



1970 BRITISH COHORT STUDY

Age 42 Survey Self-completion Questionnaire

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Please complete the questionnaire using black or blue ink.

The questionnaire will be read by a scanner, so please mark your answers by putting a cross in the appropriate box $[\boxtimes]$.

If you make a mistake or change your mind please completely fill the box to show the mistake [■] and then cross the correct answer.

Sometimes you will be asked to write a number in a box like this: 0 Please keep your answer within the boxes.

Your answers will be treated in the strictest confidence and all findings will be made anonymous in the reporting of results so that responses cannot be traced back to individuals.

When you have completed the questionnaire please seal it inside the envelope provided and hand it back to the interviewer when they visit.

INTERVIEWER TO ENTER Respondent details

						Serial number				First name
	М	ale		F	emale					Date of Birth

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How often have you done each of the following activities in the last 12 months?

CROSS (X) <u>ONE</u> BOX ON <u>EACH</u> ROW

	At least once a week	At least once a month	Several times a year	At least once a year	Less Often	Never
Play a musical instrument				ĺ 🗆		
Performing arts (singing in a group or choir, acting, dance/ballet, comedy)						
Painting, drawing, printmaking or sculpture						
Photography, film or video making as an artistic activity (not family or holidays)						
Textile crafts, wood crafts or any other crafts, such as embroidery, knitting, wood turning, furniture making, pottery or jewellery						
Writing stories, plays or poetry						
Go to the theatre to watch a play/drama						
Go to the theatre to watch a pantomime or musical						
Go to an opera, classical music concert or ballet						
Go to another type of concert						
Go to the cinema						
Visit an art exhibition / gallery						
Visit a museum						
Visit a historical site / stately home						
Visit a theme park						
Visit a zoo, wildlife park or aquarium						
Go to a library						
Go to a book club (to discuss a book that you have read)						
Have a meal in a restaurant, cafe or pub						
Go for a drink at a pub or club						
Work in the garden						
Do DIY, home maintenance or car repairs						
Attend meetings for local groups/voluntary organisations						
Do unpaid voluntary work						
Attend meetings or events organised by a trade union						
Attend meetings or events organised by a political party						

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How often have you done each of the following sporting activities in the last 12 months?

CROSS (X) <u>ONE</u> BOX ON <u>EACH</u> ROW

	Every day	4-5 days a week	2-3 days a week	Once a week	2-3 times a month	Less often	Not in the last 12 months
Health, fitness, gym or conditioning activities (including aerobics, keepfit classes, weight-training or weight-lifting)	0	_	0	0	0	0	0
Swimming or diving							
Cycling, BMX or mountain biking							
Dancing							
Jogging, cross-country, road- running							
Rambling / walking for pleasure							
Racquet sports (tennis, badminton, squash etc)							
Team sports (Football, Netball, Basketball, Rugby, Hockey, Cricket etc)				0			
Martial arts, boxing, wrestling							
Water sports (including yachting, dinghy sailing, canoeing, rowing, windsurfing, waterski-ing etc).							
Horse riding							
Yoga / Pilates							
Golf							
Ski-ing							
Other sporting activity							

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Below is a list of opinions on different topics. Please read each one, decide how much you agree or disagree and select the option that most corresponds with your answer.

CROSS (X) ONE BOX ON EACH ROW

Private schools should be abolished	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I would not mind if a family from another race moved in next door to me					
Problems in the environment are not as serious as people claim					
For some crimes the death penalty is the most appropriate sentence					
People who never have children are missing an important part of life					
Politicians are mainly in politics for their own benefit and not for the benefit of the community					
All women should have the right to choose an abortion if they wish					
All in all, family life suffers when the mother has a full time job					
People with very strong religious beliefs are often too intolerant of others					
Having almost any job is better than being unemployed					
Fairly Not ver		(X) <u>ONE</u> E	SOX		
Attended a public mee	CROSS	Yes	nings? BOX ON <u>EA</u> No	<u>CH</u> ROW	
Taken part in a public demonstratio Signe	n or protes ed a petition				

