ISSP 2010 – Environment III Basic Questionnaire

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- All notes which are not part of the questionnaire are enclosed in pointed brackets, e.g. **<ISSP 1993 Q2, V5-6>**.
- 2 For repeat items, the relevant question numbers from 1993/2000 are given in pointed brackets above the question text. New items are indicated by <NEW>.
- Where [COUNTRY] appears in the question text, members should insert the name of their country
- The questionnaire is laid out for self-completion administration. Some of the wording will need to be altered for interviewer administered interviewing. e.g.3a. Looking at the list below, please tick a box next to the one thing ... For interviewer administered interviewing, please make sure that show cards are used to list answer options, particularly at Q1 and Q7.
- Translation notes for repeat questions are intended for those countries which did not take part in the 1993 or 2000 ISSP. Others should repeat their wording from the 1993/2000 survey.

 Note that questions 14e and optional item a) are counted as new items and all countries should refer to the accompanying translation note.

1a. Which of these issues is the **most important** for [COUNTRY] today?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY		(✔)
	Health care	(1)
	Education	(2)
	Crime	(3)
	The environment	(4)
	Immigration	(5)
	The economy	(6)
	Terrorism	(7)
	Poverty	(8)
	None of these	(9)
	Can't choose	(98)
b. Which is the next most important ?		
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY		(✓)
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	Health care	(✓) (1)
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	Health care Education	
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY		(1)
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	Education	(1)
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	Education Crime	(1) (2) (3)
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	Education Crime The environment	(1) (2) (3) (4)
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	Education Crime The environment Immigration	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	Education Crime The environment Immigration The economy	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	Education Crime The environment Immigration The economy Terrorism	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7)
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	Education Crime The environment Immigration The economy Terrorism Poverty	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8)

<Q1 Answer option 6 "The economy" should capture all aspects of the economy rather than single issues such as unemployment or inflation>

<ISSP 1993 Q2, 2000 Q1>

2. How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose
a.	Private enterprise is the best way to solve [COUNTRY'S] economic problems						
	It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes 993 Q3, 2000 Q2>	ment (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)
		c a bay payt	to the on	a thing you t	think abould	ho	
sa.	Looking at the list below, please tick [COUNTRY'S] highest priority, the).		
					High prior		
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY				. (✔)	•	
	[COUNTRY] should		Maintain	order in the] (1)	
]	
	Give p	eople more :	say in gov	ernment de	cisions] (2)	
				Fight rising	prices	(3)	
			Protect	freedom of	speech	(4)	
				Can't	choose	(8)	
b.	And which one do you think should highest priority , the <u>second</u> most i				Next hig priori		
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY				(✔)		
	[COUNTRY] should		Maintain	order in the	nation] (1)	
	Give p	eople more :	say in gov	vernment de	cisions	(2)	
				Fight rising	prices	(3)	
			Protect	freedom of	speech	<u></u>	
				Can't	choose	(8)	

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4a. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people? Please tick one box to show what you think, where 1 means you can't be too careful and 5 means most people can be trusted.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

You can't be too careful				Most people can be trusted	Can't choose
1	2	3	4	5	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)

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b. Generally speaking, do you think that most people would try to take advantage
of you if they got the chance, or would they try to be fair?
Please tick one box to show what you think, where 1 means most people
would try to take advantage of you and 5 means that most people would try to be fair.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Most people would try to take advantage				Most people would try to be fair	Can't choose
1	2	3	4	5	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)

<NEW>

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

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree strongly	Can't choose
 a. Most of the time we can trust people in government to do what is right 						
b. Most politicians are in politics only for what they can get out of it personally						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)

<Q5a "government" refers to the regime (i.e. any government that has been elected into power). In some countries the meaning of the question can be improved by adding "of any party" after "government" to stress that it does not necessarily have to be the current government>.

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6. Generally speaking, how concerned are you about environmental issues?

Please tick one box below to indicate what you think, where 1 means you are not at all concerned and 5 means you are very concerned.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Not at all concerned				Very concerned	Can't choose
1	2	3	4	5	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)

<Q6. By "concerned about" we mean being worried about environmental issues. "Concern" should not Imply involvement with environmental pressure groups.>

<NEW>

7. Here is a list of some different environmental problems.
a) Which problem, if any, do you think is the most important for [COUNTRY] as a whole?

