

Contents of ISSP 2018 module
(Modified table taken from GESIS papers 2020/17)

Abbreviated Version of Questions	2018			2008		1998		1991	
	Question Number	Var.	No. of Items	Question Number	Var.	Question Number	Var.	Question Number	Var.
Secular Aspects (6 items)									
How happy or unhappy is R?	1	V1	1	1	V6	1	V4	1	V4
How satisfied are you with your family life*	2	V2	1						
Extramarital relations	3	V3	1	3	V8	4	V8	5	V10
Same sex relations	4	V4	1	4	V9	5	V9	6	V11
Is abortion wrong or not wrong? ...if family has low income	5	V5	1	5	V11	6b	V11	7b	V13
Gender roles: Husband's job is to earn, wife's to look after home and family	6	V6	1	6	V12	7a	V12	9a	V16
Religion in Comparison to Other Aspects (8 items)									
Confidence in institutions	7		5	8		12		11	
National legislature	a	V7		a	V14	a	V20	a	V20
Business and industry	b	V8		b	V15	b	V21	b	V21
Churches and religious organisations	c	V9		c	V16	c	V22	d	V23
Courts and legal systems	d	V10		d	V17	d	V23	e	V24
Schools and educational system	e	V11		e	V18	e	V24	f	V25
Religion and Science	9		3	11		14			
We trust science too much, faith not enough	a	V13		B	V23	b	V28		
Religions bring more conflict than peace	b	V14		c	V24	15a	V29		
People with strong religious beliefs are too intolerant	c	V15		d	V25	15b	V30		
Religion and Governmental Connections (2 items)									
Religious leaders should not try to...influence votes	8	V12	1	10a	V20	13a	V25	12b	V27
Churches have too much/little power	10	V16	1	12	V26	17	V36	13	V30
Religious Tolerance and Extremism (3 items)									
Accept a person from different religion...marrying a relative of R	11	V17	1	14a	V29				
Religious extremists allowed to	12		2	15					
...hold public meetings	a	V18		a	V31				
...publish books	b	V19		b	V32				
Religious Beliefs (13 items)									
Beliefs about God: extent	13	V20	1	16	V33	18	V37	14	V31
Beliefs about God: past and now	14	V21	1	17	V34	19	V38	16	V33
Believe in	15		5	18		20		17	
...afterlife	a	V22		a	V35	a	V39	a	V34
...heaven	b	V23		b	V36	b	V40	c	V36
...hell	c	V24		c	V37	c	V41	d	V37
...miracles	d	V25		d	V38	d	V42	e	V38
...supernatural powers of deceased ancestors	e	V26		g	V41				

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Agree/Disagree	16		6	19		22		19	
God concerns himself with everybody personally	a	V27		a	V42	a	V44	A	V40
People can do little to change their lives	b	V28		b	V43	b	V45	B	V41
God gives the meaning to life	c	V29		c	V44	c	V46	C	V42
Life does not serve any purpose	d	V30		d	V45	d	V47	D	V43
People give the meaning to life	e	V31		e	V46	e	V48	F	V45
Own way of connecting with god	f	V32		f	V47				
Religious Socialisation/Past Religious Practices (6 items)									
Religion when R was child			3	20-22					
Mother's religion	18	NAT_V34		20	V48	24	V51	22	V50
Mother's religion grouped (derived from NAT_V34)		V35			V49				
Father's religion	19	NAT_V36		21	V50	25	V52	23	V51
Father's religion grouped (derived from NAT_V36)		V37			V51				
What religion R raised in?	20	NAT_V38		22	V52	26	V53	24a	V53
Religion R raised in grouped (derived from NAT_V38)		V39			V53				
Church attendance when R was child			3	24-26					
Mother	21	V40		24	V56	28	V55	25	V54
Father	22	V41		25	V57	29	V56	26	V55
R	23	V42		26	V58	30	V57	27	V56
Current Religious Practices (2 items)									
How often R prays?	24	V43	2	27	V59	31	V58	28	V57
How often R takes part in other activities of a church?	25	V44		28	V60	32	V59	29	V58
Culture-Specific Behaviours (3 items)									
Reading of or listening to holy scripture	26	V45	1						
Does R have religious object in at home?	27	V46	1	29	V61				
How often visit a holy place for religious reasons?	28	V47	1	30	V62				
Religious Experience and Feelings (1 item)									
R's religiosity (self-assessed)	29	V48	1	31	V63	33	V60	30	V59
Spirituality and Religiosity (5 items)									
Religion versus spirituality	30	V49	1	32	V64				
Practicing a religion helps people to...	31		2	34					
...make friends	a	V50		b	V67				
...gain comfort in times of trouble and sorrow	b	V51		c	V68				

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State Support for/Separation from Religion (2 items)									
Agree/Disagree	33		2						
Governments interfering in religions' spreading of faith	a	V53							
People of different religions living close to each other cannot get along	b	V54							
Agree/Disagree	34		2						
Religion represents the past and not the future	a	V55							
Religion just as relevant to life as in the past	b	V56							
Religion and Gender (2 items)									
Treatment of men and women by R's religion	17	V33	1						
Religions usually barrier to equality	32	V52	1						
Attitudes towards religious groups (6 items)									
Attitudes towards members of religious groups	35		6	Optional 8					
Christians	a	V57		a	V83				
Muslims	b	V58		b	V84				
Hindus	c	V59		c	V85				
Buddhists	d	V60		d	V86				
Jews	e	V61		e	V87				
Atheists or non-believers	f	V62		f	V88				
Compulsory Background Variable (1 item)									
Subjective health	36	V63	1						
Optional Items									
R's experience on being born again?	Opt. 1	V64	1	1	V70	Optional 1	V64	Optional	V70
What comes closest to R's beliefs about the Bible?	Opt. 2	V65	1	2	V71	21	V43	18	V39
Ever made new commitment to religion	Opt. 3	V66	1	3	V72	23	V50	21	V49
Superstition	Opt. 4		4	6		Optional 3		Optional	
Good luck charms bring luck	a	V67		a	V78	a	V69	a	V66
Fortune tellers can foresee future	b	V68		b	V79	b	V70	b	V67
Faith-healers do have healing powers	c	V69		c	V80	c	V71	c	V68
People's star sign can affect course of their future	d	V70		d	V81	d	V72		

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R's behaviour if a law conflicts with religious principles	Opt. 5	V71	1	7	V82	Optional 5	V75		
Threatening religions	Opt. 6		6						
Christians	a	V72							
Muslims	b	V73							
Hindus	c	V74							
Buddhists	d	V75							
Jews	e	V76							
Atheists and non-believers	f	V77							
General Trust	Opt. 7	v78	1	7	V13	11	V19		
Believe in	Opt. 8		2	18					
...reincarnation	a	V79		e	V39				
...nirvana	b	V80		f	V40				
A country's laws should not be based on any religion.	Opt. 9		1						

* Replicated from ISSP 2012: Q26 (V56).