belief items might further expand beyond the present focus on monotheism to capture more aspects of polytheism and/or pantheism.

Religious Behaviors

Of the **11** behaviors in 2008 six have to do with religion of origin (religion of mother, father, and what respondent was raised in plus another three on attendance of religious services by mother, father, and respondent when respondent was a child), one on spouse's religion, one on praying, one on religious activities, one on having a shrine, altar, or other religious object at home, and one of visit a religious shite/site, not counting one's regular place of worship. In addition, there was respondent's current religion and attending of religious services in the background variables. That brings the current total to 13. (But only 11 count towards our 60 total.) Two behaviors were added in 2008 to better cover Eastern religions (religious object in home and visiting shrines, etc.). These performed well both in East Asia and elsewhere.

Additional behavior items might include meditation, reading holy books, monetary donations, religious rites of passage (e.g. baptism, naming day, bar mitzvah, religious weddings), religious use of the Internet, fasting, and other religious acts of self-sacrifice (e.g. giving things up for Lent, dietary restrictions).

Degree of Religiousness

1 item: subjective, self-evaluation complement to belief and behavioral measures of religiosity.

Religious/Spiritual

Several endorse maintaining or expanding the **two** items (32,19f) that tap this distinction. **Also, a related area is increasing a focus on personal or individual religion vs. formal or organized religion.**

Religion and Science

Several endorsed adding to the **two** items that we presently have. The conflict between the two has increased as a political issue in the United States and as a topic of scholarly interest. I am not sure it is as important an issue internationally.

Religious Extremism

2 items: To update these Item on books might be replaced by Internet and public meetings by recruiting followers. That would of course prevent a 2008-2018 trend from being created. **Might we craft an item with ISI and similar groups in mind?**

Benefits of Religion

4 items: These focus on abstract assessments of benefits (social and psychological) and not actual reported benefits to respondents. **Might be dropped.**

Religion and Power/Politics

3 items: An important topic in many countries.

Religion and Peace/Conflict

2 items: both have agreeing as being negative about the role of religion: **might add** a positively formulated item.

Religious Pluralism/Particularism

5 items: three general items on accepting all religions; two hypothetical behavioral items on religions other than your own. **General items may be adequate to cover this.**

Confidence in Institutions

5 items: 1 religion and 4 non-religious for comparison.

Non-Religious, Dependent Variables

Of the **8** non-religious, dependent variables in 2008, most dealt with social, morality issues (three with sexual relations, two with abortion rights, and one with gender roles). There was also one items on happiness and one on interpersonal trust.

Non-Religious Independent Variables

The **one** item on geographic mobility **might be dropped.**

New topics:

Suggested additions have included several on “Pope Francis” topics: helping the poor, anti-capitalism, and climate change.

Cross-National Measures of Religiosity

Based on the EVS and WVS, Jon Miller uses seven items for measuring religiosity cross-nationally: 1) importance of religion in one’s life, 2) religious faith as one thing that parents should teach their children, 3) confidence in institutions, including religions, 4) attending religious services, 5) attending pray, 6) how religious a person is, and 7) how important is God in one’s life (see appendix).

The ISSP has items that at least partly match his items on institutional confidence, attending religious services, praying (but not “attending pray”), being a religious person, and belief in God (but not the importance of God in one’s life). There is nothing close to importance of religion in one’s life or religious faith being among a list of things that parents should teach children. Both of these include multiple items with religion being only one item covered among others.

Appendix: EVS/WVS Index of Religiosity

1. For each of the following, indicate how important it is in your life. **Religion**
Is it very important, rather important, not very important, or not at all important?
2. Here is a list of qualities that children can be encouraged to learn at home. Which, if any, do you consider to be especially important? Please choose up to five! **Religious faith**
3. I am going to name a number of organizations. For each one, could you tell me how much confidence you have in them: is it a great deal of confidence, quite a lot of confidence, not much confidence, or none at all? **Churches/Religious leaders** [Use the latter in non-Christian countries]
4. Independently of whether you attend religious services or not, would you say that you are... a religious person, not a religious person, an atheist?
5. Apart from weddings and funerals, about how often do you attend religious services these days? [Show card with responses from More than once a week to Never, practically never]
6. Apart from weddings and funerals, how often do you pray? [Show card with response from Several times a day to Never, practically never]
7. How important is God in your life? Please use this scale to indicate. 10 means “very important” and 1 means “not at all important.” [Card with 1-10 scale is shown.]

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Topics/Themes to be Maintained, Expanded, or Added 1/25/2016#5

A. Topics/Themes to be Maintained:

Religion and Politics/Power

Covers involvement of religions/clergy in politics and the power of religious organizations

Religion and Peace/Conflict

Whether religions lead to conflict or peace, whether the religious tend to be intolerant of others

Religious Extremism

Whether civil liberties should be allowed for religious extremists. See also, **Threatening Religions** under Added Topics/Themes

B. Topics/Themes to be Expanded:

Religiousness vs. Spirituality

This examines a shift that has been widely reported in the literature and which the ISSP started to measure in 2008. One of the main distinctions is between personal/individualistic religiousness or spirituality and formal/organized religion. Another dimension is between more mystical religious manifestations vs. the more mundane and conventional. Also, the spirituality may involve broader and less traditional religious beliefs and behaviors than traditional religion.

Secularism Theory

This argues that modernization, with the increase in education and the rise of science, inevitably leads to a decline in religion. We are tracking possible changes related to this with our basic measures of background, beliefs, and behaviors. The items on science and religion also relate to this theory. Additional items might inquire about such matters as whether people see religion as outdated and/or representing the past. Perceived contemporary and/or future viability of religion might also be examined.

Religious Pluralism/Particularism

Several existing items asks about the acceptance, equal treatment, and truthfulness of different religions. This might be augmented in several ways such as by considering whether religious heterogeneity might be perceived as undermining social cohesion or national identity.

Well-being

Research indicates that religiousness is associated in many societies with both psychological and physical well-being. There is now a measure of happiness and that might be augmented by items tapping such dimensions as self-ratings of health, affect balance, social isolation and loneliness, etc.

Misanthropy

Research indicates that the religious have lower levels of misanthropy. There is currently a single interpersonal trust item. The standard misanthropy scale also includes measures of fairness and helpfulness. Other ISSP studies have used the 3-items as have many other studies such as the General Social Survey.

A. Topics/Themes to be Added:

Religion and Gender

This would explore gendered aspects of religions in their beliefs, leadership, and relationship to adherents and how religion affects societal evaluations of general gender roles.

Threatening Religions

This would consider what specific religions people believe are threats to their society. Dimensions might involve terrorism, violence, assimilation, etc.

State Support for/Accommodation of/Separation from Religion

Should government support religious institutions like schools and hospitals, accommodate religions within state institutions (e.g. schools, civil service employment), or neither support nor accommodate religious organizations and the religious requirements of citizens when interacting with the state as students, employees, social welfare recipients, etc.?

Current ISSP Religion Structure 3/8/2016 #6

- A. Religious Background, Beliefs, and Behaviors
 - 1. Required Demographics (0)
 - 2. Beliefs (14)
 - 3. Behaviors (11)
- B. Topics/Themes related to Religion
 - 1. Religion and Politics/Power (3)
 - 2. Religion and Science (2)
 - 3. Religion and Peace/Conflict (2)
 - 4. Religious Extremism (2)
 - 5. Religious and/or Spiritual (2)
 - 6. Religiousness, Degree of (1)
 - 7. Religious Benefits (4)
 - 8. Religious Pluralism/Particularism (5)
 - 9. Confidence in Religious Institutions (1)
- C. Non-religious Dependent Variables (12)
 - 1. Well-being (1)
 - 2. Social Issues
 - a. Sexual Behavior (3)
 - b. Abortion (2)
 - c. Gender Roles (1)
 - 3. Misanthropy (1)
 - 4. Confidence in Institutions besides Religion (4)
- D. Other (1)

count Topic 5/6/2016#7

- 18 B1 Religiousness vs. Spirituality**
- 17 B2 Secularisation Theory**
- 12 B3 Religious Pluralism/Particularism**
- 12 B4 Well-being**
- 5 B5 Misanthropy**
- 16 C1 Religion and Gender**
- 23 C2 Threatening Religions (including Migration)**
- 14 C3 State Support for/Accommodation of/
Separation from Religion**
- 3 C4 Religion and Environment**

Religion 2018 DG Schedule5/9/2016#8

2016

2/23-24	DG meeting to select themes
3/9	Chair sends DG theme memo to ISSP
4/18	Responses from ISSP members due to DG
5/1	DG meets in Lithuania
5/4	ISSP General Meeting (GM) adopts themes
6/1-9/1	Proposals for specific items for pretest circulated in DG
9/15	Draft pretest questionnaire circulated to ISSP by chair
10/1	Pretest finalized and pretesting begins
12/1	Pretests done and sent to chair

2017

Dec. (2016- Early Jan.)	Merged pretest file circulated to DG by chair
Feb.	DG meets and select 60 items and any optionals to propose
March	Chair sends proposed items to group
April	Responses from ISSP due one week before GM
April/May	DG meets at site of GM
April/May	Final questionnaire adopted at GM
June-August	Chair sends final questionnaire to Secretariat

2018 Religion Pretest Items: Collated (July 8, 2016)7/8/2016#9

1. Threatening Religions

United States:

I considered up to six items for this theme. Two approaches are offered as possibilities. The first approach uses as an example an item in the 2008 religion optionals as a model.

This is an optional item in 2008:

What is your personal attitude towards members of the following religious groups?

1. Very positive,
2. Somewhat positive,
3. Neither positive nor negative,
4. Somewhat negative,
5. Very negative,
8. Can't Choose

a Christians	1	2	3	4	5	8
b Muslims	1	2	3	4	5	8
c Hindus	1	2	3	4	5	8
d Buddhists	1	2	3	4	5	8
e Jews	1	2	3	4	5	8
f Atheists or non-believers	1	2	3	4	5	8

Possible questions for 2018 base on this approach might ask about the same groups using one of the following lead ins:

In terms of fitting into (country's nationality) society, how do you rate the following religious groups?

Fits very well into society/fits fairly well into society/does not fit fairly well into society/doesn't fit well at all into society

In terms of being a threat to (country's nationality) society, how do you rate the following religious groups?

A serious threat/somewhat of a threat/only a slight threat/not a threat at all

How violent do you consider members of the following religious groups?

Extremely violent, very violent, somewhat violent, slightly violent, not violent at all

Or

Most are violent, about half are violent, only some are violent, very few are violent

A different approach would be to ask people to select which of the six listed religious groups were each of the following:

The most prone to violence

The most difficult to fit into (country's nationality) society

The most threatening to (country's nationality) society

The least prone to violence

The easiest to fit into (country's nationality) society

The least threatening to (country's nationality) society

This would count as six items, but would generate 36 variables.

Of course we would not have to include all (violence, fitting in, and threatening) and could consider alternatives to these.

Also, as possibly fitting under this heading are the following.

Immigrants who are not [majority religion in country] do not make good [country's nationality] citizens.

Immigrants who are not [majority religion in country] do not fit into [country's nationality] society.

Immigrants who are not [majority religion in country] do not adapt well/assimilate well into [country's nationality] society.

(Using standard 5-point agree/disagree scale)

Venezuela:

Venezuela's team wants to propose four questions, two linked to the monotheistic conception and religious pluralism, and two on the visions of martyrdom and religious war. I think these issues could get in category 1 (Threatening Religions) of topics votes in last meeting.

Both are topics with earliest reference in the history of religions and a lot of weight in theological conceptions of the major religions, but also have great relevance in the current situation of the world.

What we want to present is the idea of the question, understanding that the wording can be modified and adjusted in our subsequent conversations. The questions are:

1- My God is the only true God; all other gods are fakes.

2- Everyone can worship the god he or she thinks is the true God.

3- I would be willing to die in defense of my religion

4- I would be willing to kill in defense of my religion.

The first and second addresses the issue of monotheism and opposed to the tolerance that may mean religious pluralism and the notion of one God but with many faces (Second Vatican Council, for example).

The third refers to the notion of martyrdom and martyrdom emulation, which is very central to many religions.

The fourth change the passive attitude of martyrdom for an active and offensive attitude, which refers to the notion of the "holy war". One can hypothesize that more people are willing to die than to kill, and this gives difference both among religions and inside the same religion.

< These appear to be formatted as agree/disagree items.>

Czech Republic:

We would like to include the optional items from the ISSP 2008 religion module into the main module with a small modification. We would like to clarify the "Christian" as Catholic and Protestant in parenthesis. The general "Christian" term is clear in many countries.

PROPOSED QUESTIONS:

What is your personal attitude towards members of the following religious groups?.....

(The questions are already outlined in the U.S. proposal)

Norway:

Like Dana and Tom, we find the optional Q8 in Religion 2008 a useful inspiration for the top priority theme Threatening Religions. Our proposed adaptations of Q8 are:

Take 1:

In general, do you think the following religions bring more or less conflict to society?

- a. Christians
- b. Muslims
- c. Hindus
- d. Buddhists
- e. Jews

- 1. Brings much more conflict
- 2. Brings somewhat more conflict
- 3. Brings neither more nor less conflict
- 4. Brings somewhat less conflict
- 5. Brings much less conflict
- 8. Can't Choose

Take 2:

To what extent do you think the following religions pose a threat to the <national> society?

- a. Christians
- b. Muslims
- c. Hindus
- d. Buddhists
- e. Jews

- 1. A very serious threat
- 2. A serious threat
- 3. Somewhat of a threat
- 4. Only a slight threat
- 5. Not a threat at all
- 8. Can't Choose

In addition, we would also like to see pretested Tom's "different approach" on page 2 of his document. However, we don't see how this would generate 36 variables unless we range all six from 1 to 6 for all attributes.

< For each of the six dimensions (Xs), there would be six religions. Each variable would be codes as Mentioned as Most X or Not Mentioned as Most X for a total of 36 variables.>

2. Religiousness vs. Spirituality

United States:

Several possibilities

What best describes you:

I follow/am actively engaged in a religion and consider myself to be very religious.

I follow/am actively engaged in a religion, but don't consider myself to be very religious.

I don't follow/am not actively engaged in a religion, but consider myself to be very religious.

I don't follow/am not actively engaged in a religion and don't consider myself to be very religious.

I am not outwardly religious, but I am a deeply spiritual person inwardly/internally.

I am not outwardly religious, but I am a strongly spiritual person in my heart/soul.

I am not religious on the outside, but deeply religious on the inside.

I don't follow a standard/organized religion, but have my own alternative and personal religious beliefs.

I don't publically engage in religious practices, but have strong private/personal religious beliefs.

I don't follow an organized religion, but believe in mystical and supernatural powers.

There are mystical or supernatural spirits in all things.

(Using standard 5-point agree/disagree scale)

Czech Republic:

Existing data suggest that spiritual practices have two dimensions: alternative spiritual consciousness and health (a-c) and esoteric-magical practices (d-f)

PROPOSED QUESTIONS:

Do you have personal experience with the following practices?

a) Meditation

b) Body-mind exercises such as Yoga or Tai Chi

c) Health methods such as Traditional Chinese Medicine, Reiki or Homeopathy

d) Faith Healing

e) Astrology

f - Methods for the harmonization of space such as Geomancy (divining rod) or Feng Shui

3. Secularization Theory

United States:

Proposes to pretest 4 items and add 2:

Religion is outdated and increasingly irrelevant.

Religion will be less important/relevant in the future.

Religion represents the past and not the future.

Religion is left over from past times.

Religious beliefs and practices do not fit into modern times.

(Using standard 5-point agree/disagree scale)

Czech Republic:

Some sociologists of religion emphasize the difference between secular and unchurched (Davie 1994; Davie 2002). They suggest that many outwardly secular societies rely on religious institutions in particular circumstances such as death. Thus, we would like to include a question concerning funerals and end-of-life rituals.

PROPOSED QUESTIONS:

When you die, what kind of funeral would you like to have? (The question was used as a national specific item in the Czech ISSP 2008 survey)

- 1) Religious funeral
- 2) Secular funeral
- 3) No funeral
- 4) I do not care

4. Religion and Gender

United States:

Gendered aspect of religions:

Religions usually discriminate against/oppress women.

Most religions favor men over women.

Most religions support male domination of females.

(Using standard 5-point agree/disagree scale)

Does your religion treat men and women the same, favor men over women, or favor women over men?

Does your religion treat men and women equally, treat men better than women, or treat women better than men?

Gender Roles in general:

Keep the 2008 gender role item on

Do you agree or disagree... A husband's job is to earn money; a wife's job is to look after the home and family?

(Using standard 5-point agree/disagree scale)

Add another gender role item from these used in ISSP Family, Work, and Gender in 2012.

To what extent do you agree or disagree...?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX 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.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
b	A pre-school child is likely to suffer if his or her mother works.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

c	All in all, family life suffers when the woman has a full-time job.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
d	A job is all right, but what most women really want is a home and children.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
e	Being a housewife is just as fulfilling as working for pay.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

Czech Republic:

In the current literature, there are **two fundamental subthemes** concerning the issue of the religion and gender:

1) Gender gap in religious beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors (i.e. the question of why women are more religious than men and what are the consequences)

There is comprehensive evidence that women tend to be more religious than men (De Vaus and McAllister 1987; Francis 1997; Freese 2004; Levitt 2003; Miller and Hoffmann 1995; Miller and Stark 2002; Stark 2002; Thompson Jr and Remmes 2002; Woodhead 2007). This research tradition focuses on the issues of femininity and masculinity or risk taking and the differences of these factors across religious traditions. If we wanted to include this dimension of the gender-religion topic, we suggest using some basic measures of masculinity and femininity.

In this case, we could use some items from the Bern Sex-Role Inventory.

PROPOSED QUESTIONS:

How much do you agree that you are in the interactions with others?

