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Interviewer

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Respondent

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Our interview deals with the issues of the nationing economy and the financial situation of your household. The survey is anonymous, serving only scientific purposes and will not be used as a basis for decision making by any governmental institutions. You were randomly chosen.

Instructions: Show CARD A!

definitely yes	1
rather yes	2
rather not	3
definitely not	4

1. Would you say that you are generally satisfied with the preparation and recent progress of the present economic reform?

1	2	3	4
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2. Do you think that the reform is being implemented at an appropriate pace?

1	2	3	4
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3. Would you say that the main reform steps have already been implemented and that the capitalist economy is fully operative now?

1	2	3	4
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4. Looking into the near future, are you afraid of economic development? Do you have the feeling of insecurity?

1	2	3	4
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5. Do you think that poverty will be a serious problem in our society in the near future?

1	2	3	4
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Tell me now to what extent you agree with the following statements.

Instructions: Use card A for the following questions again!

6. Every competent man can earn a lot of money nowadays.

1	2	3	4
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7. Private entrepreneurship should be unregulated (given complete freedom).

1	2	3	4
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8. Do you agree that capable and competent people have a lot of money, even millions.

1	2	3	4
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9. Even under the new conditions the economy should be under the control of the state.

1	2	3	4
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10. Foreign firms should be absolutely free in their activities in our country.

1	2	3	4
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11. Only an individual can be blamed for his/her poverty.

1	2	3	4
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12. People in our country get rich primarily by unjust means.

1	2	3	4
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13. Today's system is more socially just than the previous one.

1	2	3	4
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14. The changes in the economy must be as rapid as possible, despite a temporary decline in the standard of living.

1	2	3	4
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15. Which type of economy do you prefer?

as socialist, which was in our country before 1989	1
as a social market with high degree of state intervention	2
as a free market with minimal state intervention	3

16. What type of pension security would you prefer?

Instructions: Show respondent CARD 16!

Pensions are paid by the state from the state budget to all people at a flat-rate. Furthermore, everyone can pay for his own private supplementary insurance.	1
Pensions are paid from a pension fund. Everyone contributes according to his/her income to a fund and pensions are calculated according to these payments.	2
The state cares only for the needy. Others pay their own private insurance and pensions are calculated according to these payments.	3

17. What type of protection for under age children would you prefer?

Instructions: Show respondent CARD 17!

Children are of interest to all of us. Therefore the state should pay family allowances to every family.	1
Only poor families have the right to family allowances. The state will pay them only when families have low incomes and when they apply for them.	2
Children are the private interest of individual families. The state should care for them only when they do not have their own families.	3

18. And what system of health care would you prefer?

Instructions: Show respondent CARD 18!

All health care must be free. The amount of an insurance payment must be high enough to cover all needs.	1
The extent of health care should be fixed at a level at which insurance payments are not too high. The rest should be financed by supplementary payments provided by people themselves.	2
Necessary health care should be provided at a minimal level. Private insurance should be the main source of financing.	3

We would like to know your ideas about the future of our society.

Instructions: Use CARD A for following questions again!

19. Should differences in wages and salaries increase?

1	2	3	4
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20. According to your opinion, should the state administratively fix prices more?

1	2	3	4
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21. Should the state provide a job for anyone who wants to work?

1	2	3	4
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22. Do you think that privatization means the transfer of assets primarily into the wrong hands?

1	2	3	4
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23. Do you think that provisions and measures for social policies such as pensions, family allowances and supports are sufficient now?

1	2	3	4
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24. Do you think that the state should provide housing for every family which is not able to find it?

1	2	3	4
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25. Do you think that the state should be ruled by experts and not by political parties?

1	2	3	4
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26. Do you think that the obligation to ask for family allowances is humiliating for parents?

1	2	3	4
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27. Would you consider correct to regulate rents in formerly state-owned apartments (so that rents may increase only in small steps, and not be able to cover expenses of maintenance)?

1	2	3	4
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28. Would you agree with rededcrease of retirement age, i.e. to 53 - 55 years for women and 60 years for men?

1	2	3	4
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Now we will focus on your family and your household in more detail.
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29. How do you manage with the present income of your household?

Instruction: Show respondent CARD 29!

Very hard	1
Hard	2
Rather hard	3
Rather easy	4
Easy	5
Very easy	6

Instructions: Use CARD A for following questions again!

30. Did you manage to save something during the last three months?

1	2	3	4
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31. Do you try to do, make, or repair as much as possible at home by yourself?

1	2	3	4
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32. Are secondary incomes very important in your family today?

1	2	3	4
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33. Has your family get into a very difficult financial situation within the last year?

1	2	3	4
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34. Is the aid of parents, relatives or friends necessary for your household?

1	2	3	4
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35. Did you draw a higher amount of money from your saving account for the purpose of buying Christmas gifts?

1	2	3	4
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Now we shall deal with your employment

36. What is your economic position?

Instruction: Show respondent CARD 36!

