



## International Social Survey Programme New Zealand

# New Zealand ISSP 2006 – Role of Government IV Questionnaire

or are there ex	ceptional occasions on ven if it means breaking	which peo	ople shoul			n,
		Obey the	law withou	ıt exceptio	n (✔)	
		Follow co	onscience o	n occasion		
			C	an't choos	se	
action they st	y ways people or organ rongly oppose. Please s ould not be allowed by	show whi	ch you thi	nk shoul	governme d be allow	ent ed
		SI Definitely	hould it be Probably	allowed? Probably not	Definitely not	Can't
a. Organising put against the gov	plic meetings to protest vernment		2	3	4	8
b. Organising prodemonstrations	otest marches and	1	2	3	4	8
	ationwide strike of all st the government	1	2	3	4	8
Consider peop	ne people whose views a le who want to overthro ple should be allowed t	ow the gov				
		Definitely	Probably	Probably not	Definitely not	Can't choose
a. Hold public mee	etings to express their views?	1	2	3	4	8
b. Publish books e	xpressing their views?	1	2	3	4	8
4. All systems of	justice make mistakes,	but whicl	n do you t	hink is w	orse?	
		To conv	vict an inno	cent perso	n $\begin{pmatrix} \checkmark \end{pmatrix}$	
			a guilty per			
			C	an't choos	se s	

5.	Here are some things the government might do for the economy. Please show which actions you are in favour of and which you are against.
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		Strongly in favour of	In favour of	Neither in favour of nor against	Against	Strongly against	Can't choose
a.	Cuts in government spending	1	2	3	4	5	8
b.	Government financing of projects to create new jobs	1	2	3	4	5	8
c.	Less government regulation of business	1	2	3	4	5	8
d.	Support for industry to develop new products and technology	1	2	3	4	5	8
e.	Support for declining industries to protect jobs	1	2	3	4	5	8
f.	Reducing the working week to create more jobs	1	2	3	4	5	8

6. Listed below are various areas of government spending. Please show whether you would like to see *more* or *less* government spending in each area. Remember, if you say "much more", it might require a tax increase to pay for it.

	Spend much more	Spend more	Spend the same as now	Spend less	Spend much less	Can't choose
a. The environment	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. Health	1	2	3	4	5	8
c. The police and law enforcement	1	2	3	4	5	8
d. Education	1	2	3	4	.5	8
e. The military and defence	1	2	3	4	5	8
f. Old age pensions	1	2	3	4	5	8
g. Unemployment benefits	1	2	3	4	.5	8
h. Culture and the arts	1	2	3	4	5	8

## 7. On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to:

		Definitely should be	Probably should be	Probably should not be	Definitely should not be	Can't choose
a.	Provide a job for everyone who wants one	1	2	3	4	8
b.	Keep prices under control	1	2	3	4	8
c.	Provide health care for the sick	1	2	3	4	8
d.	Provide a decent standard of living for the old	1	2	3	4	8
e.	Provide industry with the help it needs to grow	1	2	3	4	8
f.	Provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed	1	2	3	4	8
g.	Reduce income differences between the rich and the poor	1	2	3	4	8
h.	Give financial help to university students from low-income families	1	2	3	4	8
i.	Provide decent housing for those who can't afford it	1	2	3	4	8
j.	Impose strict laws to make industry do less damage to the environment	1	2	3	4	8

### 8. How successful do you think the government in New Zealand is nowadays in each of the following areas?

		Very Successful	Quite successful	Neither successful nor unsuccessful	Quite un- successful	Very un- successful	Can't Choose
a.	Providing health care for the sic	k 🗓	2	3	4	5	8
b.	Providing a decent standard of living for the old	1	2	3	4	5	8
c.	Dealing with threats to New Zealand's security	1	2	3	4	5	8
d.	Controlling crime	1	2	3	4	5	8
e.	Fighting unemployment	1	2	3	4	5	8
f.	Protecting the environment	1	2	3	4	5	8

				out to hap	pen. Do	
		Definitely should have right	Probably should have right	Probably should not have right	Definitely should not have right	Can't Choose
a.	Detain people for as long as they want without putting them on trial	1	2	3	4	8
b.	Tap people's telephone conversations	1	2	3	4	8
c.	Stop and search people in the street at random	1	2	3	4	8
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J	now interested would you say you po	ersonany ar	-		<b>(</b> ✓)	
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			Can't o	choose	8	
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11.	Please tick one box on each line to show how much	you agree or	disagree
	with each of the following statements.	, 0	O