1 – strongly agree, 5 – strongly disagree

Forceful

Dominant

Willing to take risks

Eager to soothe feelings

Warm

Soft-spoken

2) The social position of women AND MEN, gender ideology

Religious traditions differ in their gender ideology and their treatment of women. These dimensions should be measured separately as they are not always aligned. For example, many Christian churches adhere to gender conservative ideology but their day-to-day operations are run by women who are also major decision makers (Levitt 2003). At the same time, some authors argue that research on religion focuses too much on the roles of women and not enough on the role of men. We could expand the gender role measure in this direction, i.e. by using some items from Levant's Male Role Norm Inventory (MRNI-SF) (Levant, Hall and Rankin 2013).

PROPOSED QUESTIONS:

How much do you agree with the following statements?

1 – strongly agree, 5 – strongly disagree

It is important for a man to take risks, even if he might get hurt

When the going gets tough, men should get tough.

Men should be the leader in any group.

Men should not be too quick to tell others that they care about them.

Norway:

There are many aspects of this, we would like to focus on religion's impact on gender roles. We suggest testing the following item, in addition to Tom's.

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

Religions are usually a hindrance for equality between women and men

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree
8. Can't Choose

5. State Support for Accommodation of/Separation from Religion

Norway:

Partly adapted from the proposal from Botvar.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- a. Governments should not interfere with missionary activities of any religion (S)
- b. The government should give financial support to religious schools (A)
- c. In public schools, students should be offered facilities for doing their worship and prayers (A)
- d. National laws should not be based on any religion (S)

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree
8. Can't Choose

6. Well-being

United States:

Proposes to test 2 items and add one.

ISSP item from 2020 and 2012:

All things considered, how satisfied are you with your family life – completely satisfied, very satisfied, fairly satisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, fairly dissatisfied, very dissatisfied, completely dissatisfied.

ESS core item:

All things considered, how satisfied are you with your life as a whole nowadays? Please answer using this card, where 0 means extremely dissatisfied and 10 means extremely satisfied.

Czech Republic:

Besides the standard question on happiness or life satisfaction, it would be nice to have some information on loneliness to tackle the social dimension of religion.

PROPOSED QUESTIONS:

How often do you feel lonely?

- 1) Often/always
- 2) Some of the time
- 3) Occasionally
- 4) Hardly ever
- 5) Never

7. Religious Pluralism/Particularism

Venezuela:

Venezuela's team wants to propose four questions, two linked to the monotheistic conception and religious pluralism, and two on the visions of martyrdom and religious war. I think these issues could get in category 1 (Threatening Religions) of topics votes in last meeting.

Both are topics with earliest reference in the history of religions and a lot of weight in theological conceptions of the major religions, but also have great relevance in the current situation of the world.

What we want to present is the idea of the question, understanding that the wording can be modified and adjusted in our subsequent conversations. The questions are:

1- My God is the only true God; all other gods are fakes.

2- Everyone can worship the god he or she thinks is the true God.

3- I would be willing to die in defense of my religion

4- I would be willing to kill in defense of my religion.

The first and second addresses the issue of monotheism and opposed to the tolerance that may mean religious pluralism and the notion of one God but with many faces (Second Vatican Council, for example).

The third refers to the notion of martyrdom and martyrdom emulation, which is very central to many religions.

The fourth change the passive attitude of martyrdom for an active and offensive attitude, which refers to the notion of the "holy war". One can hypothesize that more people are willing to die than to kill, and this gives difference both among religions and inside the same religion.

< These appear to be formatted as agree/disagree items.>

Norway:

Adapted from ESS7, B33 and B34.

Would you say that [country]’s cultural life is generally undermined or enriched by people with different religions coming to live here?

1 Cultural life undermined.....7 Cultural life enriched 8 Can’t choose

Is [country] made a worse or a better place to live by people with different religions coming to live here?

1 Worse place to live7 Better place to live 8 Can’t choose

8. Behavioral Items

United States:

ISSP optional item 2008:

During the last year, did you make some personal sacrifice as an expression of your faith such as by fasting, following a special diet, or giving up some activity during a holy season such as (Lent or Ramadan) {use examples that are appropriate for religions in your country}?

Other examples are Hinduism - Maha Shivratri and Navaratri, Buddhism - Uposatha days

GSS 2012:

We are interested in whether or not people read the Bible, Torah, or other religious scriptures such as the Koran or any others, in addition to the reading that often happens in worship services.

Within the last year, have you read the Bible, Torah, Koran, or other religious scriptures, not counting any reading that happened during a worship service?

Adapted- Within in the last year, have you read any holy scripture such as the Bible, Buddhist sutra, Koran, Sruti, Torah, or other religious scripture, not counting any reading that happened during a worship service?

9. Expanded Concepts about God

United States:

Pantheism:

God and the universe are one and the same.

Everything is part of God and God is in everything.

God is not a separate being, but an integral part of all of creation/of everything in the universe.

(Using standard 5-point agree/disagree scale)

Theism vs. Deism:

Sub-Saharan African Religion Survey, 2010:

Which comes closest to your view of God?

God is a being with whom people can have a relationship or God is an impersonal force.

Polytheism:

Sub-Saharan African Religion Survey, 2010:

Do you believe that there is only one God or is there more than one God?

2018 Religion Pretest Items10/3/2016#10

1. If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole...

Very happy.....1
Fairly happy.....2
Not very happy.3
Not at all happy.....4
Can't choose.8

2. All things considered, how satisfied are you with your family life – completely satisfied, very satisfied, fairly satisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, fairly dissatisfied, very dissatisfied, completely dissatisfied.

Completely satisfied	1
Very satisfied	2
Fairly satisfied	3
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	4
Fairly dissatisfied	5
Very dissatisfied	6
Completely dissatisfied.	7
Can't Choose	8

3. How often do you feel lonely?

Almost always	1
Most of the time	2
About half of the time	3
Some of the time	4
Hardly ever	5

4. Do you agree or disagree...

- a. A husband's job is to earn money; a wife's job is to look after the home and family.
- b. A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work
- c. A pre-school child is likely to suffer if his or her mother works.
- d. A job is all right, but what most women really want is a home and children.

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

5. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

a. Religious leaders
should not try to
influence how people
vote in elections... ..

b. Religious leaders should
not try to influence
government decisions.

Strongly agree.....1
Agree.....2
Neither agree nor disagree.....3
Disagree.....4
Strongly disagree.....5
Can't choose.....8

6. Please consider the following statements and tell me whether you agree or disagree..

a. Overall, modern
science does more
harm than good.

b. We trust too much in
science and not
enough in religious
faith.

c. Looking around the
world, religions
bring more conflict
than peace.

d. People with very strong
religious beliefs are
often too intolerant of
others.

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

7. Please indicate which statement below comes closest to expressing what you believe about God.

I don't believe in God.....	1
I don't know whether there is a God and I don't believe there is any way to find out.....	2
I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a Higher Power of some kind.....	3
I find myself believing in God some of the time, but not at others.....	4
While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God.....	5
I know God really exists and I have no doubts about it.....	6

8. Would you describe yourself as...

Extremely religious.....	1
Very religious.....	2
Somewhat religious.....	3
Neither religious nor non-religious.....	4
Somewhat non-religious.....	5
Very non-religious.....	6
Extremely non-religious.....	7
Can't choose.....	8

9. What best describes you:

I follow a religion and consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural. 1

I follow a religion, but don't consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural. 2

I don't follow a religion, but consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural. 3

I don't follow a religion and don't consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural. 4

Can't choose 8

10a. How threatening to you consider those belonging to the following religious groups?

Very threatening	1
Somewhat threatening	2
Not very threatening	3
Not at all threatening	4
Can't choose	8

10b. How violent do you consider those belonging to the following religious groups?

Extremely violent/Very violent/Somewhat violent/Slightly violent/Not violent at all/Can't choose

10c. In general, do those belonging to the following religious groups bring more or less conflict to (COUNTRY) society?

Much more conflict/Somewhat more conflict/Neither more nor less conflict/Somewhat less conflict/Much less conflict//Can't choose

- a Christians
- b Muslims
- c Hindus
- d Buddhists
- e Jews
- f Non-believers

11. What best describes you:

I belong to a religion and consider myself to be very religious.

I belong to a religion, but don't consider myself to be very religious.

I don't belong to a religion, but consider myself to be very religious.

I don't belong to a religion and don't consider myself to be very religious.

Can't choose

12. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

- a. I am not religious on the outside, but deeply religious on the inside.
- b. I don't belong to an organized religion, but have my own alternative and personal religious beliefs.
- c. I don't publically engage in religious practices, but have strong personal religious beliefs.
- d. I don't belong to an organized religion, but believe in mystical and supernatural powers.

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

13. In [COUNTRY] do you personally agree or disagree with each of the following...

- a. Religion is outdated and increasingly irrelevant.
- b. Religion will be less important/relevant in the future.
- c. Religion represents the past and not the future.
- d. Religion is left over from past times.
- e. Religious beliefs and practices do not fit into modern times.
- f. Religion is just as relevant to life today as it was in the past.

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

14. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

- a. At present most religions favor men over women.
- b. Most religions currently support male domination of females.

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

15. Does your religion treat men and women the same, favor men over women, or favor women over men?

Treats men and women the same	1
Favors men over women	2
Favors women over men	3
I don't belong to or follow any religion	4
Can't Choose	8

16. Does your religion treat men and women equally, treat men better than women, or treat women better than men?

Treats men and women equally	1
Treats men better than women	2
Treats women better than men	3
I don't belong to or follow any religion	4
Can't Choose	8

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

Religions are usually a barrier to equality between women and men

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

18. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

- a. It is important for a man to take risks, even if he might be injured.
- b. In difficult times, men should get things done.
- c. Men should be the leader in any group.
- d. In difficult situations, men should take charge of things.

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

19. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- e. Governments should not interfere with any religions' attempts to spread their faith.
- f. The government should give financial support to religious schools.
- g. In public schools, students should be offered facilities for doing their worship and prayers.
- h. A country's laws should not be based on any religion.

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

20. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

- a. God and the universe are one and the same.
- b. Everything is part of God and God is in everything.
- c. God is not a separate being, but an integral part of everything in the universe.
- d. Everyone should be able to worship the god he or she thinks is the true God.

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

21. Which best describes your beliefs about God?

There is no God.	1
There is only one God.	2
There is more than one God.	3
Can't choose	8

22. On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 means a much worse place to live and 7 means a much better place to live, do you think [COUNTRY] is made a worse or a better place to live by people with different religions coming to live here?

- 2 Much worse place to live
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8 Much better place to live
- 9 Can't choose

23. Do you agree or disagree with the following...

- a. Ultimately, people having different religions cannot get along with each other when living close together.

- | | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Strongly agree | 1 |
| Agree | 2 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 3 |
| Disagree | 4 |
| Strongly disagree | 5 |
| Can't choose | 8 |

24. During the last year, did you make some personal sacrifice as an expression of your faith such as by fasting, following a special diet, or giving up some activity during a holy season such as (Lent or Ramadan) {use examples that are appropriate for religions in your country}?

Other examples are Hinduism - Maha Shivratri and Navaratri, Buddhism - Uposatha days

Yes
No

25. Within in the last year, have you read any holy scripture such as the Bible, Buddhist sutra, Koran, Sruti, Torah, or other religious scripture, not counting any reading that happened during a worship service?

Yes
No

26. Would you describe yourself as feeling very attached to [COUNTRY], somewhat attached to [COUNTRY], neither attached nor unattached, somewhat distant from [COUNTRY], or very distant from [COUNTRY]?

Very attached to [COUNTRY]	1
Somewhat attached to [COUNTRY]	2
Neither attached nor unattached	3
Somewhat distant from [COUNTRY]	4
Very distant from [COUNTRY]	5
Can't Choose	8

Demographics are to be asked and variables created according to ISSP BGV standards:

Age

Gender

Education

Marital and cohabitation status

Religious denomination

Religious service attendance

Planned Pretests11/3/2016#11

Czech Republic:

1) All the new and selected old items will be included into the omnibus survey. There is a slot available for about 40 items. It will be in the field by early November.

- a) adult population in the Czech Republic
- b) quota sample
- c) face-to-face
- d) sample size about 1100

2) In addition, we (I, Dana and few other colleagues) will do few interviews based on complete pilot questionnaire.

- a) adult population
- b) not representative
- c) F2F
- d) 30-35 interviews

India: 300 respondents from CATI survey

Norway: Norway will pretest by means of a websurvey. A named individual based random sample of 1600 from the National Registry will receive an invitation letter by regular mail. One reminder. Start date 25th of October 2016. We expect this will yield around 400 respondents.

Turkey: Will do pretest. No details presently available.

USA: 150-200 respondents from the NORC national probability based web panel of adults living in households

Venezuela: In Venezuela we are planning to conduct the pre-test in November. Our plan is to carry out 100 questionnaires face to face, with an age and education quotas, and about 15 cognitive tests of the questionnaire.

2018 Religion Pretest Items1/27/2017#12

Replications from earlier religion rounds Other old ISSP items New items being pretested for 2018

1. If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole... V1

Very happy.....1
Fairly happy.....2
Not very happy.3
Not at all happy.....4
Can't choose.8

2. All things considered, how satisfied are you with your family life – completely satisfied, very satisfied, fairly satisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, fairly dissatisfied, very dissatisfied, completely dissatisfied. V2

Completely satisfied 1
Very satisfied 2
Fairly satisfied 3
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4
Fairly dissatisfied 5
Very dissatisfied 6
Completely dissatisfied. 7
Can't Choose 8

3. How often do you feel lonely? V3

Almost always 1
Most of the time 2
About half of the time 3
Some of the time 4
Hardly ever 5
Can't Choose 8

4. Do you agree or disagree...

- e. A husband's job is to earn money; a wife's job is to look after the home and family. V4A
- f. A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work V4B
- g. A pre-school child is likely to suffer if his or her mother works. V4C
- h. A job is all right, but what most women really want is a home and children. V4D

Strongly agree 1
Agree 2
Neither agree nor disagree 3
Disagree 4
Strongly disagree 5
Can't choose 8

5. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

a. Religious leaders

should not try to

influence how people

vote in elections... **V5A**

b. Religious leaders should

not try to influence

government decisions..... **V5B**

Strongly agree.....1

Agree.....2

Neither agree nor disagree.....3

Disagree.....4

Strongly disagree.....5

Can't choose.....8

6. Please consider the following statements and tell me whether you agree or disagree..

a. Overall, modern

science does more

harm than good. **V6A**

b. We trust too much in

science and not

enough in religious

faith. **V6B**

c. Looking around the

world, religions

bring more conflict

than peace. **V6C**

d. People with very strong

religious beliefs are

often too intolerant of

others. **V6D**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

7. Please indicate which statement below comes closest to expressing what you believe about God. **V7**

I don't believe in God.....	1
I don't know whether there is a God and I don't believe there is any way to find out.....	2
I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a Higher Power of some kind.....	3
I find myself believing in God some of the time, but not at others.....	4
While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God.....	5
I know God really exists and I have no doubts about it.....	6

8. Would you describe yourself as... **V8**

Extremely religious.....	1
Very religious.....	2
Somewhat religious.....	3
Neither religious nor non-religious.....	4
Somewhat non-religious.....	5
Very non-religious.....	6
Extremely non-religious.....	7
Can't choose.....	8

9. What best describes you: **V9**

I follow a religion and consider
myself to be a spiritual person
interested in the sacred or

the supernatural. 1

I follow a religion, but don't
consider myself to be a spiritual
person interested in the sacred
or the supernatural. 2

I don't follow a religion, but
consider myself to be a spiritual
person interested in the sacred
or the supernatural. 3

I don't follow a religion and don't
consider myself to be a spiritual
person interested in the sacred
or the supernatural. 4

Can't choose 8

10a. How threatening to you consider those belonging to the following religious groups? V10A_a to V10A_f

Very threatening	1
Somewhat threatening	2
Not very threatening	3
Not at all threatening	4
Can't choose	8

10b. How violent do you consider those belonging to the following religious groups? V10B_a to V10B_f

Extremely violent/Very violent/Somewhat violent/Slightly violent/Not violent at all/Can't choose

10c. In general, do those belonging to the following religious groups bring more or less conflict to (COUNTRY) society? V10C_a to V10C_f

Much more conflict/Somewhat more conflict/Neither more nor less conflict/Somewhat less conflict/Much less conflict//Can't choose

- a Christians
- b Muslims
- c Hindus
- d Buddhists
- e Jews
- f Non-believers

11. What best describes you: V11

I belong to a religion and consider myself to be very religious.

I belong to a religion, but don't consider myself to be very religious.

I don't belong to a religion, but consider myself to be very religious.

I don't belong to a religion and don't consider myself to be very religious.

