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SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

Category	Questionnaires processed	Refused to answer
TOTAL:	1,099	339
Men	555	
Women	544	
Age groups:		
18 – 29	334	
30 – 49	453	
50 and over	312	
By occupation:		
Workers	371	97
Office employees	93	33
Clerical staff	34	–
Farmers	480	189
Other self-employed	121	40
By nationality:		
Slovaks	965	
Ukrainians	54	
Hungarians	68	
Others	12	
By religion:		
Roman Catholics	771	
Lutherans	216	
Greek Catholics	73	
Other / no religion	39	

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Question 1

"Since 1 October of this year, bread, flour, baked goods and potatoes have been removed from rationing. Do you believe that supply conditions will gradually improve in our country, or not?"

Responses in per cent:

Category	Will improve %	No %	Don't know %
TOTAL:	69.7	6.2	24.1
Men	75.1	6.1	18.8
Women	64.2	6.2	29.6
Age groups:	–	–	–
18 – 29	76.9	3.3	19.8
30 – 49	69.7	6.0	24.3
50 and over	61.9	9.6	28.5
By occupation:	–	–	–
Workers	80.9	3.2	15.9
Office employees	74.2	5.4	20.4
Clerical staff	79.4	–	20.6
Farmers	60.6	8.6	30.8
Other self-employed	65.3	8.3	26.4
By nationality:	–	–	–
Slovaks	69.2	6.5	24.3
Ukrainians	40.4	3.7	25.9
Hungarians	72.1	4.4	23.5
By religion:	–	–	–
Roman Catholics	68.6	6.0	25.4
Lutherans	72.7	6.5	20.8
Greek Catholics	65.8	6.8	27.4

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Question 2 (a)

"According to your observation, is there more construction happening in Slovakia today than during the first Czechoslovak Republic or the Slovak State?" (a) Compared with the first Czechoslovak Republic:

Responses in per cent:

Category	More %	Less %	Don't know %
TOTAL:	65.6	14.5	19.9
Men	71.4	15.5	13.1
Women	59.8	13.4	26.8
Age groups:	–	–	–
18 – 29	68.9	10.5	20.6
30 – 49	67.3	15.2	17.5
50 and over	59.6	17.6	22.8
By occupation:	–	–	–
Workers	72.5	11.3	16.2
Office employees	72.0	15.1	12.9
Clerical staff	73.5	14.7	11.8
Farmers	58.1	16.9	25.0
Other self-employed	66.9	14.0	19.1
By nationality:	–	–	–
Slovaks	66.3	14.4	19.3
Ukrainians	72.2	5.6	22.2
Hungarians	50.0	22.0	28.0
By religion:	–	–	–
Roman Catholics	64.2	16.1	19.7
Lutherans	70.8	10.7	18.5
Greek Catholics	67.1	6.9	26.0

Question 2 (b)

"According to your observation, is there more construction happening in Slovakia today than during the first Czechoslovak Republic or the Slovak State?" (b) Compared with the Slovak State:

Responses in per cent:

Category	More %	Less %	Don't know %	No answer %
TOTAL:	60.0	17.5	20.5	2.0
Men	64.5	18.9	14.1	2.5

Category	More %	Less %	Don't know %	No answer %
Women	55.3	16.0	27.2	1.5
Age groups:	–	–	–	–
18 – 29	67.4	14.4	16.7	1.5
30 – 49	59.6	19.0	19.4	2.0
50 and over	52.6	18.6	26.3	2.5
By occupation:	–	–	–	–
Workers	65.5	15.6	17.0	1.9
Office employees	69.9	22.6	4.3	3.2
Clerical staff	64.7	14.7	14.7	5.9
Farmers	52.9	18.3	26.9	1.9
Other self-employed	62.0	16.5	20.7	0.8
By nationality:	–	–	–	–
Slovaks	61.0	18.8	19.3	1.9
Ukrainians	55.6	22.2	22.2	–
Hungarians	44.1	11.8	38.2	5.9
By religion:	–	–	–	–
Roman Catholics	59.4	17.5	21.2	1.9
Lutherans	64.4	15.7	17.6	2.3
Greek Catholics	52.0	23.3	23.3	1.4

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Question 3

"When were you economically better off: during the first Czechoslovak Republic, during the Slovak State, or now?"

