# ISSP 2017 Module on Social Networks and Social Resources

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#### Notes on the 2017 module

- 1. All notes which are not part of the questionnaire and intended only for members are enclosed in pointed, angle brackets (for example, translation notes).
- 2. All the elements in questions which require local adaptation are enclosed in square brackets. These instructions often relate to adding the name of the relevant country.
- 3. Translation and clarification notes are provided after the relevant question.
- 4. In general, if translators have difficulties when translating answer categories, they should focus upon translating the concepts expressed by the codes rather than the precise words used.
- 5. Item history (in blue font color) is reported above question text and should be dropped in the final translated versions. The strict repetition of previous ISSP items is indicated by the "R"s, followed by the year of the ISSP module.
- 6. All the substantive questions must be asked in the order presented here (Q1 to Q30). Note that there is a unique filter in Q17.
- 7. The additional background variables (Q31 and Q32) are also compulsory and must be asked in the section on background variables. For countries that have very similar languages (Q32), the question wording has to be adapted in order to specify that they must not be considered as distinct languages.
- 8. If the optional items (Q33 to Q36 and SPDEGREE) are adopted, they should be asked to all respondents. The additional background variable on partner/spouse's highest level of education (SPDEGREE) must be asked in the background variable section in using country specific categories. As this question must be filtered for respondents who do not have a partner, a suggested order is to ask it just after PARTLIV.
- 9. This module is fielded with the usual ISSP background variables (a set of mostly demographical background variables, which are delivered as mandatory part of the national data sets).

Q1. Here is a list of jobs that people you know may have. These people could be family or relatives, close friends or someone else you know. By "knowing" a person, we mean that you know him/her by name and well enough to contact him/her.

If you know several people who have a job from the list below, please only tick the box for  $\underline{\text{the}}$   $\underline{\text{person who you feel closest to}}$ . Each of these jobs could be held by a woman or a man.

Do you know a woman or a man who is...?

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ON EACH LINE							
	Family or relative	Close friend	Someone else I know	No one	Can't choose		
a. a bus/lorry driver	1	2	3	4	8		
b. a senior executive of a large company	1	2	3	4	8		
c. a home or office cleaner	1	2	3	4	8		
d. a hairdresser/barber	1	2	3	4	8		
e. a human resource manager/personnel manager	1	2	3	4	8		
f. a lawyer	1	2	3	4	8		
g. a car mechanic	1	2	3	4	8		
h. a nurse	1	2	3	4	8		
i. a police officer	1	2	3	4	8		
j. a school teacher	1	2	3	4	8		

- a) Where it is appropriate, use only the male form assuming it is the generic title.
- b) Use both the female and male forms only if necessary to make it clear that both women and men can hold the occupation.

In any case it should be clear that all the occupations can be held by both females and males. >

<sup>&</sup>lt;TN: "Police officer" must be translated in a way that it refers to all women and men doing any type of police work (e.g. traffic enforcement, street patrol, investigation).>

<sup>&</sup>lt;TN: "A school teacher" must be translated so that it refers to middle education teaching, i.e. to a school teacher of teenagers, aged between 12 and 15 years >.

<sup>&</sup>lt;TN: In many languages there are distinct job titles for females and males who hold a job (e.g. waitress/waiter).

### Q2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

#### PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE Disagree Strongly Can't Strongly Agree Neither disagree choose agree agree nor disagree (R ISSP2009, Q6a) a. Differences in income in [COUNTRY] are too large. b. For a society to be fair, differences in people's standard of living should be small. (R ISSP2009, O6b) c. It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes. d. The social benefits in [COUNTRY] make people lazy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;TN item b: "Fair" must be translated in the sense of a just society>

<sup>&</sup>lt;TN item b: "Standard of living": people's material circumstances>

<sup>&</sup>lt;TN items c: "Government" might also mean "state", "public sector"; both central and local government are included.>

<sup>&</sup>lt;TN item d: "Social benefits" must be translated so that it refers to social welfare payments provided by any level of government, local to national. It should not refer to services.

