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Q1 Suppose you could change the way you spend your time, spending more time on some things and less time on others. Which of the things on the following list would you like to spend **more** time on, which would you like to spend **less** time on and which would you like to spend the **same** amount of time on as now?
(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Much more time	A bit more time	Same time as now	A bit less time	Much less time	Can't choose
<i>TMPDJOB</i> Time in a paid job?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>TMHLDWRK</i> Time doing household work?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>TMFAMILY</i> Time with your family?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>TMFRIEND</i> Time with your friends?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>TMLEISRE</i> Time in leisure activities?	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q2 Please circle **one** number for **each** statement below to show how much you agree or disagree with it, **thinking of work in general**.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>JBERNMNY</i> A job is just a way of earning money – no more	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>JOBENJOY</i> I would enjoy having a paid job even if I did not need the money	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>WORKIMPA</i> Work is a person's most important activity	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q3 *CHORRESP*
 Are **you** the person responsible for doing the general domestic duties – like cleaning, cooking, washing and so on – in your household?
(Please circle one number only)

Yes, I am mainly responsible	1
Yes, I am equally responsible with someone else	2
No, someone else is mainly responsible	3

Q4 From the following list, please circle one number for **each** item to show how important **you personally** think it is in a job. How important is...
(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Very important	Important	Neither important nor unimportant	Not important	Not important at all	Can't choose
<i>JBIMSECR</i> ... job security?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>JBIMHINC</i> ... high income?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>JBIMADVC</i> ... good opportunities for advancement?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>JBIMINTR</i> ... an interesting job?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>JBIMINDP</i> ... a job that allows someone to work independently?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>JBIMHELP</i> ... a job that allows someone to help other people?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>JBIMUSE</i> ... a job that is useful to society?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>JBIMDAYS</i> ... a job that allows someone to decide their times or days of work?	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q5 In deciding on pay for two people doing **the same kind of work**, how important **should** be...
(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Essential	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not important at all	Can't choose
<i>IMPPAY1</i> ... how well the person does the job?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>iMPPAY2</i> ... the person's family responsibilities?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>iMPPAY3</i> ... the person's education and formal qualifications?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>iMPPAY4</i> ... how long the person has been with the firm?	1	2	3	4	5	8

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TECHEFF3

Q6 New kinds of technology are being introduced more and more in Northern Ireland: computers, robots, and so on. Do you think these new technologies will over the next few years...
(Please circle one number only)

...greatly increase the number of jobs	1
slightly increase the number of jobs,	2
make no difference to the number of jobs,	3
slightly reduce the number of jobs,	4
or, greatly reduce the number of jobs?	5
Can't choose	8

TECHBOR2

Q7 Do you think that the introduction of new technologies in Northern Ireland over the next few years will make work...
(Please circle one number only)

...much more interesting,	1
a little more interesting	2
neither more nor less interesting	3
a little less interesting	4
much less interesting?	5
Can't choose	8

Q8 Suppose you were working and could choose between different kinds of jobs. Which of the following would **you personally** choose?

CHEMPSTA

a. I would choose ...

(Please circle one number only)

...being an employee	1
...being self-employed	2
Can't choose	8

CHFRMSIZ

b. I would choose ...

(Please circle one number only)

...working in a small firm	1
working in a large firm	2
Can't choose	8

CHPRVPUB

c. I would choose ...

(Please circle one number only)

...working in a private business	1
...working for the government or civil service	2
Can't choose	8

FTPTPREF

Q9 Suppose you could decide on your work situation **at present**.
Which of the following would you prefer?
(Please circle one number only)

A full-time job (30 hours or more per week)	1
A part-time job (10-29 hours per week)	2
A job with less than 10 hours a week	3
No paid job at all	4
Can't choose	8

LKJOBEZ2

Q10 If you were looking actively, how easy or difficult do you think it would be for you to find an acceptable job?
(Please circle one number only)

Very easy	1
Fairly easy	2
Neither easy nor difficult	3
Fairly difficult	4
Very difficult	5
Can't choose	8

WORKNOW

Q11 Are you currently working for pay?
(Please circle one number only)

Yes	1	→ Please answer Q12
No	2	→ Please go to Q27

PLEASE ANSWER Q12 – Q26 ABOUT YOUR MAIN JOB

PWWKHARD

Q12 Which of the following statements best describes your feelings about your job?
(Please circle one number only)
In my job...