Responses in per cent:

Category	First ■SR %	Slovak State %	Now %	Don't know %
TOTAL:	32.0	27.8	30.9	9.3
Men	30.5	29.2	32.2	8.1
Women	33.6	26.5	29.4	10.5
Age groups:	–	–	–	–
18 – 29	18.9	23.9	44.6	12.6
30 – 49	35.5	28.9	27.6	8.0
50 and over	41.0	30.4	20.8	7.8
By occupation:	–	–	–	–
Workers	23.2	22.1	45.6	9.1
Office employees	48.4	24.7	23.7	3.2
Clerical staff	29.4	29.4	41.2	–
Farmers	35.4	31.0	21.7	11.9
Other self-employed	33.9	34.7	24.8	6.6
By nationality:	–	–	–	–
Slovaks	31.4	29.4	30.4	8.8
Ukrainians	29.6	13.0	40.7	16.7
Hungarians	42.6	22.1	25.0	10.3
By religion:	–	–	–	–
Roman Catholics	31.8	30.4	28.9	8.9
Lutherans	34.7	21.8	34.2	9.3
Greek Catholics	30.1	23.3	28.8	17.8

Note: Figures in parentheses in the original document are comparative responses from Research No. 5 (21 October 1948) to the same question.

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Question 4 (a)

"Are you reading more books now than during the first Czechoslovak Republic or the Slovak State?" (a)
Compared with the first Czechoslovak Republic:

Responses in per cent:

Category	More %	Less %	Same %	Don't read %	Don't know %	No answer %
TOTAL:	25.9	16.8	23.2	27.6	5.4	1.1
Men	29.4	19.8	22.3	23.1	4.5	0.9
Women	22.4	13.8	24.1	32.2	6.2	1.3
Age groups:	–	–	–	–	–	–
18 – 29	38.0	13.2	23.6	17.4	4.8	3.0
30 – 49	22.1	19.4	26.0	26.7	5.3	0.5
50 and over	18.6	17.0	18.6	39.7	6.1	–
By occupation:	–	–	–	–	–	–
Workers	32.9	11.6	21.0	26.4	5.9	2.2
Office employees	35.5	32.3	24.7	5.4	1.0	1.1
Clerical staff	23.5	20.6	29.4	20.6	5.9	–
Farmers	19.6	14.4	22.9	36.0	6.5	0.6
Other self-employed	23.1	29.8	28.1	16.5	2.5	–
By nationality:	–	–	–	–	–	–
Slovaks	26.6	16.8	22.8	27.4	5.4	1.0
Ukrainians	29.6	11.1	27.8	24.1	5.6	1.8
Hungarians	11.8	20.6	25.0	36.8	4.3	1.5
By religion:	–	–	–	–	–	–
Roman Catholics	23.3	18.6	22.7	28.9	5.6	0.9
Lutherans	34.7	13.0	22.7	22.2	5.6	1.8
Greek Catholics	26.0	9.6	32.9	26.0	4.1	1.4

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Question 4 (b)

"Are you reading more books now than during the first Czechoslovak Republic or the Slovak State?" (b)
Compared with the Slovak State:

Responses in per cent:

Category	More %	Less %	Same %	Don't read %	Don't know %	No answer %
TOTAL:	24.0	16.9	24.0	27.2	5.8	2.1
Men	28.8	18.4	22.7	22.3	4.9	2.9
Women	19.1	15.2	25.4	32.2	6.8	1.3
Age groups:	–	–	–	–	–	–
18 – 29	35.3	15.9	25.2	16.7	4.8	2.1
30 – 49	21.4	18.8	26.0	26.1	5.7	2.0
50 and over	15.7	15.1	19.9	40.1	7.0	2.2
By occupation:	–	–	–	–	–	–
Workers	31.0	12.6	22.1	25.9	6.2	2.2
Office employees	32.3	35.5	23.7	4.3	–	4.2
Clerical staff	23.5	23.5	23.5	20.7	5.9	2.9
Farmers	17.3	13.8	23.7	36.0	7.3	1.9
Other self-employed	23.2	25.6	31.4	15.7	3.3	0.8
By nationality:	–	–	–	–	–	–
Slovaks	25.1	16.6	23.8	27.0	5.5	2.0
Ukrainians	24.1	22.2	24.1	24.1	3.7	1.8
Hungarians	8.8	14.7	26.5	35.3	10.3	4.4
By religion:	–	–	–	–	–	–
Roman Catholics	22.6	18.0	23.2	28.2	6.1	1.9
Lutherans	30.6	11.6	26.8	23.1	5.1	2.8
Greek Catholics	20.5	20.5	28.8	26.0	2.8	1.4

Question 4/A (follow-up for current readers)

Those who are currently reading books: What do you dislike about books published in our country today?

Response codes: 1. Tendentious / one-sided 2. I like them 3. Too expensive 4. Too much politics 5. Other 6. Don't know 7. No answer

Responses in per cent of total respondents in each group.

Category	1 %	2 %	3 %	4 %	5 %	6 %	7 %	Total %
TOTAL:	10.6	9.1	5.7	3.8	11.0	9.8	24.0	74.0
Men	12.0	10.4	6.7	3.8	11.7	9.5	24.3	78.4
Women	9.2	7.7	4.6	3.9	10.3	10.1	23.7	69.7
Age groups:	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
18–29	12.3	11.4	8.1	4.2	13.1	12.0	23.6	84.7
30–49	11.2	9.5	5.3	4.0	11.5	9.7	23.9	75.1
50+	7.7	6.1	3.8	3.2	8.0	7.7	24.7	61.2
By occupation:	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Workers	6.7	13.2	7.3	3.2	10.2	11.1	23.2	74.9
Office empl.	31.2	11.8	4.3	10.8	12.9	9.7	17.2	97.9
Clerical staff	5.9	2.9	5.9	5.9	20.6	14.7	23.5	79.4
Farmers	8.3	5.2	4.6	2.7	9.2	9.6	26.2	65.8
Other s.-empl.	16.5	11.6	6.6	4.1	16.5	5.9	23.1	84.3
By nationality:	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Slovaks	11.4	9.8	6.2	4.1	11.3	9.9	21.5	74.2
Ukrainians	3.7	3.7	1.8	–	9.3	7.4	50.0	75.9
Hungarians	2.9	1.5	1.5	4.4	7.3	10.3	39.7	67.6
By religion:	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Roman Cath.	11.2	8.3	5.8	3.6	12.5	9.9	21.9	73.2
Lutherans	13.5	18.8	8.8	7.1	11.2	14.1	20.8	78.7
Greek Cath.	4.1	1.4	2.7	–	5.5	5.5	54.8	74.0

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Question 5

"Recently we had Slovak Book Week here. Did you buy a book at that time, or not?"

Responses in per cent:

Category	Bought %	No %
TOTAL:	29.7	70.3
Men	33.3	66.7
Women	25.9	74.1
Age groups:	–	–
18 – 29	36.2	63.8
30 – 49	28.3	71.7
50 and over	24.7	75.3
By occupation:	–	–
Workers	30.7	69.3
Office employees	52.7	47.3
Clerical staff	47.1	52.9
Farmers	20.4	79.6
Other self-employed	40.5	59.5
By nationality:	–	–
Slovaks	30.2	69.8
Ukrainians	29.6	70.4
Hungarians	17.6	82.4
By religion:	–	–
Roman Catholics	26.8	73.2
Lutherans	37.5	62.5
Greek Catholics	31.5	68.5

Question 6

"Is the government acting correctly in focusing construction in Slovakia today primarily on industrial enterprises and factories, or not?"

