

- Title:** **Quality of Life: Second Pilot Survey 1971** (UK Data Archive study #248)
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- Variables:** Self-ratings of satisfaction (1-7 ladder scales) with various life domains (housing, local district, democracy in Britain, standard of living, job, spare time, health, marriage, family life, own education) and with sub-domains for local district (eg street lighting, rubbish collection, public transport) and for own job (list of statements rated as true/false); self-reported situation as appropriate for related domains; perceived current level of selected political constructs (1-7 ladder scale) in Britain today (eg freedom of speech, influence of voters, tolerance etc.); open-ended questions on three things most make for happy/unhappy marriage; self-reported levels of worry for various aspects of personal life and life in general; perceived importance of domains for overall satisfaction with life; semantic differential scale assessing *My Present Life*; Inglehart political values; modified Srole-Christie Anomy scale; standard demographics; weather summary. *[NB Many of the above items were also used in their survey of the Quality of American Life by Angus Campbell et al at the Survey Research Center, Inst of Social Research, Univ of Michigan at Ann Arbor, as part of our cross-national research programme on Subjective Social Indicators. ]*
- Fieldwork:** Social and Community Planning Research, October-November 1971
- Sample:** Quota within urban areas preselected by probability, London underweighted. N = 593
- Manual:** Hall J F, Lord D, Ring A J, Levers P and Born G, **Users' Manual: The Quality of Life – Second Pilot Survey (Oct – Nov 1971)** SSRC Survey Unit, 1973 (Internal mimeo 92pp.; cover design by Colin Brown). **QLGBPilot2\_manual.pdf** contains frequency distributions (including derived variables), facsimile questionnaire, note to interviewers, facsimile response cards, interviewer instructions, editing and coding instructions, technical and sampling report, index to data layout **[NB erratum 264 and 265 transposed]** uncoded 'other' answers. Available in **pdf** format from U K Data Archive at Essex.
- Data files:** Raw data on **QLGBPilot2.dat** (3 x 80-col records, 148kb); ready-to-use portable file **QLGBPilot2.por** (235kb) has 172 variables in **varxxx to varyyy** convention (in which first digit indicates record followed by a pair of digits indicating (start) column on which data punched) plus 4 derived variables **conurb** (conurbation), the weighting correction **weight** and scores on semantic differential and anomy scales **sdadfect sdconst anomy**. Raw data supplied on 2 cards per case: multi-punched data spread out on record 3. Alpha data modified to change '/' to '£' throughout, as it caused SPSS errors.
- Setup files:** Complex retrieval and much direct work on the **.sav** file means no single **.sps** file; consult author if interested. Scores on scales, groups from combinations of values on two or more variables and some common classificatory variables; minor modifications and additional variable and value labels to those in the published manual; specification of some variables not included in original file; specification of multiple response groups. Special characters such as '.', '/' or single primes in labels also caused problems in SPSS and have been dealt with by enclosing labels in (double) primes; '\$' changed back to '£' as for 1<sup>st</sup> pilot survey. **QLGBPilot2freq.sps** includes multiple response groups (reasons for (un)happy marriage)
- Output files:** File **QLGB2FREQ.SPO** (592kb) contains **unweighted** frequency counts for all variables in the same sequence as the manual (including multiple response groups) plus the derived variables. **[NB age and class even distributions, may need reweighting (?quota sample?)]**