(✔)	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	
(1)	Air pollution	
(2)	Chemicals and pesticides	
(3)	Water shortage	
(4)	Water pollution	
(5)	Nuclear waste	
(6)	Domestic waste disposal	
(7)	Climate change	
(8)	Genetically modified foods	
(9)	Using up our natural resources	
(10)	None of these	
(98)	Can't choose	

<new></new>) Which problem, i	if any, affects y	you and your far	mily the most?			
F	PLEASE TICK ONE	BOX ONLY				(✓)	
				A	Air pollution	(1)	
				Chemicals and	l pesticides	(2)	
				Wate	er shortage	(3)	
				Wat	er pollution	(4)	
				Nuc	clear waste	(5)	
				Domestic was	te disposal	(6)	
				Clim	ate change	(7)	
				Genetically mod	dified foods	(8)	
			Usir	ng up our natura	l resources	(9)	
				No	ne of these	(10)	
				Ca	an't choose	(98)	
could in water.>		renewable sou	irces such as co	oal or oil as wel	I as other na	tural resourc	es such as wood o
<new></new> 8a.	How much do you Please tick one b nothing at all and	ox below to ind 5 indicates you	licate what you th	nink, where 1 inc			?
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Bb "s	The phrase "These sorts of environing issues raised at Q7 but without resolutions" includes all possible/potenented in your country>.	estricting a	attention	to any one o	environmer	ital problem.	•
SSP	1993 Q4 abd, 2000 Q3>						
9	. How much do you agree or disagree	e with each	of these s	statements?			
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose
а	. We believe too often in science, and not enough in feelings and faith						
b	. Overall, modern science does more harm than good						
	Madara asianaa will aab a ay r						
С	Modern science will solve our environmental problems with little change to our way of life						
С		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)
	environmental problems with little				(4)	(5)	(8)
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	993 Q6cf, 2000 Q5 acd>1. And please tick one box for each o to show how much you agree or dis			Neither			
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Agree strongly	Agree	agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose
a.	In order to protect the environment [COUNTRY] needs economic growt	h 🗌					
b.	Economic growth always harms the environment						
C.	The earth simply cannot continue to support population growth at its present rate	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)
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	How willing would you be to pay mu in order to protect the environment?		<u>prices</u>				
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY				(✔)		
				Very	willing	(1)	
				Fairly	willing	(2)	
			Neither v	willing nor <u>uı</u>	nwilling	(3)	
				Fairly <u>uı</u>	nwilling	(4)	
				Very <u>uı</u>	nwilling	(5)	
					choose	(8)	
b.	And how willing would you be to pay in order to protect the environment?	y much hig	her <u>taxes</u>	i			
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY				(✓)	1	
				_	willing] (1)]	
				•	willing] (2)]	
			Neither v	willing nor <u>uı</u>] (3)]	
				Fairly <u>uı</u>] (4)]	
				Very <u>uı</u>] (5)]	
				Can't	choose	(8)	

C.	. And how willing would you be to accept cuts in your standard of living in order to protect the environment?						
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY				(✓)		
				Very	willing	(1)	
				Fairly	willing	(2)	
			Neither	willing nor <u>ur</u>	nwilling	(3)	
				Fairly <u>ur</u>	nwilling	(4)	
				Very <u>ur</u>	nwilling	(5)	
				Can't	choose	(8)	
	1993 Q9 ab, 2000 Q8 V ITEMS: 13f, g>						
13.	How much do you agree or disagre	e with each	of these	statements?			
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose
a.	It is just too difficult for someone like me to do much about the environment						
b.	I do what is right for the environment, even when it costs more money or takes more time						
C.	There are more important things to do in life than protect the environment						
d.	There is no point in doing what I ca for the environment unless others do the same	n					
e.	Many of the claims about environmental threats are exaggerated						
f.	I find it hard to know whether the way I live is helpful or harmful to the environment						
g.	Environmental problems have a direct effect on my everyday life						

<13c This is an idiom which means in British English that the person has higher priorities in life than environmentally friendly behaviour>