...I only work as hard as I have to	1
...I work hard, but not so that it interferes with the rest of my life	2
...I make a point of doing the best work I can, even if it sometimes does interfere with the rest of my life	3
Can't choose	8

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WORKEARN

Q13 Think of the number of hours you work, and the money you earn in your main job, including any regular overtime.
If you had only **one of these three** choices, which of the following would you prefer?
(Please circle one number only)

Work longer hours and earn <u>more money</u>	1
Work the same number of hours and earn the same money	2
Work fewer hours and earn less money	3
Can't choose	8

Q14 For each of these statements about your main job, please circle one number to show how much you agree or disagree that it applies to **your job**.
(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>JBISSECR</i> My job is secure	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>JBISHINC</i> My income is high	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>JBISADVC</i> My opportunities for advancement are high	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>JBISINTR</i> My job is interesting	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>JBISINDP</i> I can work independently	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>JBISHELP</i> In my job I can help other people	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>JBISUSE</i> My job is useful to society	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q15 Now some more questions about your working conditions.
Please circle one number for **each** item below to show **how often** it applies to your work.

How often ...

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Hardly ever	Never	Can't choose
<i>WRKEXHST</i> ... do you come home from work exhausted?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>WRKPHYSC</i> ... do you have to do hard physical work?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>WRKSTRES</i> ... do you find your work stressful?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>WRKDANGR</i> ... do you work in dangerous conditions?	1	2	3	4	5	8

FLEXTIME

Q16 Which of the following statements **best** describes how your working hours are decided? (By working hours we mean here the times you **start** and **finish** work, and not the total hours you work per week or month.)
(Please circle one number only)

Starting and finishing times are decided by my employer and I cannot change them on my ^{own}	1
I can decide the time I start and finish work, within certain limits	2
I am entirely free to decide when I start and finish work	3

WHERWORK

Q17 Which of the following statements best describes **where** you work?
(Please circle one number only)

I usually work in one place away from home (e.g. office or factory)	1
I usually work at home	2
I usually work part of the week at home and part at one place away from home	3
I usually work in a variety of places	4

JBSECURE

Q18 Which of the following describes your present job situation?
(Please circle one number only)

It is a job with no written contract	1
It is a fixed-term job lasting less than 12 months	2
It is a fixed-term job lasting for one year or more	3
It is a job with no set time limit	4
Can't choose	8

SKILLUSE

Q19 How much of your past work experience and/or job skills can you make use of in your present job?
(Please circle one number only)

Almost none	1
A little	2
A lot	3
Almost all	4
Can't choose	8

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Q20 Now think about the **skills that you actually use** in your job.
How important would you say each of the following was in developing these skills?
(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Very important	Important	Neither important nor unimportant	Not important	Not important at all	Can't choose
<i>SKILLEDN</i> School, college or university	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>SKILLJOB</i> Training or experience gained in my present or a previous job	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q21 In general, how would you describe relations at your workplace ...
(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Very good	Quite good	Neither good nor bad	Quite bad	Very bad	Can't choose
<i>WKINDREL</i> ...between management and employees?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>WKMATREL</i> ...between workmates/colleagues?	1	2	3	4	5	8

PWWKSAT2
Q22 How satisfied are you in your (main) job?
(Please circle one number 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

Q23 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>HELPFIRM</i> I am willing to work harder than I have to in order to help the firm or organisation I work for succeed	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PROUDFRM</i> I am proud to be working for my firm or organisation	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PREFCHNG</i> Given the chance, I would change my present type of work for something different	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PREFSTAY</i> I would turn down another job that offered quite a bit more pay in order to stay with this organisation	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PROUDWRK</i> I am proud of the type of work I do	1	2	3	4	5	8

WKABSENT

Q24 About how many days have you been absent from work in the last 6 months (**not** counting vacation)?

(Please circle one number only)

More than 20 days	1
11 to 20 days	2
6 to 10 days	3
1 to 5 days	4
None	5
Can't choose	8

LIKEFDJB

Q25 All in all, how likely is it that you will **try** to find a job with another firm or organisation within the next 12 months?