Responses in per cent:

Category	Acting correctly %	No %	Don't know %
TOTAL:	65.2	10.8	24.0
Men	69.9	12.4	17.7

Category	Acting correctly %	No %	Don't know %
Women	60.5	9.2	30.3
Age groups:	–	–	–
18 – 29	73.0	8.4	18.6
30 – 49	66.2	10.6	23.2
50 and over	55.5	13.8	30.7
By occupation:	–	–	–
Workers	81.9	3.8	14.3
Office employees	65.6	16.1	18.3
Clerical staff	73.5	5.9	20.6
Farmers	52.7	16.0	31.3
Other self-employed	61.2	9.1	29.7
By nationality:	–	–	–
Slovaks	65.1	10.9	24.0
Ukrainians	68.5	5.6	25.9
Hungarians	60.3	16.2	23.5
By religion:	–	–	–
Roman Catholics	63.9	12.5	23.6
Lutherans	67.1	8.3	24.6
Greek Catholics	68.5	4.1	27.4

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Question 7

"If you had savings, would you deposit them in a savings institution today?"

Responses in per cent:

Category	Would deposit %	No %	Don't know %
TOTAL:	47.0	53.0	–
Men	49.9	50.1	–
Women	44.1	55.3	–
Age groups:	–	–	–
18 – 29	54.8	45.2	–
30 – 49	46.8	53.2	–
50 and over	39.1	60.9	–
By occupation:	–	–	–
Workers	54.7	45.3	–
Office employees	49.5	50.5	–
Clerical staff	35.3	64.7	–
Farmers	43.1	56.9	–
Other self-employed	40.5	59.5	–
By nationality:	–	–	–
Slovaks	45.2	54.8	–
Ukrainians	74.1	25.9	–
Hungarians	47.1	52.9	–
By religion:	–	–	–
Roman Catholics	43.1	56.9	–
Lutherans	51.4	48.6	–
Greek Catholics	65.8	34.2	–

Note: Figures in parentheses in the original document are comparative responses from Research No. 5 (21 October 1948) to the same question.

Question 8

"Do you believe that today's international disputes will be resolved by peaceful means, or not?"

Responses in per cent:

Category	By peaceful means %	No %	Don't know %
TOTAL:	32.9	19.7	47.4

Category	By peaceful means %	No %	Don't know %
Men	36.2	23.4	40.4
Women	29.6	16.0	54.4
Age groups:	–	–	–
18 – 29	40.7	18.0	41.3
30 – 49	30.7	21.4	47.9
50 and over	27.9	19.2	53.9
By occupation:	–	–	–
Workers	43.1	14.6	42.3
Office employees	41.9	33.4	24.7
Clerical staff	32.4	23.5	44.1
Farmers	23.3	18.1	58.6
Other self-employed	33.0	30.6	36.4
By nationality:	–	–	–
Slovaks	32.0	20.6	47.4
Ukrainians	38.9	7.4	53.7
Hungarians	41.2	14.7	44.1
By religion:	–	–	–
Roman Catholics	31.9	21.3	46.8
Lutherans	35.2	19.0	45.8
Greek Catholics	26.0	13.7	60.3

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Question 9

"The Soviet Union recently announced that it possesses atomic weapons. What do you think – does this strengthen world peace, or not?"

Responses in per cent:

Category	Strengthens peace %	No %	Don't know %
TOTAL:	30.0	21.2	48.8
Men	36.0	22.9	41.1
Women	23.9	19.5	56.6
Age groups:	–	–	–
18 – 29	37.1	22.5	40.4
30 – 49	28.5	21.0	50.5
50 and over	24.7	20.2	55.1
By occupation:	–	–	–
Workers	37.5	15.9	46.6
Office employees	35.5	37.6	26.9
Clerical staff	32.4	17.6	50.0
Farmers	22.5	20.4	57.1
Other self-employed	32.2	28.9	38.9
By nationality:	–	–	–
Slovaks	29.3	21.8	48.9
Ukrainians	42.6	9.3	48.1
Hungarians	30.9	20.6	48.5
By religion:	–	–	–
Roman Catholics	28.7	21.4	49.9
Lutherans	31.5	23.6	44.9
Greek Catholics	35.6	16.4	48.0

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