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**ESC Survey: Wave 1: National & Urban Over Sample
Questionnaire, Wave 1, Index**

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See the easy-to-read version of the questionnaire for skip logic and answer categories. In order to facilitate use of the index minor wording changes have been incorporated into a small number of questions. For exact wording see the Easy-to-read version of the questionnaire. Variable names precede the questions and are the same in the SPSS file.

Children

child_1

How many children do you have, including any no longer living with you?

child_2

Does this child/how many of these children currently live with you for four or more days a week?

Child_3a-m

Could you tell me how old that child is/Could you give us the ages of the children who live with you, from oldest to youngest?

child_3a	Age of (1st/only)child.
child_3b	Age of 2nd child
child_3c	Age of 3rd child
child_3d	Age of 4th child
child_3e	Age of 5th child
child_3f	Age of 6th child
child_3g	Age of 7th child
child_3h	Age of 8th child
child_3i	Age of 9th child
child_3j	Age of 10th child
child_3k	Age of 11th child
child_3l	Age of 12th child
child_3m	Age of 13th child

Computer Use

comp_1

Do you have access to a computer either at home, at school, or at work?

comp_2

Do you have access to the Internet or the World Wide Web?

comp_3

About how many hours do you use a computer for e-mail, including listservers in a typical week?

comp_4

In a typical week, about how many hours do you use a computer for e-commerce? (e-commerce is buying or selling on the Internet.)

comp_5

What about using a computer for entertainment such as playing games, surfing the net, going to a chat room and so on?

Day Care

dcare_1 [*asked only if care for child/children under age 6*]

Do you use day care, pre-school, a nanny, a relative or any other type of ongoing regular child care for your child under 5/children 5 and under?

dcare_2

Do you use day care, pre-school, a nanny, a relative or family member, or some other type of child care?

dcare_3

How much of a strain is the cost of this child care on your family's budget?

dcare_4

Once your child was (children were) ready for care, how many months did you have to wait before you got the care you wanted?

dcare_5

How easy was it to get to the child care you use?

dcare_6 [*asked only if care for child/children age 6-12*]

Do you use day care, an after school program, a nanny, a relative or other ongoing regular child care for your child/children 6-12 years of age?

dcare_7

What type of child care do you use?

dcare_8

How much of a strain is the cost of this child care on your family's budget?

dcare_9

Once your child was (children were) ready for care, how many months did you have to wait before you got the care you wanted?

dcare_10

How easy was it to get to the child care you use?

Economic Security

econs_1

Thinking about the past twelve months, has your household's economic situation improved, stayed about the same, or worsened?

econs_2

What about the next twelve months, do you feel your household's economic situation will improve, stay about the same, or get worse?

econs_3

In comparison to other Canadians is your household income above average, average, or below average?

econs_4 *[asked only if DK or Refused at econs_3]*

If you had to guess, would you say your household income is above average, average, or below average?

econs_5 *[asked only if above average at econs_3]*

Would you say it is a little bit above average or a lot above average?

econs_6 *[asked only if below average at econs_3]*

Would you say it is a little bit below average or a lot below average?

econs_7

Are people of your age financially better off, worse off, or about the same as their parents' at the same age?

Employment

emp_1

Are you currently self employed, working for pay, retired, unemployed or looking for work, a student, a homemaker, or something else?

emp_2 *[asked only if student at emp_1]*

Are your parents helping you pay for the cost of your education?

emp_3 *[asked only if working for pay at emp_1]*

How likely is it that you will lose your job in the next 12 months?

emp_4 *[asked only if working for pay at emp_1]*

If you DID lose your job, how long do you think it would take for you to find a job that has about the same pay and benefits?

emp_5 *[asked only if self employed at emp_1]*

How likely is it that you will lose your business in the next 12 months?

emp_6 *[asked only if self employed at emp_1]*

If you DID lose your business, how long would it take for you to find employment?

emp_7 *[asked only if not currently employed at emp_1]*

Did you work for pay at a job or business at any time in the past 12 months (regardless of the number of hours per week)?

emp_8 *[asked only if retired, unemployed, or refused, at emp_1]*

What year did you last work for pay at a job or business?

