

Christian name
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Age last birthday

Inft.	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
CHARLOTTE	JIM	THOMAS							
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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

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY

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

PROMPT AND

6 with some of your friends

CODE ALL THAT

7 with some of your relatives

APPLY

8 with some of the people round here
9 other (SPECIFY)

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

No bathrooms, toilet up the garden - terrible!

(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?

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY

1 - the fault of industry not providing the right jobs?

2 - anything else? (SPECIFY)

3 - a combination of (some of) these?

4 - none of these?

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

pay purchase tax on food and petrol (much higher than it is now) - lower income tax.
Help the O.A.P.s with more money.

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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.

This seemed to be a paradigm case of a difficult family situation aggravated by financial difficulties. Inf & 2nd are good knitted and kind hearted, 3rd on his own admission is cantankerous. The chief thing is that although Inf & 2nd could have gone to live with 3rd in his house after they were married they chose to move and take on a mortgage larger than they wanted to chiefly because 3rd was becoming morbid in his house after the death of his wife. This led to 1) no tax relief on the old man (see pp. 20a, 15a) and 2) 3rd's supplementary benefit being stopped on the grounds that he was no longer a householder in need of the extra for the rent (see p. 18a).

Inf. worries about the whole thing, especially about blaming her father, which she 'tries to avoid', but sometimes you can't shp yourself can you? ' Altogether a potentially explosive situation.