(ISSP2016, N8a)

### Q3. People have different opinions on who should provide services in [COUNTRY]. Who do you think should primarily provide health care for the sick?

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONL	Y
Government	1
Private companies/for-profit organisations	2
Non-profit organisations/charities/cooperatives	3
Religious organisations	4
Family, relatives or friends	5
Can't choose	8
<tn: "churches",="" "government"="" "provide"="" "public="" "religious="" "state",="" <tn:="" about="" also="" be="" fund<="" if="" include="" is="" it="" mean="" might="" necessary="" not="" organisations":="" providing="" sector";="" service,="" th="" the=""><th>"synagogues", etc.&gt;</th></tn:>	"synagogues", etc.>
(ISSP2016, N8b) <b>Q4. And, who do you think should primarily provide care</b>	e for older people?
PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONL	Y
Government	1
Private companies/for-profit organisations	2
Non-profit organisations/charities/cooperatives	3
Religious organisations	4
Family, relatives or friends	5
Can't choose	8
<tn: "government"="" "public="" "state",="" also="" be="" included.="" mean="" might="" sector";=""></tn:>	oth central and local government is

<sup>&</sup>lt;TN: "Religious organisations": if necessary include "churches", "synagogues", etc.>

<sup>&</sup>lt;TN: "provide" is about providing the service, it is not about funding.>

Some activities are done with others in organised groups, clubs or associations. The next questions are about your participation, if any, in such activities.

Q5. In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you taken part in activities...?

	Once a week or more	One to three times a month	Several times in the past year	Once in the past year	Never	Can't choose
a of groups or associations for leisure, sports or culture?	1	2	3	4	5	8
b of political parties, political groups or political associations?	1	2	3	4	5	8
c of charitable or religious organisations that do voluntary work?	1	2	3	4	5	8

### (R ISSP2001, Q38 optional)

Q6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People like me don't have any say about what the government does.

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY					
Strongly agree					
Agree	2				
Neither agree nor disagree	3				
Disagree	4				
Strongly disagree	5				
Can't choose	8				

This section is about who you would turn to for help in different situations, if you needed it.

Q7. For each of the following situations, please tick one box to say who you would turn to first. If there are several people you are equally likely to turn to, please tick the box for the one you feel closest to.

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ON EACH LINE								
Who would you turn to first to	Close family member	More distant family member	Close friend	Neigh- bour	Someone I work with	Someone else	No one	Can <sup>2</sup> choos
(Adapted from ISSP86, Q10a) a help you with a household or a garden job that you can't do yourself?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(Adapted from ISSP86, Q11a; ISSP01, Q22) b help you around your home if you were sick and had to stay in bed for a few days?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(Adapted from ISSP86, Q14a; ISSP01, Q26) c be there for you if you felt a bit down or depressed and wanted to talk about it?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
d give you advice about family problems?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
e enjoy a pleasant social occasion with?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Q8. For each of the following situations, please tick one box to say who or where you would turn to first for help. If there are several choices you are equally likely to make, please tick the box for the one you would try first.

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ON EACH LINE	

Who or where would you turn to <u>first</u> to	Family members or close friends	Other persons	Private companies	Public services	Non-profit or religious organi- sations	Other organisations	No person or organi- sation	Can't choose
(Adapted from ISSP86, Q12a; ISSP01, Q24) a help you if you needed to borrow a large sum of money?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
b help you if you needed to find a job?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
c help you with administrative problems or official paperwork?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
d help you if you needed to find a place to live?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
e look after you if you were seriously ill?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

<sup>&</sup>lt;TN: "Private companies" refer to profit-organisations that provide services that one has to pay for.>

<sup>&</sup>lt;TN: "Public services" means services that government or state is responsible for providing.>

<sup>&</sup>lt;TN item c: "administrative problems or official paperwork" means all the problems or paperwork that one encounters in dealing with the government, the state, or agencies, including forms one has to fill in, such as taxes or official forms, applications, contracts and the like. >

<sup>&</sup>lt;TN item d: "a place to live" means here a "new home"; it could be temporary (for a while) or permanent (for a longer term). Help in finding a new home might be either practical or financial.>

Q9. The next questions are about how you feel about different aspects of your life. For each one, please indicate how often during the <u>past 4 weeks</u> you have felt that way.

PLI	PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ON EACH LINE						
How often in the past 4 weeks have you felt that	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often	Can't choose	
a you lack companionship?	1	2	3	4	5	8	
b you are isolated from others?	1	2	3	4	5	8	
c you are left out?	1	2	3	4	5	8	
<tn "left="" activities="" c:="" engage="" excluded="" from="" in="" in.="" is="" item="" one="" others="" out"="" participating="" sense="" that="" the=""></tn>							
(R ISSP2014, Q47)							
Q10. How often do you think to chance, and how often would the			y to take ad	vantage	of you if the	ey got the	
PLEA	SE TICK <u>C</u>	<u>NE</u> BOX	ONLY				
Try to take advantage almost a	all of the tir	me		[	1		
Try to take advantage most of	the time			[	2		
Try to be fair most of the time	;				3		
Try to be fair almost all of the	time				4		
Can't choose					8		
(R ISSP 2014, Q48)							
Q11. Generally speaking, would careful in dealing with people?	d you say	that peop	le can be tr	usted or	that you ca	n't be too	
PLEA	SE TICK <u>C</u>	NE BOX	ONLY				
People can almost always be t	rusted			[	1		
People can usually be trusted				<u> </u>	2		
You usually can't be too caref	ul in dealin	g with peo	ple	<u> </u>	3		
You almost always can't be to			•	[	4		
Can't choose		Č			8		

Q12. Using the following scale ranging from 0 to 10, where 0 means "No trust at all" and 10 means "Complete trust", please indicate how much trust you <u>personally</u> have in...?

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ON EACH LINE						
How much trust do you personally have in	No trust at all	nplete trust				
	00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09	Can'i				
a [COUNTRY]'s courts	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	10 98				
(Adapted from ISSP2016, Q19) b major private companies in [COUNTRY]	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	10 98				

### Q13. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ON EACH LINE						
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
(R ISSP2001, Q31a) a. Adult children have a duty to look after their elderly parents.	1	2	3	4	5	8
(R ISSP2001, Q31b) b. You should take care of yourself and your family first, before helping other people.	1	2	3	4	5	8
(R ISSP2001, Q31c) c. People who are better off should help friends who are less well off.	1	2	3	4	5	8

# Q14. In general, do your family members put pressure on you about the way you live or organise your personal life?

PLEASE TICK <u>ON</u>	E BOX ONLY
No, never	1
Yes, but rarely	2
Yes, sometimes	3
Yes, often	4
Yes, very often	5
Can't choose	8
<tn: "pressure"="" be="" doing="" from="" has="" in="" insisting="" or="" someone="" td="" that="" the="" the<="" things="" to="" translated=""><td>e sense of normative pressure (e.g. either preventing do things)&gt;</td></tn:>	e sense of normative pressure (e.g. either preventing do things)>
(R ISSP2001, Q34)	
Q15. Do you feel that your family, relatives a	and/or friends make too many demands on you?
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PLEASE TICK <u>ON</u>	E BOX ONL I
No, never	1
Yes, but rarely	2
Yes, sometimes	3
Yes, often	4
Yes, very often	5
Can't choose	8
	in your life, such as your spouse or partner, you
	in the past 4 weeks did any of these people act angr
family members, or close friends, how often	
family members, or close friends, how often or upset with you?  PLEASE TICK ON	
family members, or close friends, how often or upset with you?  PLEASE TICK ON  Never	
family members, or close friends, how often or upset with you?  PLEASE TICK ON	IE BOX ONLY
family members, or close friends, how often or upset with you?  PLEASE TICK ON  Never  Rarely	IE BOX ONLY
family members, or close friends, how often or upset with you?  PLEASE TICK ON  Never  Rarely  Sometimes	IE BOX ONLY  1 2 3

<TN: "Family members" include in-laws>

The following questions are about your social activities.

# Q17. How often do you go out to eat or drink with three or more friends or acquaintances who are not family members?

E BOX O	NLY						
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 98	Answer question Q18 Go to question Q19 Answer question Q18						
Can't choose  Answer question Q18  Q18. At these occasions, how often do you make new friends or acquaintances?							
E BOX O	NLY						
	1 2 3 4 5						
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 98 98						

### (Adapted from ISSP2014, Q22)

Can't choose

Q19. Please indicate about how many people do you have contact with on a typical weekday irrespective of whether you know them or not. Include anyone you chat with, talk to, or text, either face-to-face, by phone, internet or any other communication device.

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u>	BOX ONLY
0-4 people	1
5-9	2
10-19	3
20-49	4
50-99	5
100 or more	6
Can't choose	8
Q20. About how many of these people do you see fac	ce-to-face on a typical weekday?
PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u>	BOX ONLY
All or almost all of them	
Most of them	
About half of them	[2]
Some of them	[3]
None or almost none of them	4

Q21. Please think about the parent you have contact with most frequently: How often do you have contact with that parent, either face-to-face, by phone, internet or any other communication device?

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY	
My parents are no longer alive	95
The parent I have contact with the most frequently lives with me	96
Daily	1
Several times a week	2
Once a week	3
Two to three times a month	4
Once a month	5
Several times a year	6
Less often	7
Never	8

Q22. Think about the brother or sister you have contact with most frequently: How often do you have contact with that brother or sister, either face-to-face, by phone, internet or any other communication device?

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY	
I do not have any brothers and sisters	95
The brother or sister I have contact with the most frequently lives with me	96
Daily	1
Several times a week	2
Once a week	3
Two to three times a month	4
Once a month	5
Several times a year	6
Less often	7
Never	8

Q23. Think about your adult child you have contact with most frequently: How often do you have contact with this child aged at least 18, either face-to-face, by phone, internet or any other communication device?

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY	·
I do not have any adult children	95
The adult child I have contact with the most frequently lives with me	96
Daily	1
Several times a week	2
Once a week	3
Two to three times a month	4
Once a month	5
Several times a year	6
Less often	7
Never	8

Q24. Now, think about the other family member you have contact with most frequently, aside of your spouse or partner, parents, siblings or adult children. How often do you have contact with that family member, either face-to-face, by phone, internet or any other communication device?

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY	
I do not have other family members  The other family member I have contact with the most frequently lives with me	95
Daily	1
Several times a week	2
Once a week	3
Two to three times a month	4
Once a month	5
Several times a year	6
Less often	7
Never	8

Q25. And, think about the close friend you have contact with most frequently: How often do you have contact with that close friend, either face-to-face, by phone, internet or any other communication device?

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY	
I do not have any close friends	95
The close friend I have contact with the most frequently lives with me	96
Daily	1
Several times a week	2
Once a week	3
Two to three times a month	4
Once a month	5
Several times a year	6
Less often	7
Never	8

Q26. Think now of your contact with <u>all</u> of your family members and close friends. How much of it is through text messages, mobile phones, or other communication devices that use the internet?

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY	
All or almost all of it	1
Most of it	2
About half of it	3
Some of it	4
None or almost none of it	5
I do not use any of these devices	7
Can't choose	8

Now, we would like to ask you some questions about other aspects of your life.

(R ISSP2007,	Q17;	ISSP2011,	Q26)

Can't choose

Q27. In general, would you say your health is						
PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY						
Excellent	Excellent					
Very good				2	Ī	
Good				3	<u></u>	
Fair				4		
Poor				5		
Can't choose				8		
<tn: an<="" both="" p="" physical="" refers="" this="" to=""> Q28. During the past 4 weeks h</tn:>		lth.>				
		<u>ONE</u> BOX	ON EACH L	INE		
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often	Can't choose
(R ISSP2011, Q25c)						
a have you felt unhappy and depressed?	1	2	3	4	5	8
b have you felt difficulties were piling up so high that you could not overcome them?	1	2	3	4	5	8
Q29. To what extent is the following statement true or untrue for you?  It is easy for me to accomplish my goals.						
	PLEASE	TICK ONE	BOX ONLY			
Completely true				1		
Mostly true				2	<u></u>	
Somewhat true				3	<u></u>	
Neither true, nor untrue				4	<u></u>	
Somewhat untrue				5	Ī	
Mostly untrue				6	j	
Completely untrue				7	j	

(Adapted from ISSP2012, Q24)

### Q30. All things considered, how satisfied are you with your life as a whole nowadays?

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY	
Completely satisfied	1
Very satisfied	2
Fairly satisfied	3
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	4
Fairly dissatisfied	5
Very dissatisfied	6
Completely dissatisfied	7
Can't choose	8

### ADDITIONAL OBLIGATORY BACKGROUND VARIABLES

Q31. Thinking of your household's total income, including all the sources of income of all the
members who contribute to it, how difficult or easy is it currently for your household to make
ends meet?

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BC	X ONLY
Very difficult	1
Fairly difficult	2
Neither easy nor difficult	3
Fairly easy	4
Very easy	5
Can't choose	8
Q32. How many languages do you speak wel language(s) you speak at home?	l enough to hold a conversation in, including the
PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BC	X ONLY
One language	1
Two languages	2
Three languages	3
Four or more languages	4

<sup>&</sup>lt; <u>Note for questionnaire designer</u> on "languages": For countries that have very similar languages, specify that very similar languages or dialects must not be considered as distinct languages, e.g. Danish and Norwegian, German and Swiss-German, or Czech and Slovakian languages must be specified as counting as one language. Please adapt the question wording accordingly if needed.>

### Q33. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ON EACH LINE						
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
(R ISSP2001, Q31d) a. It is all right to develop friendships with people just because they can be of use to you.	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. When another person does a favour for you, you should feel obligated to pay that person back.	1	2	3	4	5	8

The next section is about your social activities and the contact you might have with specific people.

Q34. When you go out to eat or drink with three or more friends or acquaintances who are not family members, how often do you experience the following situations?

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ON EACH LINE							
How often	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often	Can't choose	It does not apply
a does one person dominate the conversation at these occasions?	1	2	3	4	5	8	0
b is consideration given to who sits near whom?	1	2	3	4	5	8	0

<sup>&</sup>lt; TN item b: "pay" must be translated in a way that it does <u>not</u> mean in money; "pay back" means here reciprocate, return a favour.>

Q35. Please think about the person from your home town or region of origin, other than your family members, you have contact with most frequently. How often do you have contact with that person, either face-to-face, by phone, internet or any other communication device?

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY	
Daily	1
Several times a week	2
Once a week	3
Two to three times a month	4
Once a month	5
Several times a year	6
Less often	7
Never	8

Q36. Now think about the person from your religious community, other than your family members, you have contact with most frequently. How often do you have contact with that person, either face-to-face, by phone, internet or any other communication device?

PLEASE TICK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY	
I do not belong to any religious community	95
Daily	1
Several times a week	2
Once a week	3
Two to three times a month	4
Once a month	5
Several times a year	6
Less often	7
Never	8

<sup>&</sup>lt; TN: "person from your home town or region of origin" means people (not family members) coming from the respondent's place of birth and where she or he grew up.>

<sup>&</sup>lt; TN: "Religious community" must be translated in a way that it does not refer to the broad general religious affiliation, but means the local religious parish, where people mix and interact with others in a temple, church or mosque.>

### SUPPLEMENTARY OPTIONAL BACKGROUND VARIABLE

(Comparative SPOUSE DEGREE – derived from country-specific variable)

### SPDEGREE. What is the highest level of education that your spouse or partner attained?

No formal education	0
Primary school	1
Lower secondary	2
Upper secondary	3
Post-secondary, non-tertiary	4
Lower level tertiary	5
Upper level tertiary	6
No answer	9

### < *Note for questionnaire designer:*

- SPDEGREE must not be simply translated; please use country-specific degrees to cover the meaning of the response categories (the response categories and the recoding scheme must be similar to DEGREE).
- Recommendation: Ask SPDEGREE after PARTLIV and before SPWRKST>