emp_9

How many employers have you had in the past 12 months?

emp_10

In the past 12 months, did you ever hold more than one job at the same time?

emp_11

Do you work mostly full-time, that is more than 30 hours per week or part-time, that is less than 30 hours per week?

emp_12 *[asked only if worked part-time at emp_11]*

Why do you/why did you work part-time rather than full-time?

emp_13

What is/was your occupation (at your main job/last job)?

emp_14

Did/do you work for a private company, the public sector, a government owned company, a federal, provincial, or municipal ministry or agency?

emp_15

In what year did you become self-employed at your current business/start working for this employer?

emp_16

How did you learn about the job opening (for your main job)?

emp_17 *[currently self-employed at emp_1]*

Are you self-employed with employees or self-employed without employees?

emp_18 *[currently self employed at emp_1]*

What type of job is this?

emp_19

At your place of work, which of the following best describes/described your situation: union member, not a union member, but covered by a collective agreement, or neither?

emp_20

Are/were you covered by either a pension plan or group RRSP at your place of work?

emp_21

How many hours per week do/did you usually work/ was at this job/work at your main job?

emp_22

During the past 12 months, for how many weeks were you self employed/did you get paid?

emp_23 [only if not working 52 weeks]

During the past 12 months, how many weeks were you without work and LOOKING FOR WORK, including temporary layoffs?

emp_24 [only if 0 to 51 weeks at emp_23]

In the weeks when you were without work and NOT looking for work, what was the main reason you did not look for work?

emp_25

What was your father's main job when you were growing up?

Family and Friends

ff_1

How often do you see family members who do not live with you?

ff_2

How often do you see close friends?

ff_3

How often talk with neighbours?

ff_4

When you were 14 years of age, how many brothers and sisters did you have?

Group Orientations & List of Groups Experiment

Now I'll ask you to rate various groups, and institutions on a scale that runs from 0 to 100. Ratings between 0 and 50 mean that you rate the group UNFAVOURABLY. Ratings between 50 and 100 mean that you rate that group FAVOURABLY. You may use any number from 0 to 100.

grpor_1

What about Unions?

grpor_2

The Business Community?

grpor_3

The Federal Government?

grpor_4

The Provincial Government?

grpor_5

Your Regional or Municipal government?

grpor_6

The Court System?

grpor_7

The Local Police?

grplist1

I'm going to read a list of FOUR things that sometimes make people angry or upset. After I read all FOUR, just tell me HOW MANY of them upset you. I don't need to know which ones, just how many. Here's the list:

- Canadian hockey teams moving to the United States,
- the amount of money we pay in taxes,
- genetically modified foods, and
- the weak condition of the Canadian Armed Forces?

How many of these FOUR things make you angry?

grplist2

I'm going to read a list of FIVE things . . . same list as first question in set except "special access for Native Canadians to land and resources" added to list.

grplist3

I'm going to read a list of FIVE things . . . same list as first question in set except "giving special consideration in hiring and promoting minorities" added to list.

grplist4

I'm going to read a list of FIVE things . . . same list as first question in set except "giving special consideration in hiring and promoting women" added to list.

Health Care

hcare_1

How confident are you that you personally can get the health care you need when you need it?

hcare_2 [two versions of question]

Which is closer to your own view. One, everyone should have equal access to health care, even if that means waiting for treatment, OR Two, if you can afford it you should be able to buy faster access to health care/OR Two, if you are willing to pay for it you should be able to buy faster access to health care.

hcare_3

All things considered, is the Canadian health care system mainly EQUAL and FAIR or mainly UNEQUAL and UNFAIR?

Household Composition

hhsiz

INCLUDING YOURSELF, what is the TOTAL number of people currently living in your household?

hhcomp_1 *[not asked if all persons accounted for at hhsiz]*

How many of the people living in your household are your parents or in-laws?

hhcomp_2

How many of the people living in your household are your brothers or sisters?

hhcomp_3

How many of the people living in your household are other relatives?

