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This questionnaire is designed to be filled out quickly and easily. To answer most of the questions you need only put a tick in the box next to the response you choose. In such cases there are no right or wrong answers. Please simply tick the option that is closest to your view, or indicate that you don't know or don't have an opinion on the matter. If you don't wish to answer any question, you can simply move on to the next one.

PLEASE MAKE TICK MARKS CLEARLY WITHIN BOXES TO MAKE READING YOUR RESPONSES AS EASY AS POSSIBLE.

When you have finished the questionnaire, please place it in the reply-paid envelope provided and post it back to us. No stamp is required.

Many thanks in advance for your help with this research.

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Q1. Here is a list of jobs that people you know may have. These people could be family or relatives, close friends or someone else you know. By "knowing" a person, we mean that you know this person by name and well enough to contact them.

If you know several people who have a job from the list below, please only tick the box for the person to whom you feel closest.

Do you know anyone who is...?


Q2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

| Please tick one box in each row. | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Can't choose |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Differences in income in New Zealand are too large | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| For a society to be fair, differences in people's standard of living should be small | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| The social benefits in New Zealand make people lazy | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (9) |

Q3. People have different opinions on who should provide services in New Zealand. Who do you think should primarily provide:

| Please tick one box in each row. | Government | Private <br> companies / <br> for-profit <br> organisations | Non-profit <br> organisations / <br> charities / <br> cooperatives | Religious <br> organisations | Family, <br> relatives, <br> or friends |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Health care for the sick? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

Some activities are done with others in organised groups, clubs, or associations. The next questions are about your participation, if any, in such activities.

Q4. In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you taken part in activities of...?

| Please tick one box in each row. | Once a week or more | One to three times a month | Several times in the past year | Once in the past year | Never | Can't choose |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ... groups or associations for leisure, sports, or culture? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| ... political parties, political groups, or political associations? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| charitable or religious organisations that do voluntary work? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (9) |

Q5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People like me don't have any say about what the government does.
(1) $\square$ Strongly agree
(2)Agree
(3)Neither agree nor disagree
(4)Disagree
(5)Strongly disagree
(9)Can't choose

## This section is about who you would turn to for help in different situations, if you needed it.

Q6. For each of the following situations, please tick one box to say who you would turn to first. If there are several people you are equally likely to turn to, please tick the box for the one you feel closest to.

Who would you turn to first to...
Please tick one box in each row.
... help you with a household or a garden job that you can't do yourself?
... help you around your home if you were sick and had to stay in bed for a few days?
... be there for you if you felt a bit down or depressed and wanted to talk about it?
... give you advice about family problems?
... enjoy a pleasant social occasion with?

Q7. For each of the following situations, please tick one box to say who or where you would turn to first for help. If there are several choices you are equally likely to make, please tick the box for the one you would try first.

| Who would you turn to first to... Please tick one box in each row. | Family members or close friends | Other persons | Private companies | Public services | Non-profit or religious organisations | Other organisations | No person or organisation | Can't choose |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ... help you if you needed to borrow a large sum of money? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| ... help you if you needed to find a job? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| ... help you with administrative problems or official paperwork? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| ... help you if you needed to find a place to live? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| ... look after you if you were seriously ill? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (9) |

Q8. The next questions are about how you feel about different aspects of your life. For each one, please indicate how often during the past 4 weeks you have felt that way.
How often in the past 4 weeks have you felt that... Please tick one box in each row.

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\begin{array}{r}
\text {... you lack companionship? } \\
\text {... you are isolated from others? } \\
\ldots \text { you are left out? } \\
\text {... you feel alone? }
\end{array}
$$

| Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | Very <br> often | Can't <br> choose |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| $(1)$ | $(2)$ | $(3)$ | $(4)$ | $(5)$ | (9) |

Q9. How often do you think that people would try to take advantage of you if they got the chance, and how often would they try to be fair?
(1)Try to take advantage almost all of the time
(2)Try to take advantage most of the time
(3) $\square$ Try to be fair most of the time
(4) $\square$ Try to be fair almost all of the time
(9)Can't choose

Q10. Generally speaking, would you say that people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?
(1)People can almost always be trusted
(2)People can usually be trusted
(3)You usually can't be too careful in dealing with people
(4) $\square$ You almost always can't be too careful in dealing with people
(9) $\qquad$ Can't choose

Q11. Using the following scale ranging from 0 to 10 , where 0 means "No trust at all" and 10 means "Complete trust", please indicate how much trust you personally have in...