(Please circle one number only)

Very likely	1
Likely	2
Unlikely	3
Very unlikely	4
Can't choose	8

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LOSEJOB

Q26 To what extent, if at all, do you **worry** about the possibility of losing your job?
(Please circle one number only)

I worry a great deal	1	Please → Go to Q35a
I worry to some extent	2	
I worry a little	3	
I don't worry at all	4	
Can't choose	8	

PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 27-34 IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY

EVERJOB2

Q27 Have you ever had a paid job for one year or more?
(Please circle one number only)

Yes	1	→	Please answer Q28 and 29
No	2	→	Please go to Q30

LASTJOB2

Q28 When did your **last** paid job end?
(Please give year)

In

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WHYNOTWK

Q29 What was the **main** reason that your job ended?
(Please circle one number only)

I reached retirement age	1
I retired early, by choice	2
I retired early, not by choice	3
I became (permanently) disabled	4
My place of work shut down	5
I was dismissed	6
My term of employment/contract ended	7
Family responsibilities	8
I got married	9

LIKEJOB

Q30 Would you like to have a paid job, either now or in the future?
(Please circle one number only)

Yes	1
No	2

Q31 *LKLYFDJB*
How likely do you think it is that you would find a job?
(Please circle one number only)

Very likely	1
Likely	2
Unlikely	3
Very unlikely	4
Can't choose	5

Q32 *LOOKJOB*
Are you currently looking for a job?
(Please circle one number only)

Yes	1
No	2

Q33 Thinking about the last 12 months, have you done any of the following in order to find a job?
(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

FINDJOB1
Registered at a public employment agency?

FINDJOB2
Registered at a private employment agency?

FINDJOB3
Answered advertisements for jobs?

FINDJOB4
Advertised for a job in newspapers or journals?

FINDJOB5
Applied directly to employers

FINDJOB6
Asked relatives, friends, or colleagues to help you find a job?

No	Yes, once or twice	Yes, more than twice
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3

Q34 *MAININC2*
What is your **main** source of economic support?
(Please circle one number only)

Pension (private or state)	1
Unemployment benefits	2
Spouse/partner	3
Other family members	4
Social assistance/welfare	5
Occasional work	6
Other	7

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Q35 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>MENSUPP</i> Men need less emotional support than women	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>MFAILURE</i> Men fear failure more than women do	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>MFEELING</i> Men should spend more time talking about their feelings	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>MHEALTH</i> Men's health is not taken seriously by the health services	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q36 The male contraceptive pill is being developed at the moment.
 How much do you agree or disagree that ...
(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>CONWRONG</i> Contraception of any kind is wrong	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>MALEPILL</i> The male pill is a good idea	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>TAKEPILL</i> Most men wouldn't take the pill even if it was available	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>WOMTRUST</i> Most women wouldn't trust men to take the pill anyway	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>WCONTROL</i> Most women would prefer to be in control of their own contraception	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q37 Recently there has been a lot of discussion about the rights of different groups of people.
 How much do you agree or disagree that ...
(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>GAYBISEX</i> Gay and bisexual people should not be discriminated against	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>GAYRIGHT</i> A gay couple should have the same rights as a heterosexual married couple	1	2	3	4	5	8

Now some questions on politics and community relations.

Q38 Looking back on the proposals contained in the Good Friday Agreement, could you tell me how you **now** feel about each of these? *(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)*

	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Can't choose
<i>GFAPROP1</i> The guarantee that Northern Ireland will remain part of the UK for as long as a majority of people in Northern Ireland wish it to be so	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>GFAPROP2</i> The creation of North-South bodies	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>GFAPROP3</i> The setting up of a Northern Ireland Assembly	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>GFAPROP4</i> The removal of the Republic of Ireland's constitutional claim to Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>GFAPROP5</i> The creation of a commission into the future of the RUC	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>GFAPROP6</i> Decommissioning of paramilitary weapons	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>GFAPROP7</i> The early release of prisoners	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>GFAPROP8</i> The requirement that the new Executive is power-sharing	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q39 How much do you support or oppose having cross-border cooperation with the Irish Republic in each of these areas?

