

Australia
ISSP 1990 – Role of Government II
Questionnaire

[53-70]

18. On the whole do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to ...

Yes!! -- Definitely should be
 Yes -- Probably should be
 No -- Probably should not be
 No!! -- Definitely should not be
 - -- (Can't choose)

GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY?

	Yes!!	Yes	No	No!!	-
a. Provide a job for everyone who wants one . . .	Yes!!	Yes	No	No!!	-
b. Keep prices under control	Yes!!	Yes	No	No!!	-
c. Provide health care for the sick	Yes!!	Yes	No	No!!	-
d. Provide a decent standard of living for the old.	Yes!!	Yes	No	No!!	-
e. Provide industry with the help it needs to grow	Yes!!	Yes	No	No!!	-
f. Provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed.	Yes!!	Yes	No	No!!	-
g. Reduce income differences between the rich and poor	Yes!!	Yes	No	No!!	-
h. Give financial help to university students from low income families	Yes!!	Yes	No	No!!	-
i. Provide decent housing for those who can't afford it	Yes!!	Yes	No	No!!	-
	1	2	3	4	-

19. How interested would you say you personally are in politics?

Very interested 1
 Fairly interested 2
 Somewhat interested 3
 Not very interested 4
 Not at all interested 5
 (Can't choose) -

20. Is there anything else you would like to add?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR FILLING OUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE!!

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INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS Card 58...58 (1-7)

(8-18)

Next comes the international part of the questionnaire. These questions are being asked in Australia and also in Austria, Britain, Ireland, West Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway and the United States. Because we need to ask them in exactly the same order as the other countries do, we'll have to go back over some topics we've already covered, as well as covering entirely new topics.

1. In general, would you say that people should obey the law without exception, or are there exceptional occasions on which people should follow their consciences even if it means breaking the law?

Obey the law without exception 1
 Follow conscience on occasions 2
 (Can't choose) -

2. There are many ways people or organizations can protest against a government action they strongly oppose. Please show which you think should be allowed and which should not be allowed...

Yes!! -- Definitely allowed
 Yes -- Probably allowed
 No -- Probably not allowed
 No!! -- Definitely not allowed
 - -- (Can't choose)

ALLOWED?

a. Organizing public meetings to protest against the government. Yes!! Yes No No!! -
 b. Publishing pamphlets to protest against the government. Yes!! Yes No No!! -
 c. Organizing protest marches & demonstrations Yes!! Yes No No!! -
 d. Occupying a government office and stopping work there for several days. Yes!! Yes No No!! -
 e. Seriously damaging government buildings. Yes!! Yes No No!! -
 f. Organizing a nationwide strike of all workers against the government. Yes!! Yes No No!! -

3.. There are some people whose views are considered extreme by the majority. First, consider people who want to overthrow the government by revolution. Do you think such people should be allowed to ...

ALLOWED?

a. Hold public meetings to express their views? Yes!! Yes No No!! -
 b. Publish books expressing their views Yes!! Yes No No!! -

4. Second, consider people who believe that whites are racially superior to all other races. Do you think that such people should be allowed to ...

a. Hold public meetings to express their views? Yes!! Yes No No!! -
 b. Publish books expressing their views Yes!! Yes No No!! -
 1 2 3 4 -

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5. Suppose the police get an anonymous tip that a man with a long criminal record is planning to break into a warehouse. Do you think police should be allowed without a court order to ...

