

# DIVISION OF LABOR: 1955 AND 1971

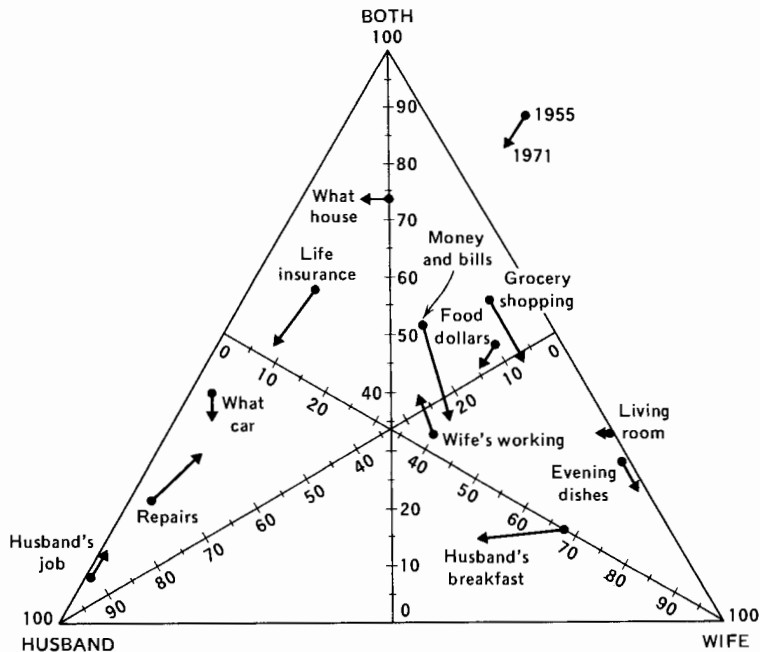


Figure 1. Division of Labor between Spouses: 1955 and 1971

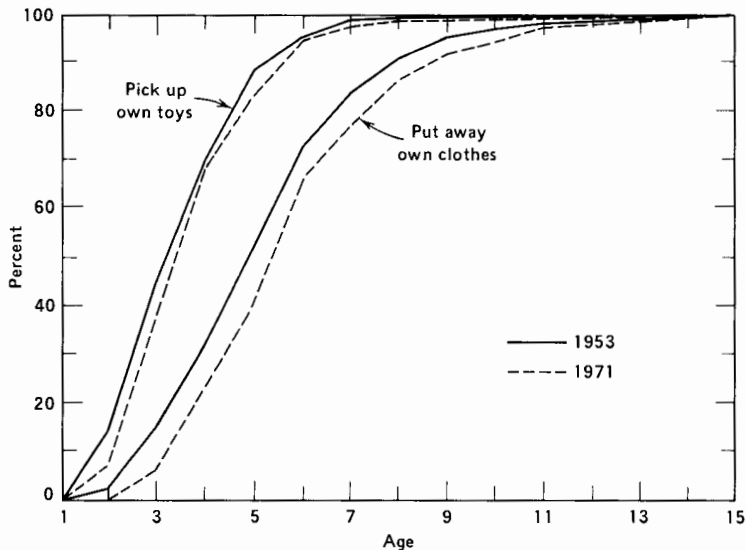


Figure 2. Percent of Mothers Who Would Require Child to Pick Up His/Her Own Toys and Percent Who Would Require Child to Put Away His/Her Own Clothes by a Given Age or Younger. (Unweighted average of cumulative distributions for male and female children.)

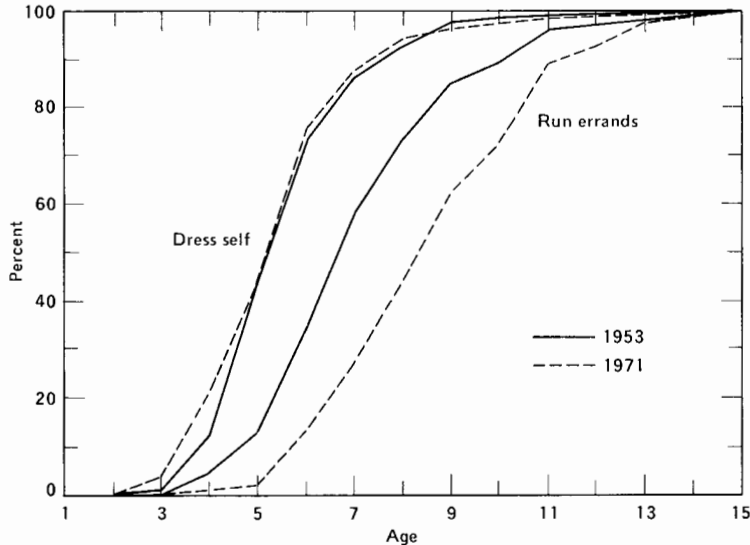


Figure 3. Percent of Mothers Who Would Require Child to Dress Himself/Herself Completely, and Percent Who Would Require Him/Her to Run Errands to Nearby Store by a Given Age or Younger. (Unweighted average of cumulative distributions for male and female children.)