Income

income1

Thinking about the last 12 months, please tell me if you personally received income from any of the following sources? First, in the past 12 months did you receive any income from self-employment?

income2

What about from wages or salary?

income3

In the past 12 months did you receive any Unemployment Insurance?

income4

In the past 12 months did you receive any Social Assistance?

income5 *[asked only of Respondents born before 1945]*

In the past 12 months did you receive any Canada or Quebec Pension Plan, Old Age Security, including disability benefits, or Guaranteed Income Supplement?

income6 *[asked only of Respondents born before 1945]*

In the past 12 months did you receive a pension from work?

income7

In the past 12 months did you receive any income from interest, dividends, or investments? This excludes income from RRSP's

income8

Rental income?

income9

In the past 12 months did you receive any income from your family?

income10

In the past 12 months did you receive any income from other sources such as alimony, scholarships, substantial gifts, an inheritance or any other income?

income11

What is the best estimate of your TOTAL personal income, before taxes and deductions, to the nearest thousand dollars, for the year ending Dec 31, 1999 from all sources, including those just mentioned?

income12 *[not asked if only report income from wages]*

What about income just from wages, salary or self-employment? To the nearest thousand dollars, before taxes and deductions, what is the best estimate of your personal income, from ONLY wages, salary or self-employment, for the year ending December 31, 1999?

income13 *[not asked if one person household]*

In the past 12 months, has anyone else in your household had a job?

income14 *[not asked if R only income earner]*

What is the best estimate of the total income, before taxes and deductions, of all family who live with you at this household, including yourself, from all sources for the year ending December 31, 1999?

Life Satisfaction

lifesat1 *[Urban Over Sample only]*

Now a question about life satisfaction. On a scale of 1 - 10 where ONE means dissatisfied and TEN means satisfied, all things considered, how satisfied are you with your life as a whole these days?

lifesat2 *[Urban Over Sample only]*

All things considered, how happy would you say you are?

Media Use

media_1

In a typical week, how many days do you read a daily newspaper?

media_2

In a typical week, on how many days do you watch the news on television?

media_3

In a typical week, how many HOURS do you watch ANYTHING on TV including videos, and DVD's?

media_4

What about playing games on TV, how many HOURS do you do this in a typical week?

Pensions

pension1

Government pensions give money to people who can NOT be bothered to save for their own retirement (agree/disagree).

pension2

How confident are you that you will have a GOVERNMENT pension that will help you live comfortably when you retire?

pension3 *[asked only if R born in 1935 or before]*

How satisfied are you with the government pension you receive?

pension4 *[respondents asked one version of question]*

When it comes to saving for retirement would [Canada/Canadians /you] be better off if the Canada Pension Plan was shut down and [individual Canadians/you] were able to invest [their/your] money for themselves?

pension5

Government pensions are the only way to ensure that all Canadians have at least some income in their old age (agree/disagree).

Political Parties

polpar1

Thinking of FEDERAL politics, do you usually think of yourself as Liberal, Conservative, NDP, Reform, Bloc Quebecois, other, or none of these?

polpar2

How strongly *[party from polpar1]* do you feel?

polpar3 *[if no party at polpar1]*

Do you think of yourself as being a little closer to one of the FEDERAL parties than the others?

polpar4 *[if yes at polpar3]*

Which party is that?

polpar5 *[if yes at polpar3]*

Are you a member of this party?

polpar6

Did you vote in the last FEDERAL election in 1997?

polpar7 *[if yes at polpar6]*

Which party did you vote for?

polpar8

Now thinking of PROVINCIAL politics, which party do you usually think of yourself as belonging to?

polpar9

How strongly *[party at polpar8]* do you feel?

polpar10 *[if no part at polpar8]*

Do you think of yourself as being a little closer to one of the provincial parties than the others?

polpar11

Which party is that?

polpar12

Did you vote in the last PROVINCIAL election in [R's province]?

polpar13 *[if yes at polpar12]*

Which party did you vote for?

Quebec

Quebec_1

The Federal government says that for any change in Quebec's relationship to Canada, a Quebec referendum must produce a clear majority on a clear question. Do you agree or disagree with this position?

Quebec_2

Some people say the federal government should NOT interfere in Quebec's democratic processes. Do you agree or disagree?

Quebec_3

In your view, what would be a clear majority?