Can't choose

12. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

- a. I am not religious on the outside, but deeply religious on the inside. **V12A**
- b. I don't belong to an organized religion, but have my own alternative and personal religious beliefs. **V12B**
- c. I don't publically engage in religious practices, but have strong personal religious beliefs. **V12C**
- d. I don't belong to an organized religion, but believe in mystical and supernatural powers. **V12D**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

13. In [COUNTRY] do you personally agree or disagree with each of the following...

- a. Religion is outdated and increasingly irrelevant. **V13A**
- b. Religion will be less important/relevant in the future. **V13B**
- c. Religion represents the past and not the future. **V13C**
- d. Religion is left over from past times. **V13D**
- e. Religious beliefs and practices do not fit into modern times. **V13E**
- f. Religion is just as relevant to life today as it was in the past. **V13F**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

14. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

- a. At present most religions favor men over women. **V14A**
- b. Most religions currently support male domination of females. **V14B**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5

Can't choose 8

15. Does your religion treat men and women the same, favor men over women, or favor women over men? **V15**

Treats men and women the same	1
Favors men over women	2
Favors women over men	3
I don't belong to or follow any religion	4
Can't Choose	8

16. Does your religion treat men and women equally, treat men better than women, or treat women better than men? **V16**

Treats men and women equally	1
Treats men better than women	2
Treats women better than men	3
I don't belong to or follow any religion	4
Can't Choose	8

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

Religions are usually a barrier to equality between women and men **V17**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

18. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

- a It is important for a man to take risks, even if he might be injured. **V18A**
- b In difficult times, men should get things done. **V18B**
- c Men should be the leader in any group. **V18C**
- e. In difficult situations, men should take charge of things. **V18D**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

19. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- i. Governments should not interfere with any religions' attempts to spread their faith. **V19A**
- j. The government should give financial support to religious schools. **V19B**
- k. In public schools, students should be offered facilities for doing their worship and prayers. **V19C**
- l. A country's laws should not be based on any religion. **V19D**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

20. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

- e. God and the universe are one and the same. **V20A**
- f. Everything is part of God and God is in everything. **V20B**
- g. God is not a separate being, but an integral part of everything in the universe. **V20C**
- h. Everyone should be able to worship the god he or she thinks is the true God. **V20D**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

21. Which best describes your beliefs about God? **V21**

There is no God.	1
There is only one God.	2
There is more than one God.	3
Can't Choose	8

22. On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 means a much worse place to live and 7 means a much better place to live, do you think [COUNTRY] is made a worse or a better place to live by people with different religions coming to live here? **V22**

1	Much worse place to live
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	Much better place to live
8	Can't choose

23. Do you agree or disagree with the following...

- b. Ultimately, people having different religions cannot get along with each other when living close together.

V23

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

24. During the last year, did you make some personal sacrifice as an expression of your faith such as by fasting, following a special diet, or giving up some activity during a holy season such as (Lent or Ramadan) {use examples that are appropriate for religions in your country}? **V24**Optional in 2008**

Yes

No

25. Within in the last year, have you read any holy scripture such as the Bible, Buddhist sutra, Koran, Sruti, Torah, or other religious scripture, not counting any reading that happened during a worship service? **V25**

Yes

No

26. Would you describe yourself as feeling very attached to [COUNTRY], somewhat attached to [COUNTRY], neither attached nor unattached, somewhat distant from [COUNTRY], or very distant from [COUNTRY]? **V26**

Very attached to [COUNTRY]	1
Somewhat attached to [COUNTRY]	2
Neither attached nor unattached	3
Somewhat distant from [COUNTRY]	4
Very distant from [COUNTRY]	5
Can't choose	8

2008 Religion Questionnaire - Final1/27/2017#13

1991, 1998, 2008 1998, 2008 2008

1. If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole...

1991, 1998, 2008

Very happy.....	1
Fairly happy.....	2
Not very happy.....	3
Not at all happy....	4
Can't choose.....	8

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

1991, 1998, 2008

Always wrong.....	1
Almost always wrong..	2
Wrong only sometimes....	3
Not wrong at all.....	4
Can't choose.....	8

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

1991, 1998, 2008

Always wrong.....	1
Almost always wrong.....	2
Wrong only sometimes....	3
Not wrong at all.....	4
Can't choose.....	8

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

1991, 1998, 2008

Always wrong.....	1
Almost always wrong.....	2
Wrong only sometimes....	3
Not wrong at all.....	4
Can't choose.....	8

5. Do you personally think it is wrong or not wrong for a woman to have an abortion ...

	Always Wrong	Almost Always Wrong	Wrong Only Sometimes	Not Wrong at All	Can't Choose
a. If there is a strong chance of serious defect in the baby...1		2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					

b. If the family has a very low income and cannot afford any more children...	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					

6. Do you agree or disagree...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Dis- agree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
A husband's job is to earn money; a wife's job is to look after the home and family	1	2	3	4	5	8
1991, 1998, 2008						

7. Generally speaking, would you say that people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

1998, 2008	
People can almost always be trusted	1
People can usually be trusted	2
You usually can't be too careful in dealing with people	3
You almost always can't be too careful in dealing with people	4
Can't choose.....	8

8. How much confidence do you have in ...

- 1. Complete confidence
- 2. A great deal of confidence
- 3. Some confidence
- 4. Very little confidence
- 5. No confidence at all
- 8. Can't choose

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a. [Parliament]..... 1 2 3 4 5 8
<use national legislature, e.g. U.S. Congress>

1991, 1998, 2008

b. Business and industry.... 1 2 3 4 5 8

1991, 1998, 2008

c. Churches and religious
organizations..... 1 2 3 4 5 8

1991, 1998, 2008

d. Courts and the legal
system..... 1 2 3 4 5 8

1991, 1998, 2008

e. Schools and the
educational system.... 1 2 3 4 5 8

1991, 1998, 2008

9. We are interested in the extent to which you have moved from
one kind of place to another. Which do you think is most
like your experience of life?

2008

I have lived in different countries	1
I have lived in different places in the same country	2
I have lived in different neighborhoods in the same place	3
I have always lived in the same neighborhood	4

10. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

Strongly agree.....	1
Agree.....	2
Neither agree nor disagree....	3
Disagree.....	4
Strongly disagree.....	5
Can't choose.....	8

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a. Religious leaders
should not try to

influence how people vote in elections...	1	2	3	4	5	8
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1991, 1998, 2008

b. Religious leaders should
not try to influence
government decisions.

	1	2	3	4	5	8
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1991, 1998, 2008

11. Please consider the following statements and tell me whether you agree or disagree..

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Dis- agree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
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a. Overall, modern
science does more
harm than good.....

	1	2	3	4	5	8
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1998, 2008

b. We trust too much in
science and not
enough in religious
faith.....

	1	2	3	4	5	8
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1998, 2008

c. Looking around the
world, religions
bring more conflict
than peace.....

	1	2	3	4	5	8
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1998, 2008

d. People with very strong
religious beliefs are
often too intolerant of
others.....

	1	2	3	4	5	8
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1998, 2008

12. Do you think that churches and religious organizations in this
country have too much power or too little power?

2008

Far too much power.....	1
Too much power.....	2
About the right amount of power....	3
Too little power.....	4
Far too little power.....	5
Can't choose.....	8

13. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neithe r agree nor disagr ee	Disag ree	Strong ly Disagr ee	Can't choose
a. All religious groups in [country] should have equal rights. 2008	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. We must respect all religions. 2008	1	2	3	4	5	8

14. People have different religions and different religious views. Would you accept a person from a different religion or with a very different religious view from yours...

1. Definitely accept,
2. Probably accept,
3. Probably not accept,
4. Definitely not accept,
8. Can't Choose

a. marrying a relative
of yours 1 2 3 4 8

2008

b. being a candidate of
the political party you
prefer? 1 2 3 4 8

2008

15. There are some people whose views are considered extreme by the majority. Consider religious extremists, that is people who believe that their religion is the only true faith and all other religions should be considered as enemies. Do you think such people should be allowed to...

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE.

	Definitely	Probably	Probably	Definitely	Can't
			Not	Not	Choose
a. Hold public meetings to express their views?	1	2	3	4	8

2008

b. Publish books expressing their views?	1	2	3	4	8
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2008

16. Please indicate which statement below comes closest to expressing what you believe about God.

1991, 1998, 2008

- | | |
|---|---|
| I don't believe in God..... | 1 |
| I don't know whether there is a God and
I don't believe there is any way
to find out..... | 2 |
| I don't believe in a personal God, but
I do believe in a Higher Power of
some kind..... | 3 |
| I find myself believing in God some of
the time, but not at others..... | 4 |
| While I have doubts, I feel that I do
believe in God..... | 5 |
| I know God really exists and I have no
doubts about it..... | 6 |

17. Which best describes your beliefs about God?

1991, 1998, 2008

- | | |
|--|---|
| I don't believe in God now and I never have..... | 1 |
| I don't believe in God now, but I used to..... | 2 |
| I believe in God now, but I didn't used to..... | 3 |
| I believe in God now and I always have..... | 4 |
| Can't choose..... | 8 |

18. Do you believe in

- | | Yes,
Definitely | Yes,
Probably | No,
Probably
Not | No,
Definitely
Not | Can't
Choose |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | | |
| a. Life after death. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| 1991, 1998, 2008 | | | | | |
| b. Heaven..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| 1991, 1998, 2008 | | | | | |
| c. Hell..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| 1991, 1998, 2008 | | | | | |
| d. Religious miracles | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| 1991, 1998, 2008 | | | | | |
| e. Reincarnation - being
reborn in this world again
and again..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| 2008 | | | | | |
| f. Nirvana..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| 2008 | | | | | |
| g. The supernatural powers
of deceased ancestors | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| 2008 | | | | | |

19. Do you agree or disagree with the following...

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree
8. Can't choose

PLEASE CIRCLE A NUMBER

a. There is a God who concerns Himself with every human being personally..... 1 2 3 4 5 8
1991, 1998, 2008

b. There is little that people can do to change the course of their lives..... 1 2 3 4 5 8
1991, 1998, 2008

c. To me, life is meaningful only because God exists..... 1 2 3 4 5 8
1991, 1998, 2008

d. In my opinion, life does not serve any purpose..... 1 2 3 4 5 8
1991, 1998, 2008

e. Life is only meaningful if you provide the meaning yourself..... 1 2 3 4 5 8
1991, 1998, 2008

f. I have my own way of connecting with God without churches or religious services. 1 2 3 4 5 8
2008

20. What was your mother's religious preference when you were a child? Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1991, 1998, 2008

Protestant..... 1
Catholic..... 2
Jewish..... 3
Orthodox (such as Greek
or Russian Orthodox)... 4
Muslim..... 5
Other (Please Specify)

6
No religion..... 7
Don't know..... 8

If Protestant:

What specific denomination was that?

<List in Qs. 20-23 may be modified to include all major religions in each country.>

21. What was your father's religious preference when you were a child? Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1991, 1998, 2008

Protestant..... 1
Catholic..... 2
Jewish..... 3
Orthodox (such as Greek
or Russian Orthodox)... 4
Muslim..... 5
Other (Please Specify)

6
No religion..... 7
Don't know..... 8

If Protestant:

What specific denomination was that?

22. What religion, if any, were you raised in? Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1991, 1998, 2008

Protestant.....	1
Catholic.....	2
Jewish.....	3
Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox)...	4
Muslim.....	5
Other (Please Specify)	6
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No religion.....	7
Don't know.....	8

If Protestant:

What specific denomination was that?

If you are currently married or living as married, answer Q. 23:
If you are not currently married or living as married,
go to Q. 24:

23. What is your husband's/wife's religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1998, 2008

Protestant.....	1
Catholic.....	2
Jewish.....	3
Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox)...	4
Muslim.....	5
Other (Please Specify)	6
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No religion.....	7
Don't know.....	8

If Protestant:

What specific denomination is that?

<It is strongly recommended that the item on respondent's religion in the demographics use response categories fully compatible with those above.>

24. When you were a child, how often did your mother attend religious services?

1991, 1998, 2008

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
No mother/mother not present..	10
Can't say/Can't remember.....	98

25. When you were a child, how often did your father attend religious services?

1991, 1998, 2008

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
No father/father not present..	10
Can't say/Can't remember.....	98

26. And what about when you were around 11 or 12, how often did you attend religious services then?

1991, 1998, 2008

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
Can't say/Can't remember.....	98

<It is strongly recommended that the item on respondent's church attendance in the demographics use the same response categories as above.>

Now thinking about the present...

27. About how often do you pray?

1991, 1998, 2008

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

28. How often do you take part in the activities or organizations of a church or place of worship other than attending services?

1991, 1998, 2008

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

29. For religious reasons do you have in your home a shrine, altar, or a religious object on display such as a (COUNTRY-SPECIFIC LIST icon, retablos, mezuzah, menorah, or crucifix)?

2008

Yes	1
No	2

30. How often do you visit a holy place for religious reasons such as going to [shrine/temple/church/mosque]?

Please do not count attending regular religious services at your usual place of worship, if you have one.

2008

Never	1
Less than once a year	2
About once or twice a year	3
Several times a year	4
About once a month or more	5

31. Would you describe yourself as ...

1991, 1998, 2008

Extremely religious..... 1
Very religious..... 2
Somewhat religious..... 3
Neither religious nor
non-religious..... 4
Somewhat non-religious..... 5
Very non-religious..... 6
Extremely non-religious..... 7
Can't choose..... 8

32. What best describes you:

2008

I follow a religion and consider
myself to be a spiritual person
interested in the sacred or
the supernatural. 1

I follow a religion, but don't
consider myself to be a spiritual
person interested in the sacred
or the supernatural. 2

I don't follow a religion, but
consider myself to be a spiritual
person interested in the sacred
or the supernatural. 3

I don't follow a religion and don't
consider myself to be a spiritual
person interested in the sacred
or the supernatural. 4

Can't choose 8

33. Which of the following statements come closest to your own views:

1998, 2008

There is very little truth in any religion.	1
There are basic truths in many religions.	2
There is truth only in one religion.	3
Can't choose.....	8

34. Do you agree or disagree that practicing a religion helps people to...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Dis- agree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
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a. find inner peace and happiness	1	2	3	4	5	8
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2008

b. make friends	1	2	3	4	5	8
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2008

c. gain comfort in times of trouble or sorrow	1	2	3	4	5	8
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2008

d. meet the right kind of people	1	2	3	4	5	8
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2008

Optionals

1. Would you say that you have been "born again" or have had a "born again" experience -- that is, a turning point in your life when you committed yourself to Christ?

1991, 1998, 2008

Yes.....1
No.....2

2. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

1991, 1998, 2008

a. The Bible is the actual word of God and it is to be taken literally, word for word..... 1

b. The Bible is the inspired word of God but not everything should be taken literally, word for word 2

c. The Bible is an ancient book of fables, legends, history, and moral precepts recorded by man..... 3

d. This does not apply to me 4

e. Can't choose..... 8

- 3 Has there ever been a turning point in your life when you made a new and personal commitment to religion?

Previously a required item

1991, 1998, 2008

Yes.....1
No.....2

4. During the last year, did you make some personal sacrifice as an expression of your faith such as by fasting, following a special diet, or giving up some activity during a holy season such as (Lent or Ramadan) <use examples that are appropriate for religions in your country>?

New

2008

Yes 1
No 2

5. There are many different ways of picturing God. We'd like to know the kinds of images you are most likely to associate with God.

Below are sets of contrasting images. On a scale of 1-7 where would you place your images of God between the two contrasting images?

The first set of contrasting images shows Mother at 1 on the scale and Father at 7. If you imagine God as a Mother, you would place yourself at 1. If you imagine God as a Father, you would place yourself at 7. If you imagine God as somewhere between Mother and Father, you would place yourself at 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6.

Where would you place your image of God on the scale for each set of images?

A. Mother							Father
1991, 1998, 2008							
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
B. Master							Spouse
1991, 1998, 2008							
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
C. Judge							Lover
1991, 1998, 2008							
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
D. Friend							King
1991, 1998, 2008							
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	

6. Now please think about something different. Please check one box on each line below to show whether you think each statement is true or false.

	Definitely True	Probably True	Probably False	Definitely False	Can't Choose
a. Good luck charms sometimes do bring good luck.	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
b. Some fortune tel- lers really can fore- see the future.....	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
c. Some faithhealers do have God-given healing powers.....	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
d. A person's star sign at birth, or horoscope, can af- fect the course of their future.....	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					

7. Suppose a law was passed which conflicted with your religious principles and teachings. Would you...

1998, 2008

Definitely follow the law.....	1
Probably follow the law.....	2
Probably follow your religious principles.....	3
Definitely follow your religious principles...	4
I have no religious principles.....	5
Can't choose.....	8

8. What is your personal attitude towards members of the following religious groups?

2008

1. Very positive,
2. Somewhat positive,
3. Neither positive nor negative,
4. Somewhat negative,
5. Very negative,
8. Can't Choose

a. Christians	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. Muslims	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. Hindus	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. Buddhists	1	2	3	4	5	8
e. Jews	1	2	3	4	5	8
f. Atheists or non-believers	1	2	3	4	5	8

Notes on Question Wordings

In the above text "()" are parenthetical statements that will appear in the version administered to respondents. "[]" are used to show where appropriate, country-specific words will be inserted and the punctuations will be removed from the final text. "< >" are special notes or instructions to follow. The punctuations and the statements themselves will be removed from the final text.

Qs. 2-4 - "sexual relations" means "sexual intercourse".

Q. 8 - "confidence" takes on several meanings, but having trust in is the main dimension.

Q 8B - "Business and industry" - refers to large-scale businesses, but don't use an adjective like "big" in the translation.

Q. 9 - By "neighborhood we mean the part of the town/city one lives in. If one lives in a village, we take this as your "neighborhood". "Place" is a very flexible term, it can refer to anything from a rural locale to a large city. It generally means the smallest governing unit one resides in, such as a city, organized suburb, town, or rural district.

Q. 12 - "churches and religious organizations" refers to the power of organized or institutional religions collectively. The question is whether overall religious organizations (e.g. the Catholic and Lutheran churches) have too much/too little power.

Q. 14B - "prefer" refers to the political party that you favor or usually support or vote for

Qs. Required: 16, 17, 19a, 19c, 19f and Optionals: 2, 5A-D, 6C: "God" refers to a supreme being. The term should refer to an entity rather than a non-sentient force. An encompassing, non-sectarian term is desirable if possible.

Q. 16, response 3 - a "personal God" - a supreme being who cares about and is involved with individuals. This is a view of God in contrast to a deistic outlook.

Q. 18F - "Nirvana" is a Buddhist concept that refers to the ultimate state transcending pain and desire in which individual consciousness ends.

Q 18G, 32 - "supernatural" refers to beyond the physical world, should conote things of a divine or transcendental nature. Avoid if possible, terms that refer mostly to entities like ghosts, poldergeists, elves, gremlins, etc. not associated with religion.

