



# International Social Survey Programme New Zealand

# New Zealand ISSP 2008 – Religion III Questionnaire

# First, some general questions about social issues

1. If you were to conside would you say you ar	•	_	ese days, l	how hap	py or unl	парру	
	Fair Not ve Not at a	ry happy ly happy ry happy all happy t choose	1 2 3 4 8				
2. Do you agree or disag	gree	Strongly agree	aş	Neither gree nor lisagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
A husband's job is to e wife's job is to look after family	•		2	3	4	5	8
3. Generally speaking, v be too careful in deal	•		e can be t	rusted o	r that you	ı can't	
You usually can't l You almost always can't l	oe too careful i	can usually n dealing w n dealing w	be trusted tith people	d 2 e 3 e 4	] ] ] ]		
4. How much confidence	e do you have	in					
	Complete confidence	A great deal of confidence	Some confider		ry little fidence	No confidence at all	Can't
a. Parliament		2	3		4	5	8
b. Business and industry		2	3		4	5	8
c. Churches and religious organisations		2	3		4	5	8
d. Courts and the legal system		2	3		4	5	8
e. Schools and the	1	2	3		4	5	8

5.	Do you think it is wrong or not wrong if a man and a woman have sexual relations before marriage?						
	Always wrong Almost always wrong Wrong only sometimes Not wrong at all Can't choose						
6.	What about a <u>married</u> person having sexual his or her husband or wife, is it	relations with someone <u>other</u> than					
	Always wrong Almost always wrong Wrong only sometimes Not wrong at all Can't choose						
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7.	And what about sexual relations between two	adults of the same sex, is it					
	Always wrong Almost always wrong Wrong only sometimes Not wrong at all Can't choose						

8.	Do you <u>personally</u> think abortion	it is wron	g or not wr	ong for	a woman	to have an	l		
		Always Wrong	Almost Always Wrong	Wro Onl Someti	y w	- 8	Can't hoose		
a.	If there is a strong chance of serious defect in the baby		2	3		4	8		
b.	If the family has a very low income and cannot afford any more children	1	2	3		4	8		
c.	If the woman's health is seriously endangered by the pregnancy		2	3		4	8		
d.	If the woman became pregnant as a result of rape	1	2	3		4	8		
	9. We are interested in the extent to which you have moved from one kind of place to another. Which do you think is most like your experience of life?  I have lived in different countries  I have lived in different places in the same country								
	I have lived in different neighbourhoods in the same place I have always lived in the same neighbourhood  10. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following								
		or unsugar	Strongly	01 00	Neither agree nor		Strongly	Can't	
			agree	Agree	disagree	Disagree	disagree	choose	
a.	Religious leaders should influence how people vo elections	•		2	3	4	5	8	
b.	Religious leaders should influence government de	-		2	3	4	5	8	

11. Please consider the following statements and tell me whether you agree or disagree.									
		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose		
a.	Overall, modern science does more harm than good	1	2	3	4	5	8		
b.	We trust too much in science and not enough in religious faith	1	2	3	4	5	8		
c.	Looking around the world, religions bring more conflict than peace		2	3	4	5	8		
d.	People with very strong religious beliefs are often too intolerant of others		2	3	4	5	8		
12. Do you think that churches and religious organisations in this country have too much power or too little power?  Far too much power  Too much power  About the right amount of power  Too little power  Far too little power  Can't choose  8									

13. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a.	All religious groups in New Zealand should have equal rights		2	3	4	5	8
b.	We must respect all religions		2	3	4	5	8

14.	People have different religions a person from a different religion yours					pt a
		Definitely accept	Probably accept	Probably not accept	Definitely not accept	Can't choose
a.	Marrying a relative of yours		2	3	4	8
b.	Being a candidate of the political party you prefer	1	2	3	4	8
15.	There are some people whose vi Consider <u>religious extremists</u> , to only true faith and all other religions should be allo	hat is peop igions shou	le who beli	eve that thei	r religion is t	
		Yes, definitely	Yes, probably	No, probably not	No, definitely not	Can't choose
a.	Hold public meetings to express their views	1	2	3	4	8
b.	Publish books expressing their views	1	2	3	4	8
16.	Please indicate which statement believe about God.	below con	nes closest t	to expressing	g what you	
		I don't b	oelieve in G	od 🗔		
	I don't know whether there is th		don't belie yay to find o			
I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a Higher Power of some kind						
	I find myself believing in C	God some o	f the time, t			
	While I have doubts, I fee	el that I do b	elieve in G	od s		
	I know God really exists and	I have no c	loubts abou	t it		

