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The Role of Government



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How to fill out this questionnaire

To answer these questions all you have to do is tick (/) a box or boxes, or write in the space provided. After some questions, there is an instruction in CAPITALS or **bold type** explaining what to do. Some questions may not apply to you, in which case there are instructions on which questions to go to next.

The questions cover a wide range of subjects, but no special knowledge is required and there are no right or wrong answers. We just want to know your *own personal opinions*.

Returning the questionnaire

When you have completed the questionnaire, please post it back in the reply-paid envelope, as soon as you possibly can.

Enjoy the questionnaire, and thank you for your help.

If you would like a copy of a summary of the results of this survey, please write your name and address in the place below. (The summary will be available in November 1997.)

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Address:	

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1.							
	PLEAS	E TICK ONE	BOX				
	Obe	ey the law w	rithout excep	(/)			
	Foli	low consciei	nce on occasi Can't cho	ose	2		7
2.	There are many ways people or they strongly oppose. Please sl should not be allowed.	organisatior now which y	ns can protes you think sho	t against a gov uld be allowed	vernment action I and which	a	
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH I	LINE					
	I	Definitely	Probably	Probably not	Definitely not	Can't choose	
a.	Organising public meetings to protest against the government		2	3	4	8	8
b.	Organising protest marches and demonstrations	1	2	3	4	8	Ğ
c.	Organising a nationwide strike of all workers against the government	1	2	3	4	8	10
3.	3. Would you or would you not do any of the following to protest against a government action you strongly opposed?						
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH I	LINE					
	1	Definitely would	Probably would	Probably would not	Definitely would not	Can't choose	
a.	Attend a public meeting organised to protest against the government	1	2	3	4	8	1
b.	Go on a protest march or demonstration	1	2	3	4	8	1:

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4. And in the past five years how many times have you done each of the following to protest against a government action you strongly oppose?						
	•	Never	Once	Mor than c	·	
a.	Attended a public meeting organised to protest against the government		2		_3	
b.	Gone on a protest march or demonstration	1	2		3	
5.	There are some people whose views are considered end who want to overthrow the government by revolution allowed to:	extreme by t n. Do you	the majority. think such p	Consider eople shou	people ld be	
	Definitely	y Probably	Probably not	Definitely not	Can't choose	
a.	Hold public meetings to express their views?	2	3	4	8	
b.	Publish books expressing their views?	2	3	4	8	
6.	All systems of justice make mistakes, but which do	vou think is	s worse?			
0.	The Systems of Justice Make Mistakes, but when do	y 0 ta Darrata 12	(√)			
	to convict an innoc	ent person	1			
		OR	, 			
	to let a guilty person	_	2			
	Ca	an't choose	8			
7.	The government has a lot of different pieces of inform computers can bring together very quickly. This is:	mation abou	ıt people whi	ch		
	A very serious threat to individ	dual privacy	(/)			
	A fairly se	rious threat				
	Not a se	rious threat	3			
	Not a threat at all to individ	_	4			
	C	Can't choose	8			

8. 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.

(/)	
1	Agree stongly
2	Agree
3	Neither agree nor disagree
4	Disagree
5	Disagree strongly
8	Can't choose

9. Here are some things the government might do for the economy. Please show which actions you are in favour of and which you are against.

		Strongly in favour of	In favour of	Neither in favour of nor against	Against	Strongly against	Can't Choose
a.	Control of wages by law	1	2	3	4	5	8
b.	Control of prices by law	1	2	3	4	5	8
c.	Cuts in government spending	1	2	3	4	5	8
đ.	Government financing of projects		2	3	4	5	8
e.	Less government regulation of business	1	2	3	4	5	8
f.	Support for industry to develop new products and technology	1	2	3	4	5	8
g.	Support for declining industries to protect jobs	1	2	3	4	5	8
h.	Reducing the working week to create more jobs	1	2	3	4	5	8

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. Spend Spend Can't Spend Spend the same Spend much less choose much more Моге as now less 28 The environment a. 29 b. Health 30 The police and law enforcement 31 Education d. 32 The military and defence 33 Old age pensions f. 34 Unemployment benefits 35 Culture and the arts h. Do you think that trade unions in this country have too much power or too little power? 11a. Far too much power Too much power About the right amount of power 36 Too little power Far too little power Can't choose

11b. How about business and industry? Do they have too much power or too little power?