Qs 20-23 - "preference" refers to the religion that a person favors or identifies with. If a person was born a member of one religion, but then preferred or identified with another religion, this question asks about the latter.

"religions" refers to major faiths or organized theological systems as opposed to "denominations" which are sub-divisions within a religion. What is important is that these questions distinguish all relevant faiths, religions, denominations, sects, etc. that exist in each country.

Qs. 24-26 - "religious services" generally refers to organized, group worship activities like Muslims going to the mosque on Fridays, Catholic mass, attending church on Sundays for Protestants, etc. Private prayers at home would not normally count.

Q. 29 - In general, list two or three examples that would be appropriate for the two or three largest religions in your country. If the country is religiously homogenous and only one type of religious object would be typical for that religion, a single example would suffice. However, we want to avoid creating the impression that we are referring only to religious objects relating to one particular religion.

Q. 30 Note that this refers to a religious visit, thus sightseeing at a shrine, temple, church, tomb, etc. without a religious purpose would not count. In general, list two or three examples of holy places that would be appropriate for the two or three largest religions in your country. If the country is religiously homogenous and only one type of holy place would be typical for that religion, a single example would suffice. However, we want to avoid creating the impression that we are referring only to holy places relating to one particular religion.

Q. 31 "extremely non-religious" - this does not mean anti-religious or attacking religion, but being without any religious feelings, beliefs, or behaviors.

Q. 32 - see Q. 18G above.

Q. 34A - "inner peace" - refers to a state of mental and spiritual serenity. One is calm and content and avoids or overcomes discord and anxiousness.

Q. 34D - "right kind of people" - this would generally refer to good people, solid members of the community, people who would be good examples and potentially in a position of give assistance

Optionals

Qs. 1 and 2 should be asked in countries with an appreciable number of Evangelical Protestants. They are not general questions to be asked in all countries.

Qs. 3-8 are generally applicable for all countries.

Notes in **Bold** have been left in that describe the past history of the optionals.

Optional Q. 1 - "born-again" - this refers to a specific type of spiritual experience in which people accept Christ as their personal Savior and are "born-again" as a Christian on the path to salvation. If your country has Baptist or Pentecostal sects, find what they use in your language(s) for this. It does not refer to "rebirth" in the sense of reincarnation.

Optional Q. 2 - "Bible" should be used in all countries with predominantly Judeo-Christian heritage. Countries with adherents mostly from other religious traditions might either omit this item or replace "Bible" with the appropriate holy book. For example, a predominately Muslim country could rephrase the item in terms of the Koran.

"This does not apply to me." This code is largely for members of religions outside the Judeo-Christian tradition, but we want it to be flexible enough for other respondents to use it, if it seems appropriate to them.

Optional Q. 3 - Q. 20 - "turning point" - a time or event in one's life when a change occurred resulting in a gaining of faith, becoming a believer, a rededication to one's religion or similar.

Optional Q. 5 - "Master" is technically masculine in English, but is probably not seen in a highly gendered sense in this comparison. Carries the ideas of "master and servants" or an overlord. Someone who is in a position of social, economic, and political superiority. This item does assume a single Supreme Being and may not be appropriate in countries with polytheistic faiths.

Optional Q. 8A - "Christians" collectively refers to followers of all churches associated with Christianity: Eastern Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, Baptist, Seventh Day Adventist, etc. Similarly the other terms cover all sects or divisions within each of the listed major religions.

2/8/2017#14Based on the analysis that I have done so far and consideration of the priority ratings set at the last ISSP general meeting, I propose below the following draft content for consideration. We are of course free to make whatever changes we collectively decide to this proposed content and are limited only by the rule that at least 40 items need to be replications from previous Religion rounds. (In 2008 we had 41 repeat items.) However, I am making this suggestion to give us a concrete starting point for deliberation.

Total Items Count	Repeat Items		New Items to Add	New Items Count
	Pretest Quex #	2008 Quex #	Pretest Quex #	
Psychological well-being 2	1	1	2 (ISSP item)	1
Gender Roles 2	4a	6	4d (ISSP item)	1
Gender and Religion 2	--	--	14a, 16	2
Threat/Conflict 6	--	--	10Ca-f	6
"/" 3	--	15a,15b	22	1
Spiritual/Religious 2	--	32	12a	1
"/" 2	--	19f,31	--	0
Religion Outdated 2	--	--	13c,13e	2
Nature of God 4	--	16,17,19a	20c	1
Behaviors 9 (plus BGV attending religious services)	--	24-30	24,25	2
Sub total 34				17
Sexual Behavior 2	--	3,4	--	0
Abortion Rights 1	--	5b	--	0
Confidence 5	--	8a-e	--	0
Religion/Politics 2	5a,b	10a,b	--	0
Science 2	--	11a,b	--	0
Religion Power 1	--	12	--	0

Religions, Equal Rights	--	13a	--	0
1				
Beliefs	--	18a-d,g,19b-e	--	0
9				
Upbringing	--	20-22	--	0
3				
Total				17
60 (plus BGV current religion and attending)				

2008 items being dropped 2,5a,7,9,11c,11d,13b,14a,14b,18e,18f,23,33,34a,34b,34c,34d = 17

2018 Religion Pretest Items 3/6/2017#15

Replications from earlier religion rounds

Other old ISSP items

New items being pretested for 2018

1. If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole... **V1**

Very happy.....1
 Fairly happy2
 Not very happy.3
 Not at all happy..4
 Can't choose.8

2. All things considered, how satisfied are you with your family life – completely satisfied, very satisfied, fairly satisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, fairly dissatisfied, very dissatisfied, completely dissatisfied. **V2**

Completely satisfied 1
 Very satisfied 2
 Fairly satisfied 3
 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4
 Fairly dissatisfied 5
 Very dissatisfied 6
 Completely dissatisfied. 7
 Can't Choose 8

3. How often do you feel lonely? **V3**

Almost always 1
 Most of the time 2
 About half of the time 3
 Some of the time 4
 Hardly ever 5
 Can't Choose 8

4. Do you agree or disagree...

- i. A husband's job is to earn money; a wife's job is to look after the home and family. **V4A**
- j. A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work **V4B**
- k. A pre-school child is likely to suffer if his or her mother works. **V4C**
- l. A job is all right, but what most women really want is a home and children. **V4D**

Strongly agree 1
 Agree 2
 Neither agree nor disagree 3
 Disagree 4
 Strongly disagree 5
 Can't choose 8

5. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

a. Religious leaders

should not try to

influence how people

vote in elections..... **V5A**

b. Religious leaders should

not try to influence

government decisions..... **V5B**

Strongly agree..... ..1

Agree..... ..2

Neither agree nor disagree.... .3

Disagree..... ..4

Strongly disagree..... ..5

Can't choose..... ..8

6. Please consider the following statements and tell me whether you agree or disagree..

a. Overall, modern

science does more

harm than good. **V6A**

b. We trust too much in

science and not

enough in religious

faith. **V6B**

c. Looking around the

world, religions

bring more conflict

than peace. **V6C**

d. People with very strong

religious beliefs are

often too intolerant of

others. **V6D**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

7. Please indicate which statement below comes closest to expressing what you believe about God. **V7**

I don't believe in God.....	1
I don't know whether there is a God and I don't believe there is any way to find out.....	2
I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a Higher Power of some kind.....	3
I find myself believing in God some of the time, but not at others.....	4
While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God.....	5
I know God really exists and I have no doubts about it.....	6

8. Would you describe yourself as... **V8**

Extremely religious.....	1
Very religious.....	2
Somewhat religious.....	3
Neither religious nor non-religious.....	4
Somewhat non-religious.....	5
Very non-religious.....	6
Extremely non-religious.....	7
Can't choose.....	8

9. What best describes you: **V9**

I follow a religion and consider
myself to be a spiritual person
interested in the sacred or

the supernatural. 1

I follow a religion, but don't
consider myself to be a spiritual
person interested in the sacred
or the supernatural. 2

I don't follow a religion, but
consider myself to be a spiritual
person interested in the sacred
or the supernatural. 3

I don't follow a religion and don't
consider myself to be a spiritual
person interested in the sacred
or the supernatural. 4

Can't choose 8

10a. How threatening to you consider those belonging to the following religious groups? **V10A_a to V10A_f**

Very threatening	1
Somewhat threatening	2
Not very threatening	3
Not at all threatening	4
Can't choose	8

10b. How violent do you consider those belonging to the following religious groups? **V10B_a to V10B_f**

Extremely violent/Very violent/Somewhat violent/Slightly violent/Not violent at all/Can't choose

10c. In general, do those belonging to the following religious groups bring more or less conflict to (COUNTRY) society? **V10C_a to V10C_f**

Much more conflict/Somewhat more conflict/Neither more nor less conflict/Somewhat less conflict/Much less conflict//Can't choose

- a Christians
- b Muslims
- c Hindus
- d Buddhists
- e Jews
- f Non-believers

11. What best describes you: **V11**

I belong to a religion and consider myself to be very religious.

I belong to a religion, but don't consider myself to be very religious.

I don't belong to a religion, but consider myself to be very religious.

I don't belong to a religion and don't consider myself to be very religious.

Can't choose

12. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

- a I am not religious on the outside, but deeply religious on the inside. **V12A**
- b I don't belong to an organized religion, but have my own alternative and personal religious beliefs. **V12B**
- c I don't publically engage in religious practices, but have strong personal religious beliefs. **V12C**
- d I don't belong to an organized religion, but believe in mystical and supernatural powers. **V12D**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

13. In [COUNTRY] do you personally agree or disagree with each of the following...

- a Religion is outdated and increasingly irrelevant. **V13A**
- b Religion will be less important/relevant in the future. **V13B**
- c Religion represents the past and not the future. **V13C**
- d Religion is left over from past times. **V13D**
- e Religious beliefs and practices do not fit into modern times. **V13E**
- f Religion is just as relevant to life today as it was in the past. **V13F**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

14. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

- a At present most religions favor men over women. **V14A**
- b Most religions currently support male domination of females. **V14B**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

15. Does your religion treat men and women the same, favor men over women, or favor women over men? **V15**

Treats men and women the same	1
Favors men over women	2
Favors women over men	3
I don't belong to or follow any religion	4
Can't Choose	8

16. Does your religion treat men and women equally, treat men better than women, or treat women better than men? **V16**

Treats men and women equally	1
Treats men better than women	2
Treats women better than men	3
I don't belong to or follow any religion	4
Can't Choose	8

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

Religions are usually a barrier to equality between women and men **V17**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

18. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

- a It is important for a man to take risks, even if he might be injured. **V18A**
- b In difficult times, men should get things done. **V18B**
- c Men should be the leader in any group. **V18C**
- d In difficult situations, men should take charge of things. **V18D**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

19. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- a Governments should not interfere with any religions' attempts to spread their faith. **V19A**
- b The government should give financial support to religious schools. **V19B**
- c In public schools, students should be offered facilities for doing their worship and prayers. **V19C**
- d A country's laws should not be based on any religion. **V19D**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

20. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

- a God and the universe are one and the same. **V20A**
- b Everything is part of God and God is in everything. **V20B**
- c God is not a separate being, but an integral part of everything in the universe. **V20C**
- d Everyone should be able to worship the god he or she thinks is the true God. **V20D**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

21. Which best describes your beliefs about God? **V21**

There is no God.	1
There is only one God.	2
There is more than one God.	3
Can't Choose	8

22. On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 means a much worse place to live and 7 means a much better place to live, do you think [COUNTRY] is made a worse or a better place to live by people with different religions coming to live here?

V22

1	Much worse place to live
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	Much better place to live
8	Can't choose

23. Do you agree or disagree with the following...

Ultimately, people having different religions cannot get along with each other when living close together. **V23**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

24. During the last year, did you make some personal sacrifice as an expression of your faith such as by fasting, following a special diet, or giving up some activity during a holy season such as (Lent or Ramadan) {use examples that are appropriate for religions in your country}? **V24**Optional in 2008**

Yes
No

25. Within in the last year, have you read any holy scripture such as the Bible, Buddhist sutra, Koran, Sruti, Torah, or other religious scripture, not counting any reading that happened during a worship service? **V25**

Yes
No

26. Would you describe yourself as feeling very attached to [COUNTRY], somewhat attached to [COUNTRY], neither attached nor unattached, somewhat distant from [COUNTRY], or very distant from [COUNTRY]? **V26**

Very attached to [COUNTRY]	1
Somewhat attached to [COUNTRY]	2
Neither attached nor unattached	3
Somewhat distant from [COUNTRY]	4
Very distant from [COUNTRY]	5
Can't choose	8

2018 Religion Questionnaire - Proposed 3/2017- edited 4/15/17

Repeat Items

New Items 3/7/2017#16

1. If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole...

1991, 1998, 2008

Very happy.....	1
Fairly happy.....	2
Not very happy.....	3
Not at all happy....	4
Can't choose.....	8

2. All things considered, how satisfied are you with your family life - completely satisfied, very satisfied, fairly satisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, fairly dissatisfied, very dissatisfied, completely dissatisfied.

New, but used in ISSP 2002 & 2012 on Family and Gender Roles

Completely satisfied	1
Very satisfied	2
Fairly satisfied	3
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	4
Fairly dissatisfied	5
Very dissatisfied	6
Completely dissatisfied	7
Can't Choose	8

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

1991, 1998, 2008

Always wrong.....	1
Almost always wrong.....	2
Wrong only sometimes.....	3
Not wrong at all.....	4
Can't choose.....	8

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

1991, 1998, 2008

Always wrong.....	1
Almost always wrong.	2
Wrong only sometimes... ..	3
Not wrong at all.....	4
Can't choose.....	8

5. Do you personally think it is wrong or not wrong for a woman to have an abortion ...

1991, 1998, 2008

	Always Wrong	Almost Always Wrong	Wrong Only Sometimes	Not Wrong at All	Can't Choose
If the family has a very low income and cannot afford any more children...	1	2	3	4	8

6. Do you agree or disagree... 1991, 1998, 2008

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Dis- agree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
A husband's job is to earn money; a wife's job is to look after the home and family	1	2	3	4	5	8

7. How much confidence do you have in ...

1991, 1998, 2008

1. Complete confidence
2. A great deal of confidence
3. Some confidence
4. Very little confidence
5. No confidence at all
8. Can't choose

PLEASE CIRCLE A NUMBER

a. [Parliament]..... <use national legislature, e.g. U.S. Congress>	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. Business and industry....	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. Churches and religious organizations.....	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. Courts and the legal system.....	1	2	3	4	5	8
e. Schools and the educational system.....	1	2	3	4	5	8

8. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

1991, 1998, 2008

Strongly agree.....1
 Agree.....2
 Neither agree nor disagree.... 3
 Disagree..... 4
 Strongly disagree..... 5
 Can't choose..... 8

PLEASE CIRCLE A NUMBER

Religious leaders
 should not try to
 influence how people
 vote in elections... . 1 2 3 4 5 8

9. Please consider the following statements and tell me whether you agree or disagree..

1998, 2008

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Dis- agree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
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a. We trust too much in
 science and not
 enough in religious
 faith..... 1 2 3 4 5 8

b. Looking around the
 world, religions
 bring more conflict
 than peace..... 1 2 3 4 5 8

c. People with very strong
 religious beliefs are
 often too intolerant of
 others..... 1 2 3 4 5 8

10. Do you think that churches and religious organizations in this
 country have too much power or too little power?

2008

Far too much power..... 1
 Too much power..... 2
 About the right amount of power.... 3
 Too little power..... 4
 Far too little power..... 5
 Can't choose..... 8

11. People have different religions and different religious views. Would you accept a person from a different religion or with a very different religious view from yours...

2008

1. Definitely accept,
2. Probably accept,
3. Probably not accept,
4. Definitely not accept,
8. Can't Choose

marrying a relative					
of yours	1	2	3	4	8

12. There are some people whose views are considered extreme by the majority. Consider religious extremists, that is people who believe that their religion is the only true faith and all other religions should be considered as enemies. Do you think such people should be allowed to...

2008

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE.

	Definitely	Probably	Probably	Definitely	Can't
			Not	Not	Choose
a. Hold public meetings to express their views?	1	2	3	4	8
b. Publish books expressing their views?	1	2	3	4	8

13. Please indicate which statement below comes closest to expressing what you believe about God.

1991, 1998, 2008

I don't believe in God..... 1

I don't know whether there is a God and
I don't believe there is any way
to find out..... 2

I don't believe in a personal God, but
I do believe in a Higher Power of
some kind..... 3

I find myself believing in God some of
the time, but not at others..... 4

While I have doubts, I feel that I do
believe in God..... 5

I know God really exists and I have no
doubts about it..... 6

14. Which best describes your beliefs about God?

1991, 1998, 2008

I don't believe in God now and I never have..... 1

I don't believe in God now, but I used to..... 2

I believe in God now, but I didn't used to..... 3

I believe in God now and I always have..... 4

Can't choose..... 8

15. Do you believe in

	Yes, Definitely	Yes, Probably	No, Probably Not	No, Definitely Not	Can't Choose
a. Life after death.	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
b. Heaven.....	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
c. Hell.....	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
d. Religious miracles	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
e. The supernatural powers of deceased ancestors	1	2	3	4	8
2008					

16. Do you agree or disagree with the following...

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree
8. Can't choose

PLEASE CIRCLE A NUMBER

a. There is a God who concerns Himself with every human being personally..... 1 2 3 4 5 8

1991, 1998, 2008

b. There is little that people can do to change the course of their lives..... 1 2 3 4 5 8

1991, 1998, 2008

c. To me, life is meaningful only because God exists..... 1 2 3 4 5 8

1991, 1998, 2008

d. In my opinion, life does not serve any purpose..... 1 2 3 4 5 8

1991, 1998, 2008

e. Life is only meaningful if you provide the meaning yourself..... 1 2 3 4 5 8

1991, 1998, 2008

f. I have my own way of connecting with God without churches or religious services. 1 2 3 4 5 8

2008

17. What was your mother's religious preference when you were a child? Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1991, 1998, 2008

Protestant..... 1
Catholic..... 2
Jewish..... 3
Orthodox (such as Greek
or Russian Orthodox)... 4
Muslim..... 5
Other (Please Specify)

6
No religion..... 7
Don't know..... 8

If Protestant:

What specific denomination was that?

