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Attitudes in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe

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Over last 10 years our society has experienced a lot of changes. I would like to ask you some questions about these changes. I am interested in your opinion about these changes and what you have experienced.

Question 1: Please tell me how satisfied are you, all in all, with your life in general? Please answer by using the following scale, in which 0 means totally dissatisfied, and 10 means totally satisfied.

(List 1)

- 0 Totally dissatisfied
- 10 Totally satisfied

- 98 Don't know
- 99 Not answered

Question 2: On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the way democracy is developing in [COUNTRY]?

- 1 Very Satisfied
- 2 Fairly satisfied
- 3 Not very satisfied
- 4 Not at all satisfied

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 3: Compared to the early 90s, do you think the economic situation of your household has got a lot better, got a little better, stayed the same, got a little worse or got a lot worse?

(INT: If respondent has not had an own household at the beginning of the 90s, ask for his family's household)

- 1 Got a lot better
- 2 Got a little better
- 3 Stayed the same
- 4 Got a little worse
- 5 Got a lot worse

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 4: Compared to the early 90s, do you think the economic situation of the country on the whole has got a lot better, got a little better, stayed the same, got a little worse or got a lot worse?

- 1 Got a lot better
- 2 Got a little better
- 3 Stayed the same
- 4 Got a little worse
- 5 Got a lot worse

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 5: If you judge the present situation, do you think the economic situation of your household is very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

- 1 Very good
- 2 Fairly good
- 3 Fairly bad
- 4 Very bad

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 6: If you judge the present situation, do you think the economic situation of the country on the whole is very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

- 1 Very good
- 2 Fairly good
- 3 Fairly bad
- 4 Very bad

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 7: How long do you think it will take the government to sort out the economic problems of this country? Please show on this scale.

(List 7)

- 1 The economic problems are already solved
- 2 Less than three years
- 3 Three to five years
- 4 Five to 10 years
- 5 10 to 20 years
- 6 More than 20 years
- 7 Never

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 8: Here are some things a government might do for the economy. Please show of which actions you are strongly in favour of, in favour of, neither in favour of nor against, against and which you are strongly against.

(List 8)

- A Control of wages by law.
- B Control of prices by law.
- C Subsidies for industry to develop new projects and technology.
- D Support for industries in crisis to protect jobs.

- 1 Strongly in favour
- 2 In favour of
- 3 Neither in favour of nor against
- 4 Against
- 5 Strongly against

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 9: To what extent do you think each of the following should be either run by private organisations or companies or should be run by the state?

(List 9)

[Interviewer: Farms always means agricultural cooperations, which are not "family business"]

- A Banks
- B Big companies and factories
- C Water and Electricity
- D Railway
- E Media (TV, radio, newspaper)

- 1 Only privately run
- 2 Mainly run by private organisations or companies.
- 3 Mixed, equally run by private organisations and companies and the state
- 4 Mainly run by state
- 5 Only state run

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 10: Some people say the government of [country] should guarantee everyone a high standard of living, others argue that every person should look after himself. On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 signifies that the government should guarantee everyone a high standard of living and 7 that every person should look after himself, which position corresponds to your opinion?

(List 10)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
state							look after
guarantee							himself

8 Don't know

9 Not answered

Question 11: Here are some statements about the role of government. Please tell me whether you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly ?

(List11)

[Interviewer: government is understood in a broader sense as "the state"]

- A It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes.
- B The government should provide a job for everyone who wants one.
- C The government should spend less on benefits for the poor.
- D The government should provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed.
- E Spend more money on the police and law enforcement
- F Spend more money on culture and the arts

1 Agree strongly

2 Agree somewhat

3 Neither agree nor disagree

4 Disagree somewhat

5 Disagree strongly

8 Don't know

9 Not answered

Nowadays, there is much talk about justice and equality. Therefore I will ask you some questions about these topics.

Question 12: What do you think, is our society all in all very just, rather just, neither just nor unjust, rather unjust or very unjust?

- 1 Very just
- 2 Rather just
- 3 Neither just nor unjust
- 4 Rather unjust
- 5 Very unjust

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 13: And what do you think, was the former socialist society all in all very just, rather just, neither just nor unjust, rather unjust or very unjust?

- 1 Very just
- 2 Rather just
- 3 Neither just nor unjust
- 4 Rather unjust
- 5 Very unjust

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 14: Independently from how you see justice in our society: Compared to how others live in [country], do you think you get what you deserve, a little more than you deserve, a lot more than you deserve, a little less or a lot less than you deserve?