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

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11 c .	And what about the governmen	t, does it h	ave too much p	ower or too lit	tle power?		
			Far too much p	oower (/	<u>)</u>		
			Too much p	oower	2		
	Al	bout the ri	ght amount of p	oower	3		38
			Too little p	oower	4		36
			Far too little p	ower	5		
12.	On the whole, do you think it sl	hould or sh	nould not be the	e government's		y to:	
		Definitely should be	Probably should be	Probably should not be	Definitely should not be	Can't choose	
a.	Provide a job for everyone who wants one		2	3	4	8	39
b.	Keep prices under control	1	2	3	4	8	40
c.	Provide health care for the sick		2	3	4	8	41
d.	Provide a decent standard of living for the old		2	3	4	8	42
e.	Provide industry with the help it needs to grow	1	2	3	4	8	43
f.	Provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed	1	2	3	4	8	44
g.	Reduce income differences between the rich and the poor	1	2	3	4	8	45
h.	Give financial help to university students from low-income families	1	2	3	4	8	46
i.	Provide decent housing for those who can't afford it		2	3	4	8	47
j.	Impose strict laws to make industry do less damage to the environment		2	3	4	8	48
13.	How interested would you say y	ou persona	ally are in politi Very inter	<u>(•</u>	2		
			Fairly inter	L	1		
			Somewhat inter	rested	3		_
			Not very inter	rested	4		49
			Not at all inter	rested	5		
			Can't c	hoose	8		

14. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagee	Strongly disagree	Can't choose		
a.	People like me don't have any say about what the government does	1	2	3	4	5	8		
b.	The average citizen has considerable influence on politics		2	3	4	5	8		
c.	Even the best politician cannot have much impact because of the way government works		2	3	4	5	8		
d.	I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing our country	1	2	3	4	5	8		
e.	Elections are a good way of making governments pay attention to what the people think		2	3	4	5	8		
f.	I think most people are better informed about politics and government than I am	1	2		4	5	8		
g.	People we elect as MPs try to keep the promises they have made during the election	1	2	3	4	5	8		
h.	Most public servants can be trusted to do what is best for the country		2	3	4	5	8		
15.	All in all, how well or badly do yo these days?	u think th	e system	of democrac	cy in New 2	Zealand wor	ks		
	It works well and needs no changes								
	It works well but needs some changes								
	It does not work we	ell and nee	eds a lot o	f changes	3				
	It does not work well and ne	eds to be	completely	changed	4				
			Caı	n't choose	8				

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10.	which do you think it should do? (We mean all taxes together, including income tax, GST and all the rest.)					
	Reduce taxes, even if this means spending less on social services	(⁄)				
	OR					
	Spend more on social services, even if this means higher taxes?	2				
	Can't choose	8				
17.	Generally, how would you describe taxes in New Zealand today? (Again, we mean all taxes together, including income tax, GST a					
a.	First, for those with high incomes, are taxes					
	Much too high	(<u>v</u>)				
	Too high					
	About right	3				
	Too low	4				
	Or, are they much too low	5				
	Can't choose	<u> </u>				
b.	Next, for those with middle incomes, are taxes					
		<u>(v)</u>				
	Much too high					
	Too high	2				
	About right	3				
	Too low	4				
	Or, are they much too low	5				
	Can't choose	В				

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:	Eastly, for those with low incomes, are taxes	(0)		
	Much too high			
	Too high			
	About right			
	Too low			62
	Or, are they much too low	4		
	Can't choose	5		
		<u>8</u>)		
18.	Do you think each of the following should mainly be run by priv companies, or by government?	vate organisations (or	
	Mainly run by private	No. 1-1 1	0'4	
	organisations or companies	Mainly run by government	Can't choose	
		2	g	63
	Electricity		8	64
	Hospitals		<u> </u>	65
	Banks1		8	00
19.	If the government had to choose between keeping down inflation unemployment, which do you think it should give highest priori			
	Keeping down inflation	(✔)		
	Keeping down unemployment			66
	Can't choose	2		
		<u> </u>		
20.	Suppose the level of taxation in New Zealand stays the same as the government:	it is now. Should	I	
	Spend the same amount as now on social welfare, even if this means the national deficit or debt stays as it is			
	OR			
	Spend less than now on social welfare, so that the national deficit or debt can be reduced			67
	Can't choose	8		

