

Table 1: Contents of ISSP 2017 module
(Modified table taken from GESIS papers 12/2019)

2017			Abbreviated version of questions	ISSP studies		
Question Numbers	Variables	No. of Items		Year	Question Numbers	Variable
Position Generator: Diversity and Verticality						
1		10	Do you know a woman or a man who is ...?			
a	v1		A bus/lorry driver			
b	v2		A senior executive of a large company			
c	v3		A home or office cleaner			
d	v4		A hairdresser/barber			
e	v5		A human resource manager/personal manager			
f	v6		A lawyer			
g	v7		A car mechanic			
h	v8		A nurse			
i	v9		A police officer			
j	v10		A school teacher			
Perception and justification of social inequality						
2		4	To what extent do you agree or disagree?			
a	v11		Differences in income in [COUNTRY] are too large.	2009	6a	V32
b	v12		To be fair, differences in people's standard of living should be small.			
c	v13		It is the government's responsibility to reduce income differences between people with high and low incomes.	2009	6b	V33
d	v14		Social benefits in [COUNTRY] make people lazy.			

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State/Market						
3, 4		2	Who should primarily provide...			
3	v15		health care for the sick?	2016	8a	V32
4	v16		care for older people?	2016	8b	V33
Social and political participation						
5		3	In the past 12 months how often have you taken part in activities...?			
a	v17		Of groups or associations for leisure, sports or culture?			
b	v18		Of political parties, political groups or associations?			
c	v19		Of charitable or religious organisations that do voluntary work?			
Empowerment						
6, 29		2	People like me don't have any say about what the government does			
6	v20		True or untrue: It is easy for me to accomplish my goals	2001	38 ¹	V64
29	v57					

¹ Optional item in ISSP 2001

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Social resources and support: network members						
7		5	Who would you turn to first ...			
a	v21		Help you with a household or a garden job that you can't do yourself?	1986	10a ²	V49
b	v22		Help you around your home if you were sick and had to stay in bed?	2001	22 ³	V36
				1986	11a ⁴	V51
c	v23		Be there for you if you felt depressed and wanted to talk about it?	2001	26 ⁵	V40
				1986	14a ⁶	V57
d	v24		Give you advice about family problems?			
e	v25		Enjoy a pleasant social occasion with?			

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- ² ISSP 2017 adapts from ISSP 1986. ISSP 1986 asks: "Now we'd like to ask you about some problems that can happen to anyone. First, there are some household and garden jobs you really can't do alone – for example, you may need someone to hold a ladder, or to help you move furniture. Who would you turn to first for help?" Answer categories: husband, wife, partner; mother; father; daughter; son; sister; brother; other relative including in-laws; closest friend; other friend; neighbour; someone you work with; social services, or home help; someone you pay to help; other
- ³ ISSP 2017 adapts from ISSP 2001. ISSP 2001 asks: "Now we would like to ask you how you would get help in situations that anyone could find herself or himself in. First, suppose you had the 'flu' and had to stay in bed for a few days and needed help around the house, with shopping and so on. Who would you turn to first for help?" Answer categories: husband, wife, partner; mother; father; daughter; daughter-in-law; son; son-in-law; sister; brother; other blood relative; other in-law relative; close friend; neighbour; someone you work with; someone at a social services agency; someone you pay to help; someone else; no one
- ⁴ ISSP 2017 adapts from ISSP 1986. ISSP 1986 asks: "Suppose you had the 'flu' and you had to stay in bed for a few days, and needed help around the home, with shopping and so on. Who would you turn to first for help?" Answer categories: husband, wife, partner; mother; father; daughter; son; sister; brother; other relative including in-laws; closest friend; other friend; neighbour; someone you work with; health visitor; church, clergy or priest; someone you pay to help; other
- ⁵ ISSP 2017 adapts from ISSP 2001. ISSP 2001 asks: "Now suppose you felt just a bit down or depressed, and you wanted to talk about it. Who would you turn to first for help?" Answer categories: husband, wife, partner; mother; father; daughter; son; sister; brother; other blood relative; in-law relative; close friend; neighbour; someone you work with; priest or member of the clergy; family doctor; a psychologist or another professional counsellor; a self-help group; someone else; no one
- ⁶ ISSP 2017 adapts from ISSP 1986. ISSP 1986 asks: "Now suppose you felt just a bit down or depressed, and you wanted to talk about it. Who would you turn to first for help?" Answer categories: husband, wife, partner; mother; father; daughter; son; sister; brother; other relative including in-laws; closest friend; other friend; neighbour; someone you work with; church, clergy or priest; family doctor (GP); psychologist, psychiatrist, or other professional counsellor; other