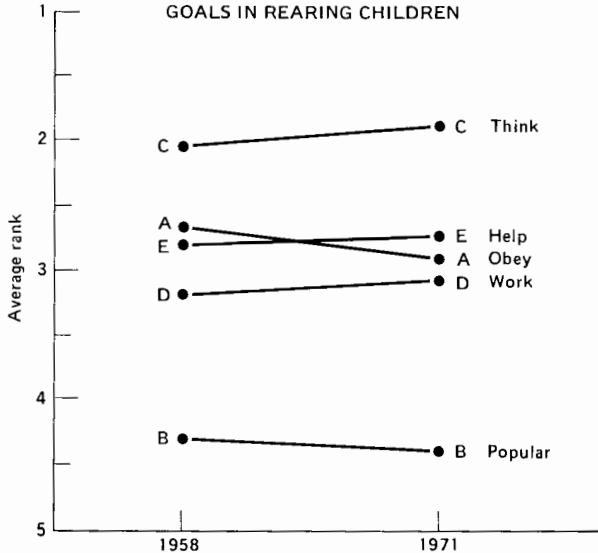


Figure 4. Average Ranks of Five Goals in Rearing Children

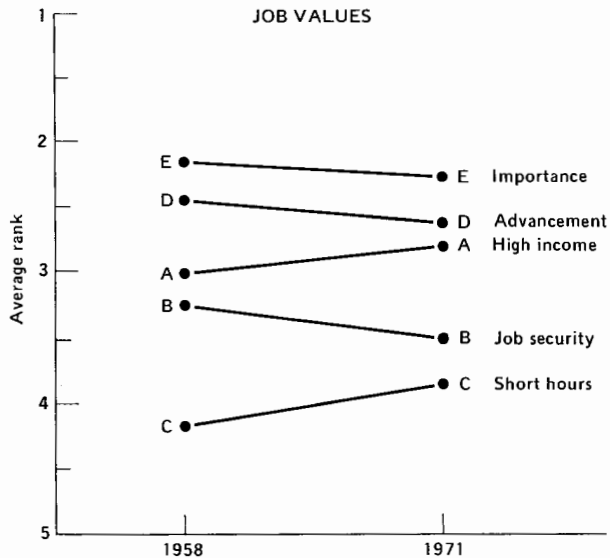


Figure 5. Average Ranks of Five Values in a Job

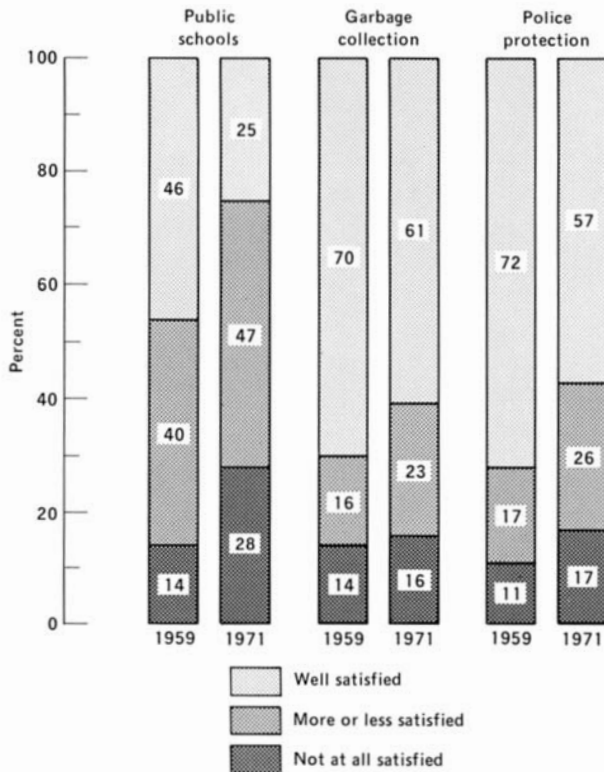


Figure 6. Evaluation of Government Services (Percent Distribution).

In general, would you say that you are well satisfied, more or less satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the job the public schools here are doing? . . . with the city garbage collection here? . . . with the protection provided for your neighborhood by the police?

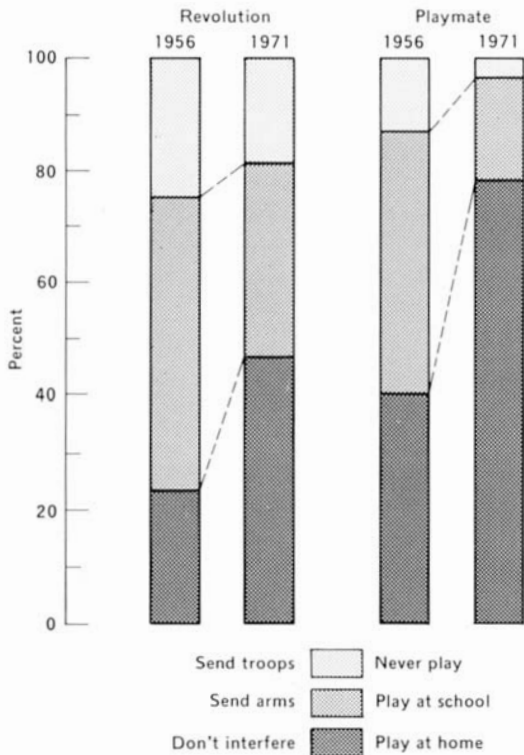


Figure 7. Changes in Responses to Revolution and Playmate Questions (Percent Distributions for White Respondents) 1956 to 1971. (Note: See Tables 37 and 42 for wording of questions.)

Table 1. Values in Marriage

Thinking of marriage in general, which one of these five things would you say is the most valuable part of marriage?	<i>Percent Distribution of Wives</i>	
	<i>1955</i>	<i>1971</i>
The chance to have children	26	13
The standard of living—the kind of house, clothes, car, and so forth	3	3
The husband's understanding of the wife's problems and feelings	13	13
The husband's expression of love and affection for the wife	10	11
Companionship in doing things together with the husband	48	60
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>



Table 2. Ideal Number of Children

		<i>Percent Distribution</i>					
		<i>Less than</i>				<i>More than</i>	
		2	2	3 <sup>a</sup>	4	4	<i>Total</i>
As things are now, what do you think is the ideal number of children for the aver- age American family?	Wives						
	1955	1	22	34	36	7	100
	1971	4	51	26	16	3	100
	All adults						
	1971	3	52	27	14	4	100
In your opinion what would be the ideal number of children for a young couple to have if their standard of living is about like yours?	All adults						
	1954	7	33	31	23	6	100
	1971	14	52	21	10	3	100

<sup>a</sup> Includes "2 or 3" and "3 or 4."

Table 3. Wives' Satisfaction with Marriage (Percent Distribution)

		<i>Degree of Satisfaction<sup>a</sup></i>					<i>Total</i>
		<i>1</i> ( <i>Low</i> )	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> ( <i>High</i> )	
... how you feel about each of the following:							
Your standard of living							
... the kind of house,	1955	3	19	19	54	5	100
clothes, and so forth?	1971 <sup>b</sup>	1	20	16	56	7	100
The understanding you							
get of your problems	1955	4	11	30	43	12	100
and feelings?	1971 <sup>b</sup>	6	11	27	44	12	100
The love and affection							
you receive?	1955	2	5	19	43	31	100
	1971	5	8	14	42	31	100
The companionship in							
doing things together?	1955	4	11	17	38	30	100
	1971	7	12	14	40	27	100

<sup>a</sup> Response alternatives:

1. Pretty disappointed—I'm really missing out on that.
2. It would be nice to have more.
3. It's all right, I guess—I can't complain.
4. Quite satisfied—I'm lucky the way it is.
5. Enthusiastic—It couldn't be better.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between years not significant.