I don't believe in God now, and I never have I don't believe in God now, but I used to I believe in God now, but I didn't used to I believe in God now and I always have Can't choose  8								
18.	Do you believe in			No,	No,	ı		
		Yes, definitely	Yes, probably	probably not	definit not	-	n't ose	
a.	Life after death		2	3	4		8	
b.	Heaven		2	3	4		8	
c.	Hell		2	3	4		8	
d.	Religious miracles	1	2	3	4		8	
e.	Reincarnation – being reborn in this world again and again	1	2	3	4		8	
f.	Nirvana		2	3	4		8	
g.	The supernatural powers of deceased ancestors		2	3	4		8	
19.	Do you agree or disagree with th	ne followin	g					
		Strong agree		Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't	
a.	There is a God who concerns Himself with every human being personally	1	2	3	4	5	8	
b.	There is little that people can do t change the course of their lives	0 ]	_2	3	4	5	8	
c.	To me, life is meaningful only because God exists		2	3	4	5	8	
d.	In my opinion, life does not serve any purpose		2	3	4	5	8	
e.	Life is only meaningful if you provide the meaning yourself		2	3	4	5	8	
f.	I have my own way of connecting with God without churches or religious services		2	3	4	5	8	

17. Which best describes your belief about God?

20. What was your mother's religious preference when you reprotestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no results.	
Protestant Catholic Jewish Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox) Muslim Other (Please specify) No religion Don't know  If Protestant: What specific denomination	2 3 4 5 6 7
21. What was your father's religious preference when you we Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no restant Catholic Jewish  Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox)  Muslim  Other (Please specify)  No religion	
If Protestant: What specific denomination  22. What religion, if any, were you raised in? Was it Protest some other religion, or no religion?	
Protestant Catholic Jewish Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox) Muslim Other (Please specify) No religion Don't know  If Protestant: What specific denomination	2 3 4 5 6 7 8

23. What is your husband's/wife's religious preference? Is it Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?	Protestant, Catholic,
Protestant Catholic Jewish Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox) Muslim Other (Please specify) No religion Don't know Not married or living as married	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
If Protestant: What specific denomination	n was that?
24. When you were a child, how often did your mother attend	d religious services?
Never Less than once a year About once or twice a year Several times a year About once a month 2-3 times a month Nearly every week Every week Several times a week No mother/mother not present Can't say/Can't remember	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
25. When you were a child, how often did your father attend	religious services?
Less than once a year About once or twice a year Several times a year About once a month Two or three times a month Nearly every week Every week Several times a week No father/father not present Can't say/Can't remember	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

26. And what about when you religious services then?	ı were around 11 or 12, how oft	en did <u>you</u> attend
	Never Less than once a year About once or twice a year Several times a year About once a month Two or three times a month Nearly every week Every week Several times a week Can't say/Can't remember	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Now thinking about the prese	ent	
27. About how often do you p	Never Less than once a year About once or twice a year Several times a year About once a month Two or three times a month Nearly every week Every week Several times a week Once a day Several times a day	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
28. How often do you take pa of worship other than atte	rt in the activities or organisation ending services?  Never  Less than once a year  About once or twice a year  Several times a year  About once a month  Two or three times a month  Nearly every week  Every week	ons of a church or place

29. For religious reasons do you have in your home a shrine, object on display such as an icon, retablos, mezuzah, men	
Yes No	
30. How often do you visit a holy place for religious reasons, shrine, temple, church or mosque?	such as going to a
PLEASE DO NOT COUNT ATTENDING REGUI SERVICES AT YOUR USUAL PLACE OF	
Never Less than once a year About once or twice a year Several times a year About once a month or more	1 2 3 4 5
31. Would you describe yourself as	
Extremely religious Very religious Somewhat religious Neither religious nor non-religious Somewhat non-religious Very non-religious Extremely non-religious Can't choose	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
32. What best describes you:	
I follow a religion and consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural	
I follow a religion, but don't consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural	2
I don't follow a religion, but consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural	3
I don't follow a religion and don't consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural	4
Can't choose	

