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Basic Questionnaire

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To the selected respondent:	2116 2117-	20

Thank you very much for agreeing to take part in this important study— the seventh in this annual series. The study consists of this self-completion questionnaire, and the interview you have already completed. The results of the survey are published in a book each autumn; some of the questions are also being asked in ten other countries, as part of an international survey.

Completing the questionnaire:

The questions inside cover a wide range of subjects, but each one can be answered simply by placing a tick (/) or a number in one or more of the boxes. No special knowledge is required: we are confident that everyone will be able to take part, not just those with strong views or particular viewpoints. The questionnaire should not take very long to complete, and we hope you will find it interesting and enjoyable. It should be filled in only by the person actually interviewed at your address. The answers you give will be treated as confidential and anonymous.

Returning the questionnaire:

Your interviewer will arrange with you the most convenient way of returning the questionnaire. If the interviewer has arranged to call back for it, please complete it and keep it safely until then. If not, please complete it and post it back in the pre-paid, addressed envelope, AS SOON AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP.

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20. 1	In general, would you say that pobey the law without exception, exceptional occasions on which possible their consciences even if breaking the law?	or are th eople sho	ere uld				
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX		Obey th	e law witho	ut exceptio	on [1]	2121
			Follow	conscience	on occasion	ıs	
					Can't choos	ie g	
20. 2	There are many ways people or or protest against a government act oppose. Please show which you think shou which should not be allowed by teach line.	ion they ld be all	strongl owed an	-			
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE		Sho	uld it_be a	110wod?		
	ON BACH LINE	Defin- itely	Prob-		Definitely not	Can't choose	
	Organising public meetings to protest against the government		2	3	14	8	2122
	Publishing pamphlets to protest against the government	l	<u>2</u>	3	4	8	2123
	Organising protest marches and demonstrations	1	2	3	Ľ,	8	2124
	Occupying a government office and stopping work there for several days		2	<u>3</u>	4	8	2125
	Seriously damaging government buildings	1	2	3	L	\$	2125
	Organising a nationwide strike of all workers against the government	1	2	3	Ę.	<u>8</u> 3	2127

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20. 3	There are some people whose views extreme by the majority.	are cons	idered			:	
	First, consider people who want to government by revolution. Do you should be allowed to			ple			
	PLEASE TICK ONE BCX ON EACH LINE	Defin- itely	Prob- ably	Probably not	Definitely not	Can't choose	
	i) hold public meetings to express their views?		2	3	14	8	2123
	ii) publish books expressing their views?	1	2	3	4	8	2129
20. 4	Second, consider people who believ racially superior to all other rac such people should be allowed to .	es. Do	hites a you th				
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Defin- itely	Prob- ably	Probably not	Definitely not	Can't choose	
	i) hold public meetings to express their views?		2	3.	4	8	2130
	ii) publish books expressing their views?		2	3	14	8	2131
20. 5	Suppose the police get an anonymou man with a long criminal record is break into a warehouse.						
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE						
	Do you think the police should be allowed, without a Court Order						
		Defin- itely	Prob- ably	Probably not	Definitely not	Can't choose	
	i) to keep the man under surveillance?		2	3	4		2132
	ii) to tap his telephone?	1	2	3	4	8	2133
	iii) to open his mail?	1	2	3	Le	8	2134
	<pre>iv) to detain the man over- night for questioning?</pre>	1	2	3	4		2135

