

CHILD REARING AND SOCIAL SUPPORT SURVEY 2015

[CARD F4]

F4. To begin, can you please tell me into which of the following age categories you fall.

- 1 Younger than 20 →[THANK AND TERMINATE]
 - 2 20 - 29
 - 3 30 - 39
 - 4 40 - 49
 - 5 50 or older →[THANK AND TERMINATE]
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F3. Gender [RECORD BUT DO NOT ASK]

1 Male

2 Female

[CARD F16]

F16. What is your ethnic group?

White

1. English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British
2. Irish
3. Gypsy or Irish Traveller
4. Any other White background

Mixed/ Multiple ethnic groups

5. White and Black Caribbean
6. White and Black African
7. White and Asian
8. Any other Mixed / multiple ethnic background

Asian/ Asian British

9. Indian
10. Pakistani
11. Bangladeshi
12. Chinese
13. Any other Asian background

Black / African / Caribbean / black British

14. African
15. Caribbean
16. Any other Black / African / Caribbean background

Other Ethnic group

17. Arab
18. Any other ethnic group
19. Prefer not to say
20. Don't know

[CARD F17]

F17. Respondent is...

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| 1. Working full-time (30hrs/wk+) | 6. Not working (i.e. under 8 hrs/week) - unemployed (not registered but looking for work) |
| 2. Working part-time (8-29 hrs/wk) | 7. Not working (i.e. under 8hrs/week) - student |
| 3. Not working (i.e. under 8 hrs/week) - housewife | 8. Not working (i.e. under 8hrs/week) - other (incl. disabled) |
| 4. Not working (i.e. under 8hrs/week) - retired | 9. Prefer not to say |
| 5. Not working (i.e. under 8 hrs/week) - unemployed (registered) | 10. Don't know |

I. ABOUT RELATIONSHIP

Tell us what you think about relationship.

[ASK EVERYONE]

[CARD 1]

Q1. First, which of the following statements do you agree with regarding love?

Choose as many answers as you want. (MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

- 1 I want to prioritise studies or work over love
 - 2 I want to prioritise my hobby over love
 - 3 I think about marriage when having a relationship with someone
 - 4 I do not mind having a relationship with someone that I am not too fond of
 - 5 I always want to be in love with someone
 - 6 I actively approach someone that I am interested in
 - 7 I think about having a relationship with someone if asked by him or her
 - 8 Having a relationship makes life richer
 - 9 I think love is annoying
 - 10 I do not have confidence in love
 - 11 I am interested in love, but it is costly
 - 12 Other [VOL] ()
 - 13 Don't know [VOL]
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[CARD 2]

Q2. If you are looking for a boyfriend/girlfriend or partner, which of the following do you think suitable to find one? Choose as many answers as you want. If you are with spouse/partner, please answer imagining that you do not have a spouse/partner (MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

- 1 Ask my friends
- 2 Ask my colleagues or senior workers from office
- 3 Go speed-dating or to parties
- 4 Use online dating websites or social media
- 5 Join a hobby group
- 6 Go to classes for qualification acquisition or upskilling
- 7 Ask my parents or relatives
- 8 Use a matchmaking company (indifferent to free or fee-based)
- 9 Other [VOL] ()
- 10 I do not do anything [VOL]
- 11 Don't know [VOL]

II. ABOUT MARRIAGE

Next, tell us what you think about marriage.

[CARD 3]

Q3. Which idea about marriage do you agree with the most? Please choose one of the following?

- 1 It is necessary to get married
- 2 It is better to get married than not to get married
- 3 It is all right not to get married but it is better to live with a partner.
- 4 It is all right not to get married or live with a partner, but it is better to have a boyfriend/girlfriend
- 5 It is not necessary to get married, live with a partner, or have a boyfriend/girlfriend
- 6 Other [VOL] ()
- 7 Don't know [VOL]

[CARD 4]

Q3a. [F1] **Which of the following is your current marital status? Please choose one answer. In this survey, “marriage” implies a legal marriage.**

- 1 I am married (I have a spouse)
- 2 I am living with a partner (cohabiting without legal registration of marriage)
- 3 I am divorced or widowed
- 4 I have never been married and am not living with anyone →[ASK Q3b.]
- 5 Don't know [VOL] →[ASK Q4]

[ASK ALL WHO ANSWERED “1” THROUGH “3” IN Q3a.]

Q3a-1&2. **When did you get married? When did you first start living with your partner?**

Q3a-1 Age at the first marriage:

		years old	99	I have never been married
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Q3a-2 Age at the first cohabitation:

		years old	99	I have never lived with a partner
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[ASK ALL WHO ARE NOT MARRIED; “2” THROUGH “4” IN Q3a.]