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Social resources and support: network, state, market						
8		5	Who or where would you turn to first to...			
a	v26		Help you if you needed to borrow a large sum of money?	2001	24 ⁷	V38
b	v27		Help you if you needed to find a job?	1986	12a ⁸	V53
c	v28		Help you with administrative problems or official paperwork?			
d	v29		Help you if you needed to find a place to live?			
e	v30		Look after you if you were seriously ill?			
Perceived integration						
9		3	How often in the past 4 weeks have you felt that...			
a	v31		You lack companionship?			
b	v32		You are isolated from others?			
c	v33		You are left out?			
Trust in others						
10, 11		2				
10	v34		How often do you think people try to take advantage of you/ try to be fair?	2014	47	V51
11	v35		People can be trusted or you can't be too careful in dealing with people?	2014	48	V52

⁷ ISSP 2017 adapts from ISSP 2001. ISSP 2001 asks: "Now, suppose you needed to borrow a large sum of money. Who would you turn to first for help?" Answer categories: husband, wife, partner; mother; father; daughter; son; sister; brother; other blood relative; in-law relative; god-parent; close friend; neighbour; someone you work with; employer; government or social services agency; a bank or credit union; a private money lender; someone else; no one

⁸ ISSP 2017 adapts ISSP 1986. ISSP 1986 asks: "Suppose you needed to borrow a large sum of money. Who would you turn to first for help?" Answer categories: husband, wife, partner; mother; father; daughter; son; sister; brother; other relative, including in-laws; closest friend; other friend; neighbour; someone you work with; bank, building society or other financial institution; employer; government or social services; other

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Institutional trust						
12		2	How much trust you personally have in...			
a	v36		[COUNTRY]'s courts			
b	v37		Major private companies			
Norms of obligation and solidarity						
13		3	To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?			
a	v38		Adult children have a duty to look after their elderly parents.	2001	31a	V51
b	v39		You should take care of yourself/your family first, before helping other people.	2001	31b	V52
c	v40		People who are better off should help friends who are less well off.	2001	31c	V53
Strain and conflict in social relations						
14-16		3				
14	v41		Do your family put pressure on you about the way you live?			
15	v42		Do you feel that your family/relatives/friends make too many demands on you?	2001	34	V58
16	v43		How often in the past 4 weeks did any important person in your life act angry with you?			
Access to and mobilisation of social relations						
17, 18		2				
17	v44		How often do you go out to eat/drink with three or more friends/ acquaintances?			
18	v45		At these occasions, how often do you make new friends or acquaintances?			

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Social interaction in social media era						
19, 20, 26		3				
19	v46		How many people, do you have contact with on a typical weekday?	2014	22 ⁹	V26
20	v47		How many of these people do you see face-to-face on a typical weekday?			
26	v53		How much of your contact to your family members/close friends is done through the internet?			
Contact frequency with family and friends ¹⁰						
21-25		5	How often do you have contact with ... you have contact with most frequently?			
21	v48		... your parent ...?	2001	9 & 10 ¹¹ 11 & 12	V12 & V13 V14 & V15
				1986	1a & 1b, 1d 2a, 2b, 2d ¹²	V4, V5, V7 V8, V9, V11
22	v49		... your brother/sister ...	2001	2, 3, 4 ¹³ 3a & 4a	V5, V6, V7 V12 & V16
				1986	3b & 4b 3d & 4d ¹⁴	V13 & V17 V15 & V19

⁹ ISSP 2017 adapts from ISSP 2014. ISSP 2014 asks: "On average, about how many people do you have contact with in a typical week day, including people you live with. We are interested in contact on a one-to-one basis, including everyone with whom you chat, talk, or discuss matters. This can be face-to-face, by telephone, by mail, or on the internet. Please include only people you know. Please select one from the following categories that best matches your estimate. "

¹⁰ Some basic comparisons are possible with both ISSP 2001 and ISSP 1986 within each relationship for the person with whom R have contact most frequently.