33.	. Which of the following statements of	come close	est to yo	ur own vie	ews?			
There is very little truth in any religion There are basic truths in many religions There is truth only in one religion Can't choose  S								
34.	. Do you agree or disagree that pract	tising a rel	ligion h	elps people	e to			
		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't choose	
a.	Find inner peace and happiness		2	3	4	5	8	
b.	Make friends		2	3	4	5	8	
c.	Gain comfort in times of trouble or sorrow	1	2	3	4	5	8	
d.	Meet the right kind of people	1	2	3	4	5	8	
	. Would you say that you have been 'experience; i.e., a turning point in y Christ?  Yes No	_						
36.	. Which of these statements comes cle Bible?	osest to de	escribin	g your feel	lings abou	t the		
	The Bible is the actual word of Gollit	d and it is erally, wor						
The Bible is the inspired word of God but not everything should be taken literally, word for word					2			
,	The Bible is an ancient book of fables, moral prec	_	-		3			
	This	does not a	pply to	me [	4			
		C	an't cho	ose F	_			

	s there ever been a turning poings sonal commitment to religion?	t in your li	fe when yo	u made a n	ew and				
	Yes No	2							
38. During the last year, did you make some personal sacrifice as an expression of your faith such as by fasting, following a special diet, or giving up some activity during a holy season such as Lent or Ramadan?									
	Yes No	2							
	39. Now please think about something different. Please tick one box on each line below to show whether you think each statement is true or false.								
		Definitely true	Probably true	Probably false	Definitely false	Can't choose			
a.	Good luck charms sometimes do bring good luck		2	3	4	8			
b.	Some fortune tellers really can foresee the future	1	2	3	4	8			
c.	Some faith healers do have God-given healing powers	1	2	3	4	8			
d.	A person's star sign at birth, or horoscope, can affect the course of their future		2	3	4	8			
40. Suppose a law was passed which conflicted with your religious principles and teachings. Would you									
	Probably follow you Definitely follow you	ur religious no religious	ow the law principles principles	2 3 4 5					

# 41. What is your personal attitude towards members of the following groups?

Christians

**Buddhists** 

Atheists or non-believers

b. Muslims

c. Hindus

e. Jews

Neither positive

nor

negative

Somewhat

negative

Very

negative

Can't

choose

Very

positive

Somewhat

positive

## **About Yourself**

So that we can be sure we have a good cross section of people in our survey, would you please answer the following questions about yourself. Remember that all responses remain *STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL*.

56.	Please indicate the year in	n which you were bo	<b>rn:</b> Year: 19
57.	What is your gender?	Male 🗔	Female 2
58.	Which of these categories	s best describes you	c current marital status?
		M	Iarried
		Wi	dowed 2
			vorced 3
			parated 4
		Single, never m	narried 5
59.	Do you live together with	a partner?	
	Yes 🔲 N	No 2	
60.	INCLUDING YOURSEL	LF, how many peopl	e are there in your household?
	Number in housel	hold :	-
	How many children unde	er the age of 18 are i	n your household?
	Children under 18	8 years	_

## 61. Which of the following categories describe your ethnic origin?

GROUP(S) YOU BELONG			
		N Z Maori	[
		N Z European or Pakeha	[
		Other European	
		Samoan	
		Cook Island Maori	
		Tongan	
		Niuean	
		Chinese	
		Indian	
		Other (such as Fijian, Korean)	
What is your current religion (	or religio	ous denomination?	
	or religio	ous denomination?  Methodist	[
What is your current religion of Anglican Assemblies of God	or religio		[
Anglican	or religio	Methodist	[ ]
Anglican Assemblies of God	or religio	Methodist Muslim	     
Anglican Assemblies of God Baptist	or religio	Methodist Muslim Orthodox	] ] ] [
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Anglican Assemblies of God Baptist Brethren Buddhist Catholic Christian Jehovah's Witness Jewish	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 9	Methodist Muslim Orthodox Pentecostal Presbyterian Protestant Ratana Ringatu Salvation Army	] ] ] ] ] ]
Anglican Assemblies of God Baptist Brethren Buddhist Catholic Christian Jehovah's Witness Jewish Hindu	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 9	Methodist Muslim Orthodox Pentecostal Presbyterian Protestant Ratana Ringatu Salvation Army Seventh Day Adventist	

# Never Less than once a year Once a year Several times a year Once a month Two or three times a month Once a week Several times a week Can't choose/Don't know 64. Which one of these categories best describes the amount of formal education you have had? No formal schooling A few years of primary school Primary/Intermediate up to Standard 6 or Form 2 Secondary school for up to 3 years Secondary school for 4 years or more University/polytechnic for up to 3 years University/polytechnic for 4 years or more 65. Which of these categories best describes your highest formal qualification? No formal qualification **Proficiency** School C, Nat Cert Level 1, NCEA Level 1 Sixth Form Cert, Nat Cert Level 2, UE, NCEA Level 2 Higher Sch Cert, Higher Leaving Cert, Bursary/Scholarship, NCEA Level 3 Trade or Professional certificate 7 Diploma below degree level University degree Post-graduate or higher qualification