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Don't know

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 and your household. Remember that all

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56.	6. Please indicate the year in which you were born?			Year:	19	
57.	What is your sex?	Male				

Female

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58.	Which of these categories best describes your current marital status?	
	Married Widowed Divorced Separated Single/never married	15
59.	Do you live together with a partner? Yes No 2	16
60.	Which of these categories best describes your highest level of formal education?	
	No formal schooling	
	Kura kaupapa/primary school (including intermediate)	
	Secondary school for up to 3 years	
	Secondary school for 4 years or more	17
	Some university, wananga, polytechnic or other tertiary	
	Completed trade or professional qualification	
	Completed university or polytechnic degree	
61.	How many years of formal, full-time education have you had? (Include primary school, intermediate, secondary school, university and polytechnic)	
	Years:	18-19
62.	Which one of these categories best describes your current employment status? (1)	
	Employed - full time (35+ hours weekly)	
	Employed - part time (15-35 hours weekly)	
	Employed - less than 15 hours/temporarily out of work	
	Helping family member	
	Unemployed or beneficiary 5	
	Student PLEASE	
	Retired GO TO	20-21
	Housewife/husband - home duties 968	
	Permanently disabled	
	Other (Please specify)	

	63.	What i	s vour	main	occui	pation?
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- If you have more than one job, business or professional practice, please give the occupation for the job you spend the most time at.
- Please describe fully, using two words or more; for example, builder's labourer not labourer, accounts clerk not clerk, deer farmer not farmer.

Main occupation:	

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64. In which industry do you work?

PLEASE ANSWER FOR YOUR MAIN OCCUPATION

(✔)	
1	Agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishing
2	Mining and quarrying
3	Manufacturing: food, beverages, textiles, wood, paper
4	Manufacturing: chemicals, coal, rubber, plastic
5	Manufacturing: concrete, plaster, glass, mineral products
6	Manufacturing: metal products, machinery, equipment
7	Other manufacturing
8	Electricity, gas, water
9	Building, construction
10	Wholesale and retail trade, restaurants and hotels
11	Transport and storage
12	Communication
13	Banking, finance, insurance, property
14	Public administration and defence
15	Education, research, science, medical, dental, welfare services
16	Culture, recreation, sport
17	Personal services, repair services, cleaning services
	Other
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65.	Do you supervise or are you responsible for the work of any other people?	
	Yes	28
	If yes, how many people do you supervise?	
	Number of people:	29-30
66.	Which of these categories best describes your current employment status?	
	Public sector (i.e., local government, Government)	
	Publicly-owned private sector organisation PLEASE	
	Privately-owned private sector organisation GO TO	31
	Non-profit/Charity/Welfare organisation 968	
	Self-employed → PLEASE TO TO 967	
67.	If you are self-employed, how many employees do you currently have? Number of employees:	32-34
68.	Are you currently a member of a Trade Union?	
	Yes	
	No No	35
	<u> 2</u>	
69.	Have you ever been unemployed during the last ten years?	
	NOTE: By unemployed we mean unable to get a paid job when you wanted one.	
	Yes	26
	No → PLEASE GO TO Q71	36
70.	And how many months have you been unemployed during the last ten years? (Consider all times of unemployment)	
	Number of months:	37-39

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71.	INCLUDING YOURSELF, how many people are there in your household	?		
	Number in household			40-41
72.	How many children aged 15 or under are in your household?	÷		
	Children 15 years or under			42-43
	If you are married or living with a partner, please continue through Otherwise, please go to question 75.	Question 73	•	
73.	Which of the following categories best describes your partner's or spou employment status?			
		⊗		
	Employed - full time (35+ hours weekly) Employed - part time (15-35 hours weekly)	1		:
	Employed - less than 15 hours/temporarily out of work	2		
	Helping family member	3		
	Unemployed or beneficiary	4		44.45
	Student	6	PLEASE	44-45
	Retired		GO TO	
	Housewife/husband - home duties	8	975	
	Permanently disabled	9	į	
	Other (Please specify)	10		
74.	What is your partner's or spouse's main occupation?			
	• If your partner or spouse has more than one job, business or prof please give the occupation for the job he or she spends the most		ctice,	

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· Please describe fully using two words or more; for example, builder's

Spouse's/partner's main occupation_____

labourer not labourer, accounts clerk not clerk, deer farmer not farmer.

