

# SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

## SOCIAL STRATIFICATION AND SOCIAL MOBILITY IN SLOVAKIA

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### Good day!

My name is ..... and I am an interviewer for MEDIAN SK, a company engaged in public opinion research, sociological surveys and market research.

We are currently conducting a survey for the Department of Sociology of the Faculty of Arts, Comenius University in Bratislava. This survey is focused on examining the economic situation of people, the characteristics of their work or business, and their experiences and opinions related to how they earn a living.

I would like to ask for your cooperation in providing information about what you do at work, about your employment, and about certain other circumstances and activities of your life and the life of your family. I will also be interested in the occupation of your parents, your life partner, your best friend, and your views on some current phenomena of our lives.

The interview will last approximately 40 minutes. The survey is anonymous – your answers will be processed collectively by computer together with the answers of three thousand other respondents. Your name will not be published anywhere.

Thank you in advance for your time, willingness and cooperation. We greatly appreciate it!

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### PART A-I: RESPONDENT – LABOUR MARKET POSITION

INT.: Instruction for the respondent: The following questions concern your work situation. If you are currently doing paid work, this refers to your position as an employee, self-employed person or entrepreneur, or as a helper in a family business for at least one hour per week. If you are not currently working (retired, unemployed, unable to work due to long-term illness, on parental leave, etc.), consider the last job you held. If you currently hold more than one job, or are both employed and self-employed, answer about the paid work you consider your main occupation.

#### A01. Please indicate what your current or most recent employment status is:

INT.: Interviewer: Respondent may select only one option.

- I am an employee .....1
- I am self-employed / entrepreneur without employees .....2
- I am self-employed / entrepreneur with employees .....3
- I help in a family business .....4
- I was an employee .....5
- I was self-employed / entrepreneur without employees .....6
- I was self-employed / entrepreneur with employees .....7
- I helped in a family business .....8
- I have never done any paid work .....9

INT.: Respondents who answered 9 continue with question A24.

#### A02. How many employees do you have or did you last have? (Please state the average number or an estimate.)

INT.: Only for self-employed / entrepreneurs with employees.

Number of employees: [ ][ ]

#### A03. How many subordinates or people whose work you are responsible for do you have or did you have? (Please state the average number or an estimate.)

INT.: Only for employees. If none, write zero.

Number of subordinates: [ ][ ]

#### A04. Please state the title of your current or most recent main job and job classification. Also describe it in as much detail as possible: what your work involves, what you are or were responsible

for, what your position in management is or was, etc. Please also state the sector or field in which you work or worked, or your business activity.

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**A05. In your main job:**

INT.: Mark one option in each row.

- A The work corresponds / corresponded to my qualifications
- B I am / was required to work overtime sporadically (deadline-driven tasks)
- C I am / was forced to work shorter hours than I would like
- D Overtime is / was not compensated with pay or time off
- E I am / was forced to work under a non-standard employment arrangement (work agreement, self-employed contract)

yes	no
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**A06. What type of employment contract do you have or did you have in your main job?**

INT.: Respondent may select only one option.

- Open-ended (permanent) employment contract .....1
- Fixed-term employment contract .....2
- Work performance agreement / work activity agreement / student job agreement .....3
- Management contract, mandate contract, commission contract, contract for work .....4
- Other type of employment contract .....5

**A07. In your main job, you are or were paid:**

INT.: Respondent may select only one option.

- By the number of hours worked (including overtime) .....1
- By the amount of work performed (piece rate) .....2
- On a contract or task-rate basis .....3
- By base salary plus commission (bonus, personal rating, incentives, etc.) .....4
- By base salary only .....5
- By a combination of several methods .....6
- In another way .....7
- Don't know (INT.: Do not offer!) .....8
- Did not answer .....9

**A08. Do or did you receive, in addition to your regular pay, any non-monetary benefits in your main job (e.g. company car, phone, computer, etc.)?**

- Yes .....1
- No .....2

**A09. Does or did your main job require you to record the start and end of your working hours?**

- Yes .....1
- No .....2

**A10. Is or was overtime paid in your main job?**

- Yes .....1
- No .....2

**A11. What are or were your opportunities for promotion in your main job?**

- Very high .....1
- Rather high .....2

- Neither high nor low .....3
- Rather low .....4
- Very low .....5
- Don't know / did not answer .....6

**A12. In which of the following ways is it or was it possible to achieve higher financial reward in your main job?**

INT.: Mark one option in each row.

