

Questionnaire

INTRO

Good morning/afternoon, my name is (...) from (NAME OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE), institute of public opinion research in (COUNTRY).

Within the scope of an international research project we are currently implementing a survey on global views. In the course of this research we are cooperating with various universities, both national and from abroad. Your household has been randomly selected for this poll. In order to guarantee that this survey is representative, it would be important for us to speak to the person from your household whose birthday is closest to today, and is at least 18 years old. The interview will take about 15-20 minutes. Of course your answers are voluntary and we will keep them anonymous.

All questions focus solely on your personal attitude. If you have never thought about (bothered with) topics in particular questions in this interview, you may always choose to answer that you do not have an opinion (or do not know).

- 1: Interviewee is ready for the poll immediately
- 2: Interviewee not present, make an appointment
- 3: Interviewee refuses

LIST OF QUESTIONS

Question 1 (100-106)

Now I will read some areas of life to you. Please tell me how important each of these are to you personally...?

- your family and children
- spouse/partner
- work and occupation
- free time
- politics
- religiousness
- education

Read out

1: not at all important

2: not very important

3: moderately important

4: quite important

5: very important

9: don't know/n.a. (**Don't read out**)

Question 2 (107)

May I ask, which of the following religious communities do you belong to?

Read out

1: Christianity

2: Judaism

3: Islam

4: Hinduism

5: Buddhism

6: another religious community

7: no religious community

9: don't know, n.a. (**Don't read out**)

Question 3a (108)

Ask Q3a only IF (Q2 = "1")

And which Christian denomination do you belong to?

Read out

- 1: catholic
- 2: evangelic (In UK for code 2 replace "evangelic" with "anglican")
- 3: orthodox
- 4: evangelical-independent church
- 5. pentecostal
- 6. charismatic
- 7: other

9: don't know, n.a. (**Don't read out**)

Question 3b (109)

Ask Q3b only IF (Q2 = "3")

And which Islamic denomination do you belong to?

Read out

- 1: Shi'a
- 2: Sunna
- 3: Alevi
- 5: other

9: don't know, n.a. (**Don't read out**)

Question 4 (110)

Ask Q4 only IF (Q2 = "4") OR (Q2 = "5")

Do you have an altar at home?

Don't read out

- 1: yes
- 2: no

9: don't know, n.a. (**Don't read out**)

Question 5 (111)

Has religion been part of your up-bringing?

Don't read out

1: yes

2: no

9: don't know, n.a. (**Don't read out**)

Question 6 (112-114)

How often do you do the following?

- a) **Ask Q6a only IF (Q2 = "3"):** How often do you say obligatory prayers?
- b) **IF (Q2 = "1" OR "2" OR "4" OR "5" OR "6" OR "7" OR "9") ask:** How often do you pray?
IF (Q2 = "3") ask: How often do you say personal prayers?
- c) How often do you meditate?

Read out

1: several times a day

2: once a day

3: more than once a week

4: once a week

5: one to three times a month

6: a few times a year

7: less often

8: never

9: don't know, n.a. (**Don't read out**)

Question 7 (115 – 118)

How often do you do the following?

- **Ask only IF (Q2 = "1") OR (Q2 = "9"):** How often do you take part in religious services?
- **Ask only IF (Q2 = "2"):** How often do you take part in religious services in a synagogue?
- **Ask only IF (Q2 = "4") OR (Q2 = "5"):** How often do you visit the temple?
- **Ask only IF (Q2 = "7") OR (Q2 = "6"):** How often do you participate in spiritual rituals or religious acts?

Read out

1: more than once a week

2: once a week

3: one to three times a month

4: a few times a year

5: less often

6: never

9: don't know, n.a. (**Don't read out**)

Ask Q8 only IF (Q2 = "3")

Question 8 (119)

How often do you participate in congregational prayers?

Read out

- 1: once a week
- 2: one to three times a month
- 3: a few times a year
- 4: less often
- 5: never

9: don't know, n.a. (**Don't read out**)

Ask Q9 only IF (Q2 = "1-6" OR "9") AND (Q7 = "6") OR (Q8 = "5")

Question 9 (120)

Do you participate in other spiritual rituals or religious acts?

Don't read out

- 1: yes
- 2: no

9: don't know, n.a. (**Don't read out**)

Question 10 (121-128)

How do you personally experience the following?