- 1 A lot more
- 2 A little more
- 3 Get what I deserve
- 4 A little less
- 5 A lot less

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 15: Now we have got some questions about opportunities for getting ahead in life. How important do you think is [Interviewer: read statement] ? Is it very important, fairly important, partly important/partly not important, not very important or not important at all?

(INT: In item L 'Illegal activities' refers to activities from 'just' cheating to criminal activities)

(List 15)

And what about...

- A Coming from a wealthy family.
- B Having a good education.
- C Having ambitions.
- D Natural ability – how important is that for getting ahead in life?
- E Hard work
- F Knowing the right people or having political connections
- G Highly educated parents
- H The part of the country you come from
- I A person's religion
- J A person's race or ethnic group
- K Being born a man or a woman
- L Carrying out illegal activities

- 1 Very important
- 2 Fairly important
- 3 Partly important, partly not important
- 4 Not very important
- 5 Not important at all

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 16: Now I have some questions about income and equality in [country]. For each statement I read, tell me whether you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat or disagree completely, using the phrases on this card (List 16 (*old: 18*))

- A It is fair if some have more money or wealth, but only if there are equal opportunities for everyone.
- B Allowing businessmen to make good profits is the best way to improve everyone's standard of living.
- C Our society should do whatever is necessary to make sure that everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed.
- D In our society people would not want to take extra responsibility at work unless they were paid extra for it.
- E The fairest way of distributing wealth and income would be to give everyone equal shares.
- F Social differences between people are justified, because they express what one has made of the given chances of life.
- G There should be a mechanism in our country which regulates income in a way that no one earns much more than others.
- H Large differences in income are necessary for [country] development.

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree somewhat
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Disagree somewhat
- 5 Disagree strongly

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

As you might have noticed that the questions asked so far, lead towards questions about the economy. I would like to address the topic of economy a little bit more in detail in the following part of this questionnaire.

Question 17: What do you think about the difference of people's incomes in [country]? Are the differences much too large, a little too large, about right, a little too small, or much too small?

- 1 Much too large
- 2 A little too large
- 3 About right
- 4 A little too small
- 5 Much too small

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 18: Some people think they belong socially to the top of a society, others believe they have a bottom position. Imagine a 7 graded ladder representing the social position of people in various periods. Where would you locate your family on them, if 7 means the highest and 1 means the lowest position ?

(List 18)

- A Where would you locate your family in the early 80s.
- B Where would you locate your family in the early 90s.
- C Where would you locate your family now.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lowest						Highest
Position						Position

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 19: I will read you some attributes, usually connected with a market economy, as we find it today in our country. Tell me please, whether you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly with each of the following statements.

(List 19)

- A In a market economy the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.
- B In a market economy everybody has got the freedom of choice and can make the best of his chances.
- C In a market economy everything should be left to the initiative of individuals. The state should not interfere in economic questions.
- D The market economy, as it exists in [country] today is the best economic order.
- E The principles/ideas of a market economy are always good.
- F In our market economy mostly those people succeed who don't care about official rules

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree somewhat
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Disagree somewhat
- 5 Disagree strongly

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 20: There are different directions our economy can develop. Would you say that our economy should take Western Europe as a model, or should we try to develop our own way of economic development? I have a list with several options. Please read these options carefully and tell me which option comes closest to your opinion. Please choose ONLY ONE of the following categories.

(List 20)

- A Take Western Europe fully as a model
- B Take Western Europe to a certain extent as a model
- C Mixed model: western Principles and our specific way
- D More our own way
- E Develop our own way

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 21: Here is a scale for ranking how the economy works. The top, plus 100, is the best; the bottom, minus 100, the worst. Where would you place...

(List 21)

- A The socialist economy before 1989?
[ESTONIA, RUSSIA: before 1990]
- B Our current economic system?
- C Our economic system in five years' time?

998 Don't know

999 Not answered

Question 22: Here is a scale for ranking how the government works. The top, plus 100, is the best; the bottom, minus 100, the worst. Where would you place...

(List 21)

- A The former socialist system?
- B Our current system of governing with free elections and many parties?
- C The system of governing in five years' time?

998 Don't know

999 Not answered

As the last question already indicated, I would like to change the subject again and ask some questions about your opinion about politics.

Question 23: I am going to name some institutions in this country. Please show me on this scale, how much confidence you have in the following institutions. What about (item) ? Do you have no confidence, a little confidence, some confidence or a great deal of confidence?

