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These international questions ask about how often you see or visit your family and friends. and when you turn to them for help or advice.

First, about your adult siblings – your brothers and sisters...

>> We mean brothers or sisters who are age 18 and older...

>> Please count only those who are still alive.

>> **Include** step-brothers, step-sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters.

>> If none, please circle "None" and go to the next box

Then about your children who are aged 18 and older..

>> We mean children who are still alive.

>> Please include step-children and adopted children.

Then some questions about your father and your mother...

	1. ADULT BROTHERS & SISTERS	2. GROWN CHILDREN	3. FATHER	4. MOTHER
a. How many do you have?	None 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8+	None 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8+	Alive ₁ No longer alive ₂	Alive ₁ No longer alive ₂
b. With whom do you have the most contact?	Brother Sister No contact	Son Daughter No contact	(Go to 4)	(Go to next page)
c. How often do you see them?				
Lives in same household.....	Lives here	Lives here	Lives here	Lives here
Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
Several times a week	Several	Several	Several	Several
At least once a week.....	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
At least once a month.....	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly
Several times a year.....	Rarely	Rarely	Rarely	Rarely
Less often	Less	Less	Less	Less
No contact	No contact	No contact	No contact	No contact
Don't know where they live	Don't know	Don't know	Don't know	Don't know
d. How often other contacts with them -- by telephone, letter, fax or e-mail?				
Lives in same household.....	Lives here	Lives here	Lives here	Lives here
Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
Several times a week	Several	Several	Several	Several
At least once a week.....	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
At least once a month.....	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly
Several times a year.....	Rarely	Rarely	Rarely	Rarely
Less often	Less	Less	Less	Less
No contact	No contact	No contact	No contact	No contact

5. About how long would it take to get to where your mother lives -- the time it usually takes door to door?

Lives here Under 2 minutes Under 15 minutes 15 to 30 minutes 30 minutes to 1 hour
 1 to 2 hours 2 to 3 hours 3 to 5 hours 5 to 12 hours Over 12 hours

6. Now some questions about your contact with other relatives. In the last four weeks, how often have you been in contact with

More	--	More than twice in last 4 weeks
Several	--	Once or twice in last 4 weeks
Not	--	Not at all in last 4 weeks
--	--	I have no living relative of this type



	CONTACT LAST MONTH			
	More ₁	Several ₂	Not ₃	-- ₄
a. Your aunts or uncles – how often have you been in contact with any of them in the past four weeks?				
b. Cousins?.....				
c. Parents-in-law?				
d. Brothers-in-law or sisters-in-law – how often have you been in contact in the past four weeks?.....				
e. Nieces and nephews?				
f. Your god-parents				

7a. Thinking about people at your work place, how many of them are close friends of yours?

Number of close friends at work place: ____ or None or I don't work now

b. Thinking about people in your neighbourhood or district, how many of these people are close friends of yours?

Number of close local friends : ____ or None

c. How many other close friends do you have - apart from those at work, in your neighbourhood, or family members? Think, for instance, of friends at clubs, church, or the like.

Number of other close friends : ____ or None

8a. Now think about your best friend, the friend you feel closest to (but not your husband, wife or de facto). Is this best friend ...

A male relative A female relative A man who is not a relative
 A woman who is not a relative I don't have a close friend

b. How often do you see or visit this friend (the friend you feel closest to) ?

Lives here Daily Several times a week Weekly Monthly
 Several times a year Less often I don't have a close friend

c. And how often do you have any other contact with this friend besides visiting, either by telephone, letter, fax or e-mail?

Lives here Daily Several times a week Weekly Monthly
 Several times a year Less often I don't have a close friend

9. People sometimes belong to different kinds of groups or associations. For each type of group, please say whether you have participated in its activities in the past 12 months.

More	--	I have participated more than twice
Several	--	I have participated once or twice
Belong	--	I belong, but never participate
No	--	I do not belong to such a group



PARTICIPATE?

- a. A political party, club or association?..... **More₁** **Several₂** **Belong₃** **No₄**
- b. A trade union or professional association?..... **More₁** **Several₂** **Belong₃** **No₄**
- c. A church or other religious organisation?..... **More₁** **Several₂** **Belong₃** **No₄**
- d. A sports group, hobby or leisure club?..... **More₁** **Several₂** **Belong₃** **No₄**
- e. A charitable organisation or group?..... **More₁** **Several₂** **Belong₃** **No₄**
- f. A neighbourhood association or group **More₁** **Several₂** **Belong₃** **No₄**
- g. Any other associations or groups? **More₁** **Several₂** **Belong₃** **No₄**

Now we would like to ask you how you would get help in situations that anyone could find herself or himself in. First, suppose you had the 'flu and had to stay in bed for a few days and needed help around the house, with shopping and so on. Who would you turn to first for help? Who second? Next, suppose you needed to borrow a large sum of money. Who would you turn to first for help? Who second?