6 Which party did you vote for in the last General Election in May 2010? CROSS (X) ONE BOX Conservative П П Labour П **Liberal Democrats** Plaid Cymru Scottish National Party **Green Party UK Independence Party** Other (please write in box) **DID NOT VOTE** Which party did you vote for in the General Election in May 2005? CROSS (X) ONE BOX Conservative П П Labour **Liberal Democrats** Plaid Cymru Scottish National Party **Green Party UK Independence Party** Other (please write in box) DID NOT VOTE 8 Are you currently a member of any of the following organisations? CROSS (X) ALL BOXES THAT APPLY Political party Trade union **Environmental group** Parents'/School association Tenants'/Residents' group or neighbourhood watch Religious group or church organisation Voluntary service group Other community or civic group Social club/Working men's club Sports club Women's Institute / Townswomen's Guild Women's group / Feminist organisation Professional organisation Scouts/Guides organisation Any other organisation NO - NONE OF THESE

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Generally speaking, would can't be too careful in deal	ling with I	people?		trusted, or that	you
	CRO	SS (X) <u>ONE</u>	ВОХ		
Most people ca Can't b	in be trust e too care It depen	ful 🔲			
How many hours do you s Blu-ray? Please include tir	•		•		
		(CROSS (X) ONE	BOX ON <u>EACH</u> R	OW
On a typical weekday	None	Less than an hour	1 hour to less than 3 hours	3 hours to less than 5 hours	5 or more hours
On a typical day at the weekend			$\overline{}$		
On a typical day at the weekend					
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13	Which of the following types of fiction books do yo	ou usually read?
	CROSS (X) ALL BO	OXES THAT APPLY
	Action / Adventure / War Fiction	
	Comics / Graphic Novels	ō
	Crime / Thrillers / Mystery	Ē
	Classic Fiction	
	Contemporary Literary Fiction	
	Historical Fiction	
	Humour	
	Horror	
	Poetry	
	Romance	
	Science Fiction / Fantasy	
	Other Fiction	
	DO NOT READ FICTION BOOKS	
14	Which of the following types of factual books do yo	ou usually read?
	CROSS (X) ALL BO	OXES THAT APPLY
	Art / Photography	
	Autobiography	Ē
	Biography	Ē
	Career-specific / Industry-specific / Professional	Ē
	Computing / Technology	
	Cookery / Food and Drink	
	Family and Parenting	
	Health / Wellbeing / Self-help / Psychology	
	DIY / Interiors / Gardening	
	Music	
	Religion / Philosophy	
	Science	
	Sport	
	Sport Politics / Economics / Current Affairs Travel	

DO NOT READ FACTUAL BOOKS

History

Other factual

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15	How often do you read newspapers (including onl	ine newspapers)?
	CROSS (X) ONE	вох
	Every day or almost every day Several times a week Once or twice a week At least once a month Every few months At least once a year Less often or never	
16	Which of the following newspapers have you read i	in the last month?
	CROSS (X) ALL BOXES	THAT APPLY
	The Daily Telegraph / Sunday Telegraph Financial Times The Times / The Sunday Times The Guardian / The Observer The Independent / Independent on Sunday / i Daily Express / Sunday Express Daily Mail / Mail on Sunday The Sun The Daily Mirror / Sunday Mirror The Daily Star / Daily Star Sunday The Daily Sport / Sunday Sport The People The Herald / Sunday Herald The Scotsman Daily Record Free local / regional newspaper Local / regional newspaper that you purchase Other NONE	
17	Do you have a computer at home? CROSS (X) ON Yes	<u>IE</u> BOX
	No 🗆	
18	Are you able to access the internet at home? Please via computers, mobile phones, television, games computers (CROSS (X) ON Yes No	onsoles and other devices.