Table 4. Performance of Household Tasks by Spouses  
(Percent Distribution)

We would like to know how you and your husband divide up some of the family jobs:		<i>Percent of Married Women Saying</i>					
		<i>Husband always</i>	<i>Husband more</i>	<i>Exactly the same</i>	<i>Wife more</i>	<i>Wife always</i>	<i>Total</i>
Who does the grocery shopping?	1955	7	7	29	20	37	100
	1971	7	5	22	19	47	100
Who gets your husband's breakfast on work days?	1955	16	5	4	7	68	100
	1971	29	4	4	7	56	100
Who does the evening dishes?	1955	1	2	14	12	71	100
	1971 <sup>a</sup>	1	1	11	12	75	100
Who straightens up the living room when company is coming?	1955	1	1	17	15	66	100
	1971	2	<1	18	15	65	100
Who repairs things around the house?	1955	75	12	7	3	3	100
	1971	64	16	8	5	7	100
Who keeps track of the money and bills?	1955	19	7	34	11	29	100
	1971	23	7	24	10	36	100

<sup>a</sup> Difference between years is not statistically significant.

Table 5. Decision-Making by Spouses (Percent Distribution)

Who usually makes the final decision about:		<i>Percent of Married Women Saying</i>					<i>Total</i>
		<i>Husband always</i>	<i>Husband more</i>	<i>Exactly the same</i>	<i>Wife more</i>	<i>Wife always</i>	
What car to get?	1955	57	13	25	2	3	100
	1971 <sup>a</sup>	58	10	26	1	5	100
Whether or not to buy some life insurance?	1955	32	11	42	5	10	100
	1971	43	10	36	3	8	100
What house or apartment to take?	1955	13	6	58	10	13	100
	1971	17	6	63	5	9	100
What job your husband should take?	1955	91	5	3	0	1	100
	1971	87	8	4	<1	1	100
Whether or not you should go to work or quit work?	1955	27	5	19	9	40	100
	1971	26	5	24	10	35	100
How much money your family can afford to spend per week on food?	1955	10	3	33	12	42	100
	1971	14	3	34	7	42	100

<sup>a</sup> Difference between years is not statistically significant.

Table 6. Opinions on Why Women Work

Why do you think most women work?	<i>Percent Distribution</i>					
	<i>Total</i>		<i>Women</i>		<i>Men</i>	
	<i>1956</i>	<i>1971</i>	<i>1956</i>	<i>1971</i>	<i>1956</i>	<i>1971</i>
(Reasons mentioned)						
Money only	56	55	54	54	58	56
Money and also another reason	33	34	33	35	33	33
To get out of the house	11	14	14	16	7	12
To keep busy	6	5	6	4	6	5
To be independent	5	4	4	3	7	5
The work itself	4	5	3	5	4	5
Some other reason	7	6	6	7	9	6
Only reasons other than money	11	11	13	11	9	11
	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table 7. Opinions on Women's Problems in Working

Do you feel that women have special problems working?  
Are there some kinds of work that you feel women should not have?

	<i>Percent Distribution</i>					
	<i>Total</i>		<i>Women</i>		<i>Men</i>	
	<i>1956</i>	<i>1971</i>	<i>1956</i>	<i>1971</i>	<i>1956</i>	<i>1971</i>
Yes (have special problems)	73	65	71	65	74	64
Yes (some work they shouldn't have)	60	45	56	42	65	48
No	13	20	15	23	9	16
No (no special problems)	27	35	29	35	26	36
Yes (some work they shouldn't have)	19	22	19	20	20	26
No	8	13	10	15	6	10
	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table 8. Opinions on Kinds of Work Women Should Not Have

Are there kinds of work you feel women should not have? [If yes,] What are they? Why do you feel this way?	<i>Percent Mention Each Reason</i>					
	<i>Total</i>		<i>Women</i>		<i>Men</i>	
	1956	1971	1956	1971	1956	1971
No, no work women should not have	20	33	25	38	15	26
Yes <sup>a</sup>	80	67	75	62	85	74
(Reasons why)						
Factory jobs	34	15	37	14	32	15
Too hard	10	7	11	7	9	7
Degrading	6	2	8	2	5	2
Takes jobs from men	7	2	7	2	6	2
Some other reason	11	4	11	3	12	4
Men's jobs, e.g. crafts, drivers	19	27	15	25	24	29
Too hard	8	15	7	13	11	16
Degrading	3	3	3	3	3	3
Takes jobs from men	2	1	2	1	1	1
Some other reason	6	8	3	8	9	9
Professional or administrative jobs	7	9	7	10	6	8
Not capable	4	4	5	5	3	3
Some other reason	3	5	2	5	3	5
Hard work, bad working conditions	21	32	17	26	26	39
Work not thought to be respectable	5	1	6	1	4	1
Where they take jobs from men	4	2	5	3	3	1

<sup>a</sup> Categories given below are not mutually exclusive so they will total to a percentage greater than those saying yes.

Table 9. Sex Differentiation of Chores

Here are some things that might be done by a boy or a girl. Suppose the person were about 13 years old. As I read each of these to you, I would like you to tell me if it should be done as a regular task by a boy, by a girl, or by both.

		<i>Percent Distribution of Mothers</i>				
		<i>Boy</i>	<i>Girl</i>	<i>Both</i>	<i>Neither</i>	<i>Total</i>
Shoveling walks	1953	65	0	34	1	100
	1971	50	0	50	<1	100
Washing the car	1953	65	<1	29	6	100
	1971	30	<1	69	1	100
Dusting furniture	1953	1	66	32	1	100
	1971	<1	62	37	<1	100
Making beds	1953	1	52	46	1	100
	1971	<1	29	71	<1	100



Table 10. Age to Which Supervision Is Needed

Some mothers believe that for a child's own good they should know what (he/she) is doing most of the time and should supervise (him/her) until a certain age. What age would you say that should be?