[CARD 5]

Q3b. **Why are you not married? Choose up to three reasons from the following.**

- a) Initially, choose the first reason from the following. ()
 - b) Subsequently, choose the second reason from the following. ()
 - c) Then, choose the third reason from the following. ()
- 1 Because I am still too young for marriage
 - 2 Because I do not feel any necessity to get married
 - 3 I am satisfied with living with my partner without getting married
 - 4 Because I want to devote myself to my work (or education) now
 - 5 Because I'm busy with hobbies or entertainment now
 - 6 Because I don't want to lose the freedom and enjoyment of being single
 - 7 Because I haven't met an appropriate person yet
 - 8 Because I don't do well socially with the opposite sex
 - 9 Because I am not economically ready for marriage
 - 10 Because it would be difficult to find housing
 - 11 Because my parents and those around me (probably) do not think I should get married
 - 12 Because I have no intention to get married in my life
 - 13 Other [VOL] ()
 - 14 None [VOL]
 - 15 Don't know [VOL]

[ASK Q3c. OF ALL WHO ANSWERED “NEVER MARRIED AND NOT LIVING WITH ANYONE” #4 IN Q3a.]

[CARD 6]

Q3c. **Would you like to get married or live with your partner in the future?**

Choose **one** answer closest to your opinion.

- 1 Yes, as soon as possible
- 2 Yes, within two or three years
- 3 Yes, sometime in the future
- 4 No, I have no intention to get married or living with someone
- 5 Don't know [VOL]

[ASK EVERYONE]

[CARD 7]

Q4. What concerns do you have about married life? Please choose as many as you want that reflect your opinion. If you are cohabitating, please answer about your cohabitation or life with your partner.
(MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

- 1 Compatibility with your spouse/partner
 - 2 Resolving conflicts between you and your spouse/partner
 - 3 Relationship with family and relatives (of your own or spouse/partner's)
 - 4 Caring for elderly parents (of your own or spouse/partner's)
 - 5 Attitudes toward spouse's/partner's children from a prior relationship
 - 6 The expense of married life
 - 7 Insecurity of employment
 - 8 Restriction of your freedom
 - 9 Parenting your children
 - 10 Education of your children
 - 11 Possibility of not being able to have children
 - 12 Other [VOL] ()
 - 13 Nothing in particular [VOL]
 - 14 Don't know [VOL]
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[CARD 8]

Q5. Which of the following statements about marriage and family life would you give your child/children as advice before they reach adulthood? Please choose all statements you agree with. If you are without a child, please answer imagining that you have a child/children. (MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

- 1 It is better to be independent as soon as you reach adulthood
- 2 Experiences in love or relationships are important
- 3 It is better to have a spouse or partner than live alone
- 4 Having a child/children makes life more enjoyable and richer
- 5 It is better to give a birth at younger age
- 6 Men should also do household chores and rear a child/children
- 7 It is good for women to have a job and rear a child/children at the same time
- 8 It is important to manage money by considering the future
- 9 It is important to make plans for life by considering your age at marriage and childbirth, and growth of a child/children
- 10 It is better to finish work at the fixed hour and value the time with family
- 11 Other [VOL] ()
- 12 Nothing in particular [VOL]
- 13 Don't know [VOL]

III. ABOUT CHILDBIRTH

Next we would like to ask some questions about childbirth.

Q6. How many children do you want, in total? If you already have children, include them in your answer.

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 children

Q6a. [F2] How many children (including adopted children) do you actually have?

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 children 00 Do not have children

[ASK Q6b. IF CURRENTLY HAVE CHILDREN IN Q6a.]

[ASK Q6b. OF RESPONDENTS WHOSE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IS ONE OR MORE IN Q6a.]

Q6b. What are the ages of your children? Please give the ages of the oldest and the youngest.

First (Oldest)

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 years old

Last (Youngest)

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 years old

[ASK Q7. OF RESPONDENTS WHOSE ACTUAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN Q6a. IS LESS THAN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WANTED IN Q6.]

[CARD 9]

Q7. Do you want to have more children than you now have? Choose one of the following.

- 1 I want to have more children until I reach the number I want →[ASK Q9.]
- 2 I want to have more children than now, but will not or cannot have the number I want
- 3 I will not or cannot have more children than I have now
- 4 Other [VOL] () →[ASK Q9.]
- 5 Don't know [VOL] →[ASK Q9.]

[ASK Q8. IF ANSWERED "2" OR "3" IN Q7.]

[CARD 10]

Q8. What is the reason you will not or cannot have the number of children you want, or more than you now have? Choose as many answers as you want. (MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

- 1 Because it costs too much to raise and educate children
- 2 Because there are not enough childcare services
- 3 Because employment is insecure
- 4 Because my work environment doesn't allow me to work and raise children
- 5 Because having a child would make it difficult to get promoted or to move up in my career
- 6 Because my house is too small
- 7 Because I do not live in a desirable environment where children can grow up well
- 8 Because I want to only focus on the lives of myself and my spouse
- 9 Because my spouse and I are old and I don't want to go through childbirth (again)
- 10 Because my spouse and I can't bear any more of the physical and psychological burden of children
- 11 Because I don't like the physical and psychological burden due to pregnancy and childbirth
- 12 Because I have health problems
- 13 Because I was unable to get pregnant even though I wanted to
- 14 Because I don't get help from my spouse with housework and child-rearing
- 15 Because my spouse doesn't want to have more children
- 16 Other [VOL] ()
- 17 None [VOL]
- 18 Don't know [VOL]

[ASK EVERYONE]

[CARD 11]

Q9. How do you feel about having your own child? If you already have a child, please answer about how you felt before your children were born. Please choose up to three of the following that best reflect your opinion.

(MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

- 1 It is natural to have children
 - 2 I will be able to leave behind descendants
 - 3 I will gain recognition by having children
 - 4 Having children makes life more enjoyable and richer
 - 5 Children will be supportive in my old age
 - 6 Children will inherit the society of the future
 - 7 Children can make the relationship between husband and wife stable
 - 8 I am having a child because I want to have children with someone I love
 - 9 I am having children because my spouse, parents, or others want me to
 - 10 I will be able to leave my own name on the family
 - 11 My personal free time will be reduced due to children
 - 12 The financial burden will increase as a result of raising children
 - 13 The physical and mental burden will increase as a result of having to take care of children
 - 14 Other [VOL] ()
 - 15 None [VOL]
 - 16 Don't know [VOL]
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[CARD 12]

Q10. What do you think about unmarried couples having children, in general? Choose one answer closest to your opinion.

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 No objection whatsoever | 3 Somewhat of an objection |
| 2 Not much objection | 4 Strong objection |
| | 5 Don't know [VOL] |
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IV. ABOUT CHILD-REARING

Now we will ask some questions about child-rearing.

[CARD 13]

Q11. Do you feel that child-rearing is more a pleasant or an unpleasant experience? Choose one answer closest to your opinion.

(Persons without children should answer imagining that they have children.)

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Much more a pleasant experience | 3 More unpleasant than pleasant |
| 2 More pleasant than unpleasant | 4 Much more an unpleasant experience |
| | 5 Don't know [VOL] |
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[CARD 14]

Q12. Which of the following are good things that result from childrearing? Choose as many answers as you want. (Persons without children should answer imagining that they have children.) (MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

- 1 It makes our home lively
- 2 We are pleased that our friends and family are happy with our children
- 3 It gives me something to live for
- 4 I have more friends through child-rearing
- 5 My world is wider through child-rearing
- 6 I have grown emotionally through child-rearing
- 7 It makes our relationship deeper
- 8 Other [VOL] ()
- 9 Nothing especially good has happened [VOL]
- 10 Don't know [VOL]

[CARD 15]

Q13. What difficulties have you faced in child-rearing? Choose as many answers as you want.
(Persons without children should answer imagining that they have children.) (MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

- 1 I have physical fatigue from child-rearing
 - 2 I have emotional difficulty from child-rearing
 - 3 Expenses have grown due to child-rearing
 - 4 I am unable to have free time of my own
 - 5 We don't have time to enjoy as a couple
 - 6 I can't do as much work as I want
 - 7 Friends and family do not always appreciate how difficult child-rearing is
 - 8 When children are sick
 - 9 Other [VOL] ()
 - 10 Nothing has been burdensome [VOL]
 - 11 Don't know [VOL]
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[CARD 16]

Q14. Choose one statement closest to your opinion about the roles of the husband and the wife in looking after preschool children.

It should be done:

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| 1 Only by the wife | 4 Mainly by the husband, with help from the wife |
| 2 Mainly by the wife, with help from the husband | 5 Only by the husband |
| 3 By the wife and husband equally | 6 Don't know [VOL] |
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[ASK RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN, AND HAVE EXPERIENCED CHILD-REARING]
[ASK Q15. OF RESPONDENTS WHOSE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IS ONE OR MORE IN Q6a., FOR
RESPONDENTS WITHOUT A CHILD, SKIP TO Q21]

[CARD 17]

Q15. In regard to pre-school children, which of the following do (did) you want to be done by the husband and wife equally or mainly by the husband in your household? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

- 1 Feeding
- 2 Changing nappies
- 3 Bathing
- 4 Putting to bed
- 5 Talking or playing with children at home
- 6 Taking outside for walks or play
- 7 Disciplining in daily life
- 8 Dropping off and picking up children from daycare, nursery school or preschool
- 9 Finding babysitters
- 10 Other [VOL] ()
- 11 Nothing [VOL]
- 12 Don't know [VOL]

[ASK RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN, AND HAVE EXPERIENCED CHILD-REARING]
[ASK Q15. OF RESPONDENTS WHOSE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IS ONE OR MORE IN Q6a.]
[CARD 17 AGAIN]

SQ. Then, in regard to pre-school children, which of the following are (were) done by the husband and wife equally or mainly by the husband in your household? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

- 1 Feeding
- 2 Changing nappies
- 3 Bathing
- 4 Putting to bed
- 5 Talking or playing with children at home
- 6 Taking outside for walks or play
- 7 Disciplining in daily life
- 8 Dropping off and picking up children from daycare, nursery school or preschool
- 9 Finding babysitters
- 10 Other [VOL] ()
- 11 Nothing [VOL]
- 12 Don't know [VOL]

[ASK RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN, AND HAVE EXPERIENCED CHILD-REARING]
[ASK Q. 16 OF RESPONDENTS WHOSE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IS ONE OR MORE IN Q6a.]
[CARD 18]

Q16. Please tell us about the time when your youngest child was born.