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75.	Generally speaking, in politics do you usually think of your	self as:	
	Alliance Labour National New Zealand First Other (please specify) No particular party	1 2 3 4 5 5 6	50
	How strongly do you feel about that?		
76.	Very strongly Fairly strongly Not very strongly Not at all strongly At the 1996 General Election, which Political Party did you		51
	Didn't vote/not eligible to vote ACT Alliance Christian Coalition Labour National New Zealand First United Other (please specify)	2 3 4 5 6 7	52

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX

I was not eligible or not registered to vote

I wanted to vote but was not able to get to the polling booth

I didn't understand enough about politics

I was not interested enough in the election

I wanted to vote but forgot to

I never vote for reasons of conscience

I couldn't decide who to vote for

There was no-one I wanted to vote for

Other reason (Please say what)

78. Which of the following categories best describes **your own** yearly income from all sources before tax?

\$10,000 or less \$10,001 - \$15,000 \$15,001 - \$20,000 \$20,001 - \$25,000 \$25,001 - \$30,000 \$30,001 - \$40,000 \$40,001 - \$50,000 \$50,001 - \$70,000 \$70,001 or more

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79.	Which of the following categories best de household from all sources before tax?	escribes the total yearly income of everyone in your	
	\$10,000 or less	⊘	
	\$10,001 - \$20,000		
	\$20,001 - \$30,000		
	\$30,001 - \$40,000	<u></u>	
	\$40,001 - \$50,000	4	
	\$50,001 - \$60,000	5	55
	\$60,001 - \$80,000	<u>6</u>	
	\$80,001 - \$100,000		
	\$100,001 or more	<u></u>	
	\$100,001 of more	9	
80.	In terms of your social status, which of	the following categories do you think you fit into?	
	Lower class		
	Working class	2	
	Upper working/lower middle clas	ss	
	Middle class	3	56
	Upper middle class	4	
	Upper class		
	Don't know	8	
81.	What is your current religion? (/)	(∕)	
	Anglican (C of E)	Methodist	
	Assemblies of God	Muslim 13	
	Baptist 2	Orthodox Orthodox	
	Brethren 3	Pentecostal	
	Buddhist	Presbyterian 16	
	Catholic 6	Protestant 17	57.50
	Christian	Ratana	57-58
	Jehovah's Witness	Ringatu 20	•
	Jewish 9	Salvation Army	
	Hindu	Seventh Day Adventist	
	Lutheran	Other (please specify)	
	Mormon (Latter Day Saints)	No Religion	

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82.	How often do you attend a religious service?	
		60
	Never	
	Less than once a year	
	About once or twice a year	
	Several times a year	
	About once a month	
	Two or three times a month	59-60
	Nearly every week	6
	Every week	7
	Several times a week	
	Can't choose/Don't Know	98
83.	About how often do you pray?	
	Never	
	Less than once a year	2
	About once or twice a year	
	Several times a year	
	About once a month	5
	Two or three times a month	6
	Nearly every week	7
	Every week	
	Several times a week	61-62
	Once a day	10
	Several times a day	11
	Can't choose/Don't Know	

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84.	And in which area do you live?					
		(✓)			(✔)	
	Northland	1		Horowhenua	12	
	Auckland	2		Wellington	13	
	Thames Valley	3		Wairarapa	14	
	Bay of Plenty	4		Nelson Bays	15	
	Waikato	5		Marlborough	16	
	Tongariro	6		West Coast	17	63-64
	East Cape	7		Canterbury	18	
	Hawkes Bay	8		Aorangi	19	
	Taranaki	9	Clut	ha-Central Otago	20	
	Wanganui	10	Coa	astal-North Otago	21	
	Manawatu-Rangitikei	11		Southland	22	
85.	. Do you live in a rural or urban area?		Rural Urban	2		65
8 6 .	What size of city or town do you live in	?				
		(under 000 to 00 to 2 00 to 4	29,999 people) 49,999 people) 99,999 people)	1 2 3 4 5 6		66

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	sh to add, on any of the topics raised in this Please write them in the space provided below:
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