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
a.	People like me don't have any say about what the government does	1	2	3	4	5	8
b.	The average citizen has considerable influence on politics	1	2	3	4	5	8
c.	I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing our country	1	2	3	4	5	8
d.	I think most people are better informe about politics and government than I a		2	3	4	5	8
e.	People we elect as MPs try to keep the promises they have made during the election	1	2	3	4	5	8
f.	Most public servants can be trusted to do what is best for the country	1	2	3	4	5	8
12a.	Generally, how would you descri (We mean <i>all</i> taxes together, inclu- First, for those with <i>high</i> incomes	ading inc	ome ta	much too too about	high high right low low	est.)  (  )  1  2  3  4  5  8	
12b.	Next, for those with middle incom	nes, are ta	axes:	about	high right o low	1 2 3 4 5 8	

12c.La	astly, for those with <i>low</i> incomes, are taxes:	
	much too high	<b>(√</b> )
	too high	
	about right	3
	too low	
	much too low	3 4 5
	Can't choose	8
13a.	To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following stateme	ents.
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	"There are only a few people I can trust completely"	
	Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Can't choose	2 3 4 5
13b.	"If you are not careful, other people will take advantage of you"  Strongly agree  Agree	( <b>√</b> )
	Neither agree nor disagree	3
	Disagree Strongly disagree	4
	Strongly disagree	5
	Can't choose	8

14a. Some people because of their job, position in the community or a asked by others to help influence important decisions in their far about you? How often are you asked to help influence important other people's favour?	vour. What
Never Seldom Occasionally Often Can't choose	( \(  \) \[ \begin{align*}
14b. And are there people you could ask to help influence important dec favour?	isions in <i>your</i>
No, nobody Yes, a few people Yes, some people Yes, a lot of people Can't choose	( <b>v</b> ) 1 2 3 4 8
15. In your opinion, how often do public officials deal fairly with peop	ple like you?
Almost always Often Occasionally Seldom Almost never Can't choose	( \(  \) \[ \begin{align*}

16.	Do you think that the treatment people get from public officials in I depends on who they know?	New Zealand
	Definitely does Probably does Probably does not Definitely does not Can't choose	( \(  \) \[ \begin{align*}
17.	In your opinion, about how many politicians in New Zealand are in corruption?	volved in
	Almost none A few Some Quite a lot Almost all Can't choose	( \(  \) \[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ \\ 3 \\ \\ 4 \\ \\ 5 \\ \\ 8 \\ \end{array} \]
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	Almost none A few Some Quite a lot Almost all Can't choose	( \( \frac{1}{2} \) 3 4 5 8

	Never Seldom	
	Occasionally Quite often	3
	Very often	5
	Can't choose	8
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#### **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 you. Remember that all responses remain *STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL*.

27.	Please indicate the year	in which you	were bor	<b>'n:</b> Year: 19		_
28.	What is your sex?	Male	1	Female	2	
29.	Which of these categor	ories best des	scribes yo	our <i>current</i> n	narital status	?
				Single, n	Married Widowed Divorced Separated ever married	( \(  \)  1  2  3  4
30.	Do you live together	with a partn	er?			
		Yes	1	No	0 2	
31.	INCLUDING YOURS  Number in	SELF, how medical household:	nany peop	ole are there	in your hou	sehold?
	How many children u	ınder the age	e of 18 are	e in your ho	usehold?	
	Children u	nder 18 years	s —		_	

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

	AS YOU NEED TO SHOW WHICH ETH	INIC
GROUP(S) YOU BELONG	N Z Maori	<b>(∀</b> )
	N Z European or Pakeha	_ 1
	Other European	1
	Samoan	1
	Cook Island Maori	1
	Tongan	1
	Niuean	1
	Chinese	1
	Indian	1
	Other (such as Fijian, Korean)	_ 1
	(✔)	(1
Anglican	Methodist	Ĺ
Assemblies of God	Muslim	
Baptist	3 Orthodox	
Brethren	Pentecostal	
Buddhist	Presbyterian	
Catholic	Protestant	
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Jehovah's Witness	Ringatu	[
Jewish	Salvation Army	
Hindu	Seventh Day Adventist	_
	<b>—</b>	[
Lutheran	Other	] ]

( <b>√</b> )  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9
tion you have
( <b>√</b> )
on?
(✓)