(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Can't choose
<i>CROSSBD1</i> Tourism	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>CROSSBD2</i> Transport	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>CROSSBD3</i> Agriculture	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>CROSSBD4</i> Health	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>CROSSBD5</i> Security	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>CROSSBD6</i> Northern Ireland's political future	1	2	3	4	5	8

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POWERNIA

Q40 Who do you think has most power over everyday life in Northern Ireland?
(Please circle one number only)

British government	1
Irish government	2
European Union	3
Local Councils	4
Northern Ireland Assembly	5
North/South Council of Ministers	6
East/West Council of the Isles	7
Can't choose	8

POWERNIB

Q41 And who do you think **should** have the most power over everyday life in Northern Ireland?
(Please circle one number only)

British government	1
Irish government	2
European Union	3
Local Councils	4
Northern Ireland Assembly	5
North/South Council of Ministers	6
East/West Council of the Isles	7
Can't choose	8

Q42 How much do you agree with each of the following statements about devolved government in Northern Ireland?
(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>DEV1</i> Devolution will bring economic prosperity to Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>DEV2</i> The local politicians who become ministers under devolution will never be able to work with each other	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>DEV3</i> Devolution will help secure peace in Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>DEV4</i> Devolution will lead to a fall in living standards in Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>DEV5</i> Devolution will lead to the break-up of the UK	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>DEV6</i> Devolution will bring political stability to Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8

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Q43 And thinking about the issue of parades, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)*

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose
<i>RMARCHFR</i> The right to march is an important freedom	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>AREAMAR</i> No marches should be allowed through areas that are predominantly those of the other tradition unless the residents approve	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PARCOMM</i> The Parades Commission is not impartial at all	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q44 Thinking about the Protestant and Catholic traditions in Northern Ireland as well as the Chinese and Asian communities, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)*

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't choose
<i>CULTRAD1</i> Living in Northern Ireland means that we are influenced by several cultural traditions	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>CULTRAD2</i> I have my own cultural tradition and see no need to take part in any others	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>CULTRAD3</i> Having different cultural traditions in Northern Ireland means that there will always be conflict between them	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>CULTRAD4</i> Having different cultural traditions in Northern Ireland enriches us all	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>CULTRAD5</i> My cultural tradition is always the underdog	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q45 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)*

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't choose
<i>PRIOREQ</i> It should be a top priority for government to make sure that Protestants and Catholics are treated equally	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>RIGTCATH</i> There is always talk about the rights of Catholics but never about the rights of Protestants	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>RIGTPROT</i> There is always talk about the rights of Protestants but never about the rights of Catholics	1	2	3	4	5	8

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Q46 How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following?
 (Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>WEALTH1</i> Ordinary working people get their fair share of the nation's wealth	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>RICHLAW</i> There is one law for the rich and one for the poor	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>TRADVALS</i> There is no need for strong trade unions to protect employee's working conditions and wages	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PRENBST</i> Private enterprise is the best way to solve Northern Ireland's economic problems	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PUBOWNST</i> Major public services and industries ought to be in state ownership	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>GOVJOB</i> It is the government's responsibility to provide a job for everyone who wants one	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q47 How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following?
 (Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>GOVNOSAY</i> People like me have no say in what the government does	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>GOVCOMP</i> Sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that a person like me cannot really understand what is going on	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>LOSETCH</i> Generally speaking, those we elect lose touch with the people pretty quickly	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PTYNTMT</i> It doesn't really matter which party is in power, in the end things go on much the same	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>VOTEINTR</i> Parties are only interested in people's votes, not in their opinions	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>VOTEONLY</i> Voting is the only way people like me can have any say about how the government runs things	1	2	3	4	5	8

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you very much for taking part in this year's *Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey*. The answers that you gave will help us to build up a picture of what people in Northern Ireland think about a wide range of social issues. When the results are put together they will be used by other people in the universities and within government to help develop social policy in Northern Ireland. Some of the questions that you answered are also being asked in over 30 other countries as part of an international survey and results of these will be used to compare people's opinions across the world. Without your help and the help of all the other people we interviewed this year we would not be able to provide this valuable insight into the opinions of the general public in Northern Ireland today.

Thank you again,

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