

MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name
for reference only

Age last birthday

Inf.	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
65-66		65-66		65-66		65-66		65-66	
5	3	5	8						

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QUESTIONNAIRE ON HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES
&
STANDARDS OF LIVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM
1967-68

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- I Housing and Living Facilities
- II Employment
- III Occupational Facilities and Fringe Benefits
- IV Current Monetary Income
- V Assets and Savings
- VI Health and Disability
- VII Social Services
- VIII Private Income in Kind
- IX Style of Living

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ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY
 23. * Do you think you could GENUINELY say you are poor now? —

X Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.24
 Y all the time } ASK Q.23(a)
 0 sometimes }
 1 never } SKIP TO Q.24
 2 DK }

(a) Do you feel poor at any of these times or in any of these situations?

3 at weekends
 4 mid-week
 5 at Christmas
 6 with some of your friends
 7 with some of your relatives
 8 with some of the people round here
 9 other (SPECIFY)

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

FOR CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY

24. (a) There's been a lot of talk about poverty. Do you think there's such a thing as REAL poverty these days? *

Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.25
 yes
 no
 DK

(b) What would you describe as poverty?

WRITE IN ANSWER

"Fault of the individual
 the old people
 living in a sparsely furnished room"

(c) Would you say that if people are in poverty its mainly

X - their own fault?
 Y - the Government's fault?
 0 - the fault of their education?
 1 - the fault of industry not providing the right jobs?
 2 - anything else? (SPECIFY)
 3 - a combination of (some of) these?
 4 - none of those?
 5 DK

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER AND HOUSEWIFE ABOUT ALL AGED 23 AND OVER
 25. Do you mind telling me if you voted in the last General Election (I don't mean who you voted for, just whether you voted)? *

CODE ALL AGED 23 & OVER
 yes, voted
 no
 DK
 DNA

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY
 26. If there is poverty what do you think can be done about it?

nothing
 DK

WRITE IN ANSWER

stop all these immigrants coming in, and apply a strict means test so that only those who really need it can draw it.

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QUESTION 23 Poor now

Stress genuinely and try to avoid facetiousness at this point. Question 23 (a) explores what the informant understands by feeling "poor". If the word "poor" seems inappropriate use the alternative "very hard up".

QUESTION 24 Poverty

Stress the word "poverty". Do not explain what you think it means if you are asked. Seek from the informant his definition and write it in the box as clearly as you can.

QUESTION 25 Voting

Ask for those old enough to have voted in the last election (March 1965). We are not concerned who they voted for (although they will probably say) but would like to know if they are sufficiently involved to vote at all. Be careful to reassure people that this is confidential and as far as you are concerned non-voting is blameless—many people consider that voting is legally compulsory or morally obligatory and so voting figures are over-estimated. Try to get a clear recollection by fixing the incident (time of day, who they went with) if necessary. Stress National, not local elections.

QUESTION 26 Action on poverty

We are interested in what the informant thinks can be done. Give as full an answer as possible.

Please write in any additional notes.

A really fascinating interview which I haven't energy to do justice to. He was the youngest child in a w/c class family & his father (a railway guard) paid his fees to grammar school, causing some ill-feeling with siblings. He was then put into a good profession, and thought he was going to make it in life. When the children were young he had good holidays in expensive hotels, and they didn't think themselves. However he has always saved, even amounts as little as 10/- the investments have been in good solid unexciting stock. Then about 10 years ago he began to feel trapped. His wages as a civil servant were lagging, & he began paying more tax as his children grew. Because his wife liked the house they have stayed on while the district is not exactly "going down" has nevertheless become a bit old-fashioned looking compared with new suburbs. His frustrations have recently been increased by the tardiness of the pay negotiations in his profession which arrived just in time to be frozen. Added to this immigrants are coming into the district, & his wife (with job at school) sees people on supp. benefit - notably an unmarried mother with 12 children by diff. fathers drawing £22 a week - which he feels he is paying for. Throughout he stressed that he was not pleading poverty. He had a good wine cupboard & liked to have a drink. But he maintained his savings which he had got through thrift & diligence, were not enough to allow him to retire, or to give him the things he wants. He would like, and feels he deserves - a 4 bedroom house, but the price is about 2000 above what he feels he can afford. He wants a small boat, "nothing big, something costing £200 or £300" but he can't have it. He is hoping a cheaper holiday this year, in a boarding house. He feels overworked & underpaid. One way out which he has adopted is to transfer his savings from unexciting secure stock into unit trusts which appreciate much more rapidly. He also keeps up his education & artistic interests - learning a new language. I enjoyed talking to him, although he seemed to me the stuff of which Fascist supporters may be made. He was bitterly opposed to immigrants, but did not know immigrants had virtually stopped ("they come here and they contribute nothing"). Didn't know NA was means-tested! He agreed enthusiastically that while he ^{39a} wasn't pleading poverty he was definitely felt RELATIVELY DEPRIVED.