[To male] **Did you want to take one-month or more paternity leave when your spouse/partner gave birth to the youngest child?**

[To female] **Did you want your spouse/partner to take one-month or more paternity leave when you gave birth to the youngest child?**

- 1 Yes, I wanted (him) to take it
- 2 No, I did not feel any necessity (for him) to take it
- 3 No, I did not want (him) to take it
- 4 I did not think about it
- 5 Don't know [VOL]

[ASK RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN, AND HAVE EXPERIENCED CHILD-REARING]
[ASK SQ OF RESPONDENTS WHOSE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IS ONE OR MORE IN Q. 6a.]

SQ. [To male] Then, did you actually take one-month or more paternity leave at that time?

[To female] **Then, did your spouse/partner actually take one-month or more paternity leave at that time?**

1 Yes

2 No

[ASK RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN, AND HAVE EXPERIENCED CHILD-REARING]
[ASK Q17. OF RESPONDENTS WHOSE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IS ONE OR MORE IN Q. 6a.]
[CARD 19]

Q17. If you were suddenly unable to look after your children for some reason, who would you ask for help? Choose as many answers as you want. (MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

- 1 Spouse (including cohabiting partner; same applies to other answers to this question)
- 2 Your parent or spouse's parent
- 3 Your sibling or spouse's sibling
- 4 Other children's parents you know
- 5 Neighbours
- 6 Friends
- 7 Public childcare service run by the local council
- 8 Private childcare service (e.g. babysitter)
- 9 Childcare at the workplace
- 10 Other [VOL] ()
- 11 Don't know [VOL]

[ASK RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN, AND HAVE EXPERIENCED CHILD-REARING]
[ASK Q18. OF RESPONDENTS WHOSE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IS ONE OR MORE IN Q. 6a.]
[CARD 20]

Q18. If you have anything that worries you about raising your children, who do you talk to, or which place do you contact, for advice? Choose all applicable answers from the following. (MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

- 1 Spouse (including cohabiting partner; same applies to other answers to this question)
- 2 Your parent or spouse's parent
- 3 Your sibling or spouse's sibling
- 4 Other children's parents you know
- 5 Neighbours
- 6 Friends
- 7 Colleagues
- 8 Daycare centre, daycare facilities, childminders
- 9 Incorporated non-profit organisation associated with child-rearing
- 10 School
- 11 Local government agencies for child-rearing
- 12 Babysitters
- 13 Organisations with expertise in child-rearing and development
- 14 Online bulletin boards, blogs, social media such as Facebook and Twitter, etc.
- 15 Other [VOL] ()
- 16 None [VOL]
- 17 Don't know [VOL]

[ASK RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN, AND HAVE EXPERIENCED CHILD-REARING]
[ASK Q19 OF RESPONDENTS WHOSE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IS ONE OR MORE IN Q. 6a.]
[CARD 21]

**Q19. Which of the following cause great financial burdens in raising your children?
Choose all applicable answers from the following. (MULTIPLE ANSWERS)**

- 1 Childcare (including day care, preschool, childminders, and after school care program)
- 2 School/university
- 3 Private tutoring other than school/university
- 4 After-school lessons other than private tutoring
- 5 Communication (e.g. fees for mobile phones)
- 6 Food
- 7 Clothing
- 8 Housing
- 9 Medical care
- 10 Leisure and recreation
- 11 Other [VOL] ()
- 12 None [VOL]
- 13 Don't know [VOL]

[ASK RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN, AND HAVE EXPERIENCED CHILD-REARING]
[ASK Q. 20 OF RESPONDENTS WHOSE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IS ONE OR MORE IN Q. 6a]
[CARD 22]

Q20. Which of the following services do (did) you want to use in raising children? Choose as many as you want.

(MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

- 1 Maternity leave from work
(leave for taking care of a newly born child, including an adopted child, apart from a usual paid leave)
- 2 Childcare leave from work
- 3 Paternity leave (fixed leave period for fathers only)
- 4 Shorter working hours
(reducing the number of working hours per day, shorter than regular working hours)
- 5 Telecommuting/teleworking, home-based work
(working outside of an office using technology, working from home)
- 6 Nursing leave for children
- 7 Childcare or daycare centre
- 8 Childminders, babysitters
- 9 Childcare centres established by companies for employees
- 10 Pre-school
- 11 After-school programme
- 12 Public support for childcare at the local level
- 13 Other [VOL] ()
- 14 None [VOL]
- 15 Don't know [VOL]

[ASK RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN, AND HAVE EXPERIENCED CHILD-REARING]
[ASK SQ. OF RESPONDENTS WHOSE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IS ONE OR MORE IN Q. 6a]
[CARD 22 AGAIN]

SQ. Then, which of the following services have you used in raising children? (MULTIPLE RECORD)

- 1 Maternity leave from work
(leave for taking care of a newly born child, including an adopted child, apart from a usual paid leave)
- 2 Childcare leave from work
- 3 Paternity leave (fixed leave period for fathers only)
- 4 Shorter working hours
(reducing the number of working hours per day, shorter than regular working hours)
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- 9 Childcare centres established by companies for employees
- 10 Pre-school
- 11 After-school programme
- 12 Public support for childcare at the local level
- 13 Other [VOL] ()
- 14 None [VOL]
- 15 Don't know [VOL]

[ASK EVERYONE]
[CARD 23]

Q21. Choose only one answer closest to your feelings about the idea, "The husband should work outside the home and the woman should keep the house."