Read out

- a) How often do you think about religious issues?
- b) **Ask only IF (Q2 = "1") OR (Q2 = "2") OR (Q2 = "6") OR (Q2 = "7") OR (Q2 = "9"):** How often do you experience situations where you have the feeling that God or something divine wants to communicate or to reveal something to you?
Ask only IF (Q2 = "3"): How often do you experience situations where you have the feeling, that God or something divine lets something be communicated or revealed to you?
Ask only IF (Q2 = "4") OR (Q2 = "5"): How often do you experience situations where you have the feeling, that God, deities, or something divine wants to communicate or to reveal something to you?
- c) **Ask only IF (Q2 = "1") OR (Q2 = "2") OR (Q2 = "6") OR (Q2 = "7") OR (Q2 = "9"):** How often do you experience situations where you have the feeling, that God or something divine intervenes in your life?
Ask only IF (Q2 = "3): How often do you experience situations where you have the feeling, that God or something divine allows for an intervention in your life?
Ask only IF (Q2 = "4") OR (Q2 = "5"): How often do you experience situations where you have the feeling, that God, deities, or something divine intervenes in your life?
- d) How often do you experience situations in which you have the feeling that you are at one with all?
- e) How often do you think about suffering and injustice in this world?
- f) How often are you critical towards religious teachings you in principle agree with?
- g) How often do you rethink certain aspects of your religious views?
- h) How often do you read religious or spiritual books?

Read out

- 1: never
- 2: rarely
- 3: occasionally
- 4: often
- 5: very often

9: don't know, n.a. (**Don't read out**)

Question 11 (130)

All in all, how religious would you consider yourself to be? Not at all, not very, moderately, quite, or very religious?

Don't read out

- 1: not at all religious
- 2: not very religious
- 3: moderately religious
- 4: quite religious
- 5: very religious

9: don't know, n.a. (**Don't read out**)

Question 12 (131)

Putting aside whether or not you would describe yourself as a religious person, how spiritual would you say you are? Not at all, not very, moderately, quite, or very spiritual?

Don't read out

- 1: not at all spiritual
- 2: not very spiritual
- 3: moderately spiritual
- 4: quite spiritual
- 5: very spiritual

9: don't know, n.a. (**Don't read out**)

Question 13 (132-145)

Now I will ask you some questions about the importance of several aspects of religiousness.

Read out

- a) How interested are you in learning more about religious issues?
- b) **Ask only IF (Q2 = "2"):** How important is the obligatory prayer to you?
Ask only IF (Q2 = "3): How important is the obligatory prayer to you?
Ask only IF (Q2 = "4") OR (Q2 = "5"): How important is the daily puja to you?
- c) How important is personal prayer for you?
- d) How important is meditation to you?
- e) **Ask only IF (Q2 = "1" OR "2" OR "3" OR "6" OR "7" OR "9"):** To what extent do you believe in God or something divine?
Ask only IF (Q2 = "4" OR "5"): To what extent do you believe in God, deities, or something divine?
- f) **Ask only IF (Q2 = "1" OR "9"):** How important is it to you to take part in religious services?
Ask only IF (Q2 = "2"): How important is it to you to take part in religious services in the synagogue?
Ask only IF (Q2 = "3"): How important is it to you to participate in congregational prayer?
Ask only IF (Q2 = "4" OR "5"): How important is it to you to visit the temple?
Ask only IF (Q2 = "7" OR "6"): How important is it to you to participate in spiritual rituals or religious acts?
- g) To what extent do you believe in an afterlife? - e.g. immortality of the soul, resurrection of the dead or reincarnation?

- h) To what extent do you adhere to religious commandments in your daily life?
- i) How important is it for you to consider religious issues from different perspectives?
- j) To what extent are you looking for something in your religious beliefs?
- k) To what extent do you believe in the efficacy of supernatural powers?
- l) To what extent do you believe in astrology?
- m) To what extent do you believe in the efficacy of demons?
- n) To what extent do you believe in the efficacy of angels?

Read out

1: not at all

2: not very much

3: moderately

4: quite a bit

5: very much so

9: don't know, n.a. (**Don't read out**)

Ask Q14 only IF (Q11 = "2"- "9") OR (Q12 = "2"- "9")

Question 14 (150 – 160)

To what extent do your religious beliefs affect the following areas of your life?

Read out

- the upbringing of your children
- your relation with your partner
- your work, your occupation
- your free time
- your political opinion
- your attitude towards nature
- your attitude towards sexuality
- your coping with disease
- your questioning the meaning of life
- your coping with life crises
- your dealings with vital events in your family, like birth, marriage, or death

Read out

1: not at all

2: not very much

3: moderately

4: quite a bit

5: very much so

8: does not apply (**Don't read out**)

9: don't know/no information (**Don't read out**)

Ask Q15a&b only IF (Q11 = "2"- "9") OR (Q12 = "2"- "9")

Question 15 (170 – 184)

How often do you experience the following in relation to [Ask only IF (Q2 = "1" OR "2" OR "3" OR "6" OR "7" OR "9"): God or something divine?] [Ask only IF (Q2 = "4") OR (Q2 = "5"): God, deities, or something divine?] ...?

