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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.v35.

Reading Aid

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

The diagram illustrates the structure of a questionnaire question and its answer options. It shows the following elements:

- question number:** Q72
- question text:** Now we would like to know something about you personally. Were you born in Germany?
- interviewer instruction:** This refers to Germany or the Federal Republic of Germany or the German Democratic Republic in the national borders at the time of your birth.
- answer options:** Yes (1), No (2), No answer (-1)
- in blue: identifier for filter:** Q72:lsta1 bio I0013 born in Germany
- in blue: filter with condition:** Q72:lsta1=2
- grey bar: open or numeric answer:** Q73:lsta2 bio I0016 Country Of Birth

Legend:

- in green: dataset name, variable name, variable label

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 informations are stored in more than one data set.

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].

0_0 Living in Germany: Now it's your turn.

0_1 Unless otherwise stated, the following questions relate to „Living in Germany“, including the partial studies „Families in Germany“ and the innovative study.

1 There are different reasons to work as an interviewer. How important are the following statements for you?

Please answer on a scale from 0 to 7, where 0 means not important at all and 7 means very important.

	not important at all	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 very important
Earning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Interesting job	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Flexible schedule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Opportunity to be together with people	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Get an insight into other life circumstances	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Benefit for politics and economy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Contribute in scientific research	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

- 1:igr01 interviewer igru01 Motivation of interviewer: Earnings
- 1:igr02 interviewer igru02 Motivation of interviewer: Interesting work
- 1:igr03 interviewer igru03 Motivation of interviewer: Freedom to set working hours
- 1:igr04 interviewer igru04 Motivation of interviewer: Opportunity to interact with people
- 1:igr05 interviewer igru05 Motivation of interviewer: Insights into other peoples social circumstances
- 1:igr06 interviewer igru06 Motiv. of interv.: Contrib. to a public good for the govt. and the econ.
- 1:igr07 interviewer igru07 Motivation of interviewer: Involvement in scientific research

2 And to what extent are or have these expectations been fulfilled, especially by LIVING IN GERMANY?

Please answer using the following scale. The value 1 means: not fulfilled at all. The value 7 means: completely fulfilled. With the values between 1 and 7 you can gradate your opinion.

	not fulfilled at all 1	2	3	4	5	6	absolutely fulfilled 7
Earnings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Interesting activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Free allocation of working hours	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Opportunity to get around people	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Insights into other social life circumstances	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Benefits for politics and business	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Participation in scientific research	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

2:ierf08	interviewer	ierf08	Expectance of interviewe achieved at the SOEP: Earnings
2:ierf09	interviewer	ierf09	Expectance of interviewe achieved at the SOEP: Interesting work
2:ierf10	interviewer	ierf10	Expectance of interviewe achieved at the SOEP: Freedom to set working hours
2:ierf11	interviewer	ierf11	Expect. of interv. achieved at SOEP: Opportunity to interact with people
2:ierf12	interviewer	ierf12	Expect. of interv. achieved at SOEP: Insights into o. peoples social circ.
2:ierf13	interviewer	ierf13	Expect. of interv. achieved at SOEP: Contrib. to a pub. good for govt. + econ.
2:ierf14	interviewer	ierf14	Expect. of interv. achieved at SOEP: Involvement in scientific research

3 The survey LIVING IN GERMANY involves people from very different social backgrounds. What is your experience: How willingly or unwillingly do the following people participate in LIVING IN GERMANY?

Please answer with the following scale, where "1" means very unwilling and "7" very willing.

	absolutely unwilling	1	2	3	4	5	6	very willing 7
men		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
women		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Older respondents		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Middle-aged respondents		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Younger respondents		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Respondents with foreign origin and good German language skills		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Survey participants with foreign origin and poor German language skills		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Unemployed respondents		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Persons with simple education		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Persons with higher education		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Persons from lower income groups		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Persons from upper income groups		1	2	3	4	5	6	7

3:itebe01	interviewer	itebe01	Interviewers Assessment of willingness to participate: Men
3:itebe02	interviewer	itebe02	Interviewers Assessment of willingness to participate: Women
3:itebe03	interviewer	itebe03	
3:itebe04	interviewer	itebe04	Interviewers Assessment of willingness to participate: Middle-aged interviewees
3:itebe05	interviewer	itebe05	Interviewers Assessment of willingness to participate: Younger interviewees
3:itebe14	interviewer	itebe12	Interviewers Assess. of willingn. to part.: Migrants with strong German skills
3:itebe13	interviewer	itebe13	Interviewers Assess. of willingn. to part.: Migrants with weak German skills
3:itebe07	interviewer	itebe07	Interviewers Assessment of willingness to participate: Unemployed interviewees
3:itebe08	interviewer	itebe08	Interviewers Assess. of willingn. to part.: Persons with a low level of educ.
3:itebe09	interviewer	itebe09	Interviewers Assess. of willingn. to part.: Persons with a higher level of educ.
3:itebe10	interviewer	itebe10	Interviewers Assess. of willingn. to part.: Persons from lower income classes
3:itebe11	interviewer	itebe11	Interviewers Assess. of willingn. to part.: Persons from higher income classes

