

Subjective Social Indicators

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Publications and papers deriving from surveys on subjective social indicators ("Quality of Life") and related areas conducted, processed or analysed by the SSRC Survey Unit (1970 -1976) and the Survey Research Unit at the Polytechnic of North London (1976 – 1992)

Surveys

Full details with links to abstracts, questionnaires, user manuals and SPSS saved files are on John Hall's website page [SSRC Survey Unit Quality of Life in Britain surveys](#). Data from all the SSRC Survey Unit Quality of Life in Britain surveys (March 1971, Oct-Nov 1971, 1973 and 1975) are downloadable, along with full documentation, as SPSS saved files directly from John Hall's website page [Subjective Social Indicators \(Quality of life\)](#).

Quality of Life: 1st pilot survey, March 1971 (N=213, quota)

Quality of Life: 2nd pilot survey, Oct-Nov-1971 (N=593, quota within probability for sampling points)

Quality of Life: 1st main UK survey, Nov 1973 – Jan 1974 (N=966, probability)

Quality of Life: Stoke-on-Trent Nov 1973 – Jan 1974 (N=764, probability)

Quality of Life: Sunderland Nov 1973 – Jan 1974 (N=788, probability)

Quality of Life: 2nd main UK survey, March – May 1975 (N=932, probability: same wards as 1973)

Publications [Hyperlinks are to publications available in pdf format from John Hall's website].

Abrams M A and Hall J F

[The Condition of the British People](#)

Joint UK/USA SSRC conference on Social Indicators, Ditchley Park, May 1971

Abrams M A and Hall J F

Life Satisfaction of the British People

OECD conference on Social Indicators, Paris, May 1972

Abrams M A and Hall J F

Subjective Social Indicators

OECD Working Party on Social Indicators, Paris, April 1973

Abrams M A

[Subjective Social Indicators](#)

in Nissel M (Ed) **Social Trends No 4** HMSO, 1973

Abrams M A

Subjective Measures of Equity

SSRC/OECD seminar on **Social Inequality** Cambridge, 1974

Abrams M A

Changing Values: a portrait of Britain

Encounter, October, 1974

Abrams M A

Middle Class Socialists

Encounter, March, 1975

Abrams M A

[Note: Subjective Social Indicators](#)

Extract from Nissel, M [Ed] **Social Trends 6**, HMSO, 1975
Abrams M
A review of work on subjective social indicators 1971 to 1975
Occasional Papers in Survey Research No 8. SSRC Survey Unit 1976

Andrews F M and McKennell A C
Measures of Cognition and Affect in Self-reported Well-Being: Their Affective, Cognitive and other components
Social Indicators Research 8 1980 pp 127 -155

Hall J F
[Measuring the Quality of Life Using Sample Surveys](#)
in Stober G and Schumacher D (Eds) **Technology Assessment and Quality of Life** Elsevier, 1973

Hall J F
Social Indicators: a subjective approach
Census Research Group, Chester, June 1973

Hall J F and Perry N H
Aspects of Leisure in Two Industrial Cities (Stoke-on-Trent and Sunderland),
Occasional Paper No 5, SSRC Survey Unit, 1974

Hall J F and Ring A J
[Indicators of Environmental Quality and Life-Satisfaction: a subjective approach.](#)
Invited paper to Research Cttee 26 (Social Ecology) International Sociological Association 8th World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, August, 1974

Hall J F
Subjective Zoning of Sunderland.
Teach-in on **Community Analysis** sponsored by Sunderland Programme Planning Unit held at *The Percy Arms*, Otterburn, October, 1974

Hall J F & Ring A J
[The relationship between subjective and objective indicators of individual well-being: a linear modelling approach](#)
Paper to joint UK/USA SSRC Conference on **Subjective Measures of Quality of Life**, SSRC Survey Unit, September, 1975

Hall J F, Lord D, Marsh C and Ring A J
The Quality of Life Survey: Urban Britain 1973 - Users' Manual
SSRC Survey Unit 1976

Hall J F
[Subjective measures of quality of life in Britain 1971 to 1975: Some developments and trends.](#)
Specially commissioned article in Thompson E (Ed) **Social Trends No. 7** HMSO 1976

Hall J F
[The Way We Like It](#)
in Smith L and Thomas H (Eds) **Places for People; a resources handbook** Guardian Business Services, 1976

Hall J F and Perry N H
Aspects of Leisure in Two Industrial Cities
in **Leisure and the Quality of Life** Vol 2 HMSO 1977

Hall J F
The Quality of Life in Urban Britain 1975: Users' Manual

Research Report no 8, Survey Research Unit, Polytechnic of North London 1982

Hall, John F

[Transcript](#) of contribution from floor to Statistics Users Council Conference on Quality of Life Indicators (1987)

Hall, John

[Letter](#) to Dr John Cunningham MP, Shadow Secretary of State (Environment) in November 1988, (responding to a report that Dr Cunningham was to be put in charge of co-ordinating the Shadow Cabinet's attack on quality of life issues and offering assistance from Dr Mark Abrams and himself. Answer came there none.)