- A Promotion
- B Higher performance at work
- C Taking on additional work within the organisation
- D Gaining additional qualifications or education
- E In another way

yes	no
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**A13. Do or did you decide what and how you will do in your main job?**

- Yes .....1
- No .....2

**A14. Do or did you decide on the start and end time of your main job?**

- Yes .....1
- No .....2

**A15. Is or was assisting, advising, supervising or checking the work of colleagues a part of your main job?**

- Yes .....1
- No .....2

**A16. Can or could you influence the way work is organised in your main workplace?**

- Yes .....1
- No .....2

**A17. Do or did you have any other paid work (employment, self-employment, work agreements, etc.) alongside your main job?**

INT.: Respondent may select only one option.

- I do not / did not have any other paid work .....1
- I have / had another regular paid job .....2
- I have / had occasional paid work .....3

**A18. If you are not currently working, which of the following best describes your situation?**

INT.: Only for respondents who are not currently working. Others continue with A19.

- I am unemployed and looking for work .....1
- I am preparing for a profession (studying, training) .....2
- I am long-term ill / on disability pension .....3
- I am retired .....4
- I am a homemaker / caring for the household .....5
- I am on maternity or parental leave .....6
- Other .....7

**A19. Have you been unemployed for more than six months at any point in the last five years?**

INT.: Respondent may select only one option.

- Yes, more than twice .....1
- Yes, twice .....2
- Yes, once .....3
- No .....4

**PART A-II: RESPONDENT – FIRST JOB (LASTING MORE THAN 6 MONTHS)**

INT.: Instruction for the respondent: The following questions concern your first job that lasted or has lasted more than 6 months.

**A20. Please indicate what your employment status was in your first job:**

INT.: Respondent may select only one option.

- Employee .....1
- Self-employed / entrepreneur without employees .....2
- Self-employed / entrepreneur with employees .....3
- Helper in a family business .....4
- Not applicable – my current job is my first job .....5
- Not applicable – I have never done paid work .....6

INT.: Respondents who answered 5 continue with question A24.

**A21. How many employees did you have? (Please state the average number or an estimate.)**

INT.: Only for respondents who were self-employed / entrepreneurs with employees in their first job.

Number of employees: [ ][ ]

**A22. How many subordinates or people whose work you were responsible for did you have? (Please state the average number or an estimate.)**

INT.: Only for respondents who were employees in their first job. If none, write zero.

Number of subordinates: [ ][ ]

**A23. Please state the title of your first job and job classification. Also describe the content of your work in as much detail as possible.**

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**PART A-III: LIFE PARTNER (SPOUSE OR PARTNER)**

INT.: Instruction for the respondent: The following questions concern the employment status of your current or most recent life partner – spouse or partner.

**A24. Do you have or have you had a spouse or permanent partner?**

INT.: Respondent may select only one option.

- I have one and we share the same household .....1
- I have one but we do not share the same household .....2
- I had one and we shared the same household .....3
- I had one but we did not share the same household .....4
- I do not have and have never had one .....5

INT.: Respondents who answered 5 continue with question A30.

**A25. Please indicate what your life partner's current or most recent employment status is:**

INT.: Respondent may select only one option.

- Is an employee .....01
- Is self-employed / entrepreneur without employees .....02

- Is self-employed / entrepreneur with employees .....03
- Helps in a family business .....04
- Was an employee .....05
- Was self-employed / entrepreneur without employees .....06
- Was self-employed / entrepreneur with employees .....07
- Helped in a family business .....08
- Has never done any paid work .....09
- Not applicable .....10

**A26. How many employees does or did your partner have? (Please state the average number or an estimate.)**

INT.: Only if partner is / was self-employed / entrepreneur with employees.

Number of employees: [ ][ ]

**A27. How many subordinates or people whose work your partner is or was responsible for does / did he/she have? (Please state the average number or an estimate.)**

INT.: Only if partner is / was an employee. If none, write zero.