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| 1 Agree | 3 Somewhat disagree |
| 2 Somewhat agree | 4 Disagree |
| | 5 Don't know [VOL] |

[CARD 24]

Q22. [To male] **If your spouse/partner is to give a birth in the future, would you like to take childbirth leave for five working days or more during the eight weeks or so after delivery?**

If you are without spouse/partner or with non-pregnant spouse/partner, please answer imagining that your spouse/partner is to give a birth.

[To female] **If you are to give a birth in the future, would you like your spouse/partner to take childbirth leave for five working days or more during the eight weeks or so after delivery?**

If you are without spouse/partner or of non-pregnancy, please answer imagining that you are to give a birth.

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| 1 Yes, I would | 3 Not so much |
| 2 Yes, to some extent | 4 No, I wouldn't |
| | 5 Don't know [VOL] |

V. WORK-LIFE BALANCE

[CARD 25]

Q23. **In general, what do you think are important roles of a father in a family?**

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| a) Initially, choose the first important role from the following. | (|) |
| b) Subsequently, choose the second important role from the following. | (|) |
| c) Then, choose the third important role from the following. | (|) |

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|---|---|
| 1 Working and earning a living | |
| 2 Making important decisions for the family | |
| 3 Listening to the mother and her concerns | |
| 4 Taking care of the children | |
| 5 Doing household chores such as cooking, laundry and cleaning | |
| 6 Do it yourself home improvement and repairing of electronic equipment | |
| 7 Community involvement (e.g., joining a neighbourhood association, etc.) | |
| 8 Other [VOL] (|) |
| 9 None [VOL] | |
| 10 Don't know [VOL] | |

[CARD 26]

Q24. [To females] **What do you think is the ideal approach you should take regarding marriage, child-rearing and work? Choose one answer closest to your opinion.**

[To males] **What do you think is the ideal approach your spouse/partner should take regarding marriage, child-rearing and work? Choose one answer closest to your opinion.**

(Persons without spouse/partner should answer imagining that they have spouse/partner)

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| 1 Continue working without marrying or having children | |
| 2 Continue working without having children | |
| 3 Continue the same approach to work after having children | |
| 4 Stay at work after childbirth, but make changes at work to accommodate the child's needs | |
| 5 Quit working when children are born, and return to work when the children are old enough, typically after the youngest children reach school age | |
| 6 Quit work when children are born and devote herself to raising them | |
| 7 Stop working after marriage, regardless of whether children are born | |
| 8 Other [VOL] (|) |
| 9 Don't know [VOL] | |

[ASK WHO ARE WORKING]

Now, we would like to ask a question to those who are working. Are you working?

[IF "YES", ASK Q25., IF "NO", SKIP TO Q27.]

[CARD 27]

Q25. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the idea that your current workplace is an easy workplace in which to balance work and child-rearing? Choose one answer closest to your opinion.

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Somewhat agree
- 3 Somewhat disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 5 Don't know [VOL]

[ASK WHO ARE WORKING]

[CARD 28]

Q26. Looking back at the past one year, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the balance between your work and family life?

Please choose one answer closest to your feeling at each category.

	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree or disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Don't know [VOL]
(a) I have been so tired from work that I feel unable to do household jobs (household chores or child-rearing) which need to be done.	1	2	3	4	5	6
(b) I feel it has been difficult for me to fulfill my family responsibilities (household chores or child-rearing) because of the amount of time spent doing my job.	1	2	3	4	5	6
(c) I feel it has been difficult for me to concentrate at work because of my family responsibilities (household chores or child-rearing, nursing care).	1	2	3	4	5	6

[ASK EVERYONE]

[CARD 29]

Q27. To what extent are you worried about losing your job or not finding a job over the next one year? Please choose one answer closest to your opinion.

- 1 Very much
- 2 A good deal
- 3 Not very much
- 4 Not at all
- 5 Neither am I working nor seeking a job
- 6 Don't know [VOL]

VI. ABOUT SOCIAL SUPPORT

[CARD 30]

Q28. **To what extent do you agree or disagree with the idea that the United Kingdom is an easy country in which to have children and raise them? Choose one answer closest to your opinion.**

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|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Strongly agree | 3 Somewhat disagree |
| 2 Somewhat agree | 4 Strongly disagree |
| | 5 Don't know [VOL] |

[ASK SQ. OF ALL WHO ANSWERED "1" OR "2" IN Q28]

[CARD 31]

SQ. **Why do you think the United Kingdom is an easy country to have and raise children?**

Choose as many answers as you want. (MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