	<i>Percent Distribution<sup>a</sup> of Mothers</i>	
	<i>1953</i>	<i>1971</i>
Before 5 years	9	1
5 to 8 years	21	12
9 to 12 years	12	13
13 to 15 years	17	12
16 or 17 years	11	17
18 to 20 years	17	29
21 years or older	4	5
As long as living in parents' house	9	11
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100

<sup>a</sup> Unweighted average of distributions for male and female children.

Table 11. Response to Baby's Crying

Mothers have different ways of handling a crying child of five months. Suppose that you were busy preparing the family dinner and the baby was cranky and crying—if you thought nothing was wrong with (him/her), and (he/she) only wanted attention, what would you do?

	<i>Percent Distribution of Mothers</i>	
	<i>1953</i>	<i>1971</i>
1. Immediate or unconditional action	35	44
2. Do nothing, let child cry	41	41
3. Other (delayed or conditional action; check if child is all right; sometimes let him cry; sometimes do something; someone else would do something)	24	15
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100

Table 12. Rewards for Good Behavior

Think about a time when [name of child] (will be/was) ten years old. (He/She) has just done something that you feel is very good, or (he/she) has been particularly good. What would you do at those times?

	<i>Percent Mention<sup>a</sup></i>	
	<i>1953</i>	<i>1971</i>
1. Psychic reward: satisfactions expected to come from within the child for a job well-done (e.g. mother tells him he should feel good about it)	8	1
2. Other verbal praise	67	78
3. Special privileges or freedoms	13	11 <sup>b</sup>
4. Material reward: money or gifts— concrete rewards	35	26
5. Love him, kiss him, overt affection	1	18
6. Does something, what not stated	2	<1
7. Doesn't do anything	3	1 <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Sum of percentages exceeds 100 because some respondents mentioned two rewards.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between years not significant.

Table 13. Punishments for Wrong Behavior

Now, please think about that same time when [name of child] (will be/was) ten years old. (He/She) has just done something that you feel is very wrong, something that you have warned (him/her) against ever doing. What would you do at such times?

	<i>Percent Mention<sup>a</sup></i>	
	<i>1953</i>	<i>1971</i>
1. Psychic punishment: mentions specifically that guilt or shame feelings engendered in child	3	1
2. Verbal admonitions: scoldings, warnings, or threats (excluding shame, guilt)	28	18
3. Physical punishment	31	34 <sup>b</sup>
4. Restriction of behavior and withdrawal of privileges (kept home, no T.V., etc.)	64	59 <sup>b</sup>
5. Would not punish, do something positive (reassure, etc.)	3	22
6. Punish, not further specified	1	2 <sup>b</sup>
7. Do something, what not stated	2	<1

<sup>a</sup> Sum of percentages exceeds 100 because some respondents mentioned two different punishments.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between years not significant.

Table 14. Preference for Inner-Directed or Other-Directed Activities

Suppose a 14-year-old child were interested in some worthwhile activities that gave (him/her) little time to spend with other children. The things the other children are doing are just as worthwhile, but they don't interest this particular child. Would you encourage (him/her) in going on with (his/her) own interests, or would you rather see (him/her) change to something (he/she) can do with other children?

1. Continue with own interests
2. Be with others
3. Mixed or qualified answers

*Percent  
Distribution  
of Mothers*

<i>1953</i>	<i>1971</i>
53	73
33	10
14	17
<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100

Table 15. Cohort Chasm and Generation Gap

Which statement do you agree more with?

- The younger generation should be taught by their elders to do what is right.
- The younger generation should be taught to think for themselves even though they may do something their elders disapprove of.

How do you think your (father/mother) [parent of same sex as respondent] would have answered this question when you were growing up? Which one would (he/she) have agreed with more [1971 only]?

<i>Respondent's Age</i>	<i>Percent "Do Right"</i>		
	<i>1956</i>	<i>1971</i>	<i>1971 Parents</i>
Under 35 <sup>a</sup>	47	34	73
35 <sup>a</sup> –49	49	48	82
50–64	66	64	93
65–79	75	79	95
80 and over		79	100
All Ages	54	50	83

<sup>a</sup> Under 36 and 36–49 in 1971 data.

Table 16. Informal Social Participation

Frequency of getting together with—	Percent Distribution			
	1957 <sup>a</sup>	1971 <sup>a</sup>	1959	1971
Relatives (other than those living at home with you):				
Every day; or almost every day	4	7	7	6
Once or twice a week	32	31	35	31
A few times a month	20	20	21	20
Once a month	12	13	12	14
A few times a year	17	20	14	20
Less often	6	5	4	5
Never	9	4	7	4
	100	100	100	100
Neighbors:				
Every day; or almost every day	10	13	13	12
Once or twice a week	18	16	19	17
A few times a month; or once a month	18	19	23	20
A few times a year; or less often	19	22	22	23
Never	35	30	23	28
	100	100	100	100
People you or your husband work with:				
Once or twice a week; or more often	17	15	15	14
A few times a month; or once a month	22	24	22	24
A few times a year; or less often	30	33	36	34
Never	31	28	27	28
	100	100	100	100
Friends who are not neighbors or fellow workers:				
Once or twice a week; or more often	28	29	25	29
A few times a month; or once a month	38	35	37	36
A few times a year; or less often	23	28	29	28
Never	11	8	9	7
	100	100	100	100

<sup>a</sup> Wayne County only.

Table 17. Association Membership, by Type

Memberships in Clubs or Organizations of Specified Kinds:	<i>Percent Belonging</i>					
	<i>Total</i>		<i>Men</i>		<i>Women</i>	
	1959	1971	1959	1971	1959	1971
Labor unions	28	27	47	45	9	12
Church-connected groups	36	28 <sup>a</sup>	30	24 <sup>a</sup>	42	31 <sup>a</sup>
Fraternal organizations or lodges	14	12	19	17	10	8
Veteran's organizations	6	5	9	11	3	<1 <sup>a</sup>
Business or civic groups	5	7	7	10	3	4
Parent-teacher associations	19	20	12	13	25	26
Neighborhood clubs or community centers	8	10	7	9	8	10
Organizations of people of the same nationality	6	4 <sup>a</sup>	5	4	7	3 <sup>a</sup>
Sport teams	11	15 <sup>a</sup>	13	21 <sup>a</sup>	8	9
Professional groups	7	8	10	12	5	5
Political clubs or organizations	3	2	3	3	3	2
Neighborhood improvement associations	12	8 <sup>a</sup>	13	9 <sup>a</sup>	11	8
Card clubs; women's or men's social clubs	12	13	8	9	17	16
Charitable and welfare organizations	9	7	7	6	10	8

<sup>a</sup> Difference between years is statistically significant; other differences in the table are not.