In total, how many cars or vans are members of your household? CROSS None One Two	S (X) <u>ONE</u> E		ble for use	, by one or	more
Four or more	_				
Below are some more opinions on a much you agree or disagree and se answer.		•			
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	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I would not mind if my child went to a school where half the children were of another race					
Ve should tackle problems in the environment even if this means slower economic growth					
he law should be obeyed, even if a particular law is wrong					
Unless you have children you'll be lonely when you get old					
None of the political parties would do anything to benefit me					
Couples who have children should not separate					
A pre-school child is likely to suffer if his or her mother works					
Looking around the world, religions bring more conflict than peace					
If I didn't like a job I'd pack it in, even if there was no other job to go to					
The time has come for everyone to arrange their own private health care and stop relying on the National Health Service					

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If so, please select which one.

Thinking of your childhood, were you raised according to any particular religion?

CROSS (X) ONE BOX NO - NOT RAISED ACCORDING TO ANY RELIGION Christian, no denomination Roman Catholic Church of England/Anglican United Reformed Church (URC) / Congregational **Baptist** Methodist Presbyterian / Church of Scotland Other Christian Hindu Jewish Muslim Sikh **Buddhist** Other

Do you now see yourself as belonging to any particular religion? If so, please select which one.

CROSS (X) ONE BOX NO - DO NOT BELONG TO ANY RELIGION Christian, no denomination Roman Catholic Church of England/Anglican United Reformed Church (URC) / Congregational **Baptist** Methodist Presbyterian / Church of Scotland Other Christian Hindu **Jewish** Muslim Sikh **Buddhist** Other

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How often, if ever, do you attend any kind of religious service or meeting?
CROSS (X) ONE BOX
Once a week or more
Once a month or more
Sometimes but less than once a month
Never or very rarely
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Which of these statements below comes closest to expressing what you believe about God?
CROSS (X) ONE BOX
I don't believe in God □
I don't know whether there is a God and I don't believe there is any way to find out
I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a Higher Power of some kind
I find myself believing in God some of the time, but not at others
While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God ☐
I know God really exists and I have no doubts about it
Do you believe in life after death?
CROSS (X) ONE BOX
Yes - definitely
Yes - probably
No - probably not
No - definitely not
On how many days in a typical week do you eat breakfast?
WRITE NUMBER OF DAYS IN BOX. IF IN A TYPICAL WEEK YOU DO NOT EAT BREAKFAST
WRITE '0'
How often do you eat ready-meals? By ready-meals we mean a pre-packaged meal
that only needs to be heated up in an oven or microwave, for example a chicken
curry or a lasagne.
CROSS (X) ONE BOX
More than once a day ☐ Once a day ☐
Once a day Several times a week
Once or twice a week
At least once a month
Once or twice a week At least once a month Less often
Never □
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28	How often do you eat other convenience foods, frozen or packaged, such as fish-fingers, burgers, chips or ready-made pizzas?								
	CROSS (X) ONE BOX								
	More than once a day Once a day Several times a week Once or twice a week At least once a month Less often Never								
29	How often do you eat take-aways including those bought from a restaurant or fast-food outlet?								
	CROSS (X) ONE BOX								
	More than once a day Once a day Several times a week Once or twice a week At least once a month Less often Never								
30	How often do you eat a home-cooked meal made from basic ingredients? By basic ingredients we mean things like raw or fresh meat or fish or fresh, frozen or tinned vegetables or pulses.								
	CROSS (X)	ONE BOX							
	More than once a day Once a day Several times a week Once or twice a week At least once a month Less often Never								

please choose the option that best describes your experience of each over the last 2 weeks. CROSS (X) ONE BOX ON EACH ROW Some All of None of the of the the Often time Rarely time time I've been feeling optimistic about the future П П П П П П П I've been feeling useful П П П П П П П П I've been feeling relaxed П I've been feeling interested in other people П П П П П П П П I've had energy to spare I've been dealing with problems well П П П П П П П П I've been thinking clearly I've been feeling good about myself I've been feeling close to other people I've been feeling confident I've been able to make up my own mind about things I've been feeling loved П П П П П I've been interested in new things П П П I've been feeling cheerful 32 How often do you have a drink containing alcohol? CROSS (X) ONE BOX Never П Monthly or less 2-4 times a month 2-3 times a week 4 or more times a week П 33 How many drinks containing alcohol do you drink on a typical day when you are drinking? CROSS (X) ONE BOX 1-2 3-4 П 5-6 7-8 10+ DO NOT DRINK ALCOHOL

