

MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name
for reference only

Age last birthday

Inft.	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
2									
5									
65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66				
50									

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

A Survey carried out from the University of Essex
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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? *

Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.25
yes
no
DK

(b) What would you describe as poverty?

WRITE IN ANSWER

lack of essentials

(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 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)? *

yes, voted
no
DK
DNA

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H.

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26. If there is poverty what do you think can be done about it?

nothing
DK

WRITE IN ANSWER

It's the old thing of Marx - Division of wealth etc.

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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 man made a depressingly refreshing change from starving old widows with thousands under the mattress. He has excellent qualifications: he can speak 4 languages very fluently, did a full time commercial course for 3 years after he left school, and attended night-school ^{for} 4 years after that. (He is also an excellent pianist).

He then emigrated to Australia, married, had a daughter and a well-paid job.

Ten years ago he was divorced from his wife, but given charge of his daughter. He found he had to leave Australia after this and so came to England.

After a number of years he was happily ~~settled~~ ^{settled} with a firm who were under a missiles contract for the government. Having worked two years for this firm and despite his naturalisation the Home Office decided he was a security risk and he was forced to leave.

He left a subsequent job when the manager's cousin was promoted to a senior position.

Recently he has been unemployed for 3 months. During this period the unemployment exchange was unable to offer him a single vacancy anywhere in the country. ~~Despite~~ He elicited only negative replies after numerous applications for jobs advertised in the press. Eventually he had no alternative other than to take his present job. He has become unemployable here, he says, for 3 reasons: his age, his foreign qualifications and the fact that he is ~~is~~ still regarded as a foreigner. He plans to return to Australia 39a as soon as he can earn enough money for the fare.

he is
a Socialist,
for a change.