

Table 1: Contents of ISSP 2019 module
(Modified table taken from GESIS papers 2023/forthcoming)

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Abbreviated version of questions	Number in source questionnaire	Variable	Number in source questionnaire	Variable	Number in source questionnaire	Variable	Number in source questionnaire	Variable	Number in source questionnaire	Variable
Getting ahead (10 items)										
How important is ...	1		1		1		1		1	
coming from a wealthy family	a	V1	a	V6	a	V4	a	V4	a	V4
having well-educated parents	b	V2	b	V7			b	V5	b	V5
having a good education yourself	c	V3	c	V8			c	V6	c	V6
hard work	d	V4	e	V10			f	V9	f	V9
knowing the right people	e	V5	f	V11	b	V5	g	V10	g	V10
having political connections	f	V6	g	V12			h	V11	h	V11
giving bribes	g	V7	h	V13						
a person's race	h	V8	i	V14			i	V12	i	V12
a person's religion	i	V9	j	V15			j	V13	j	V13
being born as man / woman	j	V10	k	V16			l	V15	l	V15
Actual/should occupational earnings (10 items)										
How much do people earn (5 items)	2		4		5		4		5	
Doctor in general practice	a	V11	a	V22	b	V15	b	V27	b	V27
Chairman (large national corporation)	b	V12	b	V23	c	V16	d	V29	e	V30
Shop assistant	c	V13	c	V24	e	V18	c	V28		
Unskilled factory worker	d	V14	d	V25	h	V21	j	V35	j	V35
Cabinet minister	e	V15	e	V26	i	V22	k	V36	k	V36

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How much should people earn (5 items)	3		5		6		5		6	
Doctor in general practice	a	V16	a	V27	b	V25	b	V42	b	V38
Chairman (large national corporation)	b	V17	b	V28	c	V26	d	V44	e	V41
Shop assistant	c	V18	c	V29	e	V28	c	V43		
Unskilled factory worker	d	V19	d	V30	h	V31	j	V50	j	V46
Cabinet minister	e	V20	e	V31	i	V32	k	V51	k	V47
Concerns about inequality (3 items)										
Agree or disagree: Differences in income too large	4a	V21	6a	V32	7a	V34	6a	V56	7a	V48
How angry feels R about differences in wealth between the rich and the poor	10	V32								
How fair or unfair the income is in [country]	16	V50								
Social policy and redistribution (2 items)										
Agree or disagree...			6		7		6		7	
Responsibility of government to reduce differences in income	4b	V22	b	V33	b	V35	b	V57	b	V49
Responsibility of government to provide decent standard of living for unemployed	c	V23	c	V34			f	V61	f	V53

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Reducing inequality by market actors (2 items)										
Agree or disagree: responsibility of private companies to reduce differences in pay	4d	V24								
Who should have the greatest responsibility for reducing differences in income	5	V25								
Government inefficacy (2 items)										
Most politicians do not care about reducing the differences in income	6	V26								
How successful is the government nowadays in reducing the differences in income	7	V27								
Taxation (2 items)										
People with high income should pay a larger / same / smaller share of income in taxes than those with low incomes	8a	V28	7a	V36	8	V36	8	V66	9	V58
Description of taxes for people with high income	8b	V29	7b	V37			7	V63	8a	V55

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Market inequality in social services (2 items)										
Just or unjust that people with higher incomes can buy better ...	9		8		10					
Health care	a	V30	a	V38	a	V39				
Education for their children	b	V31	b	V39	b	V40				
Perceptions of global inequality (3 items + 1 optional)										
Agree or disagree...	11									
Present economic differences between rich and poor countries are too large	a	V33								
People in wealthy countries should make an additional tax contribution to help poor countries	b	V34								
People from poor countries should be allowed to work in wealthy countries.	c	V35								
Optional: Differences in wealth between countries fair or unfair	24	V66								

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Social conflict (5 items)										
How much conflict between ...	12		9		11		9		10	
Poor and rich people	a	V36	a	V40	a	V41	a	V67	a	V59
Working class and middle class	b	V37	b	V41	b	V42	b	V68	b	V60
Management and workers	c	V38	c	V42	c	V43	d	V70	d	V62
Young people and older people	d	V39			e	V45				
Between people born in [country] and people from other countries who have come to live in [country]	e	V40								
Subjective social class / class mobility (4 items)										
Social scale self-assessed	13		10							
Social scale self-assessed: R now ¹	a	V41	a	V44	12a	V46	10	V73	11	V65
Social scale self-assessed: family R grew up	b	V42	b	V45						
Social scale self-assessed: R 10 years from now	c	V43								
Social class self-assessed: R	22	V61	20	V66	ISSP BV	CLASS	ISSP BV	V125	ISSP BV	V100

¹ Q13a included in ISSP 2019 and Q10a included in ISSP 2009 as compulsory background variable.

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Pay criteria (4 items)										
What should determine earnings...	14		12		14		12			
Degree of responsibility	a	V44	a	V47	a	V49	a	V77		
Number of years in education	b	V45	b	V48	b	V50	b	V78		
Whether the person has children	c	V46	d	V50	e	V53	e	V81		
How well job is done	d	V47	e	V51	f	V54	f	V82		
Types of society (2 items)										
What type comes closest to [country's] society today	15a	V48	14a	V54	17	V57	Optional	V90		
What should [country's] society be like	15b	V49	14b	V55	18	V58	Optional	V93		
Lived experience of inequality (2 items)										
Contact with people who are...	17									
a lot poorer than R	a	V51								
a lot richer than R	b	V52								
Economic insecurity (3 items)										
Household's financial situation	18									
How difficult to meet ends currently	a	V53								
How difficult to meet ends during the next 12 months	b	V54								
How often do you or other member of your HH skip a meal because there is not enough money for food	c	V55								

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Social Trust (1 item)										
General trust in people	19	V56								
Objective social mobility										
Father's occupational background when R was 15 (2 items + 1 optional)										
Father employment relationship	20a	V57	15a	V56	ISSP BV ²	V64	14a ³	V86		
Father ISCO	21a	V59	15b	V57	ISSP BV	V62	ISSP BV ⁴	V142	ISSP BV	V104
Optional: Father job type	25a	V67	22a	V69			14a	V86	13a	V67
Mother's occupational background when R is 15 (2 items + 1 optional)										
Mother employment relationship	20b	V58	16b	V59						
Mother ISCO	21b	V60	16c	V60	ISSP BV ⁵		ISSP BV	V145		
Optional: Mother job type	25b	V68	22b	V70						
Optional: Respondent's and spouse/ partner's occupation (2 items)										
Current job type R	26a	V69	23b	V72						
Current job type spouse/ partner	26b	V70								

² ISSP standard background variables (BV) are not included in the substantive source questionnaire; position in the BV part of the country-specific ISSP questionnaires differs.

³ ISSP 1992: country-specific differences in answer categories

⁴ ISSP 1992: mostly ISCO 1968

⁵ ISSP 1999: 3 digits

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Optional: Lay explanations of inequality (4 items)										
Agree or disagree...	23				3		3		4	
No extra qualification unless more pay	a	V62					b	V20	b	V20
Large income difference necessary for prosperity	b	V63			c	V11	e	V23	e	V23
Inequality continues because it benefits the rich and powerful	c	V64			a	V9	c	V21	c	V21
Inequality exists because people don't join together	d	V65			d	V12	g	V25	g	V25