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## SENATE ELECTION 1996

From the following list, please choose the parties which are, in your opinion, the most appealing, the least appealing, and for which you voted.

(SHOW THE CARD OF POLITICAL PARTIES)

- 1) In your opinion, which party is the most appealing? Please choose only one party.
- 2) In your opinion, which party is the least appealing? Please choose only one party.
- 3) And which of the parties did you vote for the Chamber of Deputies in May, this year?

q. 1 - no. of the most appealing party	
q. 2 - no. of the least appealing party	
q. 3 - no. of the party from 1996	

4) If you took part in Parliamentary election please state why you voted for this party. Please choose only the most important reason.

- 1) it is a strong party
- 2) it bothers me the least
- 3) there are strong people in it
- 4) it has a good election program
- 5) I trust it
- 6) it offers a good outlook for the future
- 7) it is led by appealing people
- 8) other reason

5) Please try to remember which party you voted for the Czech National Council in the 1992.

2	CSSD	Czechoslovak Social Democratic Party
3	ODS-KDS	Civic Democratic Party
8	ODA	Civic Democratic Alliance
10	KDU-CSL	Christian Democratic Union - Czech People's Party
15	LB	Left block – coalition of The Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia and The Party of the Democratic Left
17	SPR-RSC	The Union for Republic - Czechoslovak Party of Republicans
95	OTHERS	other political party
96		