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WALES LIFE AND TIMES STUDY

SELF-COMPLETION QUESTIONNAIRE

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To the selected respondent:

Thank you very much for agreeing to take part in this important study. It consists of this short self-completion questionnaire, and the interview you have already completed.

Completing the questionnaire:

The questions inside cover a wide range of subjects, but most can be answered simply by placing a tick (✓) in one or more of the boxes. No special knowledge is required: we are confident that everyone will be able to take part, not just those with strong views or particular viewpoints. The questionnaire should not take very long to complete, and we hope you will find it interesting and enjoyable. **Only you should fill it in, and not anyone else at your address.** The answers you give will be treated as confidential and anonymous.

Returning the questionnaire:

Your interviewer will arrange with you the most convenient way of returning the questionnaire. If the interviewer has arranged to call back for it, please fill it in and keep it safely until then. If not, please complete it and post it back in the pre-paid, addressed envelope, AS SOON AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP.

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1. Please tick one box for each statement below to show how much you agree or disagree with it.

<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	
a.	Ordinary working people get their fair share of the nation's wealth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2035
b.	There is one law for the rich and one for the poor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2036
c.	There is no need for strong trade unions to protect employees' working conditions and wages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2037
d.	Private enterprise is the best way to solve Britain's economic problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2038
e.	Major public services and industries ought to be in state ownership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2039
f.	It is the government's responsibility to provide a job for everyone who wants one	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2040
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	

2. Now some questions about New Labour at Westminster and the Labour Party here in Wales. Some people say that all political parties look after certain groups and are not so concerned about others.

Firstly, how closely do you think **New Labour at Westminster** looks after the interests of...

<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>		Very closely	Fairly closely	Not very closely	Not at all closely	
a.	... working class people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2041
b.	... English people who live in Wales ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2042
c.	... Welsh people in general ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2043
d.	... people who speak the Welsh language ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2044
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	

3. And how closely do you think the **Labour Party in Wales** looks after the interests of...

<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>		Very closely	Fairly closely	Not very closely	Not at all closely	
a.	... working class people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2045
b.	... English people who live in Wales ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2046
c.	... Welsh people in general ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2047
d.	... people who speak the Welsh language ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2048
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	

4. And thinking now of **Plaid Cymru**, how closely do you think they look after the interests of...

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ON EACH LINE

	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not very closely	Not at all closely	
a. ... working class people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2049
b. ... English people who live in Wales ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2050
c. ... Welsh people in general ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2051
d. ... people who speak the Welsh language ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2052
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	

5. And thinking now of the **Conservative Party in Wales**, how closely do you think they look after the interests of...

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ON EACH LINE

	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not very closely	Not at all closely	
a. ... working class people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2053
b. ... English people who live in Wales ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2054
c. ... Welsh people in general ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2055
d. ... people who speak the Welsh language ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2056
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	

6. And thinking now of the **Liberal Democrats in Wales**, how closely do you think they look after the interests of...

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ON EACH LINE

	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not very closely	Not at all closely	
a. ... working class people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2057
b. ... English people who live in Wales ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2058
c. ... Welsh people in general ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2059
d. ... people who speak the Welsh language ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2060
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	

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7. Which of these statements comes closest to your view about elections?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

In an election ...

- (✓)
- It's not really worth voting (1)
- People should vote only if they care who wins (2)
- It's everyone's duty to vote (3)

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SPARE 2108-10

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8a. How much do you agree or disagree that the UK should introduce proportional representation so that the number of MPs each party gets in the House of Commons matches more closely the number of votes each party gets?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

(✓)

Strongly agree (1)

Agree (2)

Neither agree nor disagree (3)

Disagree (4)

Strongly disagree (5)

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b. And how much do you agree or disagree that the Welsh National Assembly should be elected using proportional representation?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

(✓)

Strongly agree (1)

Agree (2)

Neither agree nor disagree (3)

Disagree (4)

Strongly disagree (5)

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c. And how much do you agree or disagree that local councils in Wales should be elected using proportional representation?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

(✓)

Strongly agree (1)

Agree (2)

Neither agree nor disagree (3)

Disagree (4)

Strongly disagree (5)

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9. In the election to the Welsh National Assembly on May 1st there were two ballot papers. The first, which was mauve or peach, was for an individual Member of the Welsh Assembly - or AM - for your constituency. The second, which was white, was for a party list for your region.

Some people say that filling in the ballot papers is very difficult. Others say that it is not at all difficult. How difficult do you think it is filling in the ballot papers for the election to the Welsh National Assembly?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

(✓)

- Very difficult (1)
- Fairly difficult (2)
- Not very difficult (3)
- Not at all difficult (4)
- Can't choose (8)

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10. Some people say that it is difficult to understand how the number of seats a party wins is worked out under the voting system used in the elections to the Welsh National Assembly. Others say that it is not at all difficult. How difficult do you think it is understanding how the seats are worked out?

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY

(✓)

- Very difficult (1)
- Fairly difficult (2)
- Not very difficult (3)
- Not at all difficult (4)
- Can't choose (8)

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11. Now some statements about the Welsh National Assembly. Please tick the box that comes closest to your opinion of how true each one is. If you can't choose, just tick that box.

PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ON EACH LINE

	Definitely true	Probably true	Probably <u>not</u> true	Definitely <u>not</u> true	Can't choose/ Don't know	
a. The Welsh National Assembly cannot change the basic rate of income tax in Wales.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2117
b. The UK government, not the Welsh National Assembly, makes all decisions about defence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2118
c. The Welsh National Assembly can decide how much of its budget is spent on schools in Wales.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2119
d. Before Rhodri Morgan became First Minister, the job was held by Ron Davies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2120
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(8)	

12. And now some statements about the way of voting used in elections to the Welsh National Assembly. Again, please tick the box that comes closest to your opinion of how true each one is. If you can't choose, just tick that box.

*PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ON EACH LINE*

		Definitely true	Probably true	Probably <u>not</u> true	Definitely <u>not</u> true	Can't choose/ Don't know	
a.	You are allowed to vote for the same party on the first and second vote.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2121
b.	People are given two votes so they can show their first and second preference.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2122
c.	The number of seats won by each party is decided by the number of first votes they get.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2123
d.	Unless a party wins at least 5% of the second vote it is unlikely to win any regional party list seats.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2124
e.	Regional party list seats are allocated to try to make sure each party has as fair a share of the seats as possible.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2125
f.	No candidate who stands in a constituency contest can be elected as a regional party list member.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2126
g.	The Liberal Democrats were part of the government in Wales between 2001 and 2003.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2127
h.	Regional list AMs are not responsible for taking up people's problems in their area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2128
i.	The number of members of the Welsh National Assembly is about 60.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2129
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(8)	

13. Please tick one box for each statement below about the elections to the Welsh National Assembly.

*PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ON EACH LINE*

		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose	
a.	I would prefer to have been able to vote for individual candidates on the regional vote rather than for a party list.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2130
b.	The voting system used in elections to the Welsh National Assembly is much fairer than the one usually used at elections.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2131
c.	The voting system used in elections to the Welsh National Assembly will lead to unstable government.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2132
d.	All parties should have told us before polling day who they would prefer to work with in a coalition government.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2133
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)	

14a. Which of these statements comes closest to your views?

*PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY*

(✓)

It is more important that elections should produce a clear winner so that it is voters who decide who forms the government (1)

OR

It is more important that elections should produce a fair result, even if this it means it is not clear who should form the government (2)

Can't choose (8)

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b. And which of these statements comes closest to your views?

*PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ONLY*

(✓)

It is better to have just one party in government so that it is very clear who should be blamed if things go wrong (1)

OR

It is better to have two or more parties in the government so that more people's views are represented (2)

Can't choose (8)

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15. Please tick one box for each statement below to show how much you agree or disagree with it.

*PLEASE TICK **ONE** BOX ON EACH LINE*

Agree strongly **Agree** **Neither agree nor disagree** **Disagree** **Disagree strongly** **Can't choose**

a.	The voting system used in elections to the Welsh National Assembly gives too much power to small parties.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2136
b.	The voting system used in elections to the Welsh National Assembly should be used in future to elect MPs to the UK House of Commons.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2137
c.	Parties, not voters, should decide which of the candidates on their regional list get the seats the party has won.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2138
d.	There is more point voting under the system used in elections to the Welsh National Assembly because every vote counts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2139
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)	

16.	Please tick <u>one</u> box for <u>each</u> statement below to show how much you agree or disagree with it.							
	<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose	
a.	AMs elected through the regional party list are too much under the control of their party.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2140
b.	The voting system used in elections to the Welsh National Assembly should be used in local council elections in Wales too.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2141
c.	Parties should put forward similar numbers of men and women as candidates for the Welsh National Assembly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2142
d.	Candidates for the Welsh National Assembly should live in the area they want to represent.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2143
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)	

17.	<p>People have different views about how their area should best be represented in an assembly or parliament. Which of these statements comes closest to your views?</p> <p><i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(✓)</p> <p>I would rather have <u>one</u> member of the assembly for the area I live in <input type="checkbox"/> (1)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>I would rather have <u>several</u> members of the assembly, possibly from different parties, but covering a larger area <input type="checkbox"/> (2)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Can't choose <input type="checkbox"/> (8)</p>							2144
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18.	Please tick <u>one</u> box for <u>each</u> statement below to show how much you agree or disagree with it.							
	<i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE</i>	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose	
a.	Governments should only be made up of parties that win at least half the votes in an election.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2145
b.	Having a government made up of two parties rather than one is better as it means that more people are represented.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2146
c.	There is more point voting for a small party on the second vote than there is on the first vote.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2147
d.	It was obvious who was going to win the election long before election day.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2148
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)	

19a. To help us plan better in future, please tell us about how long it took you to complete this questionnaire.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Less than 5 minutes (1)

Between 5 and 10 minutes (2)

Between 11 and 20 minutes (3)

Between 21 and 30 minutes (4)

Over 30 minutes (5)

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b. Please write in the date on which you filled in the questionnaire:

PLEASE WRITE IN:

DAY: MONTH: 2003

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20. And lastly just a few details about yourself.

a. Are you

(✓)

Male (1)

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Female (2)

b. What was your age last birthday?

PLEASE WRITE IN:

YEARS

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