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20. 6	All systems of justice make mistakes which do you think is worse:	s, but	(√)	
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX	to convict an innocent person,	1 1	2136
		OR		
		to let a guilty person go free?	[_2]	
<u>-</u>		Can't choose	8	
20. 7	What are your personal feelings abou	ıt		
	A. People who organise protests aga government action they strongly		$\langle d \rangle$	
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX	Extremely favourable		2137
		Favourable	2	
		Neither favourable or unfavourable	3	
		Unfavourable	<u></u>	
	•	Extremely unfavourable	5	
		Can't choose		
		van i choose	(<u>.</u> _ <u>.</u> 0}	
	B. People who want to overthrow the by revolution?	e government	(√)	
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX	Extremely favourable		2138
		Favourable	2	
		Neither favourable or unfavourable	3	
		Unfavourable	4	; r ; }
		Extremely unfavourable	5	
		Can't choose	93	; ;
				!
	C. People who believe whites are reto all other races?	acially superior		
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX		(√)	 !
		Extremely favourable		2139
		Favourable		
		Neither favourable or unfavourable	<u> </u>	
		Unfavourable		
		Extremely unfavourable		
		Can't choose	<u>a</u>	
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20 2	a contract the share wish high important about		
I e	Some people think those with high incomes should pay a larger proportion (percentage) of their earnings in taxes than those who earn low incomes.	·	
ć	Other people think that those with high incomes and those with low incomes should pay the same proportion (percentage) of their earnings in taxes.	į	
I	Do you think those with high incomes should		
E	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX.	<u>(√)</u>	
	pay a much larger proportion,	النا	2140
	pay a larger proportion,	2	
	pay the same proportion as those who earn low incomes,	3	
	pay a smaller proportion,	4	
	or - pay a much smaller proportion?	<u></u>	
	Can't choose	P.	
20 0 1			
	What is your opinion of the following statement: It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes.		
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX	(√)	
	Agree strongly	,	2141
	Agree	2	
	Neither agree nor disagree	3	
	Disagree	4	i
	Disagree strongly	5	

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2.	10 Here are some things the government of and which you are against.						
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Strongly in favour of	In	Neither in favour of nor against	Against	Strongly against	
Α.	Control of wages by law		2	3	4	5	2142
В.	Control of prices by law		2	3	4	5	2143
с.	Cuts in government spending		2	3	14.	5	2144
D.	Government financing of projects t create new jobs	0		3	£4		2145
Ε.	Less government regulation of business		2	3	14	5	2146
F.	Support for industry to develop ne products and technology	w	2	3	<u></u>	5	2.47
G.	Support for declining industries to protect jobs		2	3		5	2!48
Н.	Reducing the working week to creat more jobs	e		3	Ĺ,		2149
2.	ll Listed below are various areas whether you would like to see meach area.						
	Remember that if you say "much increase to pay for it.	more", i			\$		
	ON EACH LINE		Spend	pend the same Sper s now less		Can't choose	
Α.	The environment			3		s	2150
В.	Health		2	3	5	â	2151
С.	The police and law enforcement			3		<u>s</u>	2152
D.	Education			3	<u>+</u> _ 5		2153
Ε.	The military and defence		2	3			215
F.	Old age pensions			3			218
G.	Unemployment benefits	1		3	1 5	â	215
Н.	Culture and the arts			3			21.