Economically active	1
Unemployed	2
Pensioner active	3
Pensioner nonactive	4
Housewife	5
Student, apprentice	6

37. In your first job you work:

According to official job contract	1
As self-employed according to law	2
Other	3

38. Do you have, besides your first job, some other activities?

Yes	1
No	2

39. If yes, do you work in your second job:

According to official job contract	1
As self-employed according to law	2
Other	3

40. How long do you work at your present employer?

Instruction: Write into the box (years)

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41. Do you think your enterprise has a good outlook regarding ongoing changes?

Instructions: For following questions use CARD A!

1	2	3	4
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42. Do you have at your workplace, possibility to settle the pace of your work?

1	2	3	4
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43. Would you say that it compared with the situation before 1989 the pace of your work intensified?

1	2	3	4
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44. Is your payment directly linked to the work results; i.e., if you work less, do you receive less money and vice-versa?

1	2	3	4
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45. How many employees is in the firm you work?

Less than 5	1
6-24	2

25-100	3
101-500	4
501-1000	5
More than 1000	6

The following questions deal with perspectives on your employment

46. Do you consider your occupation as being prospective regarding the present changes?

Instructions: CARD A

1 2 3 4

47. Do you consider your qualifications to be suitable and adequate under current conditions?

1 2 3 4

48. Would you say that your qualification is now more useful than before 1989?

1 2 3 4

49. Are you personally afraid of unemployment?

1 2 3 4

50. Have you been unemployed during last two years?

Yes, less than two months	1
Yes, since two months to one year	2
Yes, one year and more	3
No	4

51. Were you registered as being unemployed at a labour office?

Yes	1
No	2

Now, we would be interested in your experience with shares and banks

52. Does your household today own any of the following securities?

	Yes	No
Shares in stock companies	1	2
Shares in investment privatization funds	1	2
State bonds	1	2
Private bonds	1	2

Instructions: For following questions use CARD A!

53. Do you follow financial markets, for example changes in stock prices?

1 2 3 4

54. Would you say that you profited overall from coupon privatization?

1 2 3 4

55. Do you trust in private banks now, after implementation of measures by which state increased its control under them?

1 2 3 4

56. Do you think that the state should withdraw from ownership shares in great banks and transfer them to private hands?

1 2 3 4

Now we shall deal with your household's situation

57. Do you feel that you live in a poor family?

Instructions: CARD A

1	2	3	4
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58. Do you feel that your situation in comparison to other households has become worse since 1989?

1	2	3	4
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59. Do you think that living minimum settled by government is sufficient for meeting basic needs of poor family?

1	2	3	4
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60. Those households whose incomes are under a certain limit are considered to be poor. This is the poverty line. Would you try to fix the poverty line for a family of four members, i.e. a married couple and two children of school age. We are interested in monthly income.

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61. What would be the minimum monthly income which would be satisfactory for covering the basic needs of your household.

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We would like to know your outlook for the next two years.

62. Do you suppose that it is probable you will lose your job in the next two years ?

1	2	3	4
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63. Do you suppose that it is probable you will become a private businessman/woman in the next two years?

1	2	3	4
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64. Do you suppose that it is probable that your household will function only upon subsistence benefits in the next two years (i.e. your income will decrease under the poverty line)?

1	2	3	4
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Now , we shall address political questions.

65. If in the near future the elections to the House of representatives of the Czech parliament would be organised, which political party (movement) would you vote for?

(write in)

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66. The "left" and the "right" are often used concepts in politics. Where would you place yourself, where do you belong with your political views?

Instruction: Read out the answers!

Complete left	1
Rather left	2
Centre	3
Rather right	4
Complete right	5

67. Where would you place yourself in our society according to your political orientation?

Instructions: Use CARD A!

A. Conservatist	1	2	3	4
B. Socialist	1	2	3	4
C. Democrat	1	2	3	4
D. Liberal	1	2	3	4
E. Follower of Christian politic	1	2	3	4
F. Follower of national politics	1	2	3	4

68. Where would you place yourself in our society according to your occupation, income and whole situation (if you are retired according to your last occupation)

Intelligentsia	1
Petite-bourgeoisie	2
Entrepreneurs	3
Working class	4
Tradesman	5
Clerks	6

69. Often it is talking about the low, middle and high classes. To which social class would you place yourself.

To higher class	1
To upper higher class	2
To middle class	3
To lower middle class	4
To lower class	5

We would be interested in knowing what according to your opinion good government and good family should do. To what extent you agree with the following statements?

Instructions: Use CARD A!

70. Good government should protect Czech culture by supporting the Czech literature, film, plastic arts and painting.

1	2	3	4
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71. Good government should control independent television company program to prevent the transmission of violence.

1	2	3	4
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72. Good government should protect Czech goods from competition from abroad.

1	2	3	4
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73. Good government should prevent from rise of monopolies in spheres in which a monopol is not necessary.