How much trust do you personally have in...


Q12. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?


Q13. In general, do your family members put pressure on you about the way you live or organise your personal life?
(1) $\square$ No, never
(2)Yes, but rarely
(3)Yes, sometimes
(4)Yes, often
(5)Yes, very often
(9)Can't choose

Q14. Do you feel that your family, relatives, and/or friends make too many demands on you?
(1)No, never
(2)Yes, but rarely
(3)Yes, sometimes
(4)Yes, often
(5)Yes, very often
(9)Can't choose

Q15. Thinking about the important people in your life, such as your spouse or partner, your family members, or close friends, how often in the past 4 weeks did any of these people act angry or upset with you?
(1)Never
(2)Rarely
(3)Sometimes
(4)Often
(5)Very often
(9)Can't choose

The following questions are about your social activities.
Q16. How often do you go out to eat or drink with three or more friends or acquaintances who are not family members?
(1)Daily
(2)Several times a week
(3)Once a week
(4)Two to three times a month
(5)Once a month
(6)Several times a year
(7)Less often
(8)Never $\longrightarrow$ Go to Q18.
(9)Can't choose

Q17. At these occasions, how often do you make new friends or acquaintances?
(1)Never
(2)Rarely
(3)Sometimes
(4)Often
(5)Very often
(9)Can't choose

Q18. Please indicate about how many people do you have contact with on a typical weekday irrespective of whether you know them or not. Include anyone you chat with, talk to, or text, either face-to-face, by phone, internet, or any other communication device.
(1)0-4 people
(2)5-9
(3)10-19
(4)20-49
(5)50-99
(6)100 or more
(9)Can't choose

Q19. About how many of these people do you see face-to-face on a typical weekday?
(1)All or almost all of them
(2)Most of them
(3)About half of them
(4)Some of them
(5)None or almost none of them
(9)Can't choose

Q20. Please think about the parent you have contact with most frequently: How often do you have contact with that parent, either face-to-face, by phone, internet, or any other communication device?
(0)My parents are no longer alive
(1)The parent I have contact with the most frequently lives with me
(2)Daily
(3)Several times a week
(4)Once a week
(5)Two to three times a month
(6)Once a month
(7)Several times a year
(8)Less often
(9)Never

Q21. Think about the brother or sister you have contact with most frequently: How often do you have contact with that brother or sister, either face-to-face, by phone, internet or any other communication device?
(0)I do not have any brothers and sisters / my brothers and sisters are no longer alive
(1)The brother or sister I have contact with the most frequently lives with me
(2)Daily
(3)Several times a week
(4)Once a week
(5)Two to three times a month
(6)Once a month
(7)Several times a year
(8)Less often
(9)Never

Q22. Think about your adult child you have contact with most frequently: How often do you have contact with this child aged at least 18, either face-to-face, by phone, internet, or any other communication device?
(0)I do not have any adult children
(1)The adult child I have contact with the most frequently lives with me
(2)Daily
(3)Several times a week
(4)Once a week
(5)Two to three times a month
(6)Once a month
(7)Several times a year
(8)Less often
(9)Never

Q23. Now, think about the other family member you have contact with most frequently, aside from your spouse or partner, parents, siblings or adult children. How often do you have contact with that family member, either face-to-face, by phone, internet, or any other communication device?
(0)I do not have other family members
(1)The other family member I have contact with the most frequently lives with me
(2)Daily
(3)Several times a week
(4)Once a week
(5)Two to three times a month
(6)Once a month
(7)Several times a year
(8)Less often
(9)Never