Can't choose

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2. 15	And what about the government, does much power or too little power?	it have	e too		i	
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX				<u>(√)</u>	
			Far to	oo much power		2161
			T	oo much power	2	
		Ab	out the right am	ount of power	3	
			Тоо	little power	4	
			Far too	little power	5	
				Can't choose	8	
2. 16	In general, how good would you say tunions are for the country as a whole					
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX				(√)	<u> </u>
				Excellent		2162
				Very good		
				Fairly good	3	
				Not very good	14	
			No	t good at all	5	
				Can't choose	8	
2. 17	What do you think the government's of these industries and services sho					
			The governm	ent should:		
				Neither own		
			Control prices	it nor con- trol its		
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Own it	and profits but not own it	prices & profits	Can't choose	
				•		
Α.	Electricity	1	2	3	8	2163
В.	The steel industry			3	â	2164
-	,					
С.	Banking and insurance	1	2	3	8	2165
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PLEASK TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Definitely should be	Probably should be	Probably should not be	Definitely should not be	Can't choose	
provide a job for everyone who wants one		2	3	i.	[8]	2166
keep prices under contro	01	2	3	4-	8	2167
provide health care for the sick	:	2	3	L	ŝ	2168
provide a decent standar of living for the old	ed 1	2	3	L	8	2169
provide industry with the help it needs to grow	ne	2	3	14	8	2170
provide a decent standar of living for the unemployed	rd	2	3	4	8	217)
	i i	2	3	4	8	2 172
give financial help to university students from low-income families		2	<u>3</u>	1+	8	2173
provide decent housing for those who can't afford it	1	2	3	4	(3)	2174
How interested would you say	y you person	ally are			(√)	
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX						2175
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				Can't choose	8	
	not be the government's response of the sick of living for the unemployed of living for the unemployed of living for the unemployed of living for the university students from low-income families of those who can't afford it.	not be the government's responsibility PREASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE Definitely should be provide a job for everyone who wants one keep prices under control provide health care for the sick provide a decent standard of living for the old provide industry with the help it needs to grow provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed provide decent standard of living for the unemployed give financial help to university students from low-income families provide decent housing for those who can't afford it How interested would you say you person in politics?	Definitely should be shoul	not be the government's responsibility to PREASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE Definitely should bound bound be should be s	not be the government's responsibility to PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE Definitely should be should not be should not be should not be should be should be should not be shoul	not be the government's responsibility to PLEAUR TICK CNE BOX CN EACH LINE Definitely Probably should should should not be not be choose provide a job for everyone who wants one keep prices under control 2 2 3 4 8 provide health care for the sick provide a decent standard of living for the old 1 2 3 4 8 provide industry with the help it needs to grow 2 3 4 8 provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed 1 2 3 4 8 reduce income differences between the rich and poor 1 2 3 4 8 give financial help to university students from low-income families 2 4 8 provide decent housing for those who can't afford it 2 4 8 How interested would you say you personally are in politics?

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	Now for some questions on different	subjects				USE
2.20	From what you know or have heard, pl the items below to show whether you Service in your area is, on the whol of improvement.	think the Na	ational Hea	1th		CARD 22
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	In need of <u>a lot</u> of improve- ment	In need of some improve-	Satis- factory	Very good	
а.	GPs' appointment systems			3	4	2208
ь.	Amount of time GP gives to each patient		2	3	<i>L</i> 4	2209
c.	Being able to choose which GP to see	1	2	3	4	2210
d.	Quality of medical treatment by GPs	1	2	3	4	2211
e.	Hospital waiting lists for $\underline{\text{non}}$ -emergency operations		2	3	4	2212
f.	Waiting time before getting appointments with hospital consultants		2	3	4	2213
g٠	General condition of hospital buildings		2	3	14	2214
h.	Hospital casualty departments		2	3	4	2215
i.	Staffing level of nurses in hospitals		2	3	[2216
j.	Staffing level of doctors in hospitals		2	3	4	2217
k.	Quality of medical treatment in hospitals		2	3	L ₊	2218
1.	Quality of nursing care in hospitals		2	3	4	2219
m.	Waiting areas in casualty departments in hospitals		2	3	<u></u>	2220
п.	Waiting areas for out-patients in hospitals		2	3	4	2221
٥.	Waiting areas at GPs' surgeries		2	703	4	2222

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2.21	In the last two years, have you or a close family member	ONLY
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	
	visited an NHS GP? 1 2	2223
	been an out-patient in an NHS hospital? 2	2224
	been an in-patient in an NHS hospital? [2]	2225
	visited a patient in an NHS hospital?	2225
	had any medical treatment as a private patient? [2	2227
2,22	Here are a number of circumstances in which a woman	2228-55
2140	might consider an abortion. Please say whether or not you think the law should allow an abortion in each case.	
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE Should abortion be allowed by law?	
	Yes No	
	The woman decides on her own she does not wish to have the child	2256
	The couple agree they do not wish to have the child $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$	2257
	The woman is not married and does not wish to marry the man 1 2	2258
	The couple cannot afford any more children 2	2259
	The couple cannot afford any more children $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ There is a strong chance of a defect in the baby $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$	2259
	There is a strong chance of a defect in the baby 1 2 The woman's health is seriously endangered by	2250