<List in Qs. 17-19 should be modified to include all major religions in each country.>

18. What was your father's religious preference when you were a child? Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1991, 1998, 2008

Protestant..... 1
Catholic..... 2
Jewish..... 3
Orthodox (such as Greek
or Russian Orthodox)... 4
Muslim..... 5
Other (Please Specify)

6
No religion..... 7
Don't know..... 8

If Protestant:

What specific denomination was that?

19. What religion, if any, were you raised in? Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1991, 1998, 2008

Protestant.....	1
Catholic.....	2
Jewish.....	3
Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox)...	4
Muslim.....	5
Other (Please Specify)	6
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No religion.....	7
Don't know.....	8

If Protestant:

What specific denomination was that?

<It is strongly recommended that the item on respondent's religion in the demographics use response categories fully compatible with those above.>

20. When you were a child, how often did your mother attend religious services?

1991, 1998, 2008

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
No mother/mother not present..	10
Can't say/Can't remember.....	98

21. When you were a child, how often did your father attend religious services?

1991, 1998, 2008

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
No father/father not present..	10
Can't say/Can't remember.....	98

22. And what about when you were around 11 or 12, how often did you attend religious services then?

1991, 1998, 2008

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
Can't say/Can't remember.....	98

<It is strongly recommended that the item on respondent's church attendance in the demographics use the same response categories as above.>

Now thinking about the present...

23. About how often do you pray?

1991, 1998, 2008

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

24. How often do you take part in the activities or organizations of a church or place of worship other than attending services?

1991, 1998, 2008

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

25. For religious reasons do you have in your home a shrine, altar, or a religious object on display such as a (COUNTRY-SPECIFIC LIST icon, retablos, mezuzah, menorah, or crucifix)?

2008

Yes	1
No	2

26. How often do you visit a holy place for religious reasons such as going to [shrine/temple/church/mosque]?

Please do not count attending regular religious services at your usual place of worship, if you have one.

2008

Never	1
Less than once a year	2
About once or twice a year	3
Several times a year	4
About once a month or more	5

27. During the last year, did you make some personal sacrifice as an expression of your faith such as by fasting, following a special diet, or giving up some activity during a holy season such as (Lent or Ramadan) {use examples that are appropriate for religions in your country}? **New, but optional in 2008**

Yes	1
No	2

28. Within the last year, have you read or listened to the reading of any holy scripture such as the Bible, Buddhist sutra, Koran, Sruti, Torah, or other religious scripture, not counting any reading that happened during a worship service? **New**

Yes	1
No	2

29. Would you describe yourself as ...

1991, 1998, 2008

Extremely religious.....	1
Very religious.....	2
Somewhat religious.....	3
Neither religious nor non-religious.....	4
Somewhat non-religious.....	5
Very non-religious.....	6
Extremely non-religious.....	7
Can't choose.....	8

30. What best describes you:

2008

I follow a religion and consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural. 1

I follow a religion, but don't consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural. 2

I don't follow a religion, but consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural. 3

I don't follow a religion and don't consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural. 4

Can't choose 8

31. Do you agree or disagree that practicing a religion helps people to...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
a. make friends	1	2	3	4	5	8

2008

b. gain comfort in times of trouble or sorrow	1	2	3	4	5	8
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2008

32. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

a. Governments should not interfere with any religions' attempts to spread their faith. **New**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

b. All things considered, people having different religions cannot get along with each other when living close together. **New**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

33. In [COUNTRY] do you personally agree or disagree with each of the following...

a. Religion represents the past and not the future. **New**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

b. Religion is just as relevant to life today as it was in the past. **New**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

34. Does your religion treat men and women equally, treat men better than women, or treat women better than men? **New**

Treats men and women equally	1
Treats men better than women	2
Treats women better than men	3
I don't belong to or follow any religion	4
Can't Choose	8

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

Religions are usually a barrier to equality between women and men. **New**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

36. How threatening **do** you consider those belonging to the following religious groups? **New**

Very threatening	1
Somewhat threatening	2
Not very threatening	3
Not at all threatening	4
Can't choose	8

a. Christians	1	2	3	4	8
b. Muslims	1	2	3	4	8
c. Hindus	1	2	3	4	8
d. Buddhists	1	2	3	4	8
e. Jews	1	2	3	4	8
f. Non-believers	1	2	3	4	8

Optionals

1. Would you say that you have been "born again" or have had a "born again" experience -- that is, a turning point in your life when you committed yourself to Christ?

1991, 1998, 2008

Yes.....1
No.....2

2. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

1991, 1998, 2008

a. The Bible is the actual word of God
and it is to be taken literally, word
for word..... 1

b. The Bible is the inspired word of God
but not everything should be taken
literally, word for word 2

c. The Bible is an ancient book of fables,
legends, history, and moral precepts
recorded by man..... 3

d. This does not apply to me 4

e. Can't choose..... 8

- 3 Has there ever been a turning point in your life when you made a new and personal commitment to religion?

1991, 1998, 2008; Optional in 2008, previously required

Yes.....1
No.....2

4. Now please think about something different. Please check one box on each line below to show whether you think each statement is true or false.

1991, 1998, 2008

	Definitely True	Probably True	Probably False	Definitely False	Can't Choose
a. Good luck charms sometimes do bring good luck.	1	2	3	4	8

- b. Some fortune tellers really can foresee the future..... 1 2 3 4 8
- c. Some faithhealers do have God-given healing powers..... 1 2 3 4 8
- d. A person's star sign at birth, or horoscope, can affect the course of their future..... 1 2 3 4 8
5. Suppose a law was passed which conflicted with your religious principles and teachings. Would you...

1998, 2008

- Definitely follow the law..... 1
- Probably follow the law..... 2
- Probably follow your religious principles..... 3
- Definitely follow your religious principles... 4
- I have no religious principles..... 5
- Can't choose..... 8

6. What is your personal attitude towards members of the following religious groups?

2008

1. Very positive,
2. Somewhat positive,
3. Neither positive nor negative,
4. Somewhat negative,
5. Very negative,
8. Can't Choose

- | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. Christians | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| b. Muslims | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| c. Hindus | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| d. Buddhists | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| e. Jews | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| f. Atheists or non-believers | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |

7. Generally speaking, would you say that people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

Compulsory in 1998, 2008

People can almost always be trusted	1
People can usually be trusted	2
You usually can't be too careful in dealing with people	3
You almost always can't be too careful in dealing with people	4
Can't choose.....	8

8. Do you believe in **Compulsory in 2008**

	Yes, Definitely	Yes, Probably	No, Probably Not	No, Definitely Not	Can't Choose
a.Reincarnation - being Reborn in this world again and again	1	2	3	4	8
b.Nirvana	1	2	3	4	8

9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

A country's laws should not be based on any religion. **New**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

Notes on Question Wordings

In the above text "()" are parenthetical statements that will appear in the version administered to respondents. "[]" are used to show where appropriate, country-specific words will be inserted and the punctuations will be removed from the final text. "< >" are special notes or instructions to follow. The punctuations and the statements themselves will be removed from the final text.

Q. 3 - "sexual relations" means "sexual intercourse".

Q. 7 - "confidence" takes on several meanings, but having trust in is the main dimension.

Q 7B - "Business and industry" - refers to large-scale businesses, but don't use an adjective like "big" in the translation.

Q. 10 - "churches and religious organizations" refers to the power of organized or institutional religions collectively. The question is whether overall religious organizations (e.g. the Catholic and Lutheran churches) have too much/too little power.

Qs. Required: 13, 14, 16a, 16c, 16f and Optionals: 2, 4C: "God" refers to a supreme being. The term should refer to an entity rather than a non-sentient force. An encompassing, non-sectarian term is desirable if possible.

Q. 13, response 3 - a "personal God" - a supreme being who cares about and is involved with individuals. This is a view of God in contrast to a deistic outlook.

Q 15E, 30 - "supernatural" refers to beyond the physical world, should conote things of a divine or transcendental nature. Avoid if possible, terms that refer mostly to entities like ghosts, poldergeists, elves, gremlins, etc. not associated with religion.

Qs 17-19 - "preference" refers to the religion that a person favors or identifies with. If a person was born a member of one religion, but then preferred or identified with another religion, this question asks about the latter.

"Religions" refers to major faiths or organized theological systems as opposed to "denominations" which are sub-divisions within a religion. What is important is that these questions distinguish all relevant faiths, religions, denominations, sects, etc. that exist in each country.

Qs. 20-22 - "religious services" generally refers to organized, group worship activities like Muslims going to the mosque on Fridays, Catholic mass, attending church on Sundays for Protestants, etc. Private prayers at home would not normally count.

Q. 25 - In general, list two or three examples that would be appropriate for the two or three largest religions in your country. If the country is religiously homogenous and only one type of religious object would be

typical for that religion, a single example would suffice. However, we want to avoid creating the impression that we are referring only to religious objects relating to one particular religion.

Q. 26 Note that this refers to a religious visit, thus sightseeing at a shrine, temple, church, tomb, etc. without a religious purpose would not count. In general, list two or three examples of holy places that would be appropriate for the two or three largest religions in your country. If the country is religiously homogenous and only one type of holy place would be typical for that religion, a single example would suffice. However, we want to avoid creating the impression that we are referring only to holy places relating to one particular religion.

Q. 29 "extremely non-religious" - this does not mean anti-religious or attacking religion, but being without any religious feelings, beliefs, or behaviors.

Q. 30 - see Q. 15E above.

Q. 36 - "Christians" collectively refers to followers of all churches associated with Christianity: Eastern Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, Baptist, Seventh Day Adventist, etc. Similarly the other terms cover all sects or divisions within each of the listed major religions.

Optionals

Qs. 1 and 2 should be asked in countries with an appreciable number of Evangelical Protestants. They are not general questions to be asked in all countries.

Qs. 3-7,9 are generally applicable for all countries.

Optional Q. 1 - "born-again" - this refers to a specific type of spiritual experience in which people accept Christ as their personal Savior and are "born-again" as a Christian on the path to salvation. If your country has Baptist or Pentecostal sects, find what they use in your language(s) for this. It does not refer to "rebirth" in the sense of reincarnation.

Optional Q. 2 - "Bible" should be used in all countries with predominantly Judeo-Christian heritage. Countries with adherents mostly from other religious traditions might either omit this item or replace "Bible" with the appropriate holy book. For example, a predominately Muslim country could rephrase the item in terms of the Koran. "This does not apply to me." This code is largely for members of religions outside the Judeo-Christian tradition, but we want it to be flexible enough for other respondents to use it, if it seems appropriate to them.

Optional Q. 3 - "turning point" - a time or event in one's life when a change occurred resulting in a gaining of faith, becoming a believer, a

rededication to one's religion or similar.

Q. 6 - See note for Q.36 among compulsory items.

Q. 8A - "Reincarnation - being Reborn in this world again and again"
This was mistranslated in several countries in 2008. Terms that refer to the resurrection of Christ, the rising or resurrection of the dead in end times, or being born again (see note on Option Q. 1) must be avoided.

Q. 8B - "Nirvana" is a Buddhist concept that refers to the ultimate state transcending pain and desire in which individual consciousness ends.

2018 Religion Questionnaire - Proposed 3/2017

Repeat Items **New Items** 4/17/2017#17

1. If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole...

1991, 1998, 2008

Very happy.....	1
Fairly happy.....	2
Not very happy.....	3
Not at all happy....	4
Can't choose.....	8

2. All things considered, how satisfied are you with your family life - completely satisfied, very satisfied, fairly satisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, fairly dissatisfied, very dissatisfied, completely dissatisfied.

New, but used in ISSP 2002 & 2012 on Family and Gender Roles

Completely satisfied	1
Very satisfied	2
Fairly satisfied	3
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	4
Fairly dissatisfied	5
Very dissatisfied	6
Completely dissatisfied	7
Can't Choose	8

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

1991, 1998, 2008

Always wrong.....	1
Almost always wrong.....	2
Wrong only sometimes.....	3
Not wrong at all.....	4
Can't choose.....	8

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

1991, 1998, 2008

Always wrong.....	1
Almost always wrong.	2
Wrong only sometimes.....	3
Not wrong at all.....	4
Can't choose.....	8

Commented [TWS1]: Chile-I don't see the connection between satisfaction with the family life and the new topics of this questionnaire.

I suggest to rephrase this question in terms of subjective health or life satisfaction if the idea is to measure the relation between religion and an overall assessment of well-being (although I recognize that the question about happiness above captures a bit of that).

Commented [TWS2]: France- Interesting but a bit off-topic

Commented [TWS3]: Slovakia- We propose to omit this part of question 2. Question used in ISSP 2002 and 2012: All things considered, how satisfied are you with your family life? <response categories to be deleted>

Commented [TWS4]: Slovakia- We agree with the Austrian colleagues and support the inclusion of a question on subjective health.

5. Do you personally think it is wrong or not wrong for a woman to have an abortion ...
1991, 1998, 2008

	Always Wrong	Almost Always Wrong	Wrong Only Sometimes	Not Wrong at All	Can't Choose
If the family has a very low income and cannot afford any more children...	1	2	3	4	8

6. Do you agree or disagree... 1991, 1998, 2008

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Dis- agree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
A husband's job is to earn money; a wife's job is to look after the home and family ...	1	2	3	4	5	8

7. How much confidence do you have in ...

1991, 1998, 2008

1. Complete confidence
2. A great deal of confidence
3. Some confidence
4. Very little confidence
5. No confidence at all
8. Can't choose

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a. [Parliament]..... <use national legislature, e.g. U.S. Congress>	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. Business and industry....	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. Churches and religious organizations.....	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. Courts and the legal system.....	1	2	3	4	5	8
e. Schools and the educational system.....	1	2	3	4	5	8

Commented [TWS5]: Georgia - Q 5 – We think it would be better to substitute the words “wrong” and “not wrong” with more neutral ones in the question. Would not it be better to ask whether a respondent thinks abortion is acceptable in certain cases such as not only the family's low income but maybe also some issues related to the child (as in the former version) and mother (say, mother's health or personal issues).

Commented [TWS6]: Spain- In these cases there is only one item left of what used to be a multi-item question stemming from the same question text.

Q5. Do you personally think that it is wrong or not wrong for a woman to have an abortion if the family has a very low income and cannot afford more children?

Always wrong..... 1
Almost always wrong.... 2
Etc.

Commented [TWS7]: Germany-Design could be adjusted since there is only one item left from the small 2008 battery. We are not sure whether such an adjustment will change the item and the counting of replicates.

Commented [TWS8R7]: Slovakia-: We agree with the comment made by Germany.

Commented [TWS9]: Germany- Design could be adjusted since there is only one item left from the small 1991 battery. See comment above.

Commented [TWS10R9]: Slovakia- We agree with the comment made by Germany.

Commented [TWS11]: Chile- The phrase doesn't sound right, given that there's only one item now. An adjustment would be ideal only if it doesn't affect the comparability with previous rounds.

Commented [TWS12]: Slovakia- We propose to keep only three items here - including churches and religious organizations - which is sufficient to identify the institutional confidence in different types of institutions.

8. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following...

1991, 1998, 2008

Strongly agree.....1
 Agree.....2
 Neither agree nor disagree... 3
 Disagree.....4
 Strongly disagree.....5
 Can't choose.....8

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Religious leaders
 should not try to
 influence how people
 vote in elections... . 1 2 3 4 5 8

9. Please consider the following statements and tell me whether you agree or disagree..

1998, 2008

Strongly Agree Neither Agree nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree Can't Choose

a. We trust too much in science and not enough in religious faith..... 1 2 3 4 5 8

b. Looking around the world, religions bring more conflict than peace..... 1 2 3 4 5 8

c. People with very strong religious beliefs are often too intolerant of others..... 1 2 3 4 5 8

10. Do you think that churches and religious organizations in this country have too much power or too little power?

2008

Far too much power..... 1
 Too much power..... 2
 About the right amount of power... 3
 Too little power..... 4
 Far too little power..... 5
 Can't choose..... 8

Commented [TWS13]: Georgia - We think the original version should be kept in order to measure the impact of religious leaders on both the people's and governments' political decisions (currently, there is only one option, while the question says "how much do you agree or disagree with each of the following").

Commented [TWS14]: Germany- Design could be adjusted since there is only one item left from the small battery. See comment above.

Commented [TWS15R14]: Slovakia- We agree with the comment made by Germany.

Commented [TWS16]: Spain- Q6/Q8 The issue just mentioned also applies to Q6 and Q8 but in these questions that ask about agreeing/disagreeing, for some reason, it seems to us better to add "with the following statement/sentence" rather than rephrasing them in the same manner proposed for Q5/Q11

Q8 as it appears in the draft is worded as we propose, though it should be slightly changed because it says "each of the following" and there is only one item.

Commented [TWS17]: Georgia-Wha kind of "power" is implied in this question – political, social, or even economic? In addition, what is the measurement of "far too much power" vs. "too much power" or "to little power" vs. "far too little power."

11. People have different religions and different religious views. Would you accept a person from a different religion or with a very different religious view from yours...

2008

1. Definitely accept,
2. Probably accept,
3. Probably not accept,
4. Definitely not accept,
8. Can't Choose

marrying a relative of yours	1	2	3	4	8
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12. There are some people whose views are considered extreme by the majority. Consider religious extremists, that is people who believe that their religion is the only true faith and all other religions should be considered as enemies. Do you think such people should be allowed to...

2008

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE.

