Contents of ISSP 1999
(modified table 1 taken from the German ISSP 1999 methods report)

1999			Abbreviated version of questions	1992 Study		1987 Study	
Question numbers	**Variables**	**No. of Items**		**Question numbers**	**Variable 1992**	**Question numbers**	**Variable 1987**
Career Advancement by means of Family Background and Networks							
1		2	How important is …	1		1	
a	V4		Coming from a wealthy family	a	V4	a	V4
b	V5		Knowing the right people	g	V10	g	V10
Social Advancement by means of Effort, Intelligence, and Corruption							
2		3	Agree or disagree …				
a	V6		People get rewarded for effort				
b	V7		People get rewarded for intelligence and skills				
c	V8		To get to the top, you have to be corrupt				
Legitimation of Inequality							
3		4	Agree or disagree …	3		4	
a	V9		Inequality benefits the rich and powerful	c	V21	c	V21
b	V10		No one would study unless they earn a lot more money	d	V22	d	V22
c	V11		Differences in income necessary for prosperity	e	V23	e	V23
d	V12		Inequality exists because people don't join together	g	V25	g	V25
Views on Earnings and Incomes							
4	V13	1	Perceived deserved own earnings				
5		10	Perceived earnings of people in different occupations. How much do people earn:	4		5	
a	V14		Skilled factory worker	a	V26	f	V31
b	V15		Doctor in general practice	b	V27	b	V27
c	V16		Chairman (large national corporation)	d	V29	e	V30
d	V17		Solicitor	e	V30		
e	V18		Shop assistant	c	V28		
f	V19		Owner-manager (large factory)	h	V33		
g	V20		Judge (Germany's Federal Constitutional Court)	i	V34		
h	V21		Unskilled factory worker	j	V35	j	V35
i	V22		Cabinet minister (German federal government)	k	V36	k	V36
j	V23		Somebody with your occupation				
6		10	Perceived deserved earnings of people in different occupations. How much should people earn:	5		6	
a	V24		Skilled factory worker	a	V41	f	V42
b	V25		Doctor in general practice	b	V42	b	V38
c	V26		Chairman (large national corporation)	d	V44	e	V41
d	V27		Solicitor	e	V45		
e	V28		Shop assistant	c	V43		
f	V29		Owner-manager (large factory)	h	V48		
g	V30		Judge (Germany's highest court)	i	V49		
h	V31		Unskilled factory worker	j	V50	j	V46
i	V32		Cabinet minister (German federal government)	k	V51	k	V47
j	V33		Somebody with your occupation				
Views on Earnings and Incomes contd.							
14		7	What should determine earnings ...	13			
a	V49		Degree of responsibility	a	V77		
b	V50		Number of years in education	b	V78		
c	V51		Whether job requires supervising others	c	V79		
d	V52		What is needed to support a family	d	V80		
e	V53		Whether person has children	e	V81		
f	V54		How well job is done	f	V82		
g	V55		How hard person works at the job	g	V83		
15	V56	1	Perceived justness of respondent's earnings. Is your pay just.				
Attitudes towards Income Inequality							
7		2	Agree or disagree …	6		7	
a	V34		Differences in income too large	a	V56	a	V48
b	V35		Responsibility of government to reduce differences in income	b	V57	b	V49
8	V36	1	People with high income should pay a larger / same / smaller share of income in taxes than those with low incomes	8	V66	9	V58
9		2	Agree or disagree …				
a	V37		Economic differences between rich and poor countries too large				
b	V38		Wealthy countries should make additional tax contribution to help poor countries				

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Better Opportunities through Income							
10		2	Right or wrong that people with higher incomes can buy better …				
a	V39		Health care				
b	V40		Education for their children				
Social Cleavages and Conflict among Groups							
11		5	How much conflict between …	9		10	
a	V41		Poor and rich people	a	V67	a	V59
b	V42		Working class and middle class	b	V68	b	V60
c	V43		Management and workers	d	V70	d	V62
d	V44		People at top of society and people at bottom				
e	V45		Young people and older people	f	V72	f	V64
Current and Past Social Position							
12		2					
a	V46		Where would you put yourself on social scale (now)	10	V73	11	V65
b	V47		Where were you ten years ago				
13	V48	1	Level or status of your job compared to father's	11	V74	12	V66
Perceptions about and Preferences of Types of Society and Social Position							
			(Questions based on diagrams of society)				
16	V57	1	What type comes closest to Germany's society today	optional	V90		
17	V58	1	What should Germany's society be like	optional	V93		
18	V59	1	Where are you and your family	optional	V94		
19	V60	1	Where does an unskilled worker in a factory fit	optional	V95		
20	V61	1	Where does chairman (large national corporation) fit	optional	V96		

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