- 1 Because there is a wide variety of satisfactory childcare services
- 2 Because educational expenses are supported or reduced
- 3 Because maternal and paediatric healthcare services are satisfactory
- 4 Because the social environment (e.g. parks, playgrounds) is friendly for raising children safely
- 5 Because employment is secure
- 6 Because types of flexible working are available (e.g. flex-time and part-time work)
- 7 Because the workplace is family-friendly enough that people can take childcare or childbirth leave without feeling guilty
- 8 Because there is compensation and take home pay during childcare leave
- 9 Because there is not much financial burden of child-rearing
- 10 Because the local area is safe enough
- 11 Because cohabiting/neighbouring parents are supportive
- 12 Because the local community support child-caring
- 13 Because there is social friendliness and understanding of bearing and raising children
- 14 Other [VOL] ()
- 15 Don't know [VOL]

[ASK EVERYONE]

[CARD 32]

Q29. **What do you think would be important in a policy supporting people who want to get married?**

Choose as many answers close to your opinion as you want. (MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

- 1 Providing stable work opportunities through employment policy
- 2 Raising wages to make household income stable
- 3 Providing supplemental lending for marriage and housing
- 4 Arranging places to meet
- 5 Implementing tax policies that married couples can utilise
- 6 Making the workplace family-friendly, so that couples can continue working
- 7 Other [VOL] ()
- 8 None [VOL]
- 9 Don't know [VOL]

[CARD 33]

Q30. **What do you think would be important in a policy to reduce the physical and financial burdens due to pregnancy and childbirth? Choose up to three answers close to your opinion. (MULTIPLE ANSWERS)**

- 1 Compensating for the expenses of childbirth, in order to reduce the financial burden on the individual
 - 2 Compensating for infertility treatments
 - 3 Providing free health care and check-ups during pregnancy
 - 4 Expanding the leave period before and after childbirth
 - 5 Expanding mother and child nursing services
 - 6 Increasing home helper services to assist with housework etc.
 - 7 Increasing the number of public centres that offer comprehensive services including medical care, consulting and supports on pregnancy, childbirth, child-rearing etc. at one site
 - 8 Other [VOL] ()
 - 9 None [VOL]
 - 10 Don't know [VOL]
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[CARD 34]

Q31. **What do you think would be important policies supporting child-rearing? Choose as many answers as you want that are close to your opinion. (MULTIPLE ANSWERS)**

- 1 Expanding various services that meet respective needs
 - 2 Supporting or reducing educational expenses
 - 3 Expanding paediatric health care
 - 4 Making the social environment (e.g. parks, playgrounds) more friendly for raising children safely
 - 5 Increasing job security
 - 6 Encouraging work-life balance company policies
 - 7 Encouraging men to take childcare leave
 - 8 Increasing compensation and take home pay during childcare leave
 - 9 Preventing negative career consequences because of taking childcare leave and shorter working hours
 - 10 Guaranteeing a place at work after returning from maternity and childcare leave
 - 11 Increasing allowances and tax incentives to reduce the financial burden of child-rearing
 - 12 Increasing support for single-parent families
 - 13 Increasing support for families with three children or more
 - 14 Supporting housing cost for families with children
 - 15 Encouraging and supporting the joy and pleasure in bearing and raising children
 - 16 Making communities safer and preventing crimes against children under the law
 - 17 Other [VOL] ()
 - 18 None [VOL]
 - 19 Don't know [VOL]
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[CARD 35]

Q32. **In order for the government to provide support for children and child-rearing, it needs to raise additional revenue. Choose one statement closest to your opinion about the financial burden that would be imposed to increase revenue for that support.**

The increased financial burden would be:

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Acceptable | 3 Unacceptable to some degree |
| 2 Acceptable to some degree | 4 Unacceptable |
| | 5 Don't know [VOL] |
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VII. ABOUT LIFE AWARENESS

[CARD 36]

Q33. **To what extent are you satisfied with your life, in general? Choose one answer closest to your opinion.**

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Satisfied | 3 Somewhat dissatisfied |
| 2 Somewhat satisfied | 4 Dissatisfied |
| | 5 Don't know [VOL] |

[CARD 37]

Q34. How do you think your life will be in the future? Choose one answer closest to your opinion.

- 1 It will get better
 - 2 It will be the same
 - 3 It will get worse
 - 4 Don't know [VOL]
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FACE SHEET

[ASK F5. OF ALL WHO ANSWERED "4 NEVER MARRIED AND NOT LIVING WITH ANYONE" IN Q3a.]

[CARD 38]

F5. Do you currently have an intimate boyfriend/girlfriend or a fiancé/fiancée? Please choose one of the following answers.

- 1 I currently have a fiancé/fiancée
 - 2 I currently have an intimate boyfriend/girlfriend
 - 3 I do not currently have an intimate partner, but have had one in the past
 - 4 I have never had an intimate boyfriend/girlfriend
 - 5 Don't know [VOL]
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[ASK EVERYONE]

[CARD 39] IF RESPONDENT GIVES OTHER RESPONSE, PLEASE CODE RESPONSE TO CLOSEST CATEGORY

F6. What is the highest level of school from which you graduated? Choose one of the following.