Number of subordinates: [ ][ ]

**A28. Please state the title of your partner's current or most recent main job and job classification. Also describe the content of the work in as much detail as possible.**

**A29. If your life partner is not currently working, which of the following best describes their situation?**

INT.: Only for respondents whose partner is not currently working. Others continue with A30.

- Is unemployed and looking for work .....1
- Is preparing for a profession (studying, training) .....2
- Is long-term ill or on disability pension .....3
- Is retired .....4
- Is a homemaker / caring for the household .....5
- Is on maternity or parental leave .....6
- Other .....7
- Not applicable .....8

**PART A-IV: RESPONDENT'S FATHER**

INT.: Instruction for the respondent: Now we will talk about your father's employment status when you were 16 years old.

**A30. Please indicate what your father's employment status was when you were 16 years old:**

INT.: Respondent may select only one option.

- Employee .....1
- Self-employed / entrepreneur without employees .....2
- Self-employed / entrepreneur with employees .....3
- Helped in a family business .....4
- Other .....5
- Not applicable .....6

INT.: Respondents who answered 6 continue with question A34.

**A31. How many employees did he have approximately? (Please state the average number or an estimate.)**

INT.: Only if father was self-employed / entrepreneur with employees.

Number of employees: [ ][ ]

**A32. How many subordinates or people whose work he was responsible for did he have approximately? (Please state the average number or an estimate.)**

INT.: Only if father was an employee. If none, write zero.

Number of subordinates: [ ][ ]

**A33. Please state the title of your father's main job and job classification when you were 16 years old. Also describe the content of his work in as much detail as possible.**

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## **PART A-V: RESPONDENT'S MOTHER**

INT.: Instruction for the respondent: Now we will talk about your mother's employment status when you were 16 years old.

**A34. Please indicate what your mother's employment status was when you were 16 years old:**

INT.: Respondent may select only one option.

Employee .....1

Self-employed / entrepreneur without employees .....2

Self-employed / entrepreneur with employees .....3

Helped in a family business .....4

Other .....5

Not applicable .....6

INT.: Respondents who answered 6 continue with question A38.

**A35. How many employees did she have approximately? (Please state the average number or an estimate.)**

INT.: Only if mother was self-employed / entrepreneur with employees.

Number of employees: [ ][ ]

**A36. How many subordinates or people whose work she was responsible for did she have approximately? (Please state the average number or an estimate.)**

INT.: Only if mother was an employee. If none, write zero.

Number of subordinates: [ ][ ]

**A37. Please state the title of your mother's main job and job classification when you were 16 years old. Also describe the content of her work in as much detail as possible.**

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## **PART A-VI: RESPONDENT'S BEST FRIEND**

INT.: Instruction for the respondent: Finally, I will ask about the employment status of your best friend.

**A38. Please indicate what your best friend's current or most recent employment status is:**

INT.: Respondent may select only one option.

Is an employee .....01

Is self-employed / entrepreneur without employees .....02

- Is self-employed / entrepreneur with employees .....03
- Helps in a family business .....04
- Was an employee .....05
- Was self-employed / entrepreneur without employees .....06
- Was self-employed / entrepreneur with employees .....07
- Helped in a family business .....08
- Has never done any paid work .....09
- Not applicable .....10

INT.: Respondents who answered 10 continue with question B01.

**A39. How many employees does or did your best friend have approximately? (Please state the average number or an estimate.)**

INT.: Only if best friend is / was self-employed / entrepreneur with employees.

Number of employees: [ ][ ]

**A40. How many subordinates or people whose work your best friend is or was responsible for does / did he/she have? (Please state the average number or an estimate.)**

INT.: Only if best friend is / was an employee. If none, write zero.

Number of subordinates: [ ][ ]

**A41. Please state the title of your best friend's current or most recent main job and job classification. Also describe the content of their work in as much detail as possible.**

**A42. If your best friend is not currently working, which of the following best describes their current situation?**

INT.: Only if best friend is not currently working. Others continue with B01.

- Is unemployed and looking for work .....1
- Is preparing for a profession (studying, training) .....2
- Is long-term ill or on disability pension .....3
- Is retired .....4
- Is a homemaker / caring for the household .....5
- Is on maternity or parental leave .....6
- Other .....7

**PART B: INCOME**

INT.: Now we would like to ask you a few questions about income.

