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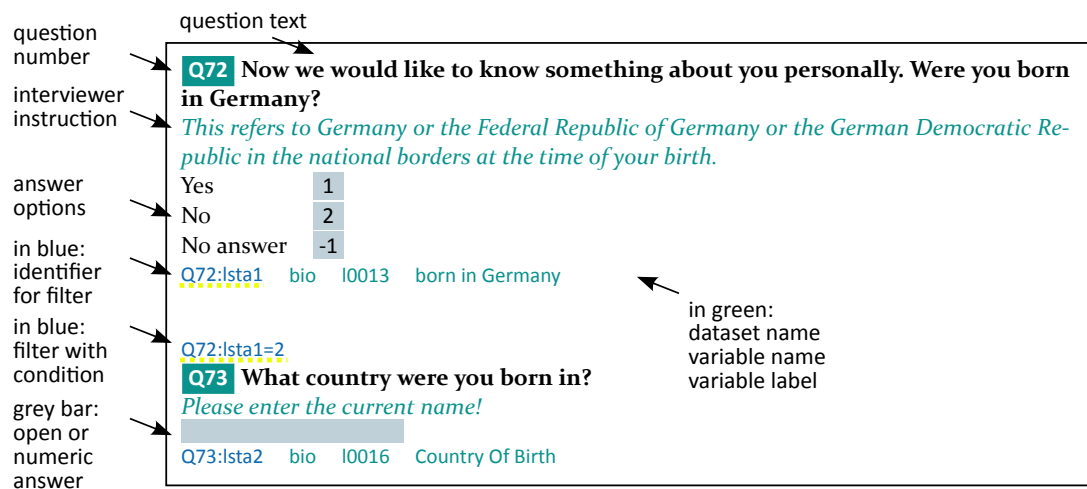
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The variable names mentioned in this document belong to a collection of datasets, which is released with doi:10.5684/soep.core.v41o.

Reading Aid

This representation of the questionnaire contains the same information as the portal `paneldata.org`.



Here, in addition to the *question number*, *question text*, *interviewer instructions*, and *answer options*, you find printed in green the *file name* and the *variable name* with the *variable label*, which contains information from the question. If you see rows of green lines below the answer option, the questionnaire defines several variables or information is stored in more than one dataset.

The *routing by filters* is depicted in blue.

Each variable is preceded by an identifier, which usually contains the question number and which is used when the variable is used in filters in subsequent questions. Such filters are usually placed as input filters (gatekeepers) at the beginning of a question. An identifier that is referred to in the input filter of a subsequent question is marked yellow as an example.

This reading aid does not cover a few exceptional cases: If the filter (as gatekeeper) only affects one of several variables for a question, the filter is printed in blue behind the variable. There you will also find a "go to" command in the form 2 @ Q73. Here, the questionnaire skips to question 73 if answer 2 was given.

Phrases that are not already translated in English are displayed in German and preceded by [de].

1_1 Dear participant,

We have invited you to take part in this survey in order to find out more about the living situation of people in Germany. Your support for this project is very important in order to find out how the citizens of this country are doing.

In this first short survey, we first have a few questions about yourself. We also ask you to indicate when we can best reach you. It will take about 5 minutes to answer.

An infas employee will then contact you to arrange an appointment for the second part of the survey. In the personal interview, we would like to find out more about you and your household. To do this, we would like to interview you and other people in your household. This gives you the opportunity to tell us your personal story and tell us what you think about various topics.

[teilstp=49] All adult household members who took part in the survey will receive a further 10 euros in cash by post as a small thank you. All adolescent participants in the survey will receive 5 euros in cash by post. [teilstp=50] All adult household members who took part in the survey will receive a further 40 euros in cash by post as a small thank you. All adolescent participants in the survey will receive 5 euros in cash by post. [teilstp=51] All adult household members who took part in the survey will receive a further 10 euros in cash by post as a small thank you.

Participation is of course voluntary and can be cancelled at any time. Each household member can decide for themselves whether they wish to take part in the personal survey. All information will be treated in strict confidence. You will find more detailed information in the data protection declaration enclosed with the cover letter.

By answering the questionnaire, you agree to participate in the study.

Further information: If you have any questions about completing the questionnaire or taking part in the study, you are welcome to contact infas during normal office hours on the freephone number 0800/66 77 876.

If you have any questions, please also use our e-mail address LiD@infas.de and we will reply to you immediately.

1 Which of the following areas are for your well-being and satisfaction very important, important, not very important, totally unimportant? How important is for your well-being and satisfaction ...