37.	Which one	of these	categories	best describes	your current	t employmen	t status?

#### PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

	<b>CURRENTLY WORKING</b>	(✔)
	Employed – full time (35+ hours weekly)	1
	Employed - part time (15-35 hours weekly)	2
	Employed - less than 15 hours/temporarily out of work	3
	Helping family member	4
	NOT CURRENTLY WORKING	
	Unemployed or beneficiary	5
	Student	6
	Retired	7       8
	Housewife/husband - home duties	
	Permanently disabled	9
38. How	many hours, on average, do you usually work in a normal week?	
	Number of hours: or: Doesn't apply to me	99
39. What	t is your main occupation?	
	If you have more than one job, business or professional practice, ploccupation for the job you spend the most time at.	ease give the
	Please describe fully, using two words or more; for example, builde not labourer, accounts clerk not clerk, deer farmer not farmer.	ers' labourer
Mai	n occupation: not applicable	9999
40. Do yo	ou supervise, or are you responsible for, the work of any other peop	ole?
	Yes 1 No 2	
If yo	es, how many people do you supervise?	
Nun	nber of people:	

41.	Which of these categories best describes your current employment status	?
		<b>(✓</b> )
	Public sector (i.e. local government, Government)	1
	Publicly-owned private sector organisation	2
	Privately-owned private sector organisation	3
	Non-profit/Charity/Welfare organisation	4
	Self-employed	5
	Not working	6
42.	If you are self-employed, how many employees do you currently have?  Number of employees:	
	43. Have you ever been a member of a Trade Union?	
	Currently a member  Once a member, but not now  Never a member	1 2 3

## IF YOU ARE MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTION 44. OTHERWISE, PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 48.

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

#### PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

		CURRENTLY WORKI	NG	<b>(</b> ✓)
	Employ	red – full time (35+ hours wee	kly)	1
	Employed	d - part time (15-35 hours wee	kly)	2
	Employed - less than	15 hours/temporarily out of v	vork	3
		Helping family men	nber	4
	NOT	CURRENTLY WORKI	NG	
		Unemployed or benefic	ciary	5
		Stu	dent	6
		Re	tired	7 8
		Housewife/husband - home d	uties	8
		Permanently disa	bled	9
45. How many hours, week?	, on average, does you	r partner or spouse <i>usually</i>	work in	ı a normal
Num	ber of hours:	OR: Doesn't app	oly 9	9
46. What is your <i>pa</i>	rtner's or spouse's ma	in occupation?		
v -	-	e than one job, business or p n for the job he or she spend		
		ords or more; for example, b erk, deer farmer <i>not</i> farmer		' labourer
Main occupation	:	Not applicable	999	99

47. Which of these categories best describes who your partne who they worked for most recently)?	r or spouse wo	rks for (or
Public sector (i.e. local government, Publicly-owned private secto Privately-owned private secto Non-profit/Charity/Welfar	or organisation or organisation	( <b>√</b> )  1  2  3  4  5  6
48. At the 2005 General Election, who did you vote for?		
	Electorate candidate	Party list  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
Rig	Far left Left/centre left Centre/liberal ht/conservative Far right Other no preference Don't know	( <b>✓</b> )  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8

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	\$10,000 or less	F
	\$10,001 - \$15,000	
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	\$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	1
Which of the following categories our household from all sources b	best describes the total yearly income of efore tax?	`everj
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52.	In terms of your social status, v fit into?	vhich	n <i>one</i> of the following categories do you think you
			Highest social class   (**)  Highest social class   [10]  [9]  [8]  [7]  [6]  [5]  [4]  [3]  [2]  Lowest social class  [1]
			Lowest social class
53.	And in which area do you live?  Northland Auckland Thames Valley Bay of Plenty Waikato Tongariro East Cape Hawkes Bay Taranaki Wanganui Manawatu-Rangitikei	(✓) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	Horowhenua  Wellington  Wairarapa  Nelson Bays  Marlborough  West Coast  Canterbury  Aorangi  Clutha-Central Otago  Coastal-North Otago  Southland
54.	Do you live in a rural or urban	area	?
			(✔) Rural 1 Urban 2

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	( <b>v</b> )
What is the population of place where you live? $100,000 \text{ or more} \\ 50,000-99,000 \\ 30,000-49,999 \\ 10,000-29,999 \\ 1,000-9,999 \\ \text{Less than 1,000} \\ \text{Farm or rural property}$	2 3 4 5 6
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If you have any other comments you wish to add, on any of the topics raised in this questionnaire, we would welcome them. Please write them in the space provided below.			

We are very grateful for your help. Please return your questionnaire in the stamped addressed envelope provided, to:

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