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2.23	Which of these statements comes closest to your views on the availability of pornographic	OFFICE USE ONLY
	magazines and films?	
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX They should be banned altogether	
	The structure has every lable in appoint adult	
	They should be available in special adult shops but not displayed to the public 2	2263
	They should be available in special adult shops with public display permitted 3	
	They should be available in any shop for sale to adults only	
	They should be available in any shop for sale to anyone 5	
2.24a)	Britain controls the numbers of people from abroad that are allowed to settle in this country. Please say, for <u>each</u> of the groups below, whether you think Britain should allow more settlement, less settlement, or about the same amount as now.	
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX	
	ON EACH LINE More Less About the same settlement settlement as now	
	Australians and New Zealanders 1 2 3	2264
	Indians and Pakistanis 1 2 3	2265
:	People from European Community countries 1 2 3	2266
	West Indians 1 2 3	2267
ь)	Now thinking about the families (husbands, wives, children, parents) of people who have <u>already</u> settled in Britain, would you say in general that Britain should	
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX (✓)	
	be <u>stricter</u> in controlling the settlement of close relatives	
	or - be <u>less strict</u> in controlling the settlement of close relatives	2268
	or - keep the controls about the <u>same</u> as now 3	
2.25	Are you in favour of or against the death penalty for favour Against	
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON murder in the course of a terrorist act? 1 2	2269
	EACH LINE murder of a police officer?	2270
	other murders?	2271
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	Please continue	2272

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2.26	Do you agree or disagree PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH I							USE ONLY CARD 23
		Strongly agree		Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree		CARD 23
а.	A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work.		2	3	4	5	8	2308
Ь.	A pre-school child is likely to suffer if his or her mother works.	1	2:	3	14	51	8	2309
с.	All in all, family life suffers when the woman has a full-time job.		2	3	<u></u>	5,	8	2310
ď.	A woman and her family will all be happier if she goes out to work.	1	2	3	4	5	8	2311
e.	A job is all right, but what most women really want is a home and children.		2	3		5	8	2312
f.	Having a job is the best way for a woman to be an independent person.	1	2	3	14	5	8	2313
g.	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	231 4
h.	Mothers of young children should <u>not</u> expect employers to make special arrangements to help them combine jobs and child-care.	1	2	3	4	5	8	2315
i.	The government should provide money for child-care, so that mothers of young children can work if they want to.		2	3	4	5	8	2316
						<u>-</u>		

Can't choose

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2.30a)	And should the law allow newspapers to publish interviews with people who support acts of	USE
	terrorism in the UK? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX (✓)	
	The law definitely should allow it,	
	probably should allow it, 2	
	probably should <u>not</u> allow it, 3	2332
	or - the law definitely should <u>not</u> allow it? 4	
	Can't choose 8	
ь)	And should the law allow people who support acts of terrorism in the UK to publish books expressing their views?	
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX (√)	
	The law definitely should allow it,	
	probably should allow it, 2	
	probably should not allow it, 3	2333
	or - the law definitely should <u>not</u> allow it?	
	Can't choose 8	
۷.31	Which of these two statements comes closest to your views?	
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX People charged with serious crimes should always have the right to a jury trial 1	
	There should <u>not always</u> be a right to a jury trial - for instance when the jury might be in danger 2	2334
	Can't choose 8	

f)

... hospital doctors?

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questioning and later withdrawn should not on its own be enough

to convict someone.

