

**GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY, 2003**

**Cycle 17 – Survey on Social Engagement in Canada**

**Questionnaire Package**

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LS\_Q130 Please rate your feelings about them, using a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 means “Very dissatisfied” and 10 means “Very satisfied”. What about:

**...the way you spend your other time?**

- 1 Very dissatisfied
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 Very satisfied
- 11 No opinion  
Don't know  
Refusal  
{ *LifeSatis* }

LS\_Q140 Please rate your feelings about them, using a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 means “Very dissatisfied” and 10 means “Very satisfied”. What about:

**...your finances?**

- 1 Very dissatisfied
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 Very satisfied
- 11 No opinion  
Don't know  
Refusal  
{ *LifeSatis* }

## Module: Youth Experiences

YER\_E10    If (Respondent Age = >18) then            *Go to YER\_QINT*  
              Else    *Go to End of module*

YER\_QINT    **Now I have a few questions about your experiences when you were young.**

YER\_Q110    **Did you do any of the following things when you were in grade school or high school?**

**Did you participate in an organized team sport? (such as a baseball league, hockey league, etc.)**

- 1    Yes
- 2    No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- {TYesNoDK }

YER\_Q120    Did you do any of the following things when you were in grade school or high school?

**Did you belong to a youth group? (such as guides, scouts, a 4-H club, a choir)**

- 1    Yes
- 2    No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- {TYesNoDK }

YER\_Q130    **Did you do any of the following things when you were in grade school or high school?**

**Did you do some kind of volunteer work?**

- 1    Yes
- 2    No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- {TYesNoDK }

**YER\_Q150** Did you do any of the following things when you were in grade school or high school?

**Did you go door-to-door to raise money for a cause or organization?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- {TYesNoDK }

**YER\_Q170** Did you do any of the following things when you were in grade school or high school?

**Were you active in student government?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- {TYesNoDK }

**YER\_Q180** Did you do any of the following things when you were in grade school or high school?

**Were you active in a religious organization?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- {TYesNoDK }

**YER\_Q190** Did you do any of the following things when you were in grade school or high school?

**Did one or both of your parents do volunteer work in the community?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- {TYesNoDK }

## Module: Help Given

HICG\_QINT The following questions are about unpaid help you gave to other people in the last month, not counting those you live with. Don't include help you gave as a volunteer for an organization.

HICG\_Q110 In the past month did you help anyone:

INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply

- 11 ...by doing domestic work, home maintenance or outdoor work?
- 12 ...by providing transportation or running errands?
- 13 ...by helping with child care?
- 14 ...by teaching, coaching or giving practical advice?
- 15 ...by giving someone emotional support?
- 16 ...by helping a person in some other way? *Go to HICG\_E111*
- 17 None *Go to End of module*  
Don't know *Go to End of module*  
Refusal *Go to End of module*  
{TWaysHelped}

HICG\_E111 If (HICG\_Q110 = 16 (Other way)) then *Go to HICG\_Q111*  
else *Go to HICG\_Q130*

HICG\_Q111 Other, please specify:

STRING [25]  
Refusal

HICG\_Q120 Did you provide help to anyone on a regular basis?

INTERVIEWER: This question refers to any of the help reported in HICG\_Q110. If the respondent has received help on a regular basis for one type of activity but not for another, select "Yes".

- 1 Yes
- 2 No  
Don't know  
Refusal *Go to End of module*  
{TYesNoDontKnow}

HICG\_Q140 **Who did you help? Were they a:**

INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply

- 11 **...relative?**
- 12 **...friend?**
- 13 **...neighbour?**
- 14 **...another person?**

*Go to HICG\_E141*

Don't know  
Refusal  
{TPersonHelped}

HICG\_E141 If (HICG\_Q140 = 14 (another person)) then *Go to HICG\_Q141*  
else *Go to HICG\_Q150*

HICG\_Q141 **Other, please specify:**

STRING [50]  
Refusal

HICG\_Q150 **Thinking back on all the people to whom you gave unpaid help in the last month, how many would you say live in your neighbourhood? Is it:**

- 1 **...all?**
- 2 **...most?**
- 3 **...about half?**
- 4 **...a few?**
- 5 **...none?**

Don't know  
Refusal  
{TMany}

**End of module** { CareGiving }

## Section 4: Civic Participation

### Module: Volunteering and Charitable Giving

Respondents entering module: **All respondents**

Date for start of Volunteering and Charitable Giving: ...-.-....