Q24. And, think about the close friend you have contact with most frequently: How often do you have contact with that close friend, either face-to-face, by phone, internet, or any other communication device?
(0)I do not have any close friends
(1)The close friend I have contact with the most frequently lives with me
(2)Daily
(3)Several times a week
(4)Once a week
(5)Two to three times a month
(6)Once a month
(7)Several times a year
(8)Less often
(9)Never

Q25. Think now of your contact with all of your family members and close friends. How much of it is through text messages, mobile phones, or other communication devices that use the internet?
(1) $\square$ All or almost all of it
(2)Most of it
(3)About half of it
(4)Some of it
(5)None or almost none of it
(6)I do not use any of these devices
(9)Can't choose

Now, we would like to ask you some questions about other aspects of your life.
Q26. In general, would you say your health is...
(1)Excellent
(2)Very good
(3)Good
(4)
(5)Poor
(9)Can't choose

Q27. In the past 4 weeks, how much difficulty did you have in...

| $\quad$Please tick one box in each row. <br> ... standing for long periods such as 30 minutes? | No <br> difficulty | Mild <br> difficulty | Moderate <br> difficulty | Severe <br> difficulty | Extreme difficulty <br> or cannot do |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ... taking care of your household responsibilities? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| choose |  |  |  |  |  |

Q28. During the last 4 weeks, how often did...

| Please tick one box in each row. | None of the time | A little of the time | Some of the time | Most of the time | All of the time | Can't choose |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ... you feel nervous? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| ... you feel hopeless? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| ... you feel restless or fidgety? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| ... you feel so depressed that nothing could cheer you up? | $\square$ |  | $\square$ |  | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| ... you feel that everything was an effort? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| ... you feel worthless? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (9) |

Q29. During the past 4 weeks how often...

| Please tick one box in each row. | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | Very often |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ... have you felt unhappy and depressed? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

Q30. To what extent is the following statement true or untrue for you? It is easy for me to accomplish my goals.
(1) $\square$ Completely true
(2)Mostly true
(3)Somewhat true
(4)Neither true nor untrue
(5)Somewhat untrue
(6)Mostly untrue
(7)Completely untrue
(9)Can't choose

Q31. All things considered, how satisfied are you with your life as a whole nowadays?
(1) $\square$ Completely satisfied
(2) $\square$ Very satisfied
(3)Fairly satisfied
(4)Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
(5)Fairly dissatisfied
(6)Very dissatisfied
(7)Completely dissatisfied
(9)Can't choose

Q32. Thinking of your household's total income, including all the sources of income of all the members who contribute to it, how difficult or easy is it currently for your household to make ends meet?
(1)Very difficult
(2)Fairly difficult
(3)Neither easy nor difficult
(4)Fairly easy
(5)Very easy
(9)Can't choose

Q33. How many languages do you speak well enough to hold a conversation in, including the language(s) you speak at home?
(1)One language
(2)Two languages
(3)Three languages
(4)Four or more languages

## You and Your Background

So that we can be sure we have a good cross-section of people in our survey, would you please answer the following questions about yourself? Remember that all responses remain STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

Q34. Please indicate the year in which you were born:


Q35. What is your gender? $\qquad$

Q36. In what country were you born?
(1)New Zealand
(2)Australia
(3)England
(4) $\square$ China (People's Republic of)
(5)India
(6)South Africa
(7)Samoa
(8)Cook Islands
(9)Korea (Republic of)
(10)Philippines
(11)Other Please enter the country here:

Q37. In what country was your mother born?
(0)Don't know
(1)New Zealand
(2)Australia
(3)England
(4)China (People's Republic of)
(5)India
(6)South Africa
(7)Samoa
(8)Cook Islands
(9)Korea (Republic of)
(10)Philippines
(11)Other
Please enter the country here:

Q38. In what country was your father born?
(0) $\square$ Don't know
(1) $\square$ New Zealand
(2) $\square$ Australia
(3) $\square$ England
(4) $\square$ China (People's Republic of)
(5)
(6)South Africa
(7)Samoa
(8) $\square$ Cook Islands
(9)Korea (Republic of)
(10)Philippines
(11) $\qquad$ Please enter the country here:

Q39. To which of the following ethnic groups do you belong? Please tick as many boxes as apply.New Zealand MāoriNew Zealand European / PākehāOther EuropeanSamoanCook Island MaoriTonganNiueanChineseIndianKoreanFilipinoOther $\longrightarrow$ Please enter your ethnicity/ethnicities here:

Q40. Are you:
(1) $\square$ A New Zealand Citizen
(2)A New Zealand Permanent Resident
(9)Other / don't know

Q41. Which one of these categories describes your current religion or religious denomination?
(1)No religion
 If Christian, which one
(1)Anglican
(2)Christian $\longrightarrow$ of these are you?
(2)Catholic
(3)Buddhist
(4)Hindu
(5)Muslim
(6)Jewish
(3)Presbyterian
(4) $\square$ Methodist
(5)Baptist
(7)Other religion
(6)Rātana
(7)Ringatū Please enter other religion here:Other Christian
Please enter other denomination here:

Q42. Apart from for weddings, funerals or tangi, and baptisms, how often do you attend religious services these days?
(1)Never
(2)Less than once a year
(3)Once a year
(4)Several times a year
(5)Once a month
(6)Two or three times a month
(7)Once a week
(8)Several times a week
(9)Can't choose

Q43. How many years (full-time equivalent) have you been in formal education (including primary school)?
$\qquad$ years

Q44. Which one of these categories best describes your highest formal qualification?
(1)No formal qualification
(2)School Certificate, National Certificate Level 1, NCEA Level 1
(3)Sixth Form Certificate, National Certificate Level 2, NCEA Level 2
(4)Higher School Certificate, Higher Leaving Certificate, Bursary / Scholarship, NCEA Level 3
(5)Trade or Professional Certificate
(6)Diploma below degree level
(7)Undergraduate university degree
(8)Postgraduate or higher qualification

Q45. Which one of these categories best describes your current employment status?
(1)Employed full-time ( $30+$ hours weekly)
(2)Employed part-time (15-29 hours weekly) How many hours do you usually work in a week?
(3)Employed <15 hours weekly Number of hours: $\qquad$
(4)Apprentice or trainee
(5)Unemployed and looking for a job
(6)Permanently sick or disabled
(7)Student
(8)Doing housework, looking after the home, children, or others
(9)Retired

Have you had paid work in the past?
(1) $\square \mathrm{Yes}$
(2)$\square \mathrm{N}$ O Go to Q50.

Q46. What is/was your main occupation?

- If you have more than one job, please give the occupation for the job in which you spend the most time.
- Please describe fully, e.g. builders' labourer not labourer, accounts clerk not clerk, deer farmer not farmer.
- If you are retired, or not working for pay now, please describe your last regular paid job.

Main occupation: $\qquad$

Q47. In that occupation, do/did you supervise, or are/were you responsible for, the work of any other people?
(1) $\square$ Yes $\longrightarrow$ How many people? $\qquad$
(2) $\square$ No

Q48. Which one category best describes for whom you work/worked?
(1) $\square$ Public sector organisation (e.g. government department, local authority, state-owned enterprise)
(2) $\square$ Overseas-owned private sector company or firm
(3) $\square$ NZ-owned private sector company or firm
(4)Non-profit / charity / welfare organisation
(5)Working for own family's business
(6)Self-employed $\longrightarrow$ How many employees do/did you have? $\qquad$

Q49. Are you or have you ever been a member of a Trade Union?
(1)Currently a member
(2)Once a member, but not anymore
(3)Never been a member

Q50. For which party did you cast your party vote at the 2014 General Election?
(0)Did not vote / was not eligible
(1)Labour
(2)National
(3)Green
(4)New Zealand First
(5)
(6)United Future
(7)Māori Party
(8)Internet-Mana Party
(10)Another party $\qquad$ Please enter the party here: $\qquad$
(99)Don't know / Can't remember

Q51. In politics, people sometimes talk of left and right. Where would you place yourself on the following scale, where 0 means left and 10 means right?