(INT: 'Civil Service' refers to administration only, not doctors or teachers)

(List 23)

	no Confidence at all		a great deal of Confidence		Hard to say	N.A.
- Political Parties	1	2	3	4	8	9
- Politicians	1	2	3	4	8	9
- Courts	1	2	3	4	8	9
- The civil service/ administration	1	2	3	4	8	9
- The parliament	1	2	3	4	8	9
- The Police	1	2	3	4	8	9
- Military	1	2	3	4	8	9
- The government	1	2	3	4	8	9
- The Prime Minister	1	2	3	4	8	9
- The President	1	2	3	4	8	9
- The media	1	2	3	4	8	9
- Churches	1	2	3	4	8	9
[INTERVIEWER: for non-christians equivalent religious groups]						
- Trade Unions	1	2	3	4	8	9
[POLAND, Instead of Trade Unions: Solidarity OPZZ]						

Question 24a: Sometimes you meet people who feel close to a certain party or political camp over a longer period of time. Do you feel close to Communists, Socialists, Social Democrats, Liberals, Nationalists, Conservatives, Christian Democrats (Albania: Democrats), are you Independent (that is none of these camps) or do you feel close to another party or political camp (which one)?

(List 24a)

[Interviewer: Independents are people who don't have a relationship with any group]

- A Communists
 - B Socialists
 - C Social Democrats
 - D Liberals
 - E Nationalists
 - F Conservatives
 - G Christian Democrats (Albania: Democrats)
 - H Independent (that is none of these camps) -> go to Question 25
 - I Others:.....
- 99 Not answered -> go to Question 25

Question 24b: (If close to a party or political group:) How close do you feel to ... (camp mentioned in Q24a):

- 1 very close
 - 2 somewhat close
 - 3 little close
 - 4 hardly close at all
- 9 not answered

Question 25: There are several opinions about our constitution. Please tell me whether you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly with each of the following statements?

(List 25)

- A Our constitution is a piece of paper, nobody really cares about.
- B Politicians have to follow the constitution, but for me it has got no meaning.
- C Our constitution is the basis for our society. Everybody has to obey its rules.
- D The constitution ensures my civil rights.

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree somewhat
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Disagree somewhat
- 5 Disagree strongly

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 26: If you have the impression you were treated unfair by the state (i.e. state authorities or the administration), which of the following actions do you take? Tell me according to the scale whether you would do this definitely, probably, probably not, definitely not, or is it hard to say?

(List 26)

- A I go and appeal at court.
- B I write a letter to the president or head of government.
- C I inform the media about this injustice.
- D I go to the administration and insist on getting my guaranteed rights.
- E I address myself to an influential person

- 1 Definitely yes
- 2 Probably yes
- 3 Probably not
- 4 Definitely not
- 5 Hard to say

- 9 Don't know

Question 27: Here are some civil and political rights mentioned on this list. Please tell me according to this scale, to what extent you think these rights are assured and well established now in our country. 7 means the rights are fully assured and established, 1 means the rights are not guaranteed at all.

(List 27)

- A The freedom of opinion and free speech.
 - B Free and independent media.
 - C The right to found a political party is guaranteed.
 - D Free, equal and fair elections.
 - E The freedom of religious beliefs.
 - F The political opposition has the power to check on the government.
 - G The military has no influence on politics.
 - H Minorities rights are guaranteed.
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- 1 Not guaranteed at all
 - 7 Fully guaranteed
-
- 8 Don't know
 - 9 Not answered

Question 28: Please, rate on this scale how important the following aspects of political life are to you. 7 means that it is very important and 1 that it is not important at all.

(List 28)

- A The freedom of opinion and free speech.
 - B Free and independent media.
 - C The right to found a political party.
 - D Free, equal and fair elections.
 - E The freedom of religious beliefs.
 - F The power of the political opposition to check on the government.
 - G No influence of the military on politics.
 - H Guaranteed minority rights.
-
- 1 Not important at all
 - 7 Very important
-
- 8 Don't know
 - 9 Not answered

Question 29: Our present system of government is not the only one that this country has had. Some people say we would be better off, if the country was governed differently. What do you think? Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree?

(List 29)

- A We should return to communist rule.
- B The army should govern the country.
- C Best to get rid of parliament and have a strong leader who can decide things quickly.
- D A return to monarchy would be better.
- E The most important decisions about the development of our country should be made by experts, and not the government and parliament.
- F A multi-party system is designed to create chaos. All we need is a single-party system.
- G Under certain circumstances dictatorship is the best form of government.
- H Our country should be governed the way it is governed today.

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree somewhat
- 3 Disagree somewhat
- 4 Disagree strongly

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 30: Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly with the following statement: I am proud to be a [country].

(INT: 'country' refers to citizenship, not to nationality)

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree somewhat
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Disagree somewhat
- 5 Disagree strongly

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 31: Now we would like to read to you some statements about the connection between past and present times. Please tell me for each statement whether you strongly agree, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly.