Table 18. Frequency of Association Memberships

Number of Different Types of Clubs and Organizations (other than Churches) Respondent Belongs to:	<i>Percent Distribution</i>					
	<i>Total</i>		<i>Men</i>		<i>Women</i>	
	<i>1959</i>	<i>1971</i>	<i>1959</i>	<i>1971</i>	<i>1959</i>	<i>1971</i>
None	22	25	17	15	27	34
One						
Union	11	10	18	18	4	4
Other	20	20	14	17	25	22
Two	22	20	25	21	20	19
Three	13	13	14	15	12	11
Four	6	7	6	8	6	5
Five	3	3	3	3	4	3
Six	1	1	1	1	1	1
Seven	1	1	1	1	<1	<1
Eight or more	1	<1	1	1	<1	<1
Number per respondent (mean)	1.75	1.66	1.90	1.93	1.61	1.44

Table 19. Frequency of Attendance at Religious Services

Year	Question Wording <sup>a</sup>	Percent Distribution by Frequency of Attendance					Total
		Once a week	Twice a month	Once a month	Few times a year	Never	
1952	A	42	17		19	21	100
1954	B	46	11	10	24	9	100
1955	B	45	12	7	24	12	100
1956	B	46	14	7	26	7	100
1957	B	47	13	10	21	9	100
1958	C	43	15	7	20	15	100
1959	B	54	10	5	23	8	100
1971	C	35	13	8	26	18	100

<sup>a</sup> A: Do you attend religious services? Yes\_\_\_\_; No\_\_\_\_.

Would you say you attended religious services: About once a week; About twice a month; About once a month; A few times a year? ("No" in first part coded "Never.")

B: About how often do you usually attend religious services? Once a week; Twice a month; Once a month; A few times a year; Never.

C: About how often, if ever, have you attended religious services during the last year? Once a week or more; Two or three times a month; Once a month; A few times a year or less; Never.

Note: 1952 data are from "Some Social and Economic Characteristics of the Detroit Area Population, 1952," Detroit Area Study, University of Michigan, 1953. 1955 data are from unpublished tabulations of "census data" for all adults in the households surveyed, not just the wives, as is the case for other 1955 data in this report. 1957 data pertain to Wayne County only.

Table 20. Change in Church Attendance

	<i>Percent Distribution</i>		
	<i>1958</i>	<i>1959</i>	<i>1971</i>
Would you say you attend religious services			
More often	24	30	18
About the same, or	39	36	30
Less often	37	34	52
	100	100	100
than you did ten or fifteen years ago?			

Table 21. Change in Interest in Religion

1. All things considered, do you think you are more *interested*, about as interested or less interested in religion than you were ten or fifteen years ago?

	<i>Percent Distribution</i>		
	1958	1971(A)	1971(B)
More	49	37	39
Same	44	38	34
Less	6	25	27
	100	100	100

2. All things considered, has your *interest in religion* grown, remained the same, or decreased over the last ten or fifteen years?

	1959	1971(A)	1971(B)
Grown	59	39	35
Same	34	40	35
Decreased	7	21	30
	100	100	100

Table 22. Intergenerational Change in Religiosity

When your (father/mother) was about your age, was (he/she) more religious than you are, about as religious, or would you say (he/she) was less religious than you are?

**Father**

More religious

About as religious

Less religious

*Percent  
Distribution*

1958      1971

32      33

48      38

21      29

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100      100

**Mother**

More religious

About as religious

Less religious

54      58

38      33

8      10

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100      100

Table 23. Participation in Church Activities

Do you take part in any of the activities or organizations of your church (synagogue, temple) other than attending services?

How often have you done these things, all told, during the last year?

(excludes persons never attending services)

*Percent  
Distribution*

1958      1971

Yes

Once a week or more

12      11

Less often

16      25

No

72      64

100      100

Table 24. Communal Involvement

As a general rule, do you think it is wiser for (Protestants/Catholics/Jewish people) to marry other (Protestant/Catholic/Jewish people) or not? (percent in each group saying "wiser")	1958	1971
Protestants	66	53
Catholics	80	59
Jews	92	76
As a general rule, do you think it is wiser for (Protestants/Catholics/Jewish people) to choose other (Protestant/Catholic/Jewish people) as their really close friends, or not? (percent in each group saying "wiser")		
Protestants	19	16
Catholics	30	9
Jews	38	24
Thinking of <i>your</i> closest friends, what proportion are (Protestants/Catholics/Jewish)? (percent in each group saying "all of them" or "nearly all of them")		
Protestants	45	30
Catholics	43	22
Jews	77	53

Table 25. Attitudes Toward Jews

Compared with (Protestants/Catholics), do you think that the Jewish people as a whole are more fair, as fair, or less fair in their <i>business dealings</i> ? (percent of each group saying Jewish less fair)			1958	1971
Protestants			47	37
Catholics			46	27
Do you feel that the Jewish people have been trying to get <i>too much power</i> in the country, or not? (percent of each group saying "yes")				
Protestants			27	22
Catholics			26	20



Table 26. Religious Beliefs

Some people wonder whether [or not] <sup>a</sup> there is a God. How do you feel—do you believe there is a God, or not [or are you uncertain] <sup>a</sup> ?	<i>Percent Distribution</i>		
	1958	1959	1971
Yes	96.6	93.2	94.0
Uncertain	2.3	5.2	3.5
No	1.1	1.6	2.5
	100.0	100.0	100.0
Do you believe in life after death, or not? [1958, 1971]			
Some people think there is a life after death; others don't think there is, and still others feel uncertain. In your opinion, is there a life after death or not, or are you uncertain? [1959]			
Yes	74	66	65
Uncertain	12	27	13
No [excludes those who do not believe in God]	14	7	22
	100	100	100
Do you feel you have the right to question what your church teaches, or not?			
Yes	68	...	81
Unsure	4	...	2
No	28	...	17
	100		100
Do you believe that someone who doesn't believe in God can be a good American, or not?			
Can	57	...	77
Unsure	7	...	4
Cannot	36	...	19
	100		100
When you have decisions to make in your everyday life, do you ask yourself what God would want you to do?			
Often	35	...	38
Sometimes	46	...	41
Never	19	...	21
	100		100

<sup>a</sup> Words included only in 1959.