Harding S D and Hall J F

Correlates of District Satisfaction

Working paper, Survey Research Unit, Polytechnic of North London, 1981

Harding S D

Psychological Well-Being in Great Britain: an evaluation of the Bradburn Affect-Balance scale
Personality and Individual Differences 1985

Marsh A

The Silent Revolution: Value Priorities and the Quality of Life in Britain

American Political Science Review Vol LXIX No 1, 1975 pp21-30

McKennell A C

Cognition and Affect in Judgments of Subjective Well-Being in Strumpel B [Ed] **Subjective Elements of Well-Being** OECD Paris 1974

McKennell A C

Cognition and Affect in Perceptions of Well-Being

Social Indicators Research 5 1977 pp389-426

O'Muircheartaigh C and Whelan B

Statistical Aspects of Subjective Measures of Quality of Life

Occasional Paper No 4 SSRC Survey Unit, 1976

Ring A J and Hall J F

Models of Life Satisfaction

BSA Quantitative Sociology Group, Surrey Univ, April 1974

Ring A J

The extension of Multiple Classification Analysis (MCA) to include ordered predictors

Quantitative Sociology Newsletter 13, 1974

Surveys in Europe

The following publications refer to surveys conducted by the European Value Systems Study Group (EVSSG), chaired by Prof Jan Kerkhofs, (Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium) and by the Working Group on Values and Social Problem Indicators in Contemporary Europe (VSPICE), chaired by Prof Walter Ruegg, (Universität Bern, Switzerland) both of which provided research grants to PNL/SRU for Research Fellowships and consultancy work on research design, data management and statistical analysis. Fieldwork for the EVSSG studies was carried out by Gallup and associates in various countries of Western Europe: the main VSPICE survey was carried out by universities and research agencies in their respective countries. Although the pilot survey for the UK was carried out in the UK by PNL/SRU and NOP, and the final core questionnaire of 40 items for use in all countries was designed by PNL/SRU, no funding was forthcoming from ESRC for the main survey in the UK.

Abrams M, Gerard D and Timms N (Eds)

Values and Social Change in Britain

Macmillan 1985

Harding S D and George C

European Values Pilot Survey: Comments on the British Data

Private report from PNL/SRU to the European Value Systems Study Group, April 1981

Harding S D and Phillips D R

Contrasting Values in Western Europe: Unity Diversity and Change

Macmillan 1985

Phillips D R

Values and Social Problem Indicators in Contemporary Europe: the British Pilot Survey

Research Report No 11, Survey research Unit, Polytechnic of North London, July 1981

Surveys of the Elderly in Residential Care

Specialist work on QoL as applied to the elderly in residential care, originally funded by the Personal Social Services Council, and later by ILEA as a Research Fellowship, led to a contract from DHSS Works Branch for a major study of QoL in residential homes for the elderly, which in turn led to the setting up of a separate Centre for Environmental and Social Studies in Ageing (CESSA) at PNL. Reports emanating from this programme whilst still within in SRU included:

Peace S M, Hall J F and Hamblin G R

The Quality of Life of the Elderly in Residential Care

Research report no 1, Survey Research Unit, Polytechnic of North London, 1979

Peace S M and Harding S D

The Haringey Group Living Evaluation Project

Research report No 2, Survey Research Unit, Polytechnic of North London Feb 1980

Peace S M, Hall J F and Hamblin G R

The Use of Bradburn's Affect Balance Scale with the elderly in residential care

Appendix B in Davies B and Knapp M, **Old People's Homes and the Production of Welfare** RKP 1981

Peace S M, Kellaher L A and Willcocks D M

A Balanced Life? A Consumer Study of Residential Life in One Hundred Local Authority Old People's Homes Appendices

Research Report No 14, Survey Research Unit, Polytechnic of North London, Sep 1982

Willcocks D M, Cook J, Ring A J and Kelleher R
Pilot Report: PSS Consumer Study in Old People's Homes
Private report to DHSS, Survey Research Unit, Polytechnic of North London, 1980

Willcocks D M, Peace S M, Kellaheer L A with Ring A J
The Residential Life of Old People: a study in 100 Local Authority homes Vol 1
Report to DHSS, Survey Research Unit, Polytechnic of North London, Dec 1981

Willcocks D M, Ring A J, Kellaheer L A and Peace S M
The Residential Life of Old People: a study in 100 Local Authority homes Vol 2 Appendices
Research Report No 13, Survey Research Unit, Polytechnic of North London, Sep 1982

A book on this research, aimed at practice workers was published after further work funded by the Personal Social Services Council.

Willcocks D M, Kellaheer L A and Peace S M
Private Lives in Public Places
Tavistock 1987

Surveys in schools

Two small surveys conducted in schools, using self-completion questionnaires, are also relevant. Both replicate a selection of attitude scales which link back to work on values and QoL. Data from these surveys are downloadable, along with documentation, as SPSS saved files directly from John Hall's website (see links below)

The first survey was of all senior pupils in a girls' public school (ages 16 -18)

[Trinians](#) - Opinions and attitudes of senior girls at a public school: (Feb 1973, N=216)

The second survey was of all fifth formers (ages 15, 16) attending a North London comprehensive school (mixed 11 – 18) on a single day in Dec 1981.

[Playground to Politics](#): A study of teenagers' attitudes (Dec 1981, N=142)

Publications

Paul Ahmed, Harriet Cain and Alan Cook
Playground to Politics: a study of values and attitudes among fifth formers in a North London comprehensive school Report on 2nd year project for BA Applied Social Studies (Social Research)
Polytechnic of North London 1982

Mark Abrams and John Hall
Attitudes and Opinions of Girls in Senior Forms
SSRC Survey Unit, March 1973 (mimeo 20pp)

John Hall and Alison Walker,
User manual for Playground to Politics: a study of values and attitudes among fifth formers in a North London comprehensive school
Survey Research Unit, Polytechnic of North London 1982 (mimeo 40 pp – codebook, questionnaire, coding notes)

Data from other studies referred to above may still be available, but may also be subject to approval by the sponsors prior to release.