INT.: Repeat question from time to time. Read out.

- awe
- guilt
- protection
- rage
- gratitude
- strength
- anxiety
- joy
- release from guilt
- love
- hope
- liberation from an evil power

- justice
- help
- desparation

Read out

- 1: never
- 2: rarely
- 3: occasionally
- 4: often
- 5: very often

9: don't know/no information (**Don't read out!**)

Question 16 (185-197)

To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

- a) I would like to live an extraordinary life.
- b) I try to respect law and order in every circumstance.
- c) I think that foreigners should adapt their lifestyle to that prevailing in their host country.
- d) For me every religion has a core of truth.
- e) I believe that one should have an open mind to all religions.
- f) For myself I rely on teachings from several different religious traditions.
- g) I believe that the end of the world is near.
- h) **Ask Q16h only IF (Q11 = "2"-"9"):** I am prepared to make considerable sacrifices for my religion.
- i) **Ask Q16i only IF (Q11 = "2"-"9"):** I try to convert as many people to my religion as possible.
- j) **Ask Q16j only IF (Q11 = "2"-"9"):** For my religiousness it is important to be constantly on guard against evil.
- k) **Ask Q16k only IF (Q11 = "2"-"9"):** I am convinced that in questions of religion, my own religion is right while other religions tend to be wrong.
- l) **Ask Q16l only IF (Q11 = "2"-"9"):** I am convinced that primarily members of my religion will be saved.
- m) **Ask Q16l only IF (Q11 = "2"-"9"):** For my religiousness it is important that I resolutely fight against evil.

Read out

- 1: totally agree
- 2: tend to agree
- 3: have no definite opinion
- 4: tend to disagree
- 5: totally disagree

Don't read out

- 6: never bothered (Don't read out)
- 9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out)

Question 17 (200 – 207)

The following statements are about conceptions of whether there is some higher reality beyond the world in which we live. Please state how strongly you agree with the following statements.

Read out

- There is a God who cares about every human being personally.
- Life has only significance because there is a God.
- Life has significance because there is something after death.
- Life only has significance if you make it significant yourself.
- Ultimately our life is determined by the laws of nature.
- Life is just part of the natural evolution.
- In my opinion life has little significance.
- I believe there is something divine in myself.

Read out

- 1: totally agree
- 2: tend to agree
- 3: have no definite opinion
- 4: tend to disagree
- 5: totally disagree

Don't read out

- 6: never bothered
- 9: don't know/no information.

Ask Q18 only IF (Q11 = "2"- "9") OR (Q12 = "2"- "9")

Question 18 (210-216)

To what extent do you agree with the following conceptions about God or the divine?

- God or the divine is like a law, which is valid throughout eternity.
- God or the divine is like energy flowing through everything.
- God or the divine is like a person you can speak to.
- God or the divine is like a higher power.
- God or the divine is like the greatest possible value.
- God or the divine is nature.
- God or the divine is nothing more than a product of the human imagination with no reality in itself.

Read out

- 1: totally agree
- 2: tend to agree
- 3: have no definite opinion
- 4: tend to disagree
- 5: totally disagree

Don't read out

- 6: never bothered
- 9: don't know/no information

SOCIODEMOGRAPHICS

S1. (300-301)

How old are you? _____ Jahre

Don't know, no answer = '99

S2 (302)

Gender (Don't read out)

1: male

2: female

S3 (303)

Do you live with a partner?

1: yes

2: no

9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out)

S4 (304)

Do you have children?

1: yes

2: no

9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out)

Ask S4b only IF (S4a = "1")

S4b (305)

And how many children do you have?

(Don't read out)

1: 1 child

2: 2 children

3: 3 children

4: 4 children

5: 5 children

6: 6 children

7: 7 children

9: don't know, n.a. (**Don't read out**)

S5 (306)

Are you gainfully employed? By this we mean every activity that is paid or related to income, no matter how much time you spend on it.

1: yes

2: no

9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out)

S6 (307)

According to your own assessment, do you live in the country, i.e. in a village, in a small or in a medium sized town, or in a big city?

Don't read out

1: country, in a village

2: small town

3: medium town

4: big city

9: don't know, n.a. (**Don't read out**)

S7 (308-309)

How old were you when you finished your education in school or university?

(Int.: If Person is still in school type in Code "00"; if Person has no education, type in Code "98"; if d.k. / n.a., type in Code "99")