Table 27. Certainty of Belief in God

Many people, including saints and great religious leaders, have had doubts from time to time throughout their lives about the existence of God. Which of these statements about your belief in God's existence best fits the way you feel?

	<i>Percent Distribution<sup>a</sup></i>	
	<i>1959</i>	<i>1971</i>
Not sure. I just don't know	2	6
Not too sure. My ideas are probably correct, but I really don't know.	7	15
Rather sure. Many of the facts I know support my belief.	23	31
Very sure. At present I have no doubt that my beliefs are right.	68	48
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100

<sup>a</sup> Based on those answering, "Yes [there is a God]."

Table 28. Moral Issues

How do you feel about gambling? From the moral standpoint, would you say it is	<i>Percent Distribution</i>	
	<i>1958</i>	<i>1971</i>
Always wrong	32	25
Usually wrong	13	9
Sometimes wrong	47	49
Never wrong	8	17
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100
From the moral standpoint, how do you feel about divorce?		
Always wrong	23	8
Usually wrong	20	10
Sometimes wrong	48	70
Never wrong	9	12
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100

Table 29. Subjective Social Class Identification

A large community like the Detroit area is made up of many kinds of groups. If you had to place yourself in one of these groups, would you say that you are in the:

	<i>Percent Distribution</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>Upper class</i>	<i>Middle class</i>	<i>Working class</i>	<i>Lower class</i>	
1956	2	35	61	1	100
1958 (2 alternatives)	...	32	68	...	100
1971	2	46	48	4	100
1957 (Wayne County)	2	32	64	2	100
1971 (Wayne County)	2	38	54	6	100
1953 (Mothers; wording varied)	2	42	54	2	100
1971 (Mothers)	1	47	46	6	100

Table 30. Political Information Test

	<i>Percent Giving Correct Answer</i>	
	<i>1957</i>	<i>1971</i>
Do you happen to know the names of the United States senators from Michigan? (percent naming at least one correctly)	35	56
Can you tell me how long the term of office is for a United States senator?	18	17
Do you know who the Congressman from this district is?	20	29
Can you tell me how long the term of office is for a Congressman?	41	27

Table 31. Sources of Political News

Of all the ways of getting the news about government officials and bureaus, which would you say you depend on the most?	<i>Percent Distribution</i>	
	<i>1954</i>	<i>1971</i>
Newspapers	57	40
Radio	13	10
Television	19	40
(other and not ascertained)	11	10
	100	100

Table 32. Evaluation of Institutions

Now here is a list of organizations and groups that people have different opinions about. After each one, would you tell me if, in your opinion, it is doing a good job, just a fair job, or a poor job.

		<i>Percent Distribution</i>			
		<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Total</i>
How about					
the radio and TV networks?	1959	55	37	8	100
	1971	46	44	10	100
most high schools in this	1959	45	45	10	100
country?	1971	29	46	25	100
most doctors?	1959	76	20	4	100
	1971	62	30	8	100
most colleges?	1959	75	22	3	100
	1971	42	44	14	100
most scientists?	1959	83	15	2	100
	1971	78	19	3	100
the Federal Courts?	1959	63	30	7	100
	1971	24	46	30	100
the Boy Scouts?	1959	93	6	1	100
	1971	87	10	3	100
most Michigan State officials?	1971	22	53	25	100

Table 33. Evaluation of State and Local Government

Do you think the [name of local community] officials and bureaus are doing a poor, fair, good, or very good job?

	<i>Percent Distribution</i>				
	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>V.G.</i>	<i>Total</i>
1954	6	40	42	12	100
1971	18	48	29	5	100

And the state government—do you think the state officials and bureaus are doing a poor, fair, good, or very good job?

1954	4	33	52	11	100
1971	19	56	23	2	100



Table 34. Costs and Benefits of Government

Which one of these statements comes closest to your own opinion	<i>Percent Distribution</i>	
	<i>1954</i>	<i>1971</i>
The help and services that the public gets from the government is worth what it asks from the public.	53	29
The government asks more from the public than it gives in help and services.	32	53
The public gets more from the government than it gives the government.	15	18
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100

Table 35. Prestige of Public Employment

We'd like to know what people think of government jobs and government workers. If these jobs are about the same in kind of work, pay, and so forth, which has the most prestige?

		<i>Percent Distribution</i>			
		<i>Private</i>	<i>Public</i>	<i>No dif- ference</i>	<i>Total</i>
Stenographer in a life insurance company	1954	27	53	20	100
... in the city tax assessor's office	1971	33	59	8	100
Accountant in a private accounting firm	1954	42	42	16	100
... in the Detroit Dept. of Pub. Works	1971	55	40	5	100
Night watchman in a bank	1954	43	37	20	100
... in the city hall	1971	45	46	9	100
Doctor on staff of private hospital	1954	58	27	15	100
... in the Detroit Receiving Hospital	1971	61	33	6	100

Table 36. Opinions on Freedom of Speech

In our country the Constitution guarantees the right of free speech to everyone. In your opinion, does this include the right for someone to make speeches	<i>Percent Saying "Yes"</i>	
	<i>1958</i>	<i>1971</i>
criticizing what the President does?	72	75
against religion?	47	59
in favor of Fascism or dictatorship?	37	48
in favor of Communism?	35	44

Table 37. Opinions on Intervention

	<i>Percent Distribution</i>		
		<i>1971</i>	
If a revolution takes place in a country in South America and it looks as though the Communist side might win, what action should we take?	<i>1956</i>	<i>Respond- ents</i>	<i>"Most People"<sup>a</sup></i>
Do not interfere	26	48	56
Send arms to the side fighting the Communists	47	33	29
Send U.S. troops in to fight the Communist group	27	19	15
	100	100	100

<sup>a</sup> Do you think that most people in the Detroit area would agree with you about this? What would they choose [asked in 1971 only]?