Below are some statements about feelings and thoughts. For each statement,

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34	How often during the last year have you found drinking once you had started?	I that you were not able to stop						
	CROSS (X) ONE BOX							
	Never							
	Less than monthly							
	Monthly							
	Weekly	<u> </u>						
	Daily or almost daily	ā						
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35	How often during the last year have you failed	to do what was normally expected						
	from you because of your drinking?							
	CROSS (X)	ONE BOX						
	Never							
	Less than monthly							
	Monthly							
	Weekly							
	Daily or almost daily							
36	Has a relative or friend, doctor or other health	worker been concerned about your						
	drinking or suggested that you cut down?							
	CROSS (X)	ONE BOX						
	No							
	Yes, but not in the last year	ä						
	Yes, during the last year	ă						
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37	During the last four weeks, how long did it usu	ually take for you to fall asleep?						
	CROSS (X)	ONE BOX						
	0-15 minutes							
	16-30 minutes	ä						
	31-45 minutes							
	46-60 minutes							
	More than 60 minutes							
	wore than 60 minutes							
20	During the past four weeks, how many hours of	did you sloop each night on average?						
38		TO THE NEAREST HOUR IN THE BOX						
	WRITE YOUR ANSWER IN HOURS	TO THE NEAREST HOUR IN THE BOX						
39	During the past four weeks, how often did you	awaken during your sleep time and						
	have trouble falling back to sleep again?							
	CROSS (X)	ONE BOX						
	All of the time							
	Most of the time							
	A good bit of the time							
	Some of the time							
	A little of the time	<u> </u>						
	None of the time							

40	During the past four weeks, how often did you get enough sleep to feel rested upon waking in the morning?)	
	CROSS (X) ONE BOX											
					Al	of the	time					
					Most	of the	time					
				A g	ood bit	of the	time					
					Some	of the	time					
					A little	of the	time					
					None	of the	time					
The next questions are about your feelings generally. CROSS (X) ONE BOX ON EACH ROW												
								Yes	No			
		Do	you fee	el tired	most o	of the t	ime?					
	Do yo	u ofte	n feel r	niseral	ole or	depres	sed?					
	Do you often get worried about things?											
Do you often get in a violent rage?												
Do you often suddenly become scared for no good reason?												
Are you easily upset or irritated?								<u></u>				
	Are you constantly keyed up and jittery?											
Does every little thing get on your nerves and wear you out?												
Does your heart often race like mad?							nad?			<u>—</u>		
12	Below is a list of things	s that	peopl	e valu	e. For	each d	one w	e'd like	e to kn	ow or	n a scal	e
42	Below is a list of things that people value. For each one we'd like to know on a scale from 1 to 10 how important each one is to you, where '1' equals 'Not important at all', and '10' equals 'Very important'.											
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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
	Your health											
	Having a lot of money											
	Having children											
	Having a fulfilling job											
	Being independent											
	Owning your own home											
Ha	aving a good marriage or partnership											
	Having good friends											

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Below are some more opinions on different topics. Please read each one, decide how much you agree or disagree and select the option that most corresponds with your answer.									
	CROSS (X) ONE BOX ON EACH ROW								
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree				
Censorship of films and magazines is necessary to uphold moral standards									
It does not really make much difference which political party is in power in Britain									
Divorce is too easy to get these days									
Overall modern science does more harm than good									
Once you've got a job it's important to hang on to it even if you don't really like it									
Big business benefits owners at the expense of the workers									
We trust too much in science and not enough in religious faith									
There is one law for the rich and one for the poor									
Government should redistribute income from the better off to those who are less well off									
The last few questions are to do with how you feel about your life so far. For each of the following three pairs of statements, please select which one is more true for you? CROSS (X) ONE BOX FOR EACH PAIR OF STATEMENTS PAIR 1									
Many thanks for completing the questionnaire. It is much appreciated. Please seal it in the envelope provided and give to your interviewer when they come to visit you.									