Who would you turn to...	10. FLU:		11. MONEY:		
	a. First	b. Second	a. First	b. Second	
Husband, wife, or de facto	Spouse	Spouse	Spouse	Spouse	01
Mother.....	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	02
Father.....	Father	Father	Father	Father	03
Daughter.....	Daughter	Daughter	Daughter	Daughter	04
Daughter-in-law	D-in-law	D-in-law	D-in-law	D-in-law	05
Son.....	Son	Son	Son	Son	06
Son-in-law	Son-in-law	Son-in-law	Son-in-law	Son-in-law	07
Sister	Sister	Sister	Sister	Sister	08
Brother	Brother	Brother	Brother	Brother	09
Other blood relative	Blood	Blood	Blood	Blood	10
Other relative by marriage.....	In-law NEC	In-law NEC	In-law NEC	In-law NEC	11
Godparent	Godparent	Godparent	Godparent	Godparent	12
Close friend.....	Friend	Friend	Friend	Friend	13
Neighbour	Neighbour	Neighbour	Neighbour	Neighbour	14
Your employer	Employer	Employer	Employer	Employer	15
Someone else you work with....	Co-worker	Co-worker	Co-worker	Co-worker	16
Social services agency	Services	Services	Services	Services	17
Other government body	Other govt	Other govt	Other govt	Other govt	18
Someone you pay to help	Paid help	Paid help	Paid help	Paid help	19
Bank or credit union	Bank	Bank	Bank	Bank	20
Moneylender, "loan shark"	Lender	Lender	Lender	Lender	21
Other	Other	Other	Other	Other	22
No one	No one	No one	No one	No one	23

Now suppose you felt just a bit down or depressed, and you wanted to talk about it. Who would you turn to first for help? Who second?

Who would you turn to ...	12. FEEL BLUE, TALK TO:	
	a. First	b. Second
Husband, wife, or de facto	Spouse	Spouse
Mother.....	Mother	Mother
Father.....	Father	Father
Daughter	Daughter	Daughter
Daughter-in-law	Daughter-in-law	Daughter-in-law
Son.....	Son	Son
Son-in-law	Son-in-law	Son-in-law
Sister	Sister	Sister
Brother	Brother	Brother
Other blood relative	Blood	Blood
Other relative by marriage.....	Other in-law	Other in-law
Godparent	Godparent	Godparent
Close friend.....	Friend	Friend
Neighbour	Neighbour	Neighbour
Your employer	Employer	Employer
Someone else you work with.....	Co-worker	Co-worker
Social services agency	Services	Services
Other government body	Other govt	Other govt
Clergy, priest	Clergy	Clergy
Family doctor.....	Doctor	Doctor
Psychologist, counsellor	Psychologist	Psychologist
Self-help group	Group	Group
Other	Other	Other
No one	No one	No one

13. During the past 12 months, how often have you done any of the following things for people you know personally, such as relatives, friends, neighbours or other acquaintances?

- a. Helped someone outside of your household with housework or shopping?
More Weekly Monthly Several this year Once this year Not at all this year
- b. Lent quite a bit of money to another person?
More Weekly Monthly Several this year Once this year Not at all this year
- c. Spent time talking with someone who was a bit down or depressed?
More Weekly Monthly Several this year Once this year Not at all this year
- d. Helped somebody to find a job?
More Weekly Monthly Several this year Once this year Not at all this year

14. There are many ways people hear about jobs - from other people, from advertisements or employment agencies, and so on. Please indicate how you *first* found out about work at your present employer.

>>If you are not now working for pay, please answer this question for your last job.

>>Please circle the first answer that applies.

I have never worked for pay	01
Heard about this job from parents, brothers or sisters	02
From a close friend	03
From an acquaintance	04
From a government employment agency or service	05
From a private employment agency	06
From a school or university placement office.....	07
From an advertisement or a sign.....	08
The employer contacted me about a job	09
I just called them or went there to ask for work.....	10
I am self-employed in own business, partnership, or farm (include salaried employment in own business here).....	11

15. People look for various things in a close friend and can differ on how important or not some things are for them. How important is it for a close friend of yours to be...

	IMPORTANT IN A FRIEND?				
	Extremely	Very	Fairly	Not too	Not at all
a. Someone who is intelligent and makes me think?.....					
b. Someone who helps me get things done.					
c. Someone who really understands me.....					
d. Someone who is enjoyable company?.....					

16. Do you agree or disagree that...

- a. Adult children have a duty to look after their elderly parents.
Strongly agree **Agree** **Neither agree nor disagree** **Disagree** **Strongly disagree** (can't say)
- b. You should take care of yourself and your family first, before helping other people.
Strongly agree **Agree** **Neither agree nor disagree** **Disagree** **Strongly disagree** (can't say)
- c. People who are better off should help friends who are less well off.
Strongly agree **Agree** **Neither agree nor disagree** **Disagree** **Strongly disagree** (can't say)
- d. It is all right to develop friendships with people just because you know they can be of use to you.
Strongly agree **Agree** **Neither agree nor disagree** **Disagree** **Strongly disagree** (can't say)

17a. On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to provide childcare for everyone who wants it?

Definitely should **Probably should** **Probably should not** **Definitely should not** --

b. Government's responsibility to provide a decent standard of living for the old?

Definitely should **Probably should** **Probably should not** **Definitely should not** --

18. 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 **Fairly happy** **Not very happy** **Not at all happy** (can't say)

19. Do you feel that your family, relatives and/or friends make too many demands on you?

Never Seldom Sometimes Often Very often (can't say)

20. Do you agree or disagree that...

a. There are only a few people I can trust completely.

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree (can't say)

b. Most of the time you can be sure that other people want the best for you.

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree (can't say)

c. If you are not careful, other people will take advantage of you.

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree (can't say)

21. How long have you lived in the city, town or local community where you live now?

Number of years here: _____ or Less than one or Born here

22. Suppose you wanted the local government to bring about some improvement in your local community. How likely is it that you would be able to do something about it?

Very likely Somewhat likely Not very likely Not at all likely (can't say)

Do you agree or disagree that...

23. People like me don't have any say about what the government does.

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree (can't say)

24a. How often do you discuss politics with your friends?

Almost all the time Most of the time Occasionally Almost never (can't say)