Start time of section Volunteering and Charitable Giving: \_\_\_:\_\_\_

VCG\_QINT **The next questions will focus on volunteering and charitable giving.**

VCG\_Q300 **In the past 12 months, did you do unpaid volunteer work for any organization?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No *Go to VCG\_Q340*
- Don't know *Go to VCG\_Q340*
- Refusal *Go to VCG\_Q340*
- { TYesNoDK }

VCG\_Q310 **On average, about how many hours per month did you volunteer?**

- 1 Over 15 hours per month
- 2 5 to 15 hours per month
- 3 1 to 4 hours per month
- 4 Less than 1 hour per month
- Don't know
- Refusal
- { THours }

VCG\_Q340 **In the past 12 months, did you donate money or goods to any organization or charity? Do not include membership fees or dues.**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- { TYesNoDK }

**End of module** { VolunteeringandCharitableGiving }

## Module: Civic Engagement

Respondents entering module: **All respondents**

Date for start of Civic Engagement: ..-.-....

Start time of section Civic Engagement: \_\_. \_\_

CE\_QINT1 **The next questions are about the groups or organizations, networks, or associations to which you belong. These could be formally organized groups or just groups of people who get together regularly to do an activity or talk about things.**

CE\_Q110 **In the past 12 months, were you a member or participant in:**

**A union or professional association?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- {TYesNoDontKnow}

CE\_Q111 **In the past 12 months, were you a member or participant in:**

**A political party or group?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- {TYesNoDontKnow}

CE\_Q112 **In the past 12 months, were you a member or participant in:**

**A sports or recreation organization (such as hockey league, health club, golf club)?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- {TYesNoDontKnow}

CE\_Q113 In the past 12 months, were you a member or participant in:

**A cultural, education or hobby organization (such as theatre group, book club or bridge club)?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- {TYesNoDontKnow}

CE\_Q114 In the past 12 months, were you a member or participant in:

**A religious-affiliated group (such as church youth group, choir)?**

INTERVIEWER: Do not include the respondent's church or religion itself.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- {TYesNoDontKnow}

CE\_Q115 In the past 12 months, were you a member or participant in:

**A school group, neighbourhood, civic or community association (such as PTA, alumni, block parents, neighbourhood watch)?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- {TYesNoDontKnow}

CE\_Q116 In the past 12 months, were you a member or participant in:

**A service club or fraternal organization (such as Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, the Legion)?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- {TYesNoDontKnow}

CE\_Q240 **In the past 12 months, were you a member or participant in any other type of organization that you have not mentioned?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No *Go to Creation of derived data element: CivicOrgPart*
- Don't know *Go to Creation of derived data element: CivicOrgPart*
- Refusal *Go to Creation of derived data element: CivicOrgPart*
- { TYesNoDK }

CE\_Q250 **Which one(s)?**

STRING [75]  
Refusal

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Creation of derived data element:   | <b>CivicOrgPart</b> |
| If CE_Q110 = 1 or CE_Q111 = 1 or CE_Q112 = 1 or CE_Q113 = 1 or CE_Q114 = 1 or CE_Q115 = 1 or CE_Q116 = 1 or CE_Q240 = 1 then CivicOrgPart = Yes |                     |
| If CivicOrgPart = Yes then go to CE_Q260  |                     |
| Else go to CE_Q340  |                     |

CE\_Q260 **Of how many such groups were you a member or participant in the past 12 months?**

1..25  
Don't know  
Refusal

CE\_E270 If (NET\_Q110=1) then *Go to CE\_Q270*  
else *Go to CE\_Q330*

CE\_Q270 **How many of these groups are you active in through the Internet?**

INTERVIEWER: Report number of groups.