Quebec_4

In your view what would be a clear question, must it refer ONLY to whether or not Quebec stays in Canada or can it also refer to Quebec's future links to Canada?

Quebec_5

If on a clear question a clear majority of Quebecers DID vote YES to separate from Canada, would you then FAVOUR or OPPOSE Canada negotiating a special relationship with Quebec?

Social Policies

socpol1

Thinking about the minimum wage, which is closer to your own view: One, if we don't have a minimum wage, some workers would not earn enough to live on, OR two, having a minimum wage makes it hard for employers to hire new workers.

socpol2 [respondents asked either socpol2 or socpol3]

In Canada today, is poverty a greater problem for retired people, or for young adults?

socpol3

In Canada today, is poverty a greater problem for retired people, or for children.

socpol4

When it comes to Native peoples' claims to land and resources, which comes closer to your own view: ONE, we should be generous in settling these claims because Native people were here first; or TWO, no group should have rights that other groups don't have.

socpol5

What is the BEST way for the federal government to help children who live in Canada? ONE: Give a tax credit to parents to spend as they see fit, or TWO: Create more licensed day cares and preschools to assure quality care for all children.

socpol6

The government must do more to reduce the income gap between rich and poor Canadians (agree/disagree).

socpol7

One, the government should see to it that everyone has a decent standard of living, OR, two, the government should leave it to people to get ahead on their own.

socpol8

One, Aboriginal people should have the right to make their own laws, OR, two, Aboriginal people should abide by the same laws as other Canadians?

socpol9

One, if we don't have regulations, even well-intentioned businesses will be forced to cut corners, OR, two, the cost of regulation damages the economy as a whole.

socpol10

Currently the federal government has a budget surplus. What should they do with it? Should they spend more on programs, cut taxes, or pay down the national debt?

socpol11 [only if R answers dk, more than one at socpol10]

If you had to choose, what should they do?

Trust: General, Government and Lost Wallet Questions

trust_1

Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can not be too careful in dealing with people?

trust_2

People CAN be trusted until they prove otherwise (agree/disagree).

trust_3

Generally speaking, most people CAN be trusted (agree/disagree).

trust_4

Generally speaking, you can NOT be too careful in dealing with people (agree/disagree).

trust_g1

How much do you trust the government in Ottawa to do what is right?

trust_g2

How much do you trust the government in [R's Province] to do what is right?

trust_w1

If you lost a wallet or purse that contained two hundred dollars, how likely is it to be returned with the money in it if it was found by someone who lives close by?

trust_w2

If you lost a wallet or purse . . . if it was found by a clerk at the grocery store you do most of your shopping?

trust_w3

If you lost a wallet or purse . . . if it was found by a police officer?

trust_w4

If you lost a wallet or purse . . . if it was found.. by a complete stranger?

Unemployment (attitudes about)

unemp_1

Many people who want to work are discouraged and have given up looking for work (agree/disagree).

unemp_2

In Canada today, do you think it is TOO EASY or TOO HARD to get unemployment insurance?

unemp_3

Is the unemployment benefit, that is the amount of money people receive when they are unemployed, TOO HIGH or TOO LOW?

unemp_4

Many unemployed persons could find work if they really wanted to (agree/disagree).

unemp_5

How many do you think could find work:

Values

values_1

When it comes to raising children, how important is it that one parent stays home at least until the children start school?

values_2

Society would be better off if more women stayed home with their children (agree/disagree).

values_3

The government does NOT care much about what people like me think (agree/disagree).

Voluntary Associations

volas_1

How many service clubs, such as Lions or Meals on Wheels, do you belong to?

volas_2

How many recreational groups, such as sports leagues or clubs, music or hobby clubs, or exercise classes are you involved in?

volas_3

How many organizations active on political issues, such as the environment or taxpayers' rights, do you belong to?

volas_4

Sometimes people give time to various types of organizations. How many youth-oriented or volunteer groups, such as Girl Guides or Minor Hockey, have you volunteered time to in the last 12 months?

volas_5

How about organizations providing cultural services to the public, such as a museum or music festival. How many of these have you volunteered time to in the last 12 months?

