

MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name
for reference only

Age last birthday

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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
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 - IV Current Monetary Income
 - V Assets and Savings
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 - 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? —

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY
 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?
 PROMPT AND CODE ALL THAT APPLY
 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)

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? *

yes
 no
 DK

(b) What would you describe as poverty?

WRITE IN ANSWER
 Apart from accidents of health and bereavement, and the case of old people who are too general to say so, it's largely people's own fault.

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

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY
 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 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?

WRITE IN ANSWER

a lot more help for the deserving cases (these being the ones who won't ask for it)

Try to encourage saving as a normal thing — although with present rise of 3% in cost of living this is well-nigh impossible?

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meals were
improvised things, the
remains of which
left lying around
until the supply of
crockery ran out.
General air of
happy-go-lucky
slapdash about the
place, which was
pleasant and cosy.

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.

General

This family made a tremendous impression on me because of their sheer energy. All of them, esp. MF, believed that anything in one's life was possible provided one wanted it enough and was prepared to work for it. MF had done this, and the 2 children were about to take up more than one thing in their lives, they said, even if it involved complete re-training. Jonathan would be a mathematician for a while and then probably something else. Jay, an ex-art student was now devoted to entomology and motorbikes.

Their attitude to money was a mixture of nonchalance and disturbed dependence on it—they did not value it in itself (and they had quite a lot, in property etc) but more for the things it enabled them to do. Inf. was worried by the thought that other people must have their imagination thwarted by economic necessities—yet paradoxically insisted that anything was possible if you wanted it enough; perhaps, he added ruefully, harder for some people than it had been for him.

Interesting to notice that the 'appearances' did not play a large part in their lives: the house was untidy, and
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'I've known cases where it's their own fault—through shiftness.

I don't believe in cradle-to-grave welfare state aid as this leads to people not having the incentive to make life better themselves. On the other hand, the deserving should as a matter of course be provided for. It's difficult to know what to say, isn't it?"