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SELF-COMPLETION QUESTIONNAIRE

INTERVIEWER TO ENTER		OFFICE	USE ONLY
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	Sampling point	2015-19	
	Interviewer number	SPARE 202	20-34

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To the selected respondent:

Thank you very much for agreeing to take part in this important study. The study consists of this self-completion questionnaire, and the interview you have already completed.

Completing the questionnaire:

The questions inside cover a wide range of subjects, but most can be answered simply by placing a tick (\checkmark) in one or more of the boxes. No special knowledge is required: we are confident that everyone will be able to take part, not just those with strong views or particular viewpoints. The questionnaire should not take very long to complete, and we hope you will find it interesting and enjoyable. **Only you should fill it in, and not anyone else at your address**. The answers you give will be treated as confidential and anonymous.

Returning the questionnaire:

Your interviewer will arrange with you the most convenient way of returning the questionnaire. If the interviewer has arranged to call back for it, please fill it in and keep it safely until then. If not, please complete it and post it back in the pre-paid, addressed envelope, AS SOON AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP.

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4. Please tick one box to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose	
a.	Teenage girls who want to get on in lift don't usually become teenage mothers							2045
b.	Many teenage mothers simply have babies because they want someone to love							2046
C.	One of the main causes of teenage pregnancy is the lack of morals among young people							2047
d.	People in Britain are far too tolerant of teenage pregnancies							2048
	Teenage girls living in run down areas are more likely than others to become teenage mothers If a teenage couple aged 16 or older are in a stable relationship, there's							2049
~	nothing wrong with them having a child							2050
	Teenage pregnancy isn't really that much of a problem in Britain A teenager can be just as good a							2051
i.	parent as someone who is older There would be fewer teenage pregnancies if sex education at schoo							2052
	gave more advice about sex, relationships and contraception							2053

5. Please tick one box to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

	or disagree with each or these statement	enis.		NI - 141				
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose	
a.	Teenage girls who have children often do so to jump the housing queue							2054
b.	Contraception should be more easily available to teenagers, even if they are under 16	e						2055
C.	There would be fewer teenage pregnancies if more parents talked to their children about sex, relationships and contraception							2056
d.	All too often Britain's welfare system rewards teenage mothers							2057
e.	Giving teenagers lessons at school about sex and contraception encourages them to have sex too early							2058
	Pregnant teenagers should be encouraged to consider having an abortion							2059
	Television and advertising put teenagers under too much pressure to have sex before they are ready Bringing up a child is simply too hard							2060
	for most teenage girls to do alone Bringing up a child is simply too hard							2061
	for a woman of any age to do alone							2062
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6a.	Looking at the list below, please tick the box next to the one thing you think should be Britain's highest priority, the most important thing it should do.			ONLY CARD 21		
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	(✓)				
	Britain should Maintain order in the nation		(1)	2109		
	Give people more say in government decisions		(2)			
	Fight rising prices		(3)			
	Protect freedom of speech		(4)			
	Can't choose		(8)			
b.	And which <u>one</u> do you think should be Britain's <u>next</u> <u>highest</u> priority, the <u>second</u> most important thing it should do?					
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	(✓)				
	Britain should Maintain order in the nation		(1)	2110		
	Give people more say in government decisions		(2)			
	Fight rising prices		(3)			
	Protect freedom of speech		(4)			
	Can't choose		(8)			
7.	How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?					
	"Now that Scotland has its own parliament, Scottish MPs should no longer be allowed to vote in the UK House of Commons on laws that only affect England."	(✔)				
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY Agree strongly		(1)	2111		
	Agree		(2)	2		
	Neither agree nor disagree		(3)			
	Disagree		(4)			
	Disagree strongly		(5)			
	Can't choose		(8)			

8.	And how much you agree or disagree with this statement?	е					ONLY		
	"Britain should introduce proportiona so that the number of MPs in the UK each party gets matches more close votes each party gets."	House of Cor	nmons	(✓)				
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY		A	gree strongly	(1)		2112		
				Agree	(2)				
			Neither agree	nor disagree	(3)				
				Disagree	(4)				
			Disa	gree strongly	(5)				
				Can't choose	(8)				
9.	Which of these statements comes <u>cl</u> your view about general elections?	osest to							
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY (✓)								
	In a general election		It's not really	worth voting	(1)		2113		
	People should vote only if they care who wins (2)								
	. 33,		It's everyone's	Г	(3)				
10.	On the whole, do you think it should the government's responsibility to	or should not b	oe						
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Definitely should be	Probably should be	Probably should <u>not</u> be	Definitely should <u>not</u> be	Can't choose			
a.	Provide a job for everyone who wants one						2114		
b.	Keep prices under control						2115		
C.	Provide health care for the sick						2116		
d.	Provide a decent standard of living for the old	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(8)	2117		

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No-one

(06)