Table 38. Willingness to Change How Country Is Run

People feel differently about making changes in the way our country is run. Which of these four statements do you think is best?	<i>Percent Distribution</i>	
	<i>1956</i>	<i>1971</i>
We should rarely, if ever, make changes in the way our country is run.	2	2
We should be very cautious of making changes in the way our country is run.	49	42
We should feel free to make changes in the way our country is run.	37	32
We must constantly make changes in the way our country is run.	12	24
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

Table 39. Willingness to Change Constitution

Which of these two statements do you agree with more?	<i>Percent endorsing</i>	
	<u>1956</u>	<u>1971</u>
The Founding Fathers had so much wisdom that our Constitution handles most modern problems very well.	35	24
While the Founding Fathers were very wise, the Constitution they wrote needs frequent changes to bring it up to date.	65	76
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

Table 40. Opinions on Politics and Government

		<i>Percent Distribution</i>				<i>Total</i>
		<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	
So many other people vote in elections that it doesn't matter much whether I vote or not	1954	3	7	42	48	100
	1971	2	10	56	32	100
	1957 <sup>a</sup>		7		93	100
	1971 <sup>a</sup>		13		87	100
People like me don't have any say about what the government does	1954	2	19	53	26	100
	1971A	4	27	57	12	100
	1971B	7	34	54	5	100
	1957 <sup>a</sup>		27		73	100
	1971A <sup>a</sup>		33		67	100
	1971B <sup>a</sup>		44		56	100
Sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what is going on	1954	8	59	26	7	100
	1971A	12	53	30	5	100
	1971B	17	56	24	3	100
	1957 <sup>a</sup>		62		38	100
	1971A <sup>a</sup>		68		32	100
	1971B <sup>a</sup>		76		24	100
Voting is the only way that people like me can have any say about how the government runs things	1954	12	53	31	4	100
	1971	12	48	35	5	100
I don't think public officials care much about what people like me think	1954	7	21	58	14	100
	1971A	6	42	49	3	100
	1971B	10	40	45	5	100
Public officials really care about what people like me think	1957 <sup>a</sup>		79		21	100
	1971A <sup>a</sup>		43		57	100
	1971B <sup>a</sup>		50		50	100

<sup>a</sup> Respondents in Wayne County only.

Table 41. School and Neighborhood Integration (White Respondents)

Personally, do you think white students and Negro students should go to the same schools, or to separate schools?	<i>Percent Distribution</i>	
	<i>1958</i>	<i>1971</i>
Same schools	62	79
Unsure	6	4
Separate schools	33	17
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100
Would you be at all disturbed or unhappy if a Negro with the same income and education as you moved into your block?		
Yes	54	28
Unsure	6	4
No	40	68
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100



Table 42. Play Between Black and White Children  
(White Respondents)

One day a six year old asks her mother if she can bring another girl home to play. The mother knows that the other girl is a Negro, and that her own daughter has only played with white children before. What should the mother do?

	<i>Percent Distribution</i>			
	<i>1956</i>	<i>1971</i>	<i>1969<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>1971<sup>a</sup></i>
1. She should tell her daughter she must never play with Negroes;	13	3	2	2
2. The daughter should be told that she may play with Negro children in school, but not at home;	47	18	22	17
3. The Negro child should be permitted to come to the home.	40	79	76	81
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100

<sup>a</sup> Heads of household and spouses only, 21-69 years of age.

Table 43. Beliefs About the Attitudes of Others on Playmate Question (White Respondents)

Do you think that most people in the Detroit area would agree with you on what should be done about this?	<i>Percent Distribution</i>	
	<i>1956</i>	<i>1971</i>
[Among those who themselves say "never play"]		
Yes	88	54
No	12	46
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100
[Among those who themselves say "home"]		
Yes	31	35
No	69	65
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100
[What most people in Detroit are believed to respond]		
Never play	...	17
School only	...	51
Home	...	32
		<hr/> 100

Table 44. Intermarriage

*White Respondents<sup>a</sup>*

If a very close relative married a Negro, would you mind it

a lot

a little, or

not at all?

*Percent  
Distribution*

*1969      1971*

68      51

18      29

15      20

100      100

*Black Respondents<sup>a</sup>*

Suppose a very close relative married a white person. Would you mind it

a lot

a little, or

not at all?

...      7

...      9

...      84

100

Heads of household and spouses only, 21–69 years of age.

Table 45. Effects of the 1967 Detroit Riot (Black Respondents)

(1968) Do you think that because of the disturbance there are more whites in favor of equal rights for Negroes, fewer whites in favor, or that there isn't much difference?

(1971) This next question deals with the effects of the riot in Detroit four years ago in July, 1967. Do you think that because of that disturbance there are more whites in favor of equal rights for Negroes, fewer whites in favor, or that the riot didn't make much difference?<sup>a</sup>

	<i>Percent Distribution</i>	
	<i>1968</i>	<i>1971</i>
More whites	53	42
Fewer whites	9	22
Not much difference	38	36
	100	100

<sup>a</sup> The introductory first sentence added in 1971 was not necessary in 1968 because the latter survey had preceded the question with several others on the 1967 riot, including one about the term "riot" itself. Both the 1968 and 1971 studies instructed interviewers to substitute for "Negro" the term "black" (or some other term) if the respondent indicated such a preference.

Table 46. Black Beliefs About White Intentions

On the whole, do you think most white people in Detroit want	<i>Percent Distribution</i>	
	<i>1968</i>	<i>1971</i>
to see Negroes get a better break,	48	37
or do they want to keep Negroes down,	18	27
or don't they care one way or the other?	33	36
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100
Do you personally feel that you can trust		
most white people,	21	13
some white people,	73	78
or none at all?	6	10
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100

Table 47. Black Beliefs About Discrimination

	<i>Percent Distribution</i>	
	<i>1968</i>	<i>1971</i>
Do you think Negro teachers take more of an interest in teaching Negro students than white teachers do?		
Yes	34	35
No	66	65
	100	100
How many places in Detroit do you think will hire a white person before they will hire a Negro even though they have the same qualifications?		
Many	56	60
Some	23	20
Few	20	20
	100	100
Some people say that over the last 10 or 15 years, there has been a lot of progress in getting rid of racial discrimination. Others say there hasn't been much real change for most Negroes over that time. Which do you agree with most?		
Lot of progress	73	69
No real change	27	31
	100	100
Do you think Negro customers who shop in the big downtown stores are treated as politely as white customers, or are they treated less politely?		
As politely	74	64
Less politely	26	36
	100	100

Table 48. Black Power and Black Consciousness

Would you personally prefer to live in a neighborhood with all Negroes, mostly Negroes, mostly whites, or a neighborhood that's mixed half and half?	<i>Percent Distribution</i>	
	<i>1968</i>	<i>1971</i>
All Negroes	4	7
Mostly Negroes	3	8
Mostly Whites	2	2
Mixed	59	66
Makes no difference (Volunteered)	32	17
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100

Some people say there should be Negro principals in schools with mostly Negro students because Negroes should have the most say in running inner-city schools? Would you agree with that or not?