<ISSP 1993 Q12a Q13a Q14a Q15a Q16a, 2000 Q10a Q11 Q12b

1 NEW ITEM: 14e - note required change of wording since inclusion in 2000 survey - "climate change" >

14a.	In general, do you think that air pollution caused by cars is		
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	(✓)	
	extremely dangerous for the environment,		(1)
	very dangerous,		(2)
	somewhat dangerous,		(3)
	not very dangerous,		(4)
	or, not dangerous at all for the environment?		(5)
	Can't choose		(8)
b.	In general, do you think that air pollution caused by industry is		
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	(✓)	
	extremely dangerous for the environment,		(1)
	very dangerous,		(2)
	somewhat dangerous,		(3)
	not very dangerous,		(4)
	or, not dangerous at all for the environment?		(5)
C.	Can't choose And do you think that pesticides and chemicals		(8)
	used in farming are PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	(✓)	
		(*)	
	extremely dangerous for the environment,		(1)
	very dangerous,		(2)
	somewhat dangerous,		(3)
	not very dangerous,		(4)
	or, not dangerous at all for the environment?		(5)
	Can't choose		(8)

d.	d. And do you think that pollution of COUNTRY'S rivers, lakes and streams is							
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	(✓)						
	extremely dangerous for the environment,		(1)					
	very dangerous,		(2)					
	somewhat dangerous,		(3)					
	not very dangerous,		(4)					
	or, not dangerous at all for the environment?		(5)					
	Can't choose		(8)					
14e.	In general, do you think that a rise in the world's temperature caused by climate change is							
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	(✓)						
	extremely dangerous for the environment,		(1)					
	very dangerous,		(2)					
	somewhat dangerous,		(3)					
	not very dangerous,		(4)					
	or, not dangerous at all for the environment?		(5)					
	Can't choose		(8)					
f.	And do you think that modifying the genes of certain crops is							
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	(✓)						
	extremely dangerous for the environment,		(1)					
	very dangerous,		(2)					
	somewhat dangerous,		(3)					
	not very dangerous,		(4)					
	or, not dangerous at all for the environment?		(5)					
	Can't choose		(8)					
g.	And do you think that nuclear power stations are							
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	(✓)						
	extremely dangerous for the environment,		(1)					
	very dangerous,		(2)					
	somewhat dangerous,		(3)					
	not very dangerous,		(4)					
	or, not dangerous at all for the environment?		(5)					

	Can't choose	(8)
14e In a change from 1993/2 effect/global warming. All co equivalent) even if they pre-	e-scale industry, but avoid using the adjective in the solut "climate chang this question now talks about "climate chang buntries should translate this question to refer to "viously used a different term. efers to actual alteration of a crop's genetic struct	e" rather than the greenhouse climate change" (or the nearest
<issp 1993="" 2000="" q13="" q18,=""></issp>		
15a.lf you had to choose, which would be closest to yo		
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	Government should let ordinary people decide for themselves how to protect the environment, even if it means they don't always do the right thing	
OR		
Go	vernment should pass laws to make ordinary people protect the environment, even if it interferes with people's rights to make their own decisions	(2)
	Can't choose	(8)
b. And which one of the f	following would be closest to your views?	
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	Government should let businesses decide for themselves how to protect the environment, even if it means they don't always do the right thing	(✓) (1)
OR		
	Government should pass laws to make businesses protect the environment, even if it interferes with businesses' rights to make their own decisions	(2)
	Can't choose	(8)
In some countries the meanir to stress that it does not nece 15a "Ordinary people" refers	ment" refers to the regime (i.e. any government thang of the question can be improved by adding "of a essarily have to be the current government. to people in general or the ordinary citizen. e-scale business, but avoid using the adjective in	any party" after "government"
<issp 2000="" q14=""></issp>		
	ing more to protect the world environment e. In general, do you think that [COUNTRY] is doing	
PLEASE TICK ONE B	OX ONLY	(✓)
	more than enough,	(1)
	about the right amount,	(2)
	or, too little?	(3)
	Can't choose	(8)