	Definitely	Probably	Probably	Definitely	Can't
			Not	Not	Choose
a. Hold public meetings to express their views?	1	2	3	4	8
b. Publish books expressing their views?	1	2	3	4	8

Commented [TWS18]: Chile- What is meant by "accept"? The phrase doesn't sound right, given that there's only one item now. An adjustment would be ideal only if it doesn't affect the comparability with previous rounds.

Commented [TWS19]: Georgia - Might be more useful to use the Bogardus scale in Q 11 and have a couple of questions both on formal relations such as having a person of different religious views as a member of the political party one supports and on informal relations such as making friends with such a person.

Commented [TWS20]: Spain- In these cases there is only one item left of what used to be a multi-item question stemming from the same question text.

Q11. People have different religions and different religious views. Would you accept a person from a different religion or with a very different religious view from yours marrying a relative of yours?

1. Definitely accept..... 1
2. Probably accept..... 2
- Etc.

Commented [TWS21]: Germany- Design could be adjusted since there is only one item left from the small battery. See comment above.

Commented [TWS22R21]: Slovakia- We agree with the comment made by Germany.

Commented [TWS23]: Japan- This question is hard to answer and analyze, since the answer would depend on what religion the respondent has in mind.

13. Please indicate which statement below comes closest to expressing what you believe about God.

1991, 1998, 2008

I don't believe in God.....	1
I don't know whether there is a God and I don't believe there is any way to find out.....	2
I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a Higher Power of some kind.....	3
I find myself believing in God some of the time, but not at others.....	4
While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God.....	5
I know God really exists and I have no doubts about it.....	6

14. Which best describes your beliefs about God?

1991, 1998, 2008

I don't believe in God now and I never have.....	1
I don't believe in God now, but I used to.....	2
I believe in God now, but I didn't used to.....	3
I believe in God now and I always have.....	4
Can't choose.....	8

15. Do you believe in

	Yes, Definitely	Yes, Probably	No, Probably Not	No, Definitely Not	Can't Choose
a. Life after death	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
b. Heaven.....	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
c. Hell.....	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
d. Religious miracles	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
e. The supernatural powers of deceased ancestors	1	2	3	4	8
2008					

Commented [TWS24]: Slovakia- This item has a very low share of affirmative responses in Slovakia.

16. Do you agree or disagree with the following...

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree
8. Can't choose

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a. There is a God who concerns Himself with every human being personally.....	1	2	3	4	5	8
1991, 1998, 2008						
b. There is little that people can do to change the course of their lives.....	1	2	3	4	5	8
1991, 1998, 2008						
c. To me, life is meaningful only because God exists.....	1	2	3	4	5	8
1991, 1998, 2008						
d. In my opinion, life does not serve any purpose.....	1	2	3	4	5	8
1991, 1998, 2008						
e. Life is only meaningful if you provide the meaning yourself.....	1	2	3	4	5	8
1991, 1998, 2008						
f. I have my own way of connecting with God without churches or religious services.	1	2	3	4	5	8
2008						

Commented [TWS25]: Georgia-We wonder whether the statements listed in Q 16 should actually be united in one scale as they measure different things – c, d and e, maybe even b (measuring meaningfulness of life) versus the rest.

17. What was your mother's religious preference when you were a child? Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1991, 1998, 2008

Protestant.....	1
Catholic.....	2
Jewish.....	3
Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox)...	4
Muslim.....	5
Other (Please Specify)	
_____	6
No religion.....	7
Don't know.....	8

If Protestant:

What specific denomination was that?

<List in Qs. 17-19 should be modified to include all major religions in each country.>

18. What was your father's religious preference when you were a child? Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1991, 1998, 2008

Protestant.....	1
Catholic.....	2
Jewish.....	3
Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox)...	4
Muslim.....	5
Other (Please Specify)	
_____	6
No religion.....	7
Don't know.....	8

If Protestant:

What specific denomination was that?

Commented [TWS26]: Georgia - Why do Q 17, 18 and 19 list religions in the question itself: "Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion or no religion"? In the countries where Protestant, Catholic or Jewish religion is not dominant (such as Georgia, Russia, Greece, China, Thailand, etc.) the wording needs to be changed anyway. So for the purpose of convenience, would not it be more useful to ask only the first part of the question: "What religion, if any, were you raised in?" (The same about parents' religious preferences. By the way, I have a question here: "Religious preference" might not be the same as religious affiliation. A respondent might know his/her parents' religious affiliation but not necessarily their religious preferences.)

Commented [TWS27]: Belgium- if Protestant, what specific denomination was that? That question will not make much sense in Belgium as there are very few protestant people. What is the reason to ask more details only when 'Protestant'?

19. What religion, if any, were you raised in? Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1991, 1998, 2008

Protestant.....	1
Catholic.....	2
Jewish.....	3
Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox)...	4
Muslim.....	5
Other (Please Specify)	6
No religion.....	7
Don't know.....	8

If Protestant:

What specific denomination was that?

<It is strongly recommended that the item on respondent's religion in the demographics use response categories fully compatible with those above.>

20. When you were a child, how often did your mother attend religious services?

1991, 1998, 2008

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
No mother/mother not present..	10
Can't say/Can't remember.....	98

21. When you were a child, how often did your father attend religious services?

1991, 1998, 2008

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
No father/father not present..	10
Can't say/Can't remember.....	98

Commented [TWS28]: Chile- If intergenerational transmission of a religion and homogamy are topics of interest, maybe the questionnaire can be expanded by including the religious denomination of R's partner (if any) and kids (if any).

Commented [TWS29]: Georgia- Q 20 through 24 - there are more than enough response categories and we wonder whether "Nearly every week" makes sense at all, as it invokes the same associations as "every week" plus there is a preceding category "2-3 times a month", which is nearly every week anyway.

22. And what about when you were around 11 or 12, how often did you attend religious services then?

1991, 1998, 2008

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
Can't say/Can't remember.....	98

<It is strongly recommended that the item on respondent's church attendance in the demographics use the same response categories as above.>

Now thinking about the present...

23. About how often do you pray?

1991, 1998, 2008

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

24. How often do you take part in the activities or organizations of a church or place of worship other than attending services?

1991, 1998, 2008

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

25. For religious reasons do you have in your home a shrine, altar, or a religious object on display such as a (COUNTRY-SPECIFIC LIST icon, retablos, mezuzah, menorah, or crucifix)?

2008

Yes	1
No	2

26. How often do you visit a holy place for religious reasons such as going to [shrine/temple/church/mosque]?
Please do not count attending regular religious services at your usual place of worship, if you have one.

2008

Never	1
Less than once a year	2
About once or twice a year	3
Several times a year	4
About once a month or more	5

27. During the last year, did you make some personal sacrifice as an expression of your faith such as by fasting, following a special diet, or giving up some activity during a holy season such as (Lent or Ramadan) {use examples that are appropriate for religions in your country}? **New, but optional in 2008**

Yes	1
No	2

Commented [TWS30]: Japan - This question might be confusing to respondents since it is very similar to ATTEND (Attendance of religious services) in the Background Variables. We suggest changing this variable to a compulsory background question to be asked before ATTEND. In addition, to distinguish this question from ATTEND, we suggest adding a phrase clarifying that weddings and funerals should be included in "religious reasons".

Commented [NLE31]: We find the concept of the question quite awkward. If it remains it would be very difficult to translate "personal sacrifice" in a way that would capture the meaning of the question. Possibly some alternative such as "made special effort..."

Commented [TWS32]: UK - Need to allow for people who don't belong to a religion (route them out, or answer option) – the premise of the question is that everyone has a faith, and the answer 'no' has a specific meaning in that context (which wouldn't include no faith)

Commented [TWS33]: Spain - Since it is not a major change and these do not count as old items, it would be better to use "During the last 12 months" in both of these questions, or even "During the last 12 months, that is since (MONTH, YEAR)," as it is done in some questions in the European Social Survey.

There will be respondents who will still make the "shortcut" and think of the last calendar year, but this way the question increases the chances that all respondents in each country will have the same time frame in their minds. Given that some of the "personal sacrifices"/occasions that could increase the chances of reading the Bible, Koran, Torah, etc. (even if not considering worship services) happen at particular times during the year (Christmas, Easter, etc.), it is better to increase the chances that all respondents think of the same time frame.

Both questions, but more particularly Q28, could be measured also using some kind of frequency scale rather than just yes/no

Commented [TWS34]: Japan - This question is rather difficult to analyze since the degree of a personal sacrifice (such as painfulness of the sacrifice etc.) may differ depending on religions and/or each individual. There are other key variables measuring devotion to religion, and we suggest moving this item to an optional.

28. Within in the last year, have you read or listened to the reading of any holy scripture such as the Bible, Buddhist sutra, Koran, Sruti, Torah, or other religious scripture, not counting any reading that happened during a worship service? **New**

- Yes 1
- No 2

29. Would you describe yourself as ...
1991, 1998, 2008

- Extremely religious..... 1
- Very religious..... 2
- Somewhat religious..... 3
- Neither religious nor non-religious..... 4
- Somewhat non-religious..... 5
- Very non-religious..... 6
- Extremely non-religious..... 7
- Can't choose..... 8

30. What best describes you:
2008

I follow a religion and consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural. 1

I follow a religion, but don't consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural. 2

I don't follow a religion, but consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural. 3

I don't follow a religion and don't consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural. 4

Can't choose 8

Commented [NLE35]: Keep the wording as in Q. 27

Commented [TWS36]: Chile- "During the last year" is used above. Why did it change here?
I think a yes/no response adds little info. What does it mean that respondent said yes to this question? Using an intensity scale provides more information (e.g. Never/Once/About once or twice/ Several times/About once a month or more).

Commented [TWS37]: Japan - Is there a difference between "During the last year" in Q27 and "Within the last year" in Q28? It might be better if we replace "last year" with "(During) the past 12 months" so that it would be easier for respondents to recall if they read any holy scripture. In addition, is it necessary to exclude "reading during a worship service"?

Commented [TWS38]: Germany- see time anchor in 27: "during the last year".
We see two different interpretations, the first one goes in direction of a general interest in religion, the second one in direction of religious behavior/ practice. If the latter is intended you might want to specify the holy scripture and rephrase similar to optional item 2.
See TN regarding optional 2 on bible.

Commented [TWS39]: UK- Is there any extra guidance on which of these to include? Some of these are not very familiar in Britain

Commented [TWS40]: Georgia-"Extremely religious" invokes some negative connotations (especially in the context of Q 12). We think it would be better not to use the word "extremely" in this question at all.

Commented [TWS41]: Chile- What is meant by "interested"? I have an interest in such topics (I'm writing these comments), but I'm no way a believer, which I think it's the point of this question. Maybe a note could be added explaining that "interest" means "belief".

31. Do you agree or disagree that practicing a religion helps people to...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
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a. make friends	1	2	3	4	5	8
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2008

b. gain comfort in times of trouble or sorrow	1	2	3	4	5	8
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2008

32. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

a. Governments should not interfere with any religions' attempts to spread their faith. **New**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

Commented [TWS42]: Germany- TN needed on the meaning of government. See TN 2016 (any government elected in power) or is it state? What is meant by "interfere"?

Commented [TWS43]: Spain- It is quite vague in the way it's worded. There are examples of how to interfere with what religious extremists should or should not be allowed to do in Q12, on the influence of religion in voting (Q8), and I think those are easier for respondents to answer, while question 32a is quite abstract. Does it refer to the government regulating what religious schools have to teach? Whether religion is to be taught in school?

Commented [TWS44]: Belgium - Q32a en Q32b are negatively worded and for some people may be difficult to answer

Commented [TWS45]: Chile- What is meant by "interfere"?

Commented [TWS46]: Georgia- We agree with the German team's comment that "interfere" needs to be operationalized. It is also important to clarify whether "any religion" means any mainstream religion or various religious groups or denominations, as it might have a significant impact on the responses to this question.

Commented [TWS47]: UK- Need to try to avoid the 'negative' if possible – i.e. Using 'not'. A negative statement does not work well with an agree/disagree scale. An alternative could be - 'Religions should be allowed to attempt to spread their faith without government interference'. If you want to avoid such a radical redraft, we think 'any religions' attempts' is grammatically clumsy. An alternative could be 'Governments should not interfere with the attempts of any religion to spread its faith' or similar.

Commented [TWS48]: France- "Any attempts" is very large. Can't help but wonder whether it includes illegal attempts such as terrorist attacks?

b. All things considered, people having different religions cannot get along with each other when living close together. **New**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

Commented [TWS49]: Chile- In Chile, different religions mean Catholics vs Protestants. In other countries, this means Christians vs Muslims, so on so forth. I'm not sure if this question tries to measure global, national or an specific religious conflict. If the latter is the case, the question should be more specific.

Commented [TWS50]: Japan - "Living close together" is rather unclear. Does it mean living in "the neighborhood" "the same city" or "the same community"?

Commented [TWS51]: Chile- In my view, a great complement to this question would be something like "how often do you have any contact with people who are of a different religion from you" (Never/Less than once a month/Once a month/Several times a month/ Once a week/Several times a week/Everyday).

Intergroup contact may influence perceptions and prejudices about outgroup members.

Commented [TWS52]: Germany- What is meant be different religions? Please clarify. While in Western countries many might think of Muslim vs. Christians, there might also be others thinking of Protestants vs. Catholics (Northern Ireland). If the item is about a possible cleavage between Muslims and Christians then we suggest to specify the wording in this direction. Another idea would be setting the frame for world religions in a bridge

Commented [TWS53]: UK- Usually use "belonging to" or "who follow" elsewhere in the module. If stick with "having" it should be changed to "who have"

Commented [TWS54]: France- Pretty good indicator for the clash of civilizations

33. In [COUNTRY] do you personally agree or disagree with each of the following...

a. Religion represents the past and not the future. New

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

b. Religion is just as relevant to life today as it was in the past.

New

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

Commented [NLE55]: The structure of the question is awkward: In [country] do you personally.... We suggest to drop "personally" (as in Q.32) The item should read: "Do you agree or disagree with the following statements" (as in Q. 32) Move "in [country]" to the beginning of item (a) and beginning of item (b)

Commented [TWS56]: Germany- This is not standard ISSP wording. What is the reason to add "personally" ?

Commented [TWS57]: Chile- Is this question about the country? Or is it about a personal view? The introduction seems to be a bit confusing.

Commented [TWS58]: Spain- seem to be measuring very similar things, are both needed? In addition to that, we wonder how "to life" is intended to be understood by respondents? To people's lives?

Commented [TWS59]: Belgium-could be a difficult question to answer when there are different religions in one country.

Commented [TWS60]: Germany- To whom: individually or for the COUNTRY as a whole? If the latter is intended you might want to slightly change the introduction into "In your country"

Commented [TWS61]: France- Past and future of... mankind, environment, politics, economy?

Commented [TWS62]: Germany- Relevant in the sense of "important" or "meaningful"? Please add TN Keep a and b as it is, or would be an item battery make more sense?

Commented [TWS63]: UK- This is very similar to statement a. What is the rationale for including both? We suggest only asking one of these and we prefer 33b.

34. Does your religion treat men and women equally, treat men better than women, or treat women better than men? **New**

Treats men and women equally	1
Treats men better than women	2
Treats women better than men	3
I don't belong to or follow any religion	4
Can't Choose	8

Commented [NLE64]: This appears as a factual question. We propose to add at the beginning "In your opinion, does your religion...."

Commented [TWS65]: UK- We suggest moving this code to the top of the answer frame. The question could be a bit jarring for those with no religion but seeing the 'I don't belong to a religion answer' at the top will mean that they quickly see there is a relevant answer for them.

Commented [TWS66]: Spain-. Adding "In your opinion, does your religion" would help respondents to answer according to their perception, rather than assess something that otherwise seems to be a factual question.

Commented [V67]: Lots of socially desirable answers to be anticipated here.

Commented [TWS68]: Japan - A translation note about "your religion" would help. That is, clarifying that "your religion" refers to "the religion that you belong to (believe in)".

Commented [TWS69]: Georgia- We wonder what this question actually measures. It sounds quite odd and seems to need different formulation.

Commented [TWS70]: Germany- "your religion" supposes that respondent has a religion. There is a category on that but no wording in the question text itself. Bridge is missing: "My religion..."

Commented [TWS71]: France- Watch out for the desirability bias since religiosity is intertwined with social identity

Commented [TWS72]: Chile- Maybe there is some social desirability bias here.

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

Religions are usually a barrier to equality between women and men. **New**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

Commented [TWS73]: Spain- We are concerned the answers might be influenced by the previous question. It would be a better if the two questions were placed separately (with some questions between the two, even if the DG prefers to have the question about respondent's religion first and the one about religions in general later).

Commented [V74]: "Religions are usually" is a vary vague statement. Religions differ greatly on this issue.

Commented [TWS75]: Chile- This statement seems to assume that religions have such objective, but inequality between women and men could be an unintended consequence of believing a given religion.

I suggest to change the wording. "Religions usually promote inequality..."

Commented [NLE76]: Only one item here so should combine the the two sentences to read: To what extent do you agree or disagree that religions are...."

Commented [TWS77]: UK- Is this strong enough? Attitude statements usually work best with a strong statement, otherwise there's room for interpretation of the 'disagree' response. For example, if someone thinks religions are ALWAYS a barrier, how would they respond?

36. How threatening do you consider those belonging to the following religious groups? **New**

Very threatening					1
Somewhat threatening					2
Not very threatening					3
Not at all threatening					4
Can't choose					8
a. Christians	1	2	3	4	8
b. Muslims	1	2	3	4	8
c. Hindus	1	2	3	4	8
d. Buddhists	1	2	3	4	8
e. Jews	1	2	3	4	8
f. Non-believers	1	2	3	4	8

Commented [TWS78]: Georgia- threatening" to those belonging to other religions or who?

Commented [TWS79]: UK- We are very concerned about fielding this question as it is. It is potentially offensive. What is it trying to measure? Whether people feel personally threatened by individuals of a particular religion? If it stays in the questionnaire we would need to take this to our ethics committee.
Is this meant to mean physically threatening, or a threat to culture/values/society/? At the moment I think it's the former that is implied.