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14.	Have you done any voluntary activity in the in any of the following areas? Voluntary a work, not just belonging to an organisation should be of service or benefit to other pe and not only to one's family or personal fri	ctivity is unpaid n or group. It ople or the comm	unity				ONLY
	During the last 12 months did you do volu in any of the following areas?	nteer work					
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE		No	Yes, once or twice	Yes, 3-5 times	Yes, 6 or more times	
a.	Political activities (helping political parties, movements, election campaigns, etc.)	political					2124
b.	Charitable activities (helping the sick, elde etc.)	erly, poor,					2125
C.	Religious and church-related activities (he churches and religious groups)	elping					2126
d.	Any other kind of voluntary activities		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	2127
	If the same voluntary activity falls under two only once under the first relevant category for a candidate endorsed by a church or renot under c. Religious and church-related	 For example, if eligious group, you 	you were i	involved in po	litical campa	aigning	
15.	Do you <u>personally</u> think it is wrong or not woman to have an abortion	wrong for a	Almont	M/ran a	Not		
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Always wrong	Almost always wrong	Wrong only sometimes	Not wrong at all	Can't choose	
a.	if there is a strong chance of a serious defect in the baby?						2128
b.	if the family has a very low income and cannot afford any more children?	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(8)	2129
16	. Please tick <u>one</u> box for <u>each</u> statement to how much you agree or disagree with it.	o show	No idlo				
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Agree strongly Agree	Neith agree disagr	nor	Disagre ee strongl		
а	. For the sake of the environment, car users should pay higher taxes						2130
b	. The government should build more motorways to reduce traffic congestion						2131
C	Building more roads just encourages more traffic						2132
d	. People should be allowed to use their cars as much as they like, even if it						2132

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

(5)

(8)

OFFICE 8 USE ONLY 17. Please tick one box for each statement to show how much you agree or disagree with it. PLEASE TICK ONE BOX Neither ON EACH LINE Disagree Can't Agree agree nor strongly Agree disagree Disagree strongly choose a. Most people in towns and cities in Scotland do not need a car to get around 2134 b. Most people in rural parts of Scotland do not need a car to get around 2135 c. The government should help keep public transport services going in towns and cities in Scotland, even if they lose money 2136 d. The government should help keep public transport services going in rural parts of Scotland, even if they lose money 2137 (1) (2)(4) (5) (3) (8) **SPARE** 2138-40 18. And do you agree or disagree with the following statements? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX Neither ON EACH LINE Can't Agree agree nor Disagree strongly Agree disagree Disagree strongly choose a. Looking around the world, religions bring more conflict than peace 2141 b. People with very strong religious beliefs are often too intolerant of others 2142 c. Scotland would be a better country if religion had less influence 2143 (1) (2)(4) (5) (8) (3) 19. Do you think that churches and religious organisations in Scotland have too much power or too little power? **(**✓) PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY Far too much power (1) 2144 Too much power (2) About the right amount of power (3) Too little power (4) Far too little power (5) Can't choose (8)

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23a. At present, are you		<u>(√)</u>		
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	married,		(1)	2148
	living as married,		ANSWER b.	
	or, neither of these?	((3) GO TO Q.24	
b. What is your husband's/wife's/pa	artner's religion?	(√)		
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	No religion		(01)	2149-50
	Christian – no denomination		(02)	
	Roman Catholic		(03)	
	Church of England/Anglican		(04)	
	Baptist		(05)	
	Methodist		(06)	
	Presbyterian/Church of Scotland		(07)	
	Free Presbyterian		(21)	
	Brethren		(22)	
U	nited Reform Church (URC)/Congregational		(23)	
Other Protestant (PLEASE WRIT	TE IN WHICH)		(27)	
Other Christian (PLEASE WRITI	E IN WHICH)		(08)	
	Hindu		(09)	
	Islam/Muslim		(11)	
	Sikh		(12)	
	Buddhist		(13)	
Other non-Christian (PLEASE W			(14)	
	Does not apply		(15)	
	Can't say/can't remember		(98)	
				SPARE

24.	Please tick <u>one</u> box for <u>each</u> statement below to show how much you agree or disagree with it.)					
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	
a.	Government should redistribute income from the better-off to those who are less well off						2161
b.	Big business benefits owners at the expense of workers						2162
C.	Ordinary working people do not get their fair share of the nation's wealth						2163
d.	There is one law for the rich and one for the poor						2164
e.	Management will always try to get the better of employees if it gets the chance						2165
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	
25.	Please tick <u>one</u> box for <u>each</u> statement below to show how much you agree or disagree with it.						
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	
a.	Young people today don't have enough respect for traditional British values						2166
b.	People who break the law should be given						
	stiffer sentences						2167
C.							2167 2168
	stiffer sentences For some crimes, the death penalty is the						
d.	stiffer sentences For some crimes, the death penalty is the most appropriate sentence Schools should teach children to obey						2168
d. e.	stiffer sentences For some crimes, the death penalty is the most appropriate sentence Schools should teach children to obey authority The law should always be obeyed,						2168 2169

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	26a. To help us plan better in future, please tell us about how long it took you to complete this questionnaire. (✓)								
P	LEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY Less than 15 minutes (1)	2172							
	Between 15 and 20 minutes (2)								
	Between 21 and 30 minutes (3)								
	Between 31 and 45 minutes (4)								
	Between 46 and 60 minutes (5)								
	Over one hour (6)								
b. A	nd on what date did you fill in the questionnaire?								
P	DATE MONTH	2173-76							
27. A	nd lastly just a few details about yourself.								
a. A	re you (🗸)								
	Male								
	Female								
b.Wh	at was your age last birthday?								
P	LEASE WRITE IN:								
	YEARS								
		SPARE 2177-80							
Thank you very much for your help									
	Please keep the completed questionnaire for the interviewer if he or she has arranged to call for it. Otherwise, please post it as soon as possible in the pre-paid envelope provided.								