**B01. What is your total personal net monthly income? (Include wages, pensions, allowances, scholarships, etc.) Please place yourself in one of the following income categories:**

INT.: Respondent may select only one option.

- Up to €400 .....01
- €401 – €550 .....02
- €551 – €700 .....03
- €701 – €850 .....04
- €851 – €1,000 .....05
- €1,001 – €1,400 .....06
- €1,401 – €1,800 .....07
- €1,801 and above .....08
- Did not state (INT.: Do not offer!) .....09

**B02. What is your net monthly income from your main job? Please place yourself in one of the following income categories:**

INT.: Only for respondents who are currently employed or self-employed.

- Up to €200 .....01
- €201 – €300 .....02
- €301 – €400 .....03
- €401 – €550 .....04
- €551 – €700 .....05
- €701 – €850 .....06
- €851 – €1,000 .....07
- €1,001 – €1,400 .....08
- €1,401 – €1,800 .....09
- €1,801 and above .....10
- Did not state (INT.: Do not offer!) .....11

**B03. What is the total net monthly income of your household? (Include wages, pensions, allowances, scholarships, etc.) Please place yourself in one of the following income categories:**

INT.: Respondent may select only one option.

- Up to €400 .....01
- €401 – €550 .....02
- €551 – €700 .....03
- €701 – €850 .....04
- €851 – €1,000 .....05
- €1,001 – €1,400 .....06
- €1,401 – €1,800 .....07
- €1,801 – €2,200 .....08
- €2,201 and above .....09
- Did not state (INT.: Do not offer!) .....10

**B04. How many people (adults and children) live in your household? Please include yourself.**

Total number of household members: [ ][ ]

**B05. How many children under the age of 14 live in your household?**

Number of children under 14: [ ][ ]

**PART C: LIFESTYLE AND CULTURAL CONSUMPTION**

INT.: Now we would like to ask you about your lifestyle.

**C01. Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements. Use the scale provided.**

	Strongly agree	Rather agree	Undecided	Rather disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
a) I try to shop as cheaply as possible (using discounts, sales, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	9
b) When buying food, I prefer healthy (organic, health-food) products	1	2	3	4	5	9
c) I try to take as much care of my health as possible	1	2	3	4	5	9
d) I do not need to limit myself in my spending	1	2	3	4	5	9
e) I cannot afford to go on holiday every year	1	2	3	4	5	9
f) When buying clothes, I prefer branded goods	1	2	3	4	5	9

**C02. Please indicate how often you do the following activities. Use the scale provided.**

- a) I read contemporary world literature
- b) I watch popular TV series
- c) I listen to classical music
- d) I get bored in my free time
- e) I read tabloid newspapers
- f) I attend art and cultural events

often	rarely	never	N/A
1	2	3	9
1	2	3	9
1	2	3	9
1	2	3	9
1	2	3	9
1	2	3	9

**C03. Which of the following social classes would you place yourself in?**

INT.: Respondent may select only one option.

- Upper class .....1
- Upper middle class .....2
- Middle class .....3
- Lower middle class .....4
- Lower class .....5
- Did not answer (INT.: Do not offer!) .....6

**C04. Where would you place yourself on the following scale in terms of your political orientation?**

Left	2	3	4	Right	Don't know	No answer
1	2	3	4	5	8	9

**PART D: SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC DATA**

**D01. Please state your year of birth:**

Year: 19[ ][ ]

**D02. What is your nationality?**

INT.: Respondent may select only one option.

- Slovak .....1
- Hungarian .....2
- Other .....4

**D03. What is or was the highest level of completed education of: yourself, your partner, your father, your mother?**

Level of education	Respondent	Partner	Father	Mother
Incomplete primary education	01	01	01	01
Primary education	02	02	02	02
Vocational training without school-leaving exam (apprenticeship certificate)	03	03	03	03
Secondary education without school-leaving exam	04	04	04	04
Vocational training with school-leaving exam	05	05	05	05
Complete secondary general education (grammar school)	06	06	06	06
Post-secondary / higher vocational education	07	07	07	07
University – Bachelor's degree	08	08	08	08
University – Master's degree	09	09	09	09

Postgraduate / doctoral degree	10	10	10	10
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## PART E: ANOMIA

INT.: Now we would like to ask you how you evaluate the current situation around you.