(List 31)

- A History does not relate to the problems we have got to face today.
- B Today our traditions determine to a great deal our behaviour.
- C Legends, developed over centuries, are important as a guide for us.
- D I am proud of the history of our country.

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree somewhat
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Disagree somewhat
- 5 Disagree strongly

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 32: How interested are you in politics? Are you not at all interested, a little interested, fairly interested, very interested, or is it hard to say?

- 1 Not at all interested
- 2 A little interested
- 3 Fairly interested
- 4 Very interested
- 5 Hard to say

- 9 Not answered

Question 33: There are many ways people or organisations can protest against a government action they strongly oppose. Please tell me which you think should definitely be allowed, probably be allowed, probably not be allowed or definitely not be allowed.

(List 33)

- A Organising protest marches and demonstrations.
- B Occupying a government office and stopping work there for several days.
- C Taking part in a revolt, with the aim of changing the form of government.
- D Organising a nationwide strike of all workers against the government.

- 1 Definitely allowed
- 2 Probably allowed
- 3 Probably not allowed
- 4 Definitely not allowed

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 34: Here are some questions about political participation. Can you imagine taking part in each of the activities listed below? Can you do so definitely, probably, probably not, definitely not or do you find it hard to say?

(List 34)

- A Organising protest marches and demonstrations.
- B Occupying a government office and stopping work there for several days.
- C Taking part in a revolt, with the aim of changing the form of government
- D Organising a nationwide strike of all workers against the government.

- 1 Yes, definitely
- 2 Probably
- 3 Probably not
- 4 No, definitely not
- 5 Hard to say

- 9 Not answered

Question 35: We have collected some ideas on this list, which we have often heard in relation to politics and society. Please tell me for each of these ideas whether you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly.

(List 35)

- A Politicians do not care about what the common man thinks.
- B Different parties have different aims and programmes, so that a citizen really has the choice between different alternatives.
- C I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing our country.
- D Politicians we elect as member of parliament try to keep the promises they have made.
- E In a democracy every citizen should participate regularly in elections.
- F The average citizen has considerable influence in politics.
- G One should use every chance for political activities.
- H It is important for our society to respect political institutions, and not to break laws.
- I On the whole, politics is so complicated that people like me do not understand what is going on.
- J People like me don't have any say about what the government does.

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree somewhat
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Disagree somewhat
- 5 Disagree strongly

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 36: Some people use the term "left" and "right" when talking about politics. Here is a scale running from left to right, where 1 means left and 11 means right. Thinking about your own political views, please indicate where you would place yourself on this scale.

(List 36)

- 1 Left
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6 Neither Left nor Right
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11 Right

- 98 Don't know
- 99 Not answered

Question 37a: Also in politics one cannot have everything at the same time. On this card you will find a list of four possible political goals. Suppose you had to choose among these, which would be the most important to you? Please choose ONLY ONE of the following categories.

(List 37a: card game)

- A Maintain order in the country
- B Give people more to say in important government decisions
- C Protect freedom of speech
- D Fight rising prices

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 37b: And which one would you give the second highest priority? Please choose ONLY ONE of the following categories.

(List 37a: card game second choice)

- A Maintain order in the country
 - B Give people more to say in important government decisions
 - C Protect freedom of speech
 - D Fight rising prices
-
- 8 Don't know
 - 9 Not answered

Question 38: Given the whole of a society, people have different sources of identities. Please answer each statement, stating to what degree each is a source of identity for you. Is it definitely, somewhat, hardly or definitely not a source of your identity or do you find it hard to tell?

[Translation Statement B: In RUSSIA, ESTONIA: East-European
In ALBANIA, BULGARIA, ROMANIA: South-East-European]

- A I see myself as a European
 - B I see myself as a Central-East-European
 - C I see myself as a[country]
 - D I see myself in a local, regional tradition
-
- 1 Yes, definitely
 - 2 Yes, somewhat
 - 3 Hardly
 - 4 No, definitely not
 - 5 Hard to say
-
- 9 Not answered

Question 39: What do you think about each of the following statements concerned with the European Dimension of Politics? Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly ?

(List 39)

- A It would be in the interest of our country to follow the path of other (West)European countries.
- B Before we join the European Community/Union, our country should develop more self-confidence.
- C [country] should join the European Union as a full member as soon as possible.
- D [country] should adapt to the rules of the European Union, even if it costs jobs in the short run, in the long run our country will profit from it.

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree somewhat
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Disagree somewhat
- 5 Disagree strongly

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 40: Please tell me for each of the following statements, do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly ?

(List 40)

[Interviewer: socialism does always mean "old times", when the communist party ruled, before 89].