ALLOWED?

a. Keep the man under surveillance? Yes!! Yes No No!! -
 b. Tap his telephone? Yes!! Yes No No!! -
 c. Open his mail? Yes!! Yes No No!! -
 d. Detain the man overnight for questioning? Yes!! Yes No No!! -
 1 2 3 4 -

6. All systems of justice make mistakes, but which do you think is worse?

To convict an innocent person 1
 To let a guilty person go free 2
 (Can't choose) -

7. What are your personal feelings about ...

Yes!! -- Extremely favourable
 Yes -- Favourable
 ?? -- Neither favourable or unfavourable
 No -- Unfavourable
 No!! -- Extremely unfavourable
 - -- (Can't choose)

FAVOURABLE?

a. People who organize protests against a government action they strongly oppose. Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -
 b. People who want to overthrow the government by revolution. Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -
 c. People who believe whites are racially superior to all other races Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -
 1 2 3 4 5 -

8. Some people think those with high incomes should pay a larger proportion (percentage) of their earnings in taxes than those who earn low incomes. Other people think that those with high incomes and those with low incomes should pay the same proportion of their earnings in taxes. Do you think those with high incomes should ...

Pay a much larger proportion 1
 Pay a larger proportion 2
 Pay the same proportion as those who earn low incomes . 3
 Pay a smaller proportion 4
 Pay a much smaller proportion 5
 (Can't choose) -

9. It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes.

Agree strongly 1
 Agree 2
 Neither agree or disagree 3
 Disagree 4
 Disagree strongly 5
 (Can't choose) -

10. Here are some things the government might do for the economy. Are you in favour or against...

Yes!! -- Strongly in favour
Yes -- In favour
?? -- Neither in favour of nor against
No -- Against
No!! -- Strongly against
- -- (Can't choose)

IN FAVOUR?

a. Control of wages by legislation.	Yes!!	Yes	??	No	No!!	-
b. Control of prices by legislation	Yes!!	Yes	??	No	No!!	-
c. Cuts in government spending	Yes!!	Yes	??	No	No!!	-
d. Government financing of projects to create new jobs.	Yes!!	Yes	??	No	No!!	-
e. Less government regulation of business . . .	Yes!!	Yes	??	No	No!!	-
f. Support for industry to develop new products and technology	Yes!!	Yes	??	No	No!!	-
g. Support for declining industries to protect jobs	Yes!!	Yes	??	No	No!!	-
h. Reducing the work week to create more jobs .	Yes!!	Yes	??	No	No!!	-
	1	2	3	4	5	-

11. Listed below are various areas of government spending. Please show whether you would like to see more or less government spending in each area. Remember that if you say 'much more', it might require a tax increase to pay for it...

More!! -- Spend much more
More -- Spend more
== -- Spend the same as now
Less -- Spend less
Less!! -- Spend much less
- -- (Can't choose)

SPENDING

a. The environment -- spend more or less? . .	More!!	More	==	Less	Less!!	-
b. Health.	More!!	More	==	Less	Less!!	-
c. The police and law enforcement.	More!!	More	==	Less	Less!!	-
d. Education	More!!	More	==	Less	Less!!	-
e. The military and defence.	More!!	More	==	Less	Less!!	-
f. Old age pensions.	More!!	More	==	Less	Less!!	-
g. Unemployment benefits	More!!	More	==	Less	Less!!	-
h. Culture and the arts.	More!!	More	==	Less	Less!!	-
	1	2	3	4	5	-

12. If the government had to choose between keeping down inflation or keeping down unemployment to which do you think it should give highest priority?

Keeping down inflation 1
Keeping down unemployment 2
(Can't choose) -

Now some questions on power...

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

POWER

Too
muchToo
little

13. Do you think that trade unions in this country have too much power or too little power?	1	2	3	4	5	-
14. How about business and industry, do they have too much power or too little power?	1	2	3	4	5	-
15. And what about the federal government, does it have too much power or too little power?	1	2	3	4	5	-

16. In general, how good would you say trade unions are for the country as a whole?

Excellent 1
Very good 2
Fairly good 3
Not very good 4
Not good at all 5
(Can't choose) -

17. What do you think the government's role in each of these industries should be?

OWN it
CONTROL prices and profits but not own it
NEITHER own it nor control its prices and profits
- (Can't choose)

PLEASE CIRCLE A WORD

a. Electric power	Own	Control	Neither	-
b. The steel industry	Own	Control	Neither	-
c. Banking and insurance.	Own	Control	Neither	-
	1	2	3	-