4 When you think of last year, did you participate in a Living in Germany training course in 2015?

Yes, contact interview training by the Institute (21.01.2015 in Leipzig)	1
Yes, I was trained by the contact interviewer before the processing.	2
No	3

4:ibschul1 interviewer ibschul Participation training interviewer

5 And how do you rate the event in terms of:

	very bad 1	2	3	4	5	6	very good 7
The opportunity to exchange ideas with fellow interviewers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The opportunity to exchange information with those responsible for studies at TNS Infratest	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

5:ibseval01 interviewer ibseval1

5:ibseval02 interviewer ibseval2

6 How useful was this training for working on LIVING IN GERMANY in 2015?

Please answer using the following scale. The value 1 means: not useful at all. The value 7 means: very useful.

not useful at all 1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
very useful 7	7

6:ibschul2 interviewer ibschul2

0_2 Only for CAPI interviewers: Electronic address log in "My Infratest".

In the following it is about the electronic address protocol in "My Infratest". meaning - the contact capture, - the failure capture, - the household composition

7 How well do you cope with the electronic address protocol in "My Infratest"?

Please answer using the following scale. The value 1 means: not good at all. The value 7 means: very good.

not good at all 1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
very good 7	7

8 What is missing from the electronic address protocol in "My Infratest" or what would make processing easier for you?

0_3 CAPI interviewers only: Supplementary sheet "Supportive household information"

9 Do you use the supplementary sheets with supporting household information when processing your households?

Yes

No

[no] because:

10 How useful are the supplementary pages with supporting household information for interviews?

Please answer using the following scale. The value 1 means: not useful at all. The value 7 means: very useful.

not useful at all

2

3

4

5

6

very useful 7

11 We know that many of you would like to have the complete address printed on the supporting household information. Unfortunately, we cannot comply with this request for data protection reasons. What else can we improve in the future?

0_4 Again to all: Interviewer manual

12 Are you familiarizing yourself with the interviewer's manual in preparation for our study?

Yes

No

[no] because:

13 Do you read the entire interviewer’s manual or individual chapters?

- The whole interviewer manual 1
- Individual chapters 2

14 How important are the following chapters to you?

Please answer using the following scale. The value 1 means: very important. The value 7 means: unimportant. With the values between 1 and 7 you can gradate your opinion.

	very important						unim- portant
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chapter 2: Overview	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
Chapter 3: PAPI - Field documents	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
Chapter 4: CAPI - Field documentation	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
Chapter 5: The Questionnaires - An Overview	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
Glossary of technical terms	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7

15 How useful is the Interviewer’s Guide to editing for you?

Please answer using the following scale. The value 1 means: not useful at all. The value 7 means: very useful.

- not useful at all 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- very useful 7

16 What additional information would you like to see in the manual?

0_5 Interviewer’s Guide

17 Do you familiarise yourself with the current interviewer’s manual in preparation for our study?

- Yes 1
- No 2

[no] because:

18 How useful is the interviewer's guide for you overall?

not useful at all	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
very useful	7

19 What additional information would you like to have in the interview guide?
0_6 Translation aids**20** Do you also interview people with language problems at LIVING IN GERMANY?

Yes	1
No	2

21 How often do you use translation aids?

Never	1
Rare	2
Frequently	3

22 How do you cope with the translation aids?

Please answer using the following scale. Value 1 means: not good at all. The value 7 means: very good.

not good at all	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
very good	7

23 How do the target persons cope with the translation aids?

Please answer using the following scale. The value 1 means: not good at all. The value 7 means: very good.

not good at all	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
very good	7

24 What can we improve with the translation aids?

25 How do you deal with language problems?

26 What kind of personality are you?

The following are different characteristics that a person can have. Probably some characteristics will apply to you personally completely and others not at all. With others again, you may be undecided.

Please answer using the following scale. The value 1 means: does not apply at all. A value of 7 means: applies absolutely. With the values between 1 and 7 you can gradate your opinion.