- A The idea of democracy is always good.
- B Democracy is appropriate as the general form of government.
- C I was satisfied with the way socialism worked in [COUNTRY].
- D The idea of socialism is always good.
- E Socialism is appropriate as the general form of government.

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree somewhat
- 3 Disagree somewhat
- 4 Disagree strongly

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 41: Freedom and equality are certainly both important values. But if you were to choose one or the other, which one is more important to you? Please indicate where you would position yourself.

(List 41)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Freedom Equality

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 42: Some people we've talked with say that most people can be trusted. Others say you can't be careful enough in your dealings with other people. How do you feel about that, can most people be fully trusted, are people fairly trustworthy, should one be fairly careful or has one got to be very careful?

- 1 Most people can be fully trusted
- 2 People are fairly trustworthy
- 3 One should be fairly careful
- 4 One has to be very careful

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 43: Everyone identifies with certain ideas and principles, which might influence their way of life. Could you tell me whether you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat, disagree strongly or find it hard to say ?

(List 43)

- A I like to enjoy life and do not want to work more than necessary.
- B To have a sense of duty and self discipline are the most important character attributes one should have.
- C I do not mind if others decide for me.
- D My life should be unusual and extravagant.
- E I accept people the way they are.
- F To help someone, without being asked, is natural to me.
- G My main aim in life is to have a successful career and to earn as much as possible.
- H In religious disputes one has to make sure not to compromise with those who think differently from us.
- I Even if I have a certain conviction, I accept those who think differently.

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree somewhat
- 3 Disagree somewhat
- 4 Disagree strongly
- 5 Hard to say

- 9 Not answered

Question 44: In what way do the following statements apply to you personally? Tell me on this scale, does it apply completely, more or less, does it not really apply or does it not apply at all?

(List 44)

- A When I think about the future, I'm full of confidence.
- B I often feel lonely.
- C Everything's become so complicated that I'm barely able to cope with it.
- D I prefer not to think about the future.

- 1 Applies completely
- 2 Applies more or less
- 3 Does not really apply
- 4 Does not apply at all

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 45: The following statements give various attitudes towards life and the future. Please indicate whether this applies completely, more or less, not really or not at all to you.

(List 44)

- A I determine what happens to me in life.
- B No one can escape their fate, everything in life happens as it must happen.
- C Most of my plans are successful.
- D There is little sense in planning ahead because something unexpected always comes up.
- E Things always happen differently, one can't rely on anything.
- F The situation today is certainly complicated and confusing for many people. Personally, however, I cope quite well with it

- 1 Applies completely
- 2 Applies more or less
- 3 Does not really apply
- 4 Does not apply at all

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 46: We have collected some ideas on this list, which we have often heard in relation to politics and society. Please tell me for each of these ideas whether you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly.

(List 46)

- A Without professional politicians our country would be worse off.
- B In our society clashes between different interest groups endanger the public order.
- C In [country] there are not too many, but too few people who are politically active.
- D On principle, every political party should have the chance to rule this country.
- E Parties see the state as their private property and treat it like a self-service shop.
- F Even the best politician cannot have much impact because of the way government works.
- G Parties have too much influence in our society.
- H Every person should have the right to stand up for his opinion, even if the majority has got a different opinion.
- I Most politicians are corrupt.

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree somewhat
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Disagree somewhat
- 5 Disagree strongly

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

I am now interested in your opinion about religious denominations and religious beliefs.

Question 47a: Do you or did you belong to a religious denomination or church? Yes, nowadays, but not in previous times; Yes, all my life; No, but used to be; No, never

Int: Read answers

INT: Read carefully!

- 1 Yes, nowadays, but not in previous times → go to Question 47b
- 2 Yes, all my life → go to Question 47b
- 3 No, but used to be → go to Question 47c
- 4 No, never → go to Question 47c

Question 47b: What do you think, does a majority of your friends belong to the same denomination as you do? Can you tell me whether you think this is definitely so, probably so, probably not so, definitely not so or whether you find it hard to say?

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|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Definitely so | → go to Question 48a |
| 2 | Probably so | → go to Question 48a |
| 3 | No, probably not so | → go to Question 48a |
| 4 | No, definitely not so | → go to Question 48a |
| 5 | Hard to say | → go to Question 48a |
| 9 | Not answered | → go to Question 48a |

Question 47c: What do you think, does a majority of your friends belong to no denomination either? Can you tell me whether you think this is definitely so, probably so, probably not so, definitely not so or whether you find it hard to say?