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2.38	And please tick one box for each statement below to show how much you agree or disagree with it.						ONLY
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	
a)	The police should be allowed to question suspects for up to a week without letting them see a solicitor.	1	2	3	4	5	2350
ь)	Refugees who are in danger because of their political beliefs should always be welcome in Britain.		_2	3	4	5	2351
c)	Serious complaints against the police should be investigated by an independent body, not by the police themselves.		2	3	4	5	2352
d)	Every adult in Britain should have to carry an identity card.	1	2	3	4	5	2353
e)	If someone remains silent under police questioning, it should count against them in court.	1	2	3	. 4	5	2354
f)	The prisons contain too many people who ought to be given a lighter punishment.	1	2	3	4	5	2355
g)	The police should not need a warrant to search the homes of suspects.	1	2	3	4	5	2356
2.39	2.39 New kinds of technology are being introduced more and more in Britain: computers and word processors, robots in factories and so on. Please tick one box to show what effect you think this technology will have over the next five years?						2357- 2555
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX It will increase the number of jobs available It will reduce the number of jobs available 2						
	It will make no dif	ference to	the nu	mber of job	os availabi	Le 3	
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- 18 ~ L. OFFICE USE Do you think that the introduction of new technology 2,40a) ONLY in Britain over the next five years will ... PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ... make work more interesting, make work more boring, 2557 or - will it make no difference to work? b) And will it make life more difficult, PLEASE TICK ONE BOX make life easier, 2558 or - will it make no difference? c) Please tick one box to show whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: the government should do more to encourage the spread of new technology in Britain. PLEASE TICK ONE BOX Agree strongly Agree Neither agree nor disagree 2559 Disagree Disagree strongly 2560-2.41 Please tick one box for each statement below to 2580 show how much you agree or disagree with it. CARD 26 Neither PLEASE TICK ONE BOX Agree agree nor Disagree ON EACH LINE strongly Agree disagree Disagree strongly a) Government should redistribute income from the better-off to those who are less well off. 2608 ь) Big business benefits owners at the expense of workers. 2509 c) Ordinary working people do not get their fair share of the nation's wealth. 2610 d) There is one law for the rich and one for the poor. 2511 Management will always try to e) get the better of employees if it gets the chance. 2612

2.42	And please tick one box for eactor show how much you agree or d			,			OFFICE USE ONLY
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	reagree wi	CH IC.				
		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	
a)	Young people today don't have enough respect for traditional British values.	1	2	3	4	5	2613
ь)	People who break the law should be given stiffer sentences.	1	2	3	4	5	2614
c)	People should be allowed to organise public meetings to protest against the government.	1	2	3	4	5	2615
d)	For some crimes, the death penalty is the most appropriate sentence.	1	2	3	4	5	2616
e)	People should be allowed to publish leaflets to protest against the government.	1	2	3	<u></u>	_5	2617
f)	Schools should teach children to obey authority.	1	2	3	14	5	2618
g)	People should be allowed to organise protest marches and demonstrations.	1	2	3	4	5	2619
h)	The law should always be obeyed, even if a particular law is wrong.	1	2	3	L ₊	5	2620
i)	Censorship of films and magazines is necessary to uphold moral standards.	1	2	3	4	5	2621
2.43	Please tick one box to show how agree or disagree with this sta "the days when Britain was an i world power are over".	tement:				(√)	
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX			St	congly agr	ee	2622
					Just agr	ee	!
	Neither agree nor disagree 3					!	
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				\mathcal{P}_{i}	lease cont	inue	2623-35

2.43a)	To help us plan better in future, please tell us about how long it took you to complete this questionnaire?	USE ONLY
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX Less than 15 minutes $\frac{1}{1}$ Between 15 and 20 minutes $\frac{2}{3}$ Between 20 and 30 minutes $\frac{3}{1}$	2636
	Between 30 and 45 minutes Between 45 and 60 minutes Over one hour 6	2030
Ъ)	And on what date did you fill in the questionnaire? PLEASE WRITE IN DATE MONTH YEAR	2637-42

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!

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