

MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name
for reference only

Age last birthday

Infant	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
		Douglas							
DOROTHY MAY	4 ERECT								
65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66				
63	66	35							

QUESTIONNAIRE ON HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES
&
STANDARDS OF LIVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM
1967-68

Ch 8 (but
includes
Disability
chapter?)
✓ PT
July 1972

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ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY
23. * Do you think you could GENUINELY say you are poor now? —

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY
Y all the time } ASK Q.23(a)
0 sometimes }
1 never } SKIP TO Q.24
2 DK }

(a) Do you feel poor at any of these times or in any of these situations?
PROMPT AND CODE ALL THAT APPLY
3 at weekends
4 mid-week
5 at Christmas
6 with some of your friends
7 with some of your relatives
8 with some of the people round here
9 other (SPECIFY)

FOR CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY
24. (a) There's been a lot of talk about poverty. Do you think there's such a thing as REAL poverty these days? *
yes
no
DK

(b) What would you describe as poverty?

WRITE IN ANSWER

Older people having a job to manage

(c) Would you say that if people are in poverty its mainly

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY
X - their own fault?
Y - the Government's fault?
0 - the fault of their education?
1 - the fault of industry not providing the right jobs?
2 - anything else? (SPECIFY)
3 - a combination of (some of) these?
4 - none of those?
5 DK

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER AND HOUSEWIFE ABOUT ALL AGED 23 AND OVER
25. Do you mind telling me if you voted in the last General Election (I don't mean who you voted for, just whether you voted)? *
yes, voted
no
DK
DNA

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY
26. If there is poverty what do you think can be done about it?
nothing
DK

WRITE IN ANSWER

make the devils work harder
Take family allowance away & put it on to the pensioners for the young have it too easy & the old have it hard now.
Wife started early at 22 & her husband started at 12 for 1/6 per wk.

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QUESTION 23 Poor now

Stress genuinely and try to avoid facetiousness at this point. Question 23 (a) explores what the informant understands by feeling "poor". If the word "poor" seems inappropriate use the alternative "very hard up".

QUESTION 24 Poverty

Stress the word "poverty". Do not explain what you think it means if you are asked. Seek from the informant his definition and write it in the box as clearly as you can.

QUESTION 25 Voting

Ask for those old enough to have voted in the last election (March 1965). We are not concerned who they voted for (although they will probably say) but would like to know if they are sufficiently involved to vote at all. Be careful to reassure people that this is confidential and as far as you are concerned non-voting is blameless—many people consider that voting is legally compulsory or morally obligatory and so voting figures are over-estimated. Try to get a clear recollection by fixing the incident (time of day, who they went with) if necessary. Stress National, not local elections.

QUESTION 26 Action on poverty

We are interested in what the informant thinks can be done. Give as full an answer as possible.



Please write in any additional notes.

Douglas

This family consists of mother + father and Mongol son who has 'National Card' of £4 10.0 per week. They have no savings as they say it takes more than £4 10.0 to look after the boy Douglas, who has ^{had} everything they can financially give him. A married son lives next door but they do not receive any help of any kind as they have all their time taken looking after Douglas. There is no friction in the family whatsoever and they are a very happy, contented trio. Their pensions & Douglas's £4 10.0 just get drawn out at the P/O office & spent. If there is an election bill ^{next} Herbert's monthly pension of £14 is used for these large items. They carry about INF £297 - Herbert's £85-16.0 & Douglas's £18 in insurances. But they pay monthly from Herbert's pension. The parents have both worked extremely hard, he as a casual (and worker and the husband as a roadman. He was new late for 32 years and had to cycle 16 miles to work each day starting at 5 AM in the morning. They have both struggled near a train Douglas who is a delightful Mongol. Their motto is food before luxuries and warmth. He is very aware of diet and they eat lots of salads & cold meats in summer and have plenty of vegetables every day for he is anxious to keep Douglas's weight down. They have an extremely delightful garden which was the prize in the village last year. The wife states most plainly that they could not manage financially without the husband's wages. Gouty board pension of £14

NB This interview took longer because of the ³⁹² necessity of gaining Douglas's confidence and doing a bit of friendly listening to what he had to say. They were most helpful & kind.