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|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Definitely so | → if in Q47a Pos.4 go to Question 51, else go to Question 48b |
| 2 | Probably so | → if in Q47a Pos.4 go to Question 51, else go to Question 48b |
| 3 | No, probably not so | → if in Q47a Pos.4 go to Question 51, else go to Question 48b |
| 4 | No, definitely not so | → if in Q47a Pos.4 go to Question 51, else go to Question 48b |
| 5 | Hard to say | → if in Q47a Pos.4 go to Question 51, else go to Question 48b |
| 9 | Not answered | → if in Q47a Pos.4 go to Question 51, else go to Question 48b |

(INT: Ask only if Pos. 1 or 2 in Q47a)

Question 48a: Which one do you belong to?

(standard list of religious denominations for each country)

(List 48a)

- | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------------|
| 11 | ... | → go to Question 49 |
| 12 | ... | → go to Question 49 |
| ... | ... | → go to Question 49 |
| 98 | Don't know | → go to Question 49 |
| 99 | Not answered | → go to Question 49 |

(INT: Ask only if Pos. 3 in Q47a)

Question 48b: Which one did you belong to?

(standard list of religious denominations for each country)

(List 48a)

- | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------------|
| 11 | ... | → go to Question 49 |
| 12 | ... | → go to Question 49 |
| ... | ... | → go to Question 49 |
| 98 | Don't know | → go to Question 51 |
| 99 | Not answered | → go to Question 51 |

Question 49: Have you ever changed your religious denomination?

- 1 Yes → go to Question 50
- 2 No → go to Question 51

- 9 Not answered → Go to Question 51

Question 50: What was your former religious denomination?

(List 48a)

Note: For categories see Question 48a.

- 98 Don't know
- 99 Not answered

Often people say they do not belong to a denomination, but practice some religious rituals. Therefore we would like to ask you some questions about everyday religious behaviour, be it in connection with a church, be it in form of supernatural behaviour.

To all:

Question 51: How often do you attend the religious services? Do you attend it...

(List 51)

- 1 Never
- 2 About once or twice a year
- 3 Several times a year
- 4 About once a month
- 5 2-3 times a month
- 6 Every week or more often

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 52: Which of these statements comes closest to your beliefs? Please read this list carefully and choose only one of the following statements:

(List 52)

- A There is a personal God.
- B There is some sort of spirit or life force.
- C I don't really know what to think.
- D I don't really think there is any sort of higher being, or God.
- E I am an atheist.

9 Not answered

Question 53: Apart from traditional religion people are also concerned with religious and supernatural questions. How is this with you, do you believe not at all, a little bit, to a certain degree or very strongly in [Interviewer: read first item], or don't you know what this is?

(List 53)

[Interviewer: belief refers to the believe in existence]

And what about ...

- A Reincarnation (Return after death)
- B Astrology/Horoscopes
- C Faith-healer
- D Mysticism (e.g. sufism/cabbalism)
- E Effects of zen-meditations, yoga
- F Effects of magic/spiritualism/occultism
- G The message of New Age (holistic way of thinking/"Age of Aquarius")

0 I do not know what this is.

1 Not at all

2 A little bit

3 Yes, to a certain degree

4 Yes, very strong

9 Not answered

Question 54a: When you were around 11 or 12, how often did you attend religious services? Did you attend them ... ?

(List 54a)

Question 54b: And what about your mother: How often did your mother attend religious services when you were around 11 or 12?

(List 54a)

Question 54c: And what about your father: How often did your father attend religious services when you were around 11 or 12?

(List 54a)

	54a) you	54b) your mother	54c) your father
1 Never			
2 About 1-2 times a year			
3 Several times a year			
4 About once a month			
5 2-3 Times a month			
6 Every week or more often			
8 Don't know			
9 Not answered			

Question 55: Please tell me by using this scale, which ranges from disagree strongly, disagree somewhat, agree somewhat to agree strongly, what is your opinion about the following statements?

(List 55)

- A The opinion of other people is not important for my religiousness.
- B One can be also religious without a church..
- C My parents brought me up in faith.

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree somewhat
- 3 Disagree somewhat
- 4 Disagree strongly

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 56: Which best describes your beliefs about God? Please read this list carefully and tell me which fits best to you.

(List 56)

- A I don't believe in God now and I never have.
- B I don't believe in God now, but I used to.
- C I believe in God now, but I didn't use to.
- D I believe in God now and I always have.

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 57: Please tell me whether you would agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly with each of the following statements?

(List 57)

- A I try hard to apply my religion to all my other dealings in life.
- B My religious beliefs are what really lie behind my whole approach to life.
- C The church is most important as a place to formulate good social relationships.
- D One reason for me being a church member is that such membership helps to get recognized in the local community.
- E The purpose of prayer is to secure a happy and peaceful life.
- F What religion offers me most is comfort when sorrows and misfortune strike.