	Does not apply at all 1	2	3	4	5	6	Applies completely 7
works thoroughly	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
communicative, talkative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
is sometimes a little rough with others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
is original, brings in new ideas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
is often worried	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
can forgive	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
is rather lazy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
can come out of himself, is sociable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
appreciates artistic, aesthetic experiences	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
get a little nervous	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
complete tasks effectively and efficiently	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
is reticent	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
treat others with respect and kindness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
a vivid imagination, has ideas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
is relaxed, can cope well with stress	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
is decisive	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
empathize with others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
is the most widely accepted	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
is understanding for the concerns of others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
less conspicuous	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
is rather cold and unfeeling	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- 26:iego01 interviewer iego01 Works diligently (interviewer)
- 26:iego02 interviewer iego02 Communicative, conversational (interviewer)
- 26:iego03 interviewer iego03 Sometimes too tough on others (interviewer)
- 26:iego04 interviewer iego04 Original, brings in new ideas (interviewer)

26:iego05	interviewer	iego05	Often worries (interviewer)
26:iego06	interviewer	iego06	Can forgive (interviewer)
26:iego07	interviewer	iego07	Tends to be lazy (interviewer)
26:iego08	interviewer	iego08	Can be outgoing, is sociable (interviewer)
26:iego09	interviewer	iego09	Appreciates artistic, aesthetic experiences (interviewer)
26:iego10	interviewer	iego10	Quickly gets nervous (interviewer)
26:iego11	interviewer	iego11	Handles tasks effectively and efficiently (interviewer)
26:iego12	interviewer	iego12	Is hesitant (interviewer)
26:iego13	interviewer	iego13	Treats others considerately and in a friendly manner (interviewer)
26:iego14	interviewer	iego14	Has a lively imagination, ideas (interviewer)
26:iego15	interviewer	iego15	Is relaxed, can handle stress well (interviewer)
26:iego17	interviewer	iego17	Determining (interviewer)
26:iego18	interviewer	iego18	Feeling with others (interviewer)
26:iego19	interviewer	iego19	Mostly achieving (interviewer)
26:iego20	interviewer	iego20	Sympathetic for troubles of others (interviewer)
26:iego21	interviewer	iego21	Less attracting attention (interviewer)
26:iego22	interviewer	iego22	More cold and without feelings (interviewer)

0_7 Attitudes and opinions

27 Generally speaking, how interested are you in politics?

Very interested	1
Moderately interested	2
Not so interested	3
Completely disinterested	4

27:ipol1 interviewer ipol1 Interest in politics (interviewer)

28 Many people in Germany sympathise with one party in the long term, even if they occasionally vote for another party or are not eligible to vote. Do you sympathise with a particular party?

Yes	1
No	2

28:ipol2 interviewer ipol2 Addiction to one party (interviewer)

29 Which party do you tend to?

SPD	1
CDU	2
CSU	3
FPD	4
Alliance '90 / The Greens	5
The Left	6
Pirate Party	7
DVU / Republican / NPD	8
Other	9

29:ipol3 interviewer ipol3 Favored party (interviewer)

[Others] and that is:

30 And how strongly do you tend towards this party?

An extreme amount	1
quiet strong	2
moderate	3
quiet weak	4
very weak	5

30:ipol4 interviewer ipol4 Strength of favor (interviewer)

31 What about the following areas - are you worried?

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not concerned at all
The general economic development?	1	2	3
Your own economic situation?	1	2	3
Your own pension plan	1	2	3
Your health?	1	2	3
Protection of the environment?	1	2	3
The consequences of climate change	1	2	3
Preservation of peace?	1	2	3
On the development of crime in Germany?	1	2	3
The social cohesion of society	1	2	3
About immigration to Germany?	1	2	3
About xenophobia and xenophobia in Germany?	1	2	3
Only if you are gainfully employed: The security of your job?	1	2	3

- 31:isor01 interviewer isor01 Interviewers worry: Economic development
- 31:isor02 interviewer isor02 Interviewers worry: Own economic development
- 31:isor21 interviewer isor21 Interviewers worry: Personal retirement provisions
- 31:isor03 interviewer isor03 Interviewers worry: Health
- 31:isor04 interviewer isor04 Interviewers worry: Ecology
- 31:isor12 interviewer isor12 Interviewers worry: Climate change
- 31:isor05 interviewer isor05 Interviewers worry: Peace
- 31:isor06 interviewer isor06 Interviewers worry: Crime
- 31:isor22 interviewer isor22 Interviewers worry: Solidarity within the Society
- 31:isor08 interviewer isor08 Interviewers worry: Immigration
- 31:isor09 interviewer isor09 Interviewers worry: Xenophobia
- 31:isor10 interviewer isor10 Interviewers worry: Employment

Or what else worries you?

32 How would you describe your health at present?

Very good	1
Good	2
Satisfactory	3
Poor	4
Bad	5

32:iges interviewer iges Interviewers Health Status

33 How satisfied are you with your life, all things considered?

Please answer using the following scale, where "0" means completely dissatisfied, "10" completely satisfied.

Completely dissatisfied 0	0
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
Completely satisfied 10	10

33:izule interviewer izule Interviewers Life satisfaction

0_8 Wishes - suggestions - criticism**34** Do you have any comments?
A What is the date today?**B** Day
C Month

0_9 Thank you for your cooperation!