volas_6

How about organizations that help people, such as the Cancer Society or a food bank? How many of these have you volunteered time to in the last 12 months?

volas_7

Do you belong to or volunteer for any other groups or organizations that we have not asked about?

volas_8 [only if belong to other groups at volas_7]

How many of these other groups do you volunteer for or belong to?

volas_9 [only if belong to other groups at volas_7]

What kind of organization is this/are they?

volas_10 [only if yes to one of volas_1 to volas_7]

Thinking about the last 12 months, about how many hours in a typical month did you volunteer for all of the various organizations and charitable and social service activities we've mentioned?

volas_11

Thinking about the past 12 months, including membership dues, about how much money, in total, did you contribute to ANY charity, or ANY social service organization?

Welfare

welf_1

Which is closer to your own view: One, refusing welfare to single parents is unfair to their children. Two, giving welfare to single parents rewards irresponsible behaviour.

welf_2

Again, which is closer to your own view: One, people on welfare are usually there for only a short time and are unlikely to be on it again, two, or once people get on welfare they usually stay on it.

welf_3

People on welfare should be required to work for the community (agree/disagree).

Demographics

Rgender

Gender of respondent

yrbirth

In what year were you born?

homelang

What language do you usually speak at home?

brthcoun

In what country were you born?

birthprov [if Canada in brthcoun]

In what province or territory were you born?

brth_mum

In what country was your MOTHER born?

brth_dad

What about your father, in what country was he born?

yr_imm [if not born in Canada at intN]

In what year did you come to live in Canada?

educ_R

What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

educ_mum

What is the highest level of education that your MOTHER completed?

educ_dad

What about your FATHER, what is the highest level of education he completed?

health_1

main study: How would you describe your overall state of health these days?

urban over sample: Compared to others your age, how would you describe your health?

Ethnicity

ethnic_1

To what ethnic or cultural group do you belong?

ethnic_2 [if Canadian in ethnic_1]

In addition to being Canadian, to what ethnic or cultural group did you, or your ancestors belong on first coming to this continent?

ethnic_3 [if required, second mentioned ethnic or cultural group]

ethnic_4 [if required, third mentioned ethnic or cultural group]

ethnic_5 [if required, fourth mentioned ethnic or cultural group]

ethnic_6

How many organizations connected with your own nationality or ethnic or racial group are you a member of?

ethnic_7

How important is you Is your ethnic origin to you?

ethnic_8

To what ethnic or cultural groups does your wife/partner husband/partner] belong?

Marital Status

mstatus1

Are you presently married, living with a partner, separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never been married?

mstatus2

Have you ever been divorced, separated, or widowed?

mstatus3

Have you ever lived with a partner?

emp_part

In the past 12 months, has your partner had a job?

Religion

relig_1

Please tell me what is your religion, if you have one?

relig_2 [not asked if no religion or DK or refused at relig_1]

How often do you attend religious services, NOT including weddings and funerals?

relig_3 [not asked if no religion or DK or refused at relig_1]

How many groups directly attached to your place of worship, such as a charitable group, are you a member of?

relig_4 [not asked if no religion or DK or refused at relig_1]

How important is religion in your life?

Variables in the data set relating to sample selection and data collection

PROVINCE:	province of interview
ATTEMPTS:	number of telephone calls
INTDATE:	date of interview, mm dd yyyy
INTLANG:	language of interview
NADULTS:	number of adults in household
WEIGHTING	
VARIABLES:	see technical documentation
BLISH81R:	respondent's 1981 Blishen Score
BLISH81F:	father's 1981 Blishen Score
CT:	census tract (not unique need to use in conjunction with CD)
CD:	census division
CSD:	census sub division
CSDNAME:	census sub division name
CMA_CA	Census Metropolitan Area or Census Agglomeration
PLACE:	place name of town, village, hamlet, municipality, etc.
PLACESIZ:	Indicates if R resides in CMA,CA, or small town
FSA:	postal code, forward sortation area
TYPE:	Indicates if National or Urban Sample
Consent:	Willingness to provide name for written follow up
Random#:	random numbers used to determine question order and question wording is indicated in easy-to-read version of questionnaire and the documentation