Commented [TWS80]: Chile- In my view, a great complement to this question would be something like "how often do you have any contact with Christians/Muslims/Hindus/Buddhists/Jews/Non-believers" (Never/Less than once a month/Once a month/Several times a month/ Once a week/Several times a week/Everyday) for the same reason I described above.

Commented [TWS81]: Germany- Threatening in which sense? We might measure different concepts by different religious groups.

Commented [V82]: Something grammatically wrong with this question. Confusing.

Commented [TWS83]: Spain- We would prefer to have it worded in a more balanced way ("To what extent do you consider threatening or not those belonging to the following religious groups").

Commented [TWS84]: France- Is "How threatening TO YOU DO YOU consider...?" the correct wording? Anyhow, the wording should be specific. Does this item tap personal threat (petty criminality) or social threat (cultural, economic threat...)?

Commented [TWS85]: UK- These aren't technically a "religious group" (in the question stem), but I think it should still work in terms of being understood by respondents

Optionals

1. Would you say that you have been "born again" or have had a "born again" experience -- that is, a turning point in your life when you committed yourself to Christ?

1991, 1998, 2008

Yes.....1
No.....2

2. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

1991, 1998, 2008

- a. The Bible is the actual word of God and it is to be taken literally, word for word..... 1
- b. The Bible is the inspired word of God but not everything should be taken literally, word for word 2
- c. The Bible is an ancient book of fables, legends, history, and moral precepts recorded by man.... 3
- d. This does not apply to me 4
- e. Can't choose.... 8

3. Has there ever been a turning point in your life when you made a new and personal commitment to religion?

1991, 1998, 2008; Optional in 2008, previously required

Yes.....1
No.....2

4. Now please think about something different. Please check one box on each line below to show whether you think each statement is true or false.

1991, 1998, 2008

	Definitely True	Probably True	Probably False	Definitely False	Can't Choose
a. Good luck charms sometimes do bring good luck.	1	2	3	4	8

Commented [TWS86]: Georgia-. We would substitute optional Q 1 with optional Q3, which sounds more understandable (and also relevant) to wider audiences.

Commented [TWS87]: Germany-. Why not reframe the question and include also the Koran? Then it's not a replicate question any more but might include more respondents. You have that in your translation notes, but why not include it in the question text? [holy book] Word parallel to 28

Commented [TWS88]: Germany-. Very similar to Optional 1 -> could the DG give a recommendation on what optional to prefer since there might be time restrictions in the surveys?

Commented [TWS89]: Chile-. This is a very interesting battery of items. In some contexts, the advance of securitization has encouraged the adoption of spiritual practices like these ones.

In my view, these items should be kept in the main questionnaire.

- b. Some fortune tellers really can foresee the future.... 1 2 3 4 8
- c. Some faithhealers do have God-given healing powers.... 1 2 3 4 8
- d. A person's star sign at birth, or horoscope, can affect the course of their future..... 1 2 3 4 8
5. Suppose a law was passed which conflicted with your religious principles and teachings. Would you...

1998, 2008

- Definitely follow the law..... 1
- Probably follow the law..... 2
- Probably follow your religious principles.... 3
- Definitely follow your religious principles... 4
- I have no religious principles..... 5
- Can't choose..... 8

6. What is your personal attitude towards members of the following religious groups?

2008

1. Very positive,
2. Somewhat positive,
3. Neither positive nor negative,
4. Somewhat negative,
5. Very negative,
8. Can't Choose

- | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. Christians | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| b. Muslims | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| c. Hindus | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| d. Buddhists | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| e. Jews | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| f. Atheists or non-believers | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |

7. Generally speaking, would you say that people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

Compulsory in 1998, 2008

Commented [TWS90]: Chile- This question looks very similar to Q36. I suggest to keep just one. One of the topics is threatening religions, so this item may be dropped. However, I like this one better for two reasons: (1) it gives more information (positive/negative attitudes instead of just one); (2) it can be compared with the previous round.

Commented [TWS91]: Germany- last item in 36 reads "non-believers" only. If you want to have the two batteries parallel, then please harmonize.

Commented [TWS92]: Slovakia- We think this is closely related to the threatening religions theme. It could be useful to be able to establish global trends in the public "image" of religions. We therefore suggest to repeat this 2008 question and include it as mandatory in 2018.

People can almost always be trusted	1
People can usually be trusted	2
You usually can't be too careful in dealing with people	3
You almost always can't be too careful in dealing with people	4
Can't choose.....	8

8. Do you believe in **Compulsory in 2008**

	Yes, Definitely	Yes, Probably	No, Probably Not	No, Definitely Not	Can't Choose
a.Reincarnation - being Reborn in this world again and again	1	2	3	4	8
b.Nirvana	1	2	3	4	8

9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

A country's laws should not be based on any religion. **New**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

Commented [TWS93]: UK- Even though this is a repeat question, do we need an explanation for it? I.e. Why does reincarnation have an explanation but not nirvana?

Commented [TWS94]: Germany- meaning of "based on" unclear. Does it mean that laws specify religions which are allowed and forbidden, that some religions are privileged (taxation, membership fees, religious education, etc.). Or does it mean that country-specific laws are developed in a specific historical and religious setting?
Overlap with optional 5 – please give reasons for inclusion.

Commented [TWS95]: UK- As mentioned at Q32a, 'negative' statements do not work well when combined with an agree/disagree scale. Alternatives could be 'A country's laws should always be based on a religion' or 'A country's laws should always be based on a religious values'

Notes on Question Wordings

In the above text "()" are parenthetical statements that will appear in the version administered to respondents. "[]" are used to show where appropriate, country-specific words will be inserted and the punctuations will be removed from the final text. "< >" are special notes or instructions to follow. The punctuations and the statements themselves will be removed from the final text.

Q. 3 - "sexual relations" means "sexual intercourse".

Q. 7 - "confidence" takes on several meanings, but having trust in is the main dimension.

Q 7B - "Business and industry" - refers to large-scale businesses, but don't use an adjective like "big" in the translation.

Q. 10 - "churches and religious organizations" refers to the power of organized or institutional religions collectively. The question is whether overall religious organizations (e.g. the Catholic and Lutheran churches) have too much/too little power.

Qs. Required: 13, 14, 16a, 16c, 16f and Optionals: 2, 4C: "God" refers to a supreme being. The term should refer to an entity rather than a non-sentient force. An encompassing, non-sectarian term is desirable if possible.

Q. 13, response 3 - a "personal God" - a supreme being who cares about and is involved with individuals. This is a view of God in contrast to a deistic outlook.

Q 15E, 30 - "supernatural" refers to beyond the physical world, should conote things of a divine or transcendental nature. Avoid if possible, terms that refer mostly to entities like ghosts, poldergeists, elves, gremlins, etc. not associated with religion.

Qs 17-19 - "preference" refers to the religion that a person favors or identifies with. If a person was born a member of one religion, but then preferred or identified with another religion, this question asks about the latter.

"Religions" refers to major faiths or organized theological systems as opposed to "denominations" which are sub-divisions within a religion. What is important is that these questions distinguish all relevant faiths, religions, denominations, sects, etc. that exist in each country.

Qs. 20-22 - "religious services" generally refers to organized, group worship activities like Muslims going to the mosque on Fridays, Catholic mass, attending church on Sundays for Protestants, etc. Private prayers at home would not normally count.

Q. 25 - In general, list two or three examples that would be appropriate for the two or three largest religions in your country. If the country is religiously homogenous and only one type of religious object would be typical for that religion, a single example would suffice. However, we

want to avoid creating the impression that we are referring only to religious objects relating to one particular religion.

Q. 26 Note that this refers to a religious visit, thus sightseeing at a shrine, temple, church, tomb, etc. without a religious purpose would not count. In general, list two or three examples of holy places that would be appropriate for the two or three largest religions in your country. If the country is religiously homogenous and only one type of holy place would be typical for that religion, a single example would suffice. However, we want to avoid creating the impression that we are referring only to holy places relating to one particular religion.

Q. 29 "extremely non-religious" - this does not mean anti-religious or attacking religion, but being without any religious feelings, beliefs, or behaviors.

Q. 30 - see Q. 15E above.

Q. 36 - "Christians" collectively refers to followers of all churches associated with Christianity: Eastern Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, Baptist, Seventh Day Adventist, etc. Similarly the other terms cover all sects or divisions within each of the listed major religions.

Optionals

Qs. 1 and 2 should be asked in countries with an appreciable number of Evangelical Protestants. They are not general questions to be asked in all countries.

Qs. 3-7,9 are generally applicable for all countries.

Optional Q. 1 - "born-again" - this refers to a specific type of spiritual experience in which people accept Christ as their personal Savior and are "born-again" as a Christian on the path to salvation. If your country has Baptist or Pentecostal sects, find what they use in your language(s) for this. It does not refer to "rebirth" in the sense of reincarnation.

Optional Q. 2 - "Bible" should be used in all countries with predominantly Judeo-Christian heritage. Countries with adherents mostly from other religious traditions might either omit this item or replace "Bible" with the appropriate holy book. For example, a predominately Muslim country could rephrase the item in terms of the Koran. "This does not apply to me." This code is largely for members of religions outside the Judeo-Christian tradition, but we want it to be flexible enough for other respondents to use it, if it seems appropriate to them.

Optional Q. 3 - "turning point" - a time or event in one's life when a change occurred resulting in a gaining of faith, becoming a believer, a rededication to one's religion or similar.

Q. 6 - See note for Q.36 among compulsory items.

Q. 8A - "Reincarnation - being Reborn in this world again and again"
This was mistranslated in several countries in 2008. Terms that refer to the resurrection of Christ, the rising or resurrection of the dead in end times, or being born again (see note on Option Q. 1) must be avoided.

Q. 8B - "Nirvana" is a Buddhist concept that refers to the ultimate state transcending pain and desire in which individual consciousness ends.

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See Question Notes at the end.

Repeat Items New Items

Compulsory Items

1. If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole...

1991, 1998, 2008

Very happy.....	1
Fairly happy.....	2
Not very happy.....	3
Not at all happy....	4
Can't choose.....	8

2. All things considered, how satisfied are you with your relationships with family members?

New

Completely satisfied	1
Very satisfied	2
Fairly satisfied	3
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	4
Fairly dissatisfied	5
Very dissatisfied	6
Completely dissatisfied	7
Can't Choose	8

3. Do you think it is wrong or not wrong if a married person has sexual relations with someone other than his or her husband or wife, is it...

1991, 1998, 2008

Always wrong.....	1
Almost always wrong.....	2
Wrong only sometimes.....	3
Not wrong at all.....	4
Can't choose.....	8

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

1991, 1998, 2008

Always wrong.....	1
Almost always wrong.....	2
Wrong only sometimes....	3
Not wrong at all.....	4
Can't choose.....	8

5. Do you personally think it is wrong or not wrong for a woman to have an abortion if the family has a very low income and cannot afford any more children.

1991, 1998, 2008

Always Wrong	Almost Always Wrong	Wrong Only Sometimes	Not Wrong at All	Can't Choose
1	2	3	4	8

6. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? A husband's job is to earn money; a wife's job is to look after the home and family ... 1991, 1998, 2008

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Dis- agree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
1	2	3	4	5	8

7. How much confidence do you have in ...

1991, 1998, 2008

1. Complete confidence
2. A great deal of confidence
3. Some confidence
4. Very little confidence
5. No confidence at all
8. Can't choose

PLEASE CIRCLE A NUMBER

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|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. [Parliament].....
<use national legislature, e.g. U.S. Congress> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| b. Business and industry.... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| c. Churches and religious
organizations..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| d. Courts and the legal
system..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| e. Schools and the
educational system..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |

8. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Religious leaders should not try to influence how people vote in elections.

1991, 1998, 2008

Strongly agree.....1
 Agree.....2
 Neither agree nor disagree.... 3
 Disagree..... 4
 Strongly disagree..... 5
 Can't choose..... 8

9. Please consider the following statements and tell me whether you agree or disagree.

1998, 2008

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Dis- agree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
a. We trust too much in science and not enough in religious faith.....	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. Looking around the world, religions bring more conflict than peace.....	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. People with very strong religious beliefs are often too intolerant of others.....	1	2	3	4	5	8

10. Do you think that churches and religious organizations in this country have too much power or too little power?

1991, 1998, 2008

Far too much power.....	1
Too much power.....	2
About the right amount of power....	3
Too little power.....	4
Far too little power.....	5
Can't choose.....	8

11. People have different religions and different religious views. Would you accept a person from a different religion or with a very different religious view from yours marrying a relative of yours.

2008

1. Definitely accept,
2. Probably accept,
3. Probably not accept,
4. Definitely not accept,
8. Can't choose

1	2	3	4	8
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12. There are some people whose views are considered extreme by the majority. Consider religious extremists, that is people who believe that their religion is the only true faith and all other religions should be considered as enemies. Do you think such people should be allowed to...

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE.

	Definitely	Probably	Probably	Definitely	Can't
			Not	Not	Choose
a. Hold public meetings to express their views?	1	2	3	4	8
2008					
b. Publish their views on the Internet or social media?	1	2	3	4	8
New					

13. Please indicate which statement below comes closest to expressing what you believe about God.

1991, 1998, 2008

I don't believe in God..... 1

I don't know whether there is a God and
I don't believe there is any way
to find out..... 2

I don't believe in a personal God, but
I do believe in a Higher Power of
some kind..... 3

I find myself believing in God some of
the time, but not at others..... 4

While I have doubts, I feel that I do
believe in God..... 5

I know God really exists and I have no
doubts about it..... 6

14. Which best describes your beliefs about God?

1991, 1998, 2008

I don't believe in God now and I never have..... 1

I don't believe in God now, but I used to..... 2

I believe in God now, but I didn't used to..... 3

I believe in God now and I always have..... 4

Can't choose..... 8

15. Do you believe in

	Yes, Definitely	Yes, Probably	No, Probably Not	No, Definitely Not	Can't Choose
a. Life after death.	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
b. Heaven.....	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
c. Hell.....	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
d. Religious miracles	1	2	3	4	8
1991, 1998, 2008					
e. The supernatural powers of deceased ancestors	1	2	3	4	8
2008					

16. Do you agree or disagree with the following?

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree
8. Can't choose

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a. There is a God who concerns Himself with every human being personally..... 1991, 1998, 2008	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. There is little that people can do to change the course of their lives..... 1991, 1998, 2008	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. To me, life is meaningful only because God exists..... 1991, 1998, 2008	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. In my opinion, life does not serve any purpose..... 1991, 1998, 2008	1	2	3	4	5	8
e. Life is only meaningful if you provide the meaning yourself..... 1991, 1998, 2008	1	2	3	4	5	8
f. I have my own way of connecting with God without churches or religious services. 2008	1	2	3	4	5	8

17. In your opinion, does your religion treat men and women equally, treat men better than women, or treat women better than men? **New**

I don't belong to or follow any religion	1
Treats men and women equally	2
Treats men better than women	3
Treats women better than men	4
Can't choose	8

18. What was your mother's religious preference when you were a child? Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1991, 1998, 2008

Protestant.....	1
Catholic.....	2
Jewish.....	3
Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox)...	4
Muslim.....	5
Other (Please Specify)	
	6
No religion.....	7
Don't know.....	8

If Protestant:

What specific denomination was that?

<This is an example only. Use a formulation that is appropriate for your country, such as religious affiliation, belonging, following, etc. List in Qs. 18-20 should be modified to include all major religions in each country. It is strongly recommended that Qs. 18-20 use response categories that are fully compatible with the item on respondent's religion in the demographics.>

19. What was your father's religious preference when you were a child? Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1991, 1998, 2008

Protestant.....	1
Catholic.....	2
Jewish.....	3
Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox)...	4
Muslim.....	5
Other (Please Specify)	
	6
No religion.....	7
Don't know.....	8

If Protestant:

What specific denomination was that?

20. What religion, if any, were you raised in? Was it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1991, 1998, 2008

Protestant.....	1
Catholic.....	2
Jewish.....	3
Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox)...	4
Muslim.....	5
Other (Please Specify)	6
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No religion.....	7
Don't know.....	8

If Protestant:

What specific denomination was that?

21. When you were a child, how often did your mother attend religious services?

1991, 1998, 2008

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
No mother/mother not present..	10
Can't say/Can't remember.....	98

22. When you were a child, how often did your father attend religious services?

1991, 1998, 2008

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
No father/father not present..	10
Can't say/Can't remember.....	98

23. And what about when you were around 11 or 12, how often did you attend religious services then?

1991, 1998, 2008

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
Can't say/Can't remember.....	98

<It is strongly recommended that the item on respondent's church attendance in the demographics use the same response categories as above.>

Now thinking about the present...

24. About how often do you pray?

1991, 1998, 2008

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

25. How often do you take part in the activities or organizations of a church or place of worship other than attending services?

1991, 1998, 2008

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

26. During the last 12 months, have you read or listened to the reading of any holy scripture such as the Bible, Buddhist sutra, Koran, Sruti, Torah, or other religious scripture, not counting any reading that happened during a worship service? **New**

Yes	1
No	2

27. For religious reasons do you have in your home a shrine, altar, or a religious object on display such as a (COUNTRY-SPECIFIC LIST icon, retablo, mezuzah, menorah, or crucifix)?

2008

Yes	1
No	2

28. How often do you visit a holy place for religious reasons such as going to [shrine/temple/church/mosque]?
Please do not count attending regular religious services at your usual place of worship, if you have one.