	Very important	Important	Not that important	Not important at all	Can't / don't want to answer
... Work?	1	2	3	4	-1
... Family?	1	2	3	4	-1
... Friends?	1	2	3	4	-1
... Income?	1	2	3	4	-1
... Home?	1	2	3	4	-1
... The influence on political decisions?	1	2	3	4	-1
... Career success?	1	2	3	4	-1
... Free-time?	1	2	3	4	-1
... Health?	1	2	3	4	-1
... Protection of the natural environment?	1	2	3	4	-1
... Faith, religion?	1	2	3	4	-1
... Residential area?	1	2	3	4	-1
... Mobility to get everywhere quickly?	1	2	3	4	-1

1:plh0091_v2	borecruit	bor_01_01	[de] Arbeit für Zufriedenheit
1:plh0092_v2	borecruit	bor_01_02	[de] Familie für Zufriedenheit
1:plh0093_v2	borecruit	bor_01_03	[de] Freundeskreis für Zufriedenheit
1:plh0094_v2	borecruit	bor_01_04	[de] Einkommen für Zufriedenheit
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1:plh0096_v2	borecruit	bor_01_06	[de] Politischer Einfluss für Zufriedenheit
1:plh0097_v2	borecruit	bor_01_07	[de] Erfolg im Beruf für Zufriedenheit
1:plh0098_v2	borecruit	bor_01_08	[de] Freizeit für Zufriedenheit
1:plh0099_v2	borecruit	bor_01_09	[de] Gesundheit für Zufriedenheit
1:plh0100_v2	borecruit	bor_01_10	[de] Umweltschutz für Zufriedenheit
1:plh0101	borecruit	bor_01_11	[de] Religion für Zufriedenheit
1:plh0102	borecruit	bor_01_12	[de] Wohngegend für Zufriedenheit
1:plh0103	borecruit	bor_01_13	[de] Mobilität für Zufriedenheit

2 Would you describe yourself as an impatient or a patient person in general?

Please answer on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means “not at all impulsive” and 10 means “very impulsive”.

0 Not at all impulsive	0
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10 Very impulsive	10
Can't / don't want to answer	-1

2:plh0254 borecruit bor_02 [de] Persönliche Impulsivität

3 People have different ideas about what makes a society just.

Please answer on a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 means “Do not agree at all” and 7 means “Completely agree”.

	Do not agree at all	1	2	3	4	5	6	Completely agree	7	Can't / don't want to answer
A society is just when people who work hard earn more than others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-1		
A society is just when people from respected families have advantages in life	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-1		
A society is just when it takes care of the weak and needy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-1		
A society is just when the income and wealth in society are equally distributed among all people	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-1		
3:plh0396i01	borecruit	bor_03_01	[de] Gerecht: Einkommen / Vermögen gleich verteilt							
3:plh0396i02	borecruit	bor_03_02	[de] Gerecht: Vorteile wohlhabender Familien							
3:plh0396i03	borecruit	bor_03_03	[de] Eine Gesellschaft ist gerecht, wenn sie sich um die Schwachen und Hilfsbedürftigen kümmert.							
3:plh0396i04	borecruit	bor_03_04	[de] Gerecht: Gleichverteilung von Einkommen und Vermögen							

4 Imagine that you are unexpectedly given 10,000 euros. How would you use this money? How much would you save how much to give and how much to spend? You can split the amount or use it for one purpose only Amount still to be distributed: [...] €

Save: [...]euros

4:plh0134 borecruit bor_04 [de] 10.000EUR geschenkt, Anteil sparen

Can't / don't want to answer

Donate: [...] euros

4:plh0135 borecruit bor_04_02 [de] 10.000EUR geschenkt, Anteil verschenken

Can't / don't want to answer

Expend: [...] euros

4:plh0136 borecruit bor_04_03 [de] 10.000EUR geschenkt, Anteil ausgeben

Can't / don't want to answer

5 What school-leaving certificate did you obtain?

Left school without a school-leaving certificate	1
Lower secondary school-leaving certificate (Hauptschulabschluss)	2
Intermediate secondary school-leaving certificate (Realschulabschluss / Mittlere Reife)	3
Specialized upper secondary school-leaving certificate (Fachhochschulreife)	4
Upper secondary school-leaving certificate (Abitur)	5
Other school-leaving certificate	6
Can't / don't want to answer	-1

5:lb0191 borecruit bor_05 [de] Schulabschluss

Mantel_2 Now we have a few more questions about your household and how we can best reach you.

How many adults (people born before 2007) currently live with you in the same household, including yourself?

People born before 2007: 0:20

Mantel_2:hhgroe borecruit bor_Mantel [de] HaushaltsgroÙe

Mantel_1 Link to OAT**Mantel_3 On which days are you best available?**

Monday to friday	1
Weekend only	2
All days	3
I can not say now	9

Mantel_4 And what is the best time to reach you?

Best in the morning	1
Best in the afternoon	2
Best in the evening	3
All day	4
I can not say now	9

Mantel_6 Thank you very much for your assistance.

An interviewer will contact you soon. We look forward to your participation!