1	2	3	4
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74. Good government should care only for laws and security and otherwise let people live freely they wish.

1	2	3	4
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75. Good family should bring up children in such a way as not to place their interests above the interests of others.

1	2	3	4
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76. Good family should teach their children to the respect of social rules and request that they keep them.

1	2	3	4
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77. Good family should teach their children to behave in respect to traditions and social habits.

1	2	3	4
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78. Good family should teach their children in to the faith of something higher, which gives a meaning to our lifes.

1	2	3	4
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79. Good family should teach their children to the respect of old people and authorities.

1	2	3	4
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Finally, necessary indicators for statistical processing.

80. What is your age?

Instruction: Write into the box

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81. Marital status:

Single	1
Married first time	2
Married repeatedly	3
Divorced	4
Widowed	5

82. What is the highest school education?

Elementary	1
Vocational training	2
Secondary school	3
University, college	4

83. What is your occupation?

Instruction: Fill in the most detailed description, name profession and character of work. For unemployed, pensioners must note this fact and write down the last profession.

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84. In which branch do you work?

Instructions: Show respondent CARD 84!

First job

Second job

Agriculture, Forestry	1	1
Manufacturing, Construction	2	2
Transportation, Communication	3	3
Trade, Services	4	4
Banking, Insurance	5	5
Administration, Social services	6	6
Health services	7	7
Education, Research, Culture	8	8
Army, Police, Intelligence	9	9

85. In what firm or organization are you employed?

Instructions: Show respondent CARD 85!

	First job	Second job
State enterprise before privatization	1	1
Enterprise after privatization of former state firm	2	2
Other state organisation	3	3
Co-operative firm	4	4
Private firm without employees of your own	5	5
Private firm with employees of your own	6	6
Employee in private firm	7	7

86. Are you registered for private business?

Yes	1
No	2

87. Is someone else from your household registered for private business?

Yes	1
No	2

88. If yes, how important the income from private enterprising is for your household?

Sole income	1
Main income	2
Subsidiary income	3
We don't have any income from enterprise	4

89. Did you or somebody else from your household get some property restituted? If yes, what is it?

Instructions: Mark only one possibility, the most valuable possession!

Factory, trade	1
House, building	2
Foney	3
Fields, forests	4

90. What is your net monthly income from employment, without all social benefits?

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91. What is your partner's net monthly income from employment, without all social benefits?

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92. What is the total net monthly income from employment of all other members of your household (not including social benefits)?

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93. Are you or any member of your household entitled to child allowances, alimony or some social benefits, for which we did not yet ask about?

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94. How would you estimate other incomes of your household for the last month, (supplementary income, presents, aid, cashed savings etc.), i.e. besides the incomes you have previously stated?

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95. Had you or someone else from your household in this year incomes from financial or capital operations (stocks, obligations etc.)

Yes	1
No	2

96. How many people live in your household? Tell me how many of them are employed, how many of them are dependent children and how many pensioners who do not work.

TOTAL NUMBER:	<input type="text"/>
Economically active:	<input type="text"/>
Dependent children:	<input type="text"/>
Pensioners not Working:	<input type="text"/>

Instruction: Only for respondents with dependent children!

97. What is the age of your children?

First one	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	age
Second one	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	age
Third one	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	age

98. Does your household own:

Instruction: Mark the answer in each row!

	yes	no
Family house	1	2
Flat	1	2
Car	1	2
Cottage	1	2
Renting house	1	2
Field, forest	1	2
Trade, business, etc.	1	2

99. Imagine you were insured and as a result of some natural disaster you were deprived of all your property, assets and possessions, i.e. house, recreational facilities, garden, all the equipment of your household, all your savings and other belongings.

What should be the amount of money to compensate this loss? Make estimates of all the items, add them up and choose one of these categories.

Instruction: Show CARD 99!

Less than 50 thousand CZK	1
50 - 99 thous. CZK	2
100 - 199 thous. CZK	3
200 - 299 thous. CZK	4
300 - 399 thous. CZK	5
400 - 499 thous. CZK	6
500 - 999 thous. CZK	7
1 - 2 million CZK	8
More than two million CZK	9

100. District of residence:

District:

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101. The locality size

Village up to 999 inhabitants	1
Locality 1000 - 1999 inhab.	2
Locality 2000 - 4999 inhab.	3
Town of 5000 - 19999 inhab.	4
Town of 20000 - 99999 inhab.	5
The city over 100 000 inhab.	6

102. Do you live in:

Family house	1
Co-operative flat	2
Rented flat	3
Flat of his/her own	4
Other	5

Thank you for your answers

103. Sex of the respondent

male	1
female	2

104. Date of the interview:

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105. How did the interview go?

Easy, normal	1
Demanding	2
Difficult, hard	3

INTERVIEWER STATEMENT:

I confirm, that this is the exact record of the answers of the respondent.

signature in handwriting