63. How often do you attend a religious service?

<b>66.</b>	Which one of	these categories	best describes your	current employment status?
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# PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY **CURRENTLY WORKING** Employed – full time (35+ hours weekly) Employed - part time (15-35 hours weekly) Employed - less than 15 hours/temporarily out of work Helping family member NOT CURRENTLY WORKING Unemployed or beneficiary Student Retired Housewife/husband - home duties Permanently disabled 67. How many hours, on average, do you usually work in a normal week? Number of hours: \_\_\_\_\_ OR: Doesn't apply to me \_\_\_\_\_ 68. What is your main occupation? If you have more than one job, business or professional practice, please give the occupation for the job you spend the most time at. Please describe fully, using two words or more; for example, builders' labourer not labourer, accounts clerk not clerk, deer farmer not farmer. Main occupation: OR: not applicable 99 69. Do you supervise, or are you responsible for, the work of any other people? Yes $\Box$ No $\square$ If yes, how many people do you supervise? Number of people:

70.	Which of these categories best describes your current employment status	s?
	Public sector (i.e. local government, Government)	
	Publicly-owned private sector organisation	2
	Privately-owned private sector organisation	3
	Non-profit/Charity/Welfare organisation	4
	Self-employed	5
	Not working	6
71.	If you are self-employed, how many employees do you currently have?  Number of employees:	
72.	Have you ever been a member of a Trade Union?	
	Currently a member Once a member, but not now Never a member	

# IF YOU ARE MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTION 73. OTHERWISE, PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 77.

73. Which one of the following categories best describes your partner's or spouse's current employment status?

# PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY **CURRENTLY WORKING** Employed – full time (35+ hours weekly) Employed - part time (15-35 hours weekly) Employed - less than 15 hours/temporarily out of work Helping family member NOT CURRENTLY WORKING Unemployed or beneficiary Student Retired Housewife/husband - home duties Permanently disabled 74. How many hours, on average, does your partner or spouse usually work in a normal week? OR: Doesn't apply to me [99] Number of hours: 75. What is your partner's or spouse's main occupation? If your partner or spouse has more than one job, business or professional practice, please give the occupation for the job he or she spends the most time at. Please describe fully, using two words or more; for example, builders' labourer not labourer, accounts clerk not clerk, deer farmer not farmer. Main occupation: OR: not applicable [99]

(or who they worked for most recently)?	irther of spouse w	OFKS TOF
Public sector (i.e. local govern Publicly-owned private Privately-owned private Non-profit/Charity/W	sector organisation	2 1 3 1 4
77. At the 2005 General Election, who did you vote for?	Electorate	
Didn't vote/not eligible to vote Act Alliance Destiny Green Labour Maori Party National New Zealand First Progressive Coalition United Future Other Don't know	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	Party list  2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
78. Where on the following scale would you say your poli	tical views lie?	
Right	Far left eft/centre left Centre/liberal c/conservative Far right Other no preference Don't know	2 3 4 5 6

79. Which of the following categories lall sources before tax?		
	\$10,000 or less	Γ
	\$10,001 - \$15,000	Ī
	\$15,001 - \$20,000	
	\$20,001 - \$25,000	
	\$25,001 - \$30,000	
	\$30,001 - \$40,000	
	\$40,001 - \$50,000	
	\$50,001 - \$70,000	[ ] [
	\$70,001 - \$100,000	
	\$101,000 or more	
80. Which of the following categories be everyone in your household from al	best describes the total yearly income of ll sources before tax?	
9 9	ll sources before tax?	Г
9 9	Il sources before tax? \$15,000 or less	[
9 9	\$15,000 or less \$15,001 - \$20,000	]
9 9	Il sources before tax? \$15,000 or less	]
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81. In terms of your social status, w think you fit into?	hich (	one of the	e following categories	do you
			ocial class  9  8  7  6  5  4  3  cocial class	
82. And in which area do you live?				
Northland Auckland Thames Valley Bay of Plenty Waikato Tongariro East Cape Hawkes Bay Taranaki Wanganui Manawatu-Rangitikei	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		Horowhenua Wellington Wairarapa Nelson Bays Marlborough West Coast Canterbury Aorangi Clutha-Central Otago Coastal-North Otago Southland	13 14 15 16 17 18
83. Do you live in a rural or urban a	rea?	Rural Urban	2	

## 84. Would you describe the place where you live as...

A big city
The suburbs or outskirts of a big city
A small city or town
A country village
A farm or home in the country

85. V	What is the population of place where you live?	
	100,000 or more	
	50,000 - 99,000	2
	30,000 - 49,999	3
	10,000 - 29,999	4
	1,000 - 9,999	5
	Less than 1,000	6
	Farm or rural property	7

If you have any other questionnaire, we wou below.	comments you wis	h to add, on any of Please write then	the topics raised in this in the space provided
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