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree somewhat
- 3 Disagree somewhat
- 4 Disagree strongly

- 7 Does not apply
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 58: Would you describe yourself as religious? Would you say you are...?

(List 58)

- 1 Extremely religious
- 2 Very religious
- 3 Fairly religious
- 4 Neither religious nor non-religious
- 5 Fairly non-religious
- 6 Very non-religious
- 7 Extremely non-religious

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 59: How have your conditions of life changed since 1989 [Russia: 1985]; have they become a lot better, a little better, have they stayed the same, have they become a little worse or a lot worse ?

- 1 A lot better
- 2 A little better
- 3 Stayed the same
- 4 A little worse
- 5 A lot worse

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 60: Please tell me, for each of the following, how important it is in your life. Is it very important, quite important, not very important, not important at all? What about ...

- A Work
- B Leisure time
- C Religion
- D Politics

- 1 Very important
- 2 Quite important
- 3 Not very important
- 4 Not at all important

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 61: Compared to how you lived 10 years ago in 1989/1990, would you say you are today a lot more satisfied, more satisfied, more dissatisfied, a lot more dissatisfied or is there no change in the way you live?

- 1 A lot more satisfied
- 2 More satisfied
- 3 More dissatisfied
- 4 A lot more dissatisfied
- 5 No change

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Question 62: Suppose you were looking for work nowadays, would it be very easy, rather easy, rather difficult, or practically impossible for you to find a suitable job?

- 1 Very easy
- 2 Rather easy
- 3 Rather difficult
- 4 Practically impossible

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

Finally, I want to ask you some questions about your own and your family.

S1: Gender:

- 1 male
 - 2 female
- [filled by Interviewer]

S2: Can you give me your year of birth, please?

19__

S3: Are you a citizen of [country]?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

- 9 Not answered

S4: To which of the following groups do you belong above all?

[National list S4]

.....
.....

99 Not answered

**S5: What is your marital status. Are you ...
(List S5)**

- A Married
- B Living as married
- C Widowed → go to S7
- D Divorced → go to S7
- E Separated from spouse → go to S7
- F Never married, not married, single → go to S7

- 9 Not answered → go to S7

S6: What is the current employment status of your spouse?

[List S6]

- A Self-employed
- B Full-time employed, main job
- C Part-time employed, main job
- D Less than part-time
- E Helping family member
- F Unemployed
- G Student, at school, in education, vocational training
- H Retired
- I Housewife (man), home duties
- J Permanently disabled, sick, social welfare
- K Others, not in labour force, not working

99 Not answered

S7 (old: S7): How many children do you have?

- 1 no children → go to S8b
- 2 1 child → go to S8a
- 3 2 children → go to S8a
- 4 3 children → go to S8a
- 5 4 or more children → go to S8a

- 9 Not answered → go to S8b

S8a: Do/Did you bring up your children in faith?

- 1 Yes, definitely → go to S9
- 2 Yes, rather → go to S9
- 3 No, rather not → go to S9
- 4 No, definitely not → go to S9

- 8 Don't know → go to S9
- 9 Not answered → go to S9

S8b: If you had children, would you bring up your children in faith?

- 1 Yes, definitely
- 2 Yes, rather
- 3 No, rather not
- 4 No, definitely not

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

S9: How many people who are members of your family are living in your household, including yourself?

- 1 1 person
- 2 2 persons
- 3 3 persons
- 4 4-6 persons
- 5 7-10 persons
- 6 more than 10 persons

- 9 Not answered

S10: For how long did you go to school, including vocational training, university?

___ years

- 99 Not answered

S11: What is the highest education level you have finished?

[National list S11]

....

....

- 98 Other
- 99 Not answered

S12a: When did you enter employment for the first time?

Month:___ Year:_____

- 998 Never had a job → go to S14

S12b: How often did you change your profession in the last 10 years?

_____ times

- 99 Not answered

S12c: How often did you change your employer in the last 10 years?

_____ times

- 99 Not answered

S13: Are you currently employed?

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|---|--------------|-------------|
| 1 | Yes | → go to S17 |
| 2 | No | → go to S14 |
| 9 | Not answered | → go to S23 |

S14: Which of the following applies to you?

[List S 14]

- | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| A | Family member that helps in the family's business | → go to S16 |
| B | Unemployed | → go to S15 |
| C | Student, at school, in education, vocational training | → go to S25 |
| D | Retired | → go to S16 |
| E | Housewife (man), home duties | → go to S15 |
| F | Permanently disabled, sick, social welfare, state benefit | → go to S16 |
| G | Others, not in labour force, not working | → go to S16 |
| 9 | Not answered | → go to S23 |

S15: Do you definitely not, probably not, probably or definitely intend in the future to take up a job (again)?