- 1 Secondary school
 - 2 Sixth Form College
 - 3 Further Education college (FE)
 - 4 Technical college
 - 5 University (undergraduate)
 - 6 University (post-graduate)
 - 7 Don't know [VOL]
 - 8 Refused [VOL]
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[ASK RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE A SPOUSE (OR COHABITING PARTNER)]

[ASK F7. OF ALL WHO ANSWERED "1" OR "2" IN Q3a.]

[CARD 39 AGAIN] IF RESPONDENT GIVES OTHER RESPONSE, PLEASE CODE RESPONSE TO CLOSEST CATEGORY

F7. What is the highest level of school from which your spouse or partner graduated?

Choose only one of the following.

- 1 Secondary school
- 2 Sixth Form College
- 3 Further Education college (FE)
- 4 Technical college
- 5 University (undergraduate)
- 6 University (post-graduate)
- 7 Don't know [VOL]
- 8 Refused [VOL]

[ASK EVERYONE]

[CARD 40]

F8. What is or was your first job after you graduated from school? Choose only one of the following.

- 1 Self-employed: Farming, forestry, or fishery (including family business)
 - 2 Self-employed: Commercial and industrial services, etc.
(including self-employed professional and family business)
 - 3 Regular full-time employee in the private sector
 - 4 Regular full-time employee in the public sector
 - 5 Non-regular employee, such as part-time or contractor
 - 6 Work-at-home
 - 7 Other work (including military service)
 - 8 Housekeeper
 - 9 I have never worked after I left school or university (or attending school now) (excluding "8")
 - 10 Don't know [VOL]
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[ASK SQ. OF ALL WHO ANSWERED "1" THROUGH "7" IN F8.]

[CARD 41]

SQ. Which of the following best describes your first job? Choose only one of the following.

- 1 Managerial (manager or above, president, company owner, board member, etc.)
 - 2 Professional, specialist (position that is not included in 1 and that requires highly specialized skills, such as doctor, lawyer, certified public accountant, engineer)
 - 3 Clerical, administrative (position that is not included in 1 or 2; e.g. clerk in an office)
 - 4 Salesperson, service worker (sales representative, sales clerk, etc.)
 - 5 Welfare worker
 - 6 Transportation, telecommunication, and security worker
(driver, post office worker, security guard, fire fighter, etc.)
 - 7 Factory and construction worker
 - 8 Farming, forestry or fishery worker
 - 9 Other work [VOL] ()
 - 10 Don't know [VOL]
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[ASK EVERYONE]

[CARD 42]

F9. What is your job at this time? Choose only one of the following.

- 1 Self-employed: Farming, forestry, or fishery (including family business)
- 2 Self-employed: Commercial and industrial services, etc.
(including self-employed professional and family business)
- 3 Regular full-time employee in the private sector
- 4 Regular full-time employee in the public sector
- 5 Non-regular employee, such as part-time or contractor
- 6 Work-at-home
- 7 Other work (including military service)
- 8 Unemployed (looking for work)
- 9 Student
- 10 Housekeeper
- 11 Not working (excluding 8 – 10)

[ASK SQ1 OF ALL WHO ANSWERED "1" THROUGH "7" IN F9.]

[CARD 43]

SQ1. Which of the following best describes your job? Choose only one of the following.

- 1 Managerial (manager or above, president, company owner, board member, etc.)
- 2 Professional, specialist (position that is not included in 1 and that requires highly specialized skills, such as doctor, lawyer, certified public accountant, engineer)
- 3 Clerical, administrative (position that is not included in 1 or 2; e.g. clerk in an office)
- 4 Salesperson, service worker (sales representative, sales clerk, etc.)
- 5 Welfare worker
- 6 Transportation, telecommunication, and security worker (driver, post office worker, security guard, fire fighter, etc.)
- 7 Factory and construction worker
- 8 Farming, forestry or fishery worker
- 9 Other work [VOL] ()
- 10 Don't know [VOL]

[ASK SQ2 OF ALL WHO ANSWERED "1" THROUGH "7" IN F9.]

SQ2. How many hours per week do you work on average?

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 hours

[ASK SQ3 OF ALL WHO ANSWERED "1" THROUGH "7" IN F9]

SQ3. How many of those hours per week do you work at home on average?

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 hours

[ASK SQ4. OF ALL WHO ANSWERED "1" THROUGH "7" IN F9]

[CARD 44]

SQ4. During which period of time do you usually work? Choose all applicable answers from the following.
(MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

- | | |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| 1 5am to 8am | 4 6pm to 10pm |
| 2 8am to 2pm | 5 10pm to 5am (next morning) |
| 3 2pm to 6pm | 6 Don't know [VOL] |

[ASK SQ5. OF ALL WHO ANSWERED "1" THROUGH "7" IN F9]

SQ5. About how many minutes does it take to commute one way from your home to work?

If you work at more than one place, please answer about the work at which you spend the most hours.