2008

Never	1
Less than once a year	2
About once or twice a year	3
Several times a year	4
About once a month or more	5

29. Would you describe yourself as ...

1991, 1998, 2008

Extremely religious.....	1
Very religious.....	2
Somewhat religious.....	3
Neither religious nor non-religious.....	4
Somewhat non-religious.....	5
Very non-religious.....	6
Extremely non-religious.....	7
Can't choose.....	8

30. What best describes you:

2008

I follow a religion and consider
myself to be a spiritual person
interested in the sacred or
the supernatural. 1

I follow a religion, but don't
consider myself to be a spiritual
person interested in the sacred
or the supernatural. 2

I don't follow a religion, but
consider myself to be a spiritual
person interested in the sacred
or the supernatural. 3

I don't follow a religion and don't
consider myself to be a spiritual
person interested in the sacred
or the supernatural. 4

Can't choose 8

31. Do you agree or disagree that practicing a religion helps people to...

	Neither Agree Disagree					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	nor Disagree	Dis- agree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
a. make friends?	1	2	3	4	5	8

2008

b. gain comfort in times of trouble or sorrow?	1	2	3	4	5	8
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2008

32. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Religions are usually a barrier to equality between women and men.

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree
8. Can't choose

33. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

a. Governments should not interfere with the attempts of any religion to spread its faith. **New**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

b. All things considered, people belonging to different religions cannot get along with each other when living close together. **New**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

34. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following?

a. In [COUNTRY], religion represents the past and not the future.

New

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

b. In [COUNTRY], religion is just as relevant to life today as it was in the past. **New**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

35. What is your personal attitude towards members of the following religious groups?

New, but an optional in 2008

1. Very positive,
2. Somewhat positive,
3. Neither positive nor negative,
4. Somewhat negative,
5. Very negative,
8. Can't choose

a. Christians	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. Muslims	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. Hindus	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. Buddhists	1	2	3	4	5	8
e. Jews	1	2	3	4	5	8
f. Atheists or non-believers	1	2	3	4	5	8

Compulsory Background Variable:

In general, would you say your health is...

Excellent.....	1
Very good.....	2
Good.....	3
Fair.....	4
Poor.....	5
Can't choose.....	8

Optional Items

1. Would you say that you have been "born again" or have had a "born again" experience -- that is, a turning point in your life when you committed yourself to Christ?

1991, 1998, 2008

Yes.....1
No.....2

2. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

1991, 1998, 2008

- a. The Bible is the actual word of God
and it is to be taken literally, word
for word..... 1
- b. The Bible is the inspired word of God
but not everything should be taken
literally, word for word 2
- c. The Bible is an ancient book of fables,
legends, history, and moral precepts
recorded by man..... 3
- d. This does not apply to me 4
- e. Can't choose..... 8

3. Has there ever been a turning point in your life when you made a new and personal commitment to religion?

1991, 1998, 2008; Optional in 2008, previously required

Yes.....1
No.....2

4. Now please think about something different. Please check one box on each line below to show whether you think each statement is true or false.

1991, 1998, 2008

- | | Definitely
True | Probably
True | Probably
False | Definitely
False | Can't
Choose |
|---|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| a. Good luck charms
sometimes do bring
good luck. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |

- b. Some fortune tellers really can foresee the future..... 1 2 3 4 8
- c. Some faith healers do have God-given healing powers..... 1 2 3 4 8
- d. A person's star sign at birth, or horoscope, can affect the course of their future..... 1 2 3 4 8
5. Suppose a law was passed which conflicted with your religious principles and teachings. Would you...

1998, 2008

- Definitely follow the law..... 1
- Probably follow the law..... 2
- Probably follow your religious principles..... 3
- Definitely follow your religious principles... 4
- I have no religious principles..... 5
- Can't choose..... 8

6. Do you consider those belonging to the following groups as threatening or not threatening?

New

- Very threatening 1
- Somewhat threatening 2
- Not very threatening 3
- Not at all threatening 4
- Can't choose 8

- a. Christians 1 2 3 4 8
- b. Muslims 1 2 3 4 8
- c. Hindus 1 2 3 4 8
- d. Buddhists 1 2 3 4 8
- e. Jews 1 2 3 4 8
- f. Non-believers 1 2 3 4 8

7. Generally speaking, would you say that people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

Compulsory in 1998, 2008

People can almost always be trusted	1
People can usually be trusted	2
You usually can't be too careful in dealing with people	3
You almost always can't be too careful in dealing with people	4
Can't choose	8

8. Do you believe in **Compulsory in 2008**

	Yes, Definitely	Yes, Probably	No, Probably Not	No, Definitely Not	Can't Choose
a. Reincarnation - being Reborn in this world again and again	1	2	3	4	8
b. Nirvana	1	2	3	4	8

9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

A country's laws should not be based on any religion. **New**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

Notes on Question Wordings

In the above text "()" are parenthetical statements that will appear in the version administered to respondents. "[]" are used to show where appropriate, country-specific words will be inserted and the punctuations will be removed from the final text. "< >" are special notes or instructions to follow. The punctuations and the statements themselves will be removed from the final text.

Q. 2 - "Family members" includes both nuclear and extended relations.

Q. 3 - "sexual relations" means "sexual intercourse".

Q. 7 - "confidence" takes on several meanings, but having trust in is the main dimension.

Q. 7B - "Business and industry" - refers to large-scale businesses, but don't use an adjective like "big" in the translation.

Q. 7C - "Churches" can be substituted with a functional equivalent (one or more).

Q. 8 - "Religious leaders" include clergy and other religious leaders at both the local level and higher.

Q. 10 - "churches and religious organizations" refers to the power of organized or institutional religions collectively. The question is whether overall religious organizations (e.g. the Catholic and Lutheran churches) have too much/too little power.
"Churches" can be substituted with a functional equivalent.

Q. 12B - "Social media" refers to such things as Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, Instagram, YouTube etc. If a respondent asks what "social media" is, these may be given as examples.

Qs. Required: 13, 14, 16a, 16c, 16f and Optionals: 2, 4C: "God" refers to a supreme being. The term should refer to an entity rather than a non-sentient force. An encompassing, non-sectarian term is desirable if possible.

Q. 13, response 3 - a "personal God" - a supreme being who cares about and is involved with individuals. This is a view of God in contrast to a deistic outlook.

Q. 15E, 30 - "supernatural" refers to beyond the physical world, should connote things of a divine or transcendental nature. Avoid if possible, terms that refer mostly to entities like ghosts, poltergeists, elves, gremlins, etc. not associated with religion.

Q. 16F - "Churches" can be substituted with a functional equivalent.

Qs 18-20 - "preference" refers to the religion that a person favors or identifies with. If a person was born a member of one religion, but then

preferred or identified with another religion, this question asks about the latter.

"Religions" refers to major faiths or organized theological systems as opposed to "denominations" which are sub-divisions within a religion. What is important is that these questions distinguish all relevant faiths, religions, denominations, sects, etc. that exist in each country.

Qs. 21-23 - "religious services" generally refers to organized, group worship activities like Muslims going to the mosque on Fridays, Catholic mass, attending church on Sundays for Protestants, etc. Private prayers at home would not normally count.

Q. 25 - "Church" can be substituted with a functional equivalent.

Q. 27 - In general, list two or three examples that would be appropriate for the two or three largest religions in your country. If the country is religiously homogenous and only one type of religious object would be typical for that religion, a single example would suffice. However, we want to avoid creating the impression that we are referring only to religious objects relating to one particular religion.

Q. 28 Note that this refers to a religious visit, thus sightseeing at a shrine, temple, church, tomb, etc. without a religious purpose would not count. In general, list two or three examples of holy places that would be appropriate for the two or three largest religions in your country. If the country is religiously homogenous and only one type of holy place would be typical for that religion, a single example would suffice. However, we want to avoid creating the impression that we are referring only to holy places relating to one particular religion.

Q. 29 "extremely non-religious" - this does not mean anti-religious or attacking religion, but being without any religious feelings, beliefs, or behaviors.

"Extremely" should be translated to avoid a negative connotation and not to imply religious extremism.

Q. 30 - see Q. 15E above.

Q. 33A - "Interfere" means to take a measure to hinder, obstruct; "government" means the institutions of the state, not the party in power.

Q. 33B - "Living close together" refers to having a neighbor or living in the same small community.

Q. 34A - "represents" means stands for, is part of, is emblematic of

Q. 35 - "Christians" collectively refers to followers of all churches associated with Christianity: Eastern Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, Baptist, Seventh Day Adventist, etc. Similarly the other terms cover all sects or divisions within each of the listed major religions.

Optionals

Optional Qs. 1 and 2 should be asked in countries with an appreciable number of Evangelical Protestants. They are not general questions to be asked in all countries.

Optional Qs. 3-7,9 are generally applicable for all countries.

Optional Q. 1 - "born-again" - this refers to a specific type of spiritual experience in which people accept Christ as their personal Savior and are "born-again" as a Christian on the path to salvation. If your country has Baptist or Pentecostal sects, find what they use in your language(s) for this. It does not refer to "rebirth" in the sense of reincarnation.

Optional Q. 2 - "Bible" should be used in all countries with predominantly Judeo-Christian heritage. Countries with adherents mostly from other religious traditions might either omit this item or replace "Bible" with the appropriate holy book. For example, a predominately Muslim country could rephrase the item in terms of the Koran. "This does not apply to me." This code is largely for members of religions outside the Judeo-Christian tradition, but we want it to be flexible enough for other respondents to use it, if it seems appropriate to them.

Optional Q. 3 - "turning point" - a time or event in one's life when a change occurred resulting in a gaining of faith, becoming a believer, a rededication to one's religion or similar.

Optional Q. 6 - See note for Q.35 among compulsory items.
"Non-believers" refers to individuals without any religious belief
"Jews" refers to the followers of Jewish faith.

Optional Q. 8A - "Reincarnation - being Reborn in this world again and again"
This was mistranslated in several countries in 2008. Terms that refer to the resurrection of Christ, the rising or resurrection of the dead in end times, or being born again (see note on Option Q. 1) must be avoided.

Optional Q. 8B - "Nirvana" is a Buddhist concept that refers to the ultimate state transcending pain and desire in which individual consciousness ends.

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The Swedes asked if this is supposed to refer to governments across countries. I informed them it was not meant to refer to countries in general, but to a respondent's own country. The issue came up in Sweden because it has a unitary government and the plural doesn't really apply.

I might also add that it is also not meant to refer to the British use of "government" to mean the ruling party, but rather to the "state" (but not in the American meaning of "state.")

Governments should not interfere with the attempts of any religion to spread its faith.

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Module Questions and Optional Questions in ISSP 1991, 1998 and 2008

Question	1991	1998	2008
How happy or unhappy	V4	V4	V6
Gov resp: if want job, provide job	V5	V5	
Gov resp:reduce incm dif rich+poor	V6	V6	
Criminals shd be given stiffer sent	V7		
Convicted of murder=death penalty	V8		
Sexual relations before marriage	V9	V7	V7
Sexual relations with someone other than spouse	V10	V8	V8
Sexual relations between two adults of the same sex	V11	V9	V9
Law shd let if serious defect baby?	V12	V10	
Law shd let very low income family?	V13	V11	
Opinion: Abortion if defect in the baby	V14		V10
Opinion: Abortion if family has very low income	V15		V11
Husband earn money, wifes job is family	V16	V12	V12
Family life suffer if wom.works ft?	V17	V13	
Couple together without get married?		V14	
Couple together before marriage?		V15	
Taxpayer not report income less tax	V18	V16	
Incorrect info to get govt benefits	V19	V17	
People take advantage or try to be fair?		V18	
People can be trusted		V19	V13
Confidence in parliament	V20	V20	V14
Confidence in business and industry	V21	V21	V15
Confidence in the Civil Service?	V22		
Confidence in churches and religious organizations	V23	V22	V16
Confidence in courts and legal system	V24	V23	V17
Confidence in schools and educational system	V25	V24	V18
Not believe in God=unfit public offc	V26		
Moved from one place to another			V19
Religious leaders should not influence vote	V27	V25	V20
Better if believers held public offc	V28		
Religious leaders should not influence government	V29	V26	V21
Modern science does more harm than good		V27	V22
Too much trust in science		V28	V23
Religions bring conflict		V29	V24
Religious people too intolerant		V30	V25
R's country better w less re. influence		V31	
Volunteer work: political activities		V32	
Volunteer work: charitable activities		V33	
Volunteer work: religious activities		V34	
Any other kind of volunteer work		V35	

Do church+rel.org.have too mch power	V30	V36	
Power of churches and religious organizations			V26
Equal rights for religious groups			V27
Respect all religions			V28
Accept person from different religion: Marrying a relative			V29
Accept person from different religion: Candidate of a political party			V30
Religious extremists: Hold public meetings			V31
Religious extremists: Publish books			V32
Closest to Rs belief about God	V31	V37	V33
How close do you feel to God,mostly?	V32	V38	
Best describes beliefs about God	V33		V34
Belief in life after death	V34	V39	V35
Belief in devil	V35		
Belief in heaven	V36	V40	V36
Belief in hell	V37	V41	V37
Belief in religious miracles	V38	V42	V38
Belief in reincarnation			V39
Belief in Nirvana			V40
Belief in supernatural powers of deceased ancestors			V41
Closest to Rs feelings about Bible?	V39	V43	O71
God concerns Himself with human beings	V40	V44	V42
People can do little to change life	V41	V45	V43
Life meaningful because God exists	V42	V46	V44
Life does not serve any purpose	V43	V47	V45
Course of our lives decided by God?	V44		
Life meaningful, provide meaning yourself	V45	V48	V46
Own way of connecting with God	V46		V47
We each make our own fate?	V47	V49	
How often R felt in touch with dead	V48		
R often felt close to spirit force?	V49		
Turning point R made new relig.comm?	V50	V50	O72
Mothers religion	V51	V51	V48
Fathers religion	V52	V52	V50
Religion respondent raised in	V53	V53	V52
Spouse religion		V54	V54
R child, mother attend church	V54	V55	V56
R child, father attend church	V55	V56	V57
R age 11-12, R attend church	V56	V57	V58
How often R pray	V57	V58	V59
Take part in church activities	V58	V59	V60
Shrine, altar in Rs home			V61
Visit holy place			V62
R describes self as religious	V59	V60	V63

Closest to Rs own views		V61	V65
Rights of R's close friend		V62	
R's decision in this situation		V63	
Should be daily prayers in schools?	V60		
Right+wrong shd be based on God law	V61		
Right+wrong shd be decided society?	V62		
Right+wrong matter of personal consc	V63		
Ban books+films attacking religions?	V64		
R often attend religious services?	D65		
Good luck charms do bring good luck	O66	O69	O78
Fortune tellers can foresee future?	O67	O70	O79
Faith healers have God-given powers	O68	O71	O80
Horoscope affect course of future?	O69	O72	O81
R had a "born again" experience?	O70	O64	O70
Picture of God: mother - father	O71	O65	O74
Picture of God: master - spouse	O72	O66	O75
Picture of God: judge - lover	O73	O67	O76
Picture of God: friend - king	O74	O68	O77
World image: much evil vs. much good	O75	O73	
World image: Man is good vs. corrupt	O76	O74	
Law conflicts with religious principles		O75	O82
Best describes R			V64
Religion helps people: Find inner peace			V66
Religion helps people: Make friends			V67
Religion helps people: Gain comfort			V68
Religion helps people: Meet right kind of people			V69
Personal sacrifice as expression of faith			O73
Personal attitude towards Christians			O83
Personal attitude towards Muslims			O84
Personal attitude towards Hindus			O85
Personal attitude towards Buddhists			O86
Personal attitude towards Jews			O87
Personal attitude towards Atheists or non-believers			O88

Optional variables are denoted by "O" in variable names.

"D" is a demographic.

All actual variable names start with "V" in the data.

Number of Required/ Optional Questions in ISSP 1991, 1998 and 2008

	1991	1998	2008
Required questions	61	60	60
Optional questions	11	12	19

Countries participating in ISSP 1991, 1998 and 2008 with sample sizes

	1991	1998	2008
AU-Australia	2203	1310	1718
AT-Austria	984	1002	1020
BE-FLA-Belgium/Flanders			1263
BG-Bulgaria		1102	
CA-Canada		974	
CL-Chile		1503	1505
TW-Taiwan			1927
HR-Croatia			1201
CY-Cyprus		1000	1000
CZ-Czech Republic		1224	1512
DK-Denmark		1114	2004
DO-Dominican Republic			2086
FI-Finland			1136
FR-France		1133	2454
DE-W-Germany-West	1346	1000	1182
DE-E-Germany-East	1486	1006	524
HU-Hungary	1000	1000	1010
IE-Ireland	1005	1010	2049
IL-Israel (Jews+Arab)	991	1208	1193
IT-Italy	983	1008	1078
JP-Japan		1368	1200
KR-South Korea			1508
LV-Latvia		1200	1069
MX-Mexico			1471
NL-Netherlands	1635	2020	1951
NZ-New Zealand	1070	998	1027
NO-Norway	1506	1532	1072
PH-Philippines	1200	1200	1200
PL-Poland	1063	1147	1263
PT-Portugal		1201	1000
RU-Russia	2964	1703	1015
SK-Slovak Republic		1284	1138
SI-Slovenia	2080	1006	1065
ZA-South Africa			3292
ES-Spain		2488	2373
SE-Sweden		1189	1235
CH-Switzerland		1204	1229
TR-Turkey			1453
GB-Great Britain	1257	804	1986
NIRL-Northern Ireland	838	812	1089

UA - Ukraine			2036
US-United States	1359	1284	1365
UY-Uruguay			1010
VE-Venezuela			1077
ID-Indonesia			2000
KE-Kenya			1502
LK-Sri Lanka			1676
TZ-Tanzania			1519
TOTAL	24970	39034	66683

Derived variables for religious denomination in ISSP 1991, 1998 and 2008

Question	1991	1998	2008
Mothers religion: religgrp (derived from Q20)			V49
Fathers religion: religgrp (derived from Q21)			V51
Religion respondent raised in: religgrp (derived from Q22)			V53
Spouse religion: religgrp (derived from Q23)			V55