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| 1 | No, definitely not |
| 2 | Probably not |
| 3 | Yes, probably |
| 4 | Yes, definitely |
| 8 | Don't know |
| 9 | Not answered |

S16: When did your last employment end?

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Month:___ Year:_____ | → go to S23 |
| 998 Never had a job | → go to S 25 |
| 999 Not answered | → go to S23 |

S17: Apart from your main job, do you have further jobs?

- | | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Yes, permanently |
| 2 | Yes, but just on and off/sometimes |
| 3 | No |
| 9 | Not answered |

S18: How many hours do you usually work a week (include all the jobs you earn money in, other entrepreneurial activities, ...)

_____ hours

S19a: Are you currently working in a job you are trained in ?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

- 9 Not answered

S19b: Are you afraid of losing your job and becoming unemployed in the near future?

- 1 Yes, I am afraid of getting unemployed
- 2 No, I am not afraid

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

S20: Have you ever been unemployed?

- 1 Yes → go to S21
- 2 No → go to S22a

- 8 Don't know → go to S22a
- 9 Not answered → go to S22a

S21: Please try to remember which year and for how long you have been out of work the last time you have been unemployed.

From Month:___ Year:____
To Month:___ Year:____

S22a: If you compare your current job with the work you have done 10 years ago in the early 90s, would you say your position has much improved, a little improved, not changed, got a little worse, or got a lot worse?

- 1 Much improved
- 2 A little improved
- 3 Not changed
- 4 Got a little worse
- 5 Got a lot worse

- 7 Did not have a job 10 years ago
- 8 don't know
- 9 Not answered

→ THIS QUESTION APPLIES ONLY FOR POLAND AND GERMANY. ALL OTHER COUNTRIES, PLEASE MARK THIS AS S22b AND LEAVE IT BLANK !

S22b: Which occupation are you in at present? Please, give the exact description, in other words, e.g. not "clerk" but "forwarding merchant", not "worker" but "engine fitter". If you say you are a civil servant, please give your first official title. If you are in training, give the title of the job you are being trained for.

[INT: open question, fill in as precise as possible]

- 998 Don't know
- 999 Not answered

S23: What is/was your last your job?

[List S23]

- A Employer/manager of establishment with 10 or more employees
- B Employer/manager of establishment with less than 10 employees
- C Free-lance, self-employed
- D White collar higher level non-manual
- E White collar middle level non-manual
- F White collar junior level non-manual
- G Blue collar foreman and supervisor
- H Blue collar skilled manual worker
- I Blue collar semi-skilled manual worker
- J Blue collar unskilled manual worker
- K Farmer: employer, manager on one account
- L Agricultural worker
- M Member of armed forces
- N Other

- 99 Not answered

S24: Regarding your (last) main job, what type of employer do you have/have you had?

[List S24]

- A Public agency
- B State enterprise
- C State enterprise once, now private
- D Private enterprise, cooperative
- E Farm collective
- F Independent farmer
- G Self-employed

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Not answered

S25: What is your household net monthly income, all income of all household members in [currency]?

[List S25]

→ *national categories (see List S 25)*

....

....

99 Not Answered

S26: Assuming there is a parliamentary election next Sunday, would you go and vote? Would you definitely go, probably go, probably not go, definitely not go or is it hard for you to say?

1 Yes, definitely

2 Yes, probably

3 Probably not

4 No, definitely not → End interview

5 Hard to say

9 Not answered

**S27: And which party would you vote for?
(standard list of parties for each country)
(List S27)**

....

....

99 Not Answered

Thank you very much!

Additional informations (to be filled out by the interviewer; Institutes: if possible, please add the relevant informations)

A1: Size of village/town where the interview was conducted

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | under 500 inhabitants |
| 2 | 500-2000 |
| 3 | 2000-5000 |
| 4 | 5-10.000 |
| 5 | 10-20.000 |
| 6 | 20-50.000 |
| 7 | 50-100.000 |
| 8 | 100-500.000 |
| 9 | more than 500.000 |

A2: Region/Province where the interview was conducted

(Please use your country-specific lists to identify region/province etc. where the interview was conducted)

A3: Interview was conducted in the capital of [country]

- | | |
|---|-----|
| 1 | Yes |
| 2 | No |

A4: Respondent lives in:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | in center of city |
| 2 | periphery of city |
| 3 | village near city |
| 4 | village in rural area |

A5: Respondent was:

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| 1 | very interested |
| 2 | rather interested |
| 3 | rather bored |
| 4 | very bored |

A6: Respondent had:

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| 1 | great difficulties |
| 2 | large difficulties |
| 3 | small difficulties |
| 4 | no difficulties |