NEW>			
17a.	Which of these approaches do you think would be the best way of getting business and industry in [COUNTRY] to protect the environment?		
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	(✓)	
	Heavy fines for businesses that damage the environment		(1)
	Use the tax system to reward businesses that protect the environment		(2)
	More information and education for businesses about the advantages of protecting the environment		(3)
	Can't choose		(8)
b.	Which of these approaches do you think would be the best way of getting people and their families in [COUNTRY] to protect the environment?		
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	(✓)	
	Heavy fines for people who damage the environment		(1)
	Use the tax system to reward people who protect the environment		(2)
	More information and education for people about the advantages of protecting the environment		(3)
	Can't choose		(8)
	Business and industry" refers to large-scale business and industry, but anslation>	avoid	using the adjective
NEW> 18.	To which of the following should [COUNTRY] give priority in order to meet its future energy needs?		
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	(✓)	
	Coal, oil and natural gas		(1)
	Nuclear power		(2)
	Solar, wind or water power		(3)
	Fuels made from crops		(4)
	None of them		(5)
	Can't choose		(8)
			

< Q18 "Fuels made from crops" refers to fuel made from agricultural crops grown specifically for fuel">

∠ISSP	2000	Q16>

SP 2000 Q16>
19. How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose		
a.	For environmental problems, there should be international agreements that [COUNTRY] and other countrie should be made to follow	es							
b.	Poorer countries should be expected to make less effort than richer countries to protect the environment								
C.	Economic progress in [COUNTRY] will slow down unless we look after the environment better	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)		
	993 Q19 abd, 2000 Q19 TEMS 20 d,e,f >								
20.	How often do you make a special ef tins or plastic or newspapers and			?					
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY				(✓)	1			
	Always (1)								
					Often	(2)			
				Som	netimes	(3)			
					Never	(4)			
		(Recyclin	ng not ava	ailable wher	e I live)	(8)			
b.	How often do you make a special ef without pesticides or chemicals?		ruit and \	egetables/	grown				
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY				(✓)	_			
					Always	(1)			
					Often	(2)			
				Som	netimes	(3)			
					Never	(4)			
			(Not ava	ailable wher	e I live)	(8)			

C.	And how often do you <u>cut back</u> on driving a car for environmental reasons?		
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	(✓)	
	Always		(1)
	Often		(2)
	Sometimes		(3)
	Never		(4)
	(I do not have or cannot drive a car)		(8)
	How often do you reduce the energy or fuel you use at home for environmental reasons?		
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	(✓)	
	Always		(1)
	Often		(2)
	Sometimes		(3)
	Never		(4)
۵	And how often do you choose to save or re-use water for environmental	reason	ns?
0.	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	(√)	
	Always		(1)
	Often		(2)
	Sometimes		(3)
	Never		(4)
f.	And how often do you avoid buying certain products for environmental re	eason	s?
	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	(✓)	
	Always		(1)
	Often		(2)
	Sometimes		(3)
	Never		(4)

<Q20f "Avoid buying" refers to taking a decision deliberately not to buy certain products for the sake of the environment>

<issp 1993q20,="" 2000="" q20=""> 21. Are you a member of any group whose main preserve or protect the environment?</issp>	aim is to				
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY			(✔)		
			Yes	(1)	
<issp 1993="" 2000="" q21="" q21,=""></issp>					
22. In the last five years , have you PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE			Yes I have	No I have ı	not
a signed a petition about an environmental is	ssue?				
b given money to an environmental group?					
c taken part in a protest or demonstration about an environmental issue?					
<q22b and="" environmental="" group="" includes="" lo<="" ngos="" td=""><td>bby groups</td><td>;></td><td>(1)</td><td>(2)</td><td></td></q22b>	bby groups	;>	(1)	(2)	
OPTIONAL ITEMS					
<issp 1993="" 2000="" q11d,="" q9f<="" td=""><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></issp>					
1 NEW ITEM (a) - note required change of wording	g since inclu	ısion in 200	00 survey -	"climate cha	nge" >
For each statement below, just tick the box th closest to your opinion of how true it is.	at comes				
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE	Definitely	•	Probably not	Definitely not	Can't
In your opinion, how true is this?	true	true	true	true	choose
'Climate change is caused by a hole in the earth's atmosphere'					
b. 'Every time we use coal or oil or gas,					

<Optional item (a) is false. In a change from 1993/2000 this question should now refer to "climate change" rather than the greenhouse effect/global warming. All countries should translate this question to refer to "climate change" (or the nearest equivalent) even if they previously used a different term.</p>
Optional item (b) is true. The word "contribute" here is not meant to imply a positive contribution; rather it is used in the sense of "have an effect on">

(1)

(3)

(4)

(8)

(2)

we contribute to climate change'