INTERVIEWER: Include any involvement through the Internet, whether the respondent conducted part or all of his activities through the Internet.

0..25  
Don't know  
Refusal

CE\_Q330 **Altogether, about how often did you participate in group activities and meetings?  
Was it:**

- 1 **...at least once a week?**
- 2 **...a few times a month?**
- 3 **...once a month?**
- 4 **...once or twice a year?**
- 5 **...not in the past year?**

Don't know  
Refusal  
{TWeek}

CE\_Q340 **Over the past five years, would you say that your involvement in organizations has:**

- 1 **...increased?**
- 2 **...decreased?**
- 3 **...stayed the same?**

Don't know  
Refusal  
{TInvolv}

**End of module** { CivicEngagement }

## Module: Organization most active in

Respondents entering module: **Respondents where  
CivicEngagement.CivicOrgPart = Yes**

Date for start of Organization most active in: ..-.-....

Start time of section Organization most active in: \_\_. \_\_

OMA\_QINT **I'd like to ask you a few questions about the organization you are most active in.**

INTERVIEWER: This applies to an organisation reported in the Civic Engagement module.

OMA\_Q110 **How long have you been involved with this organization?**

INTERVIEWER: Report number of years.

0..50  
Don't know  
Refusal

OMA\_E115 If (OMA\_Q110 < 2 (less than 2 years)) then *Go to OMA\_Q120*  
else *Go to OMA\_Q115*

OMA\_Q115 **Compared with last year, would you say that your involvement with this organization has:**

INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.

- 1 **...increased?**
  - 2 **...decreased?**
  - 3 **...stayed the same?**
- Don't know  
Refusal  
{TInvolv}

**OMA\_Q210** Would you say that your involvement in this organization is primarily **volunteering?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- { TYesNoDK }

**End of module** { OrganizationMostActiveIn }

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**PE\_Q230** In the past 12 months, have you done any of the following activities:

**...volunteered for a political party?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- { TYesNoDK }

**PE\_Q250** In the past 12 months, have you done any of the following activities:

**...expressed your views on an issue by contacting a newspaper or a politician?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- { TYesNoDK }

**PE\_Q260** In the past 12 months, have you done any of the following activities:

**...signed a petition?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- { TYesNoDK }

**PE\_Q270** In the past 12 months, have you done any of the following activities:

**...boycotted a product or chose a product for ethical reasons?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- Refusal
- { TYesNoDK }

DOR\_Q210 **How long have you lived in this dwelling?**

- 1 Less than 6 months
- 2 6 months to less than 1 year
- 3 1 year to less than 3 years
- 4 3 years to less than 5 years
- 5 5 years to less than 10 years
- 6 10 years and over

Don't know  
Refusal

*{TLengthLivedDwelling}*

DOR\_Q222 **Now I would like to ask you a few questions about your more immediate neighbourhood. Would you say that you know:**

INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.

- 1 **...most of the people in your neighbourhood?**
- 2 **...many of the people in your neighbourhood?**
- 3 **...a few of the people in your neighbourhood?**
- 4 **...nobody else in your neighbourhood?**

Don't know  
Refusal

*{TNeighbourhood}*

**DOR\_Q227** **Would you say this neighbourhood is a place where neighbours help each other?**

- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
- Don't know  
Refusal

*{TYesNoDon'tknow}*

DOR\_Q228 **In the past month, have you done a **favour for a neighbour?****  
(Examples of favours are: picking up the mail, watering plants, shovelling, lending tools or garden equipment, carrying things upstairs, feeding pets when neighbours go on holiday, and shopping)

- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 3 Just moved into the area
- Don't know  
Refusal

*{TYesNoJust}*