Yes	35	39
No	65	61
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100

On another subject (related to how you spend your spare time), could you tell me who two or three of your favorite actors or entertainers are?

[Coded for race of each entertainer mentioned]<sup>a</sup>

All black	29	30
Majority blacks	21	24
Half black/half white	13	9
Majority white	21	22
All white	17	15
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100

<sup>a</sup> In 1968 all names given were coded; in 1971 only the first three names were coded.

Table 49. Opinions on Use of Violence (Black Respondents)

As you see it, what's the best way for Negroes to try to gain their rights	<i>Percent Distribution</i>	
	<i>1968</i>	<i>1971</i>
use laws and persuasion,	30	39
use non-violent protest,	64	49
or be ready to use violence?	6	11
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100
[Asked only of those not saying violence to preceding question]		
If (laws and persuasion/non-violent protest) doesn't work, then do you think Negroes should be ready to use violence?		
Yes	22	44
No	78	56
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 100



Table 50. Responses (Percent Distribution for White Respondents) to Playmate Question, by Responses to Revolution Question, in 1956 and 1971

<i>Year</i>	<i>Revolution Question</i>	<i>Playmate Question</i>			<i>Total</i>
		<i>Never Play</i>	<i>Play at School</i>	<i>Play at Home</i>	
1956	Send troops	16	44	40	100
	Send arms	8	52	40	100
	Don't interfere	15	45	40	100
1971	Send troops	4	22	75	100
	Send arms	3	18	79	100
	Don't interfere	3	17	81	100

Note: See Tables 37 and 42 for wording of questions. Chi-square test shows no significant association between the two questions in either year.

Table 51. Belief that Most People Would Agree on Playmate Question by Belief They Would Agree on Revolution Question (Percent Distribution for White Respondents) in 1956 and 1971

<i>Year</i>	<i>Revolution" Question: Would most people agree?</i>	<i>Playmate<sup>a</sup> Question: Would most people agree?</i>		<i>Total</i>
		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	
1956	Yes ( 85% )	62	38	100
	No ( 15% )	41	59	100
	Total ( 100% )	59	41	100
1971	Yes ( 67% )	46	54	100
	No ( 33% )	32	68	100
	Total ( 100% )	41	59	100

<sup>a</sup> See Tables 37, 42, and 43 for wording of questions.

Table 52. Belief that Most People in Detroit Would Agree, by Respondent's Answer to Playmate and Revolution Questions (White Respondents)

<i>Respondent's answer</i>	<i>Would most people agree? (Percent "Yes")</i>	
	<i>1956</i>	<i>1971</i>
<i>Revolution question</i>		
Send troops	83	49
Send arms	88	63
Don't interfere	82	78
All answers	85	67
<i>Playmate question</i>		
Never play	89	51
Play at school	75	69
Play at home	31	35
All answers	59	41

Note: See Tables 37, 42, and 43 for wording of questions. Some percentages in this table differ slightly from corresponding figures in Table 43, since only respondents giving classifiable answers to both the revolution and playmate questions are included here.

Table 53. Likelihood of Atomic War with Russia

What would you say are the chances that the United States will be in an atomic war with Russia in the next 25 years?

	<i>Percent Distribution</i>		
	<i>1958<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>1959</i>	<i>1971</i>
Certain	5	5	2
More likely than not	26	8	6
Chances about 50-50	9	26	21
Some chance	31	41	40
No chance at all	15	14	26
Don't know	14	6	5
	100	100	100

<sup>a</sup> In 1958, the question was open-ended; responses were recorded in the respondent's own words and then coded to categories approximating these. In both 1959 and 1971 the respondent was asked to choose among the first five alternatives.

Table 54. Morale Items

		Percent Distribution			
		Dis-			Total
		Agree	Unsure	agree	
1. Most people don't really care what happens to the next fellow	1956	34	<1	66	100
	1958	34	3	63	100
	1971	50	4	46	100
	1971 <sup>a</sup>	52	1	47	100
2. Children born today have a wonderful future to look forward to	1958	79	9	12	100
	1971	50	11	39	100
3. Nowadays a person has to live pretty much for today and let tomorrow take care of itself	1956	26	1	73	100
	1958	31	3	66	100
	1959 <sup>b</sup>	37	...	63	100
	1971	39	3	58	100
	1971 <sup>a</sup>	40	1	59	100
4. The chances are very good that some day we'll have another depression as bad as the one in the thirties	1959 <sup>b</sup>	39	...	61	100
	1971	46	9	45	100
	1971 <sup>a</sup>	49	3	48	100
5. These days a person doesn't really know whom he can count on	1956	58	1	41	100
	1958	64	3	33	100
	1959 <sup>b</sup>	52	...	48	100
	1971	62	4	34	100
	1971 <sup>a</sup>	64	1	35	100
6. It's hardly fair to bring children into the world the way things look for the future	1956	13	1	86	100
	1958	11	7	82	100
	1959 <sup>b</sup>	20	...	80	100
	1971	35	5	60	100
	1971 <sup>a</sup>	36	1	63	100

<sup>a</sup> After probe (to simulate comparability with 1956 data).

<sup>b</sup> 1959 response categories (strongly agree, agree, disagree, and strongly disagree) have been collapsed.

Table 55. Confidence in Human Nature

Would you say that most people are more inclined to help others, or are they more inclined to look out for themselves?	<i>Percent Distribution</i>	
	1959	1971
Help others	32	17
Look out for themselves	63	79
It depends	5	4
	100	100

In general, do you think that most people can be trusted, or do you feel that a person can't be too careful in his dealings with others?		
Most can be trusted	48	37
Can't be too careful	46	59
It depends	6	4
	100	100