Q52. Do you have:

|  | Yes | No | Don't know |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Internet access in your home? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| A home phone? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| A mobile phone? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| A smart phone? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| An email account? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Cloud storage? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| A Facebook account? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Other social media account(s)? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
|  | $\square$ | $\square$ | $(2)$ |

Q53. How many hours per week do you spend on social media for personal use (including Facebook)?


Q54. Would you describe the place where you live as...
(1)A big city
(2)The suburbs or outskirts of a big city
(3)A town or a small city
(4)A country village
(5)A farm or home in the country
(9)Can't choose

Q55. Which category best describes your personal yearly income, from all sources, before tax?
(1)Loss
(2)Zero income
(3)\$1-\$5,000
(4)\$5,001-\$10,000
(5) $\square \$ 10,001-\$ 15,000$
(6) $\square \$ 15,001-\$ 20,000$
(7) $\square \$ 20,001-\$ 25,000$
(8) $\square \$ 25,001-\$ 30,000$
(9) $\square \$ 30,001-\$ 35,000$
(10) $\square \$ 35,001-\$ 40,000$
(11) $\square \$ 40,001-\$ 50,000$
(12) $\square \$ 50,001-\$ 60,000$
(13) $\square \$ 60,001-\$ 70,000$
(14) $\square \$ 70,001-\$ 100,000$
(15) $\square \$ 100,001-\$ 150,000$
(16)$\$ 150,001$ or more

Q56. Which category best describes the total yearly income of everyone in your household, from all sources, before tax?
(1) $\square$ Loss
(2) $\square$ Zero income
(3) $\square \$ 1-\$ 5,000$
(4) $\square \$ 5,001-\$ 10,000$
(5) $\square \$ 10,001-\$ 15,000$
(6) $\square \$ 15,001-\$ 20,000$
(7) $\square$ \$20,001-\$25,000
(8) $\square \$ 25,001-\$ 30,000$
(9) $\square \$ 30,001-\$ 35,000$
(10) $\square \$ 35,001-\$ 40,000$
(11) $\square \$ 40,001-\$ 50,000$
(12) $\square \$ 50,001-\$ 60,000$
(13) $\square \$ 60,001-\$ 70,000$
(14) $\square$ \$70,001-\$100,000
(15) $\square \$ 100,001-\$ 150,000$
(16) $\square \$ 150,001$ or more

Q57. In our society, there are groups which tend to be towards the top and groups which tend to be towards the bottom. Below is a scale that runs from the top to the bottom. Where would you put yourself on this scale?


Q58. INCLUDING YOURSELF, how many adults (of 18 years and older) are there in your household?


Q59. How many CHILDREN between 5 and 17 years of age are there in your household?


Q60. How many CHILDREN under the age of 5 are there in your household?


Q61. Which one of these categories best describes your current marital status?
(1)Married
(2)Civil union
(3)De facto
(4)Widowed
(5) $\square$ Divorced
(6) $\square$ Separated
(7)Single, never married

## Your Spouse or Partner

Q62. Do you live with your partner?
(1)Yes
(2)No
(9)Can't choose

Q63. Which one of these categories best describes your spouse's/partner's current employment status?
(1) $\square$ Employed full-time (30+ hours weekly)
(2)Employed part-time (15-29 hours weekly) How many hours does your partner usually work in a week?
(3)Employed <15 hours weekly
(4)Apprentice or trainee
(5)Unemployed and looking for a job
(6)Permanently sick or disabled
(7)Student
(8)Doing housework, looking after the home, children, or others
(9)Retired

Q64. What is/was your spouse's/partner's main occupation?

- If your spouse/partner has more than one job, please give the one in which he or she spends the most time.
- Please describe fully, e.g. builders' labourer not labourer, accounts clerk not clerk, deer farmer not farmer.
- If your spouse/partner is retired, or not working for pay now, please describe their last regular paid job.

Main occupation: $\qquad$

Q65. Which one category best describes for whom your spouse/partner works/worked?
(1)Public sector organisation (e.g. government department, local authority, state-owned enterprise)
(2)Overseas-owned private sector company or firm
(3)NZ-owned private sector company or firm
(4)Non-profit / charity / welfare organisation
(5)Working for own family's business
(6)Self-employed
(7)Self-employed with employees