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 minutes

[ASK RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN, AND HAVE EXPERIENCED CHILD-REARING]

[ASK F10. OF RESPONDENTS WHOSE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IS ONE OR MORE IN Q. 6a]

F10. **Approximately how many hours per day do you spend taking care of your children and doing household chores? “Household chores” only refers to cooking, laundry and cleaning, not home improvement, auto repair, yard maintenance or lawn mowing.**

Working day	<input type="text"/>	hours	<input type="text"/>	minutes
Day off	<input type="text"/>	hours	<input type="text"/>	minutes

[ASK RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE A SPOUSE (OR COHABITING PARTNER)]

[ASK F11. OF ALL WHO ANSWERED “1” OR “2” IN Q3a.. FOR RESPONDENTS WITHOUT A SPOUSE (OR COHABITING PARTNER), SKIP TO F13.]

[CARD 45]

F11. **What is your spouse’s/partner’s job at this time? Choose only one of the following.**

- 1 Self-employed: Farming, forestry, or fishery (including family business)
- 2 Self-employed: Commercial and industrial services, etc. (including self-employed professional and family business)
- 3 Regular full-time employee in the private sector
- 4 Regular full-time employee in the public sector
- 5 Non-regular employee, such as part-time or contractor
- 6 Work-at-home
- 7 Other work (including military service)
- 8 Unemployed (looking for work)
- 9 Student
- 10 Housekeeper
- 11 Not working (excluding 8 – 10)

[ASK SQ1. OF ALL WHO ANSWERED “1” THROUGH “7” IN F11]

[CARD 46]

SQ1. **Which of the following best describes your spouse’s/partner’s job? Choose only one of the following.**

- 1 Managerial (manager or above, president, company owner, board member, etc.)
- 2 Professional, specialist (position that is not included in 1 and that requires highly specialized skills, such as doctor, lawyer, certified public accountant, engineer)
- 3 Clerical, administrative (position that is not included in 1 or 2; e.g. clerk in an office)
- 4 Salesperson, service worker (sales representative, sales clerk, etc.)
- 5 Welfare worker
- 6 Transportation, telecommunication, and security worker (driver, post office worker, security guard, fire fighter, etc.)
- 7 Factory and construction worker
- 8 Farming, forestry or fishery worker
- 9 Other work [VOL] ()
- 10 Don’t know [VOL]

[ASK SQ2. OF ALL WHO ANSWERED “1” THROUGH “7” IN F11]

SQ2. **How many hours per week does your spouse/partner work on average?**

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	hours
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[ASK RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE A SPOUSE (OR COHABITING PARTNER), AND CHILDREN, AND HAVE EXPERIENCED CHILD-REARING]

[ASK F12. OF ALL RESPONDENTS WHO ANSWERED “1” OR “2” IN Q3a. AND WHOSE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IS ONE OR MORE IN Q. 6a]

F12. **Approximately how many hours per day does your spouse/partner spend taking care of your children and doing household chores? “Household chores” only refers to cooking, laundry and cleaning, not home improvement, auto repair, yard maintenance or lawn mowing.**

Working day	<input type="text"/>	hours	<input type="text"/>	minutes
Day off	<input type="text"/>	hours	<input type="text"/>	minutes

[ASK EVERYONE]

F13. **How many people, including yourself, are living in your household?**

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Persons
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[ASK SQ. OF RESPONDENTS LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS OF TWO OR MORE PERSONS IN F13.]

[CARD 47]

SQ. **Who lives with you? Choose all applicable answers from the following.**

- 1 Spouse (including partner, cohabiting partner)
- 2 Child (including adopted child and child from former marriage/partnership)
- 3 Spouse of child
- 4 Grandchild
- 5 Spouse’s grandparent(s)
- 6 Parent(s) (including adoptive parents)
- 7 Spouse’s parent(s)
- 8 Grandparent(s)
- 9 Sibling(s)
- 10 Other family member(s)
- 11 Non-family member(s)
- 12 Don’t know [VOL]

[ASK EVERYONE]

[CARD 48]

F14. **What is your annual personal income before taxes? Choose one answer. (Include earnings from employment as well as interest, dividends, social security payments, remittances from children, etc.)**

- | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 No income | 7 £25,000-£35,000 |
| 2 less than £5,000 | 8 £35,000-£50,000 |
| 3 £5,000-£10,000 | 9 £50,000-£75,000 |
| 4 £10,000-£15,000 | 10 Over £75,000 |
| 5 £15,000-£20,000 | 11 Don’t know/refused [VOL] |
| 6 £20,000-£25,000 | |

[ASK RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE A SPOUSE (OR COHABITING PARTNER)]

[ASK F15 OF ALL WHO ANSWERED "1" OR "2" IN Q3a.]

[CARD 48 AGAIN]

F15. Then, what is your spouse's/partner's annual personal income before taxes? Choose one answer.

(Include earnings from employment as well as interest, dividends, social security payments, remittances from children, etc.)

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|---|------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 1 | No income | 7 | £25,000-£35,000 |
| 2 | less than £5,000 | 8 | £35,000-£50,000 |
| 3 | £5,000-£10,000 | 9 | £50,000-£75,000 |
| 4 | £10,000-£15,000 | 10 | Over £75,000 |
| 5 | £15,000-£20,000 | 11 | Don't know/refused [VOL] |
| 6 | £20,000-£25,000 | | |

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