**E01. A large number of different claims about the current situation in Slovakia appear in public, some positive, some negative. I will now read them to you one by one and each time please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with the statement. Use the following scale, where 4 = strongly agree and 0 = strongly disagree. (INT.: If the respondent does not know, cannot or refuses to answer, mark code 9.)**

	Strongly agree	3	2	1	Strongly disagree	refuses to answer
a) The streets are full of crime and violence	4	3	2	1	0	9
b) It is not worth breaking the law: a bad deed will be punished	4	3	2	1	0	9
c) People today do not trust anyone or anything	4	3	2	1	0	9
d) If someone needs help, they will always get it	4	3	2	1	0	9
e) Nothing can be done at government offices without a bribe or personal connections	4	3	2	1	0	9
f) A person can always obtain justice	4	3	2	1	0	9
g) Nobody can be sure they will receive what they are entitled to – wages, pension, medicine, and so on	4	3	2	1	0	9
h) An honest and hard-working person has a secure future	4	3	2	1	0	9
i) The economy does not function at all	4	3	2	1	0	9
j) There are clear and precise rules in this society	4	3	2	1	0	9
k) Basic values such as decency and honesty are almost universally disregarded today	4	3	2	1	0	9
l) Children, the weak and the sick are well taken care of	4	3	2	1	0	9
m) Only those who lie and steal are successful	4	3	2	1	0	9
n) Most people act in accordance with their religious beliefs	4	3	2	1	0	9
o) Most people are ruthlessly chasing wealth	4	3	2	1	0	9
p) Politicians act in a way that undermines the state	4	3	2	1	0	9
q) Domestic interests are given priority over foreign ones in Slovakia	4	3	2	1	0	9
r) The government is unable to solve even the most urgent problems	4	3	2	1	0	9
s) There is no one left in Slovakia who could bring this chaos under control	4	3	2	1	0	9
t) Slovaks in Slovakia are not oppressed	4	3	2	1	0	9
u) When things are bad, a person has the right to do anything to take care of themselves and their family	4	3	2	1	0	9
v) National minorities abuse their status	4	3	2	1	0	9
w) Our society has good prospects for the future	4	3	2	1	0	9
x) We have grown so accustomed to scandals, fraud, violence and dysfunctional institutions that nobody is even outraged any more	4	3	2	1	0	9

## PART F: CONCLUSION

INT.: Please ask the respondent for their e-mail address. This information is provided voluntarily – you cannot compel them, only request it. Explain to the respondent that the e-mail address will be used for survey purposes only.

**F01. What is your e-mail address?**

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**F02. Would you be interested in personally participating in another survey conducted by MEDIAN SK, independently via the internet as a member of an online respondent panel?**

- Definitely yes .....1
- Probably yes .....2
- Don't know .....3
- Probably not .....4
- Definitely not .....5

**Thank you for the interview!**

**INTERVIEWER SECTION – Complete after the interview (do not ask the respondent)**

**REG. Region:**

- Bratislava Region .....1
- Trnava Region .....2
- Trenčín Region .....3
- Nitra Region .....4
- Žilina Region .....5
- Banská Bystrica Region .....6
- Prešov Region .....7
- Košice Region .....8

**VMB. Population of municipality/town:**

- Up to 500 inhabitants .....1
- 501 – 1,000 inhabitants .....2
- 1,001 – 5,000 inhabitants .....3
- 5,001 – 10,000 inhabitants .....4
- 10,001 – 20,000 inhabitants .....5
- 20,001 – 50,000 inhabitants .....6
- 50,001 – 100,000 inhabitants .....7
- Over 100,000 inhabitants (Bratislava, Košice) .....8

**CAS. Please write the current time:**

Hours: [ ][ ] Minutes: [ ][ ]

**DEN. Please write the date:**

Day: [ ][ ] Month: [ ][ ]

**Interviewer's declaration:**

I declare that I selected the respondent and conducted the interview strictly according to all instructions and that I checked the entire questionnaire upon completion.

Interviewer's legible signature:

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