¹¹ ISSP 2001: Q9: How often visit father; Q10: Other contact with father; Q11: How often visit mother; Q12: Other contact with mother

¹² ISSP 1986: Q2a and b: How often visit father; Q2d: Other contact with father; Q1a and b: How often visit mother; Q1d: Other contact with mother

¹³ ISSP 2001: Q2: With whom of these brothers and sisters most contact; Q3: How often visit this brother or sister; Q4: Other contact with this brother or sister

¹⁴ ISSP 1986: Q3a and 4a: With whom of these brothers and sisters most contact; Q3b and Q4b: How often visit this brother or sister; Q3d and Q4d: Other contact with this brother or sister

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23	v50		... your adult child ...	2001	6, 7, 8 ¹⁵	V9, V10, V11
				1986	5a & 6a	V20 & v24
					5b & 6b	V21 & V25
24	v51		... other family member ...?	2001	5d & 6d ¹⁶	V23 & V27
25	v52		... close friend ...?	2001	14a – 14f ¹⁷	V17–V22
				1986	9e, 9g ¹⁸	V42 & V44
Health and well-being						
27, 28, 30		4				
27	v54		In general would you say your health is...?	2011	26	V59
				2007	17	V65
28			During the past 4 weeks how often...			
a	v55		have you felt unhappy and depressed?	2011	17c	V39
b	v56		have you felt difficulties were piling up so high that you could not overcome?			
30	v58		How satisfied are you with your life as a whole nowadays?	2012	24 ¹⁹	V55
				2001	33 ²⁰	V57

¹⁵ ISSP 2001: Q6: With whom of these children most contact; Q7: How often visit this son or daughter; Q8: Other contact with this son or daughter

¹⁶ ISSP 1986: Q5a and 6a: With whom of these children most contact; Q5b and Q6b: How often visit this son or daughter; Q5d and Q6d: Other contact with this son or daughter

¹⁷ ISSP 2001: How often contact with...a) uncles or aunts; b) cousins; c) parents-in-law; d) brothers- or sisters-in-law; e) nieces and nephews; f) god-parents

¹⁸ ISSP 1986: Q9e: How often visit closest friend; Q9g: Other contact with closest friend

¹⁹ ISSP 2017 adapts from ISSP 2012. ISSP 2012 asks: "If you were to consider your life in general, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole?" Answer categories: Completely happy; very happy; fairly happy; neither happy nor unhappy; fairly unhappy; very unhappy; completely unhappy

²⁰ ISSP 2017 adapts from ISSP 2001. ISSP 2001 asks: "If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole?" Answer categories: Very happy; fairly happy; not very happy; not at all happy

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Module-specific obligatory background variables: economic and cultural capital						
31, 32		2				
31	v59		Thinking of your households income, how difficult is it to make ends meet?			
32	v60		How many languages do you speak well enough to hold a conversation?			
Supplementary optional background variable: cultural capital						
	SPDEGREE	1	What is the highest level of education that your spouse or partner attained?			
Optional items: Norms of reciprocity						
33		2	Agree/disagree with the following statements?			
a	v61		It is all right to develop friendships just because they can be of use to you.	2001	31d	V54
b	v62		When a person does a favour for you, you should feel obligated to pay back.			
Optional items: Access to and mobilisation of social relations						
34		2	When you go out to eat or drink with three or more friends or acquaintances, ...			
a	v63		does one person dominate the conversation at these occasions?			
b	v64		is consideration given to who sits near whom?			
Optional items: Contact frequency with other members from community						
35, 36		2	How often do you have contact with the person from your...			
35	v65		home town you have contact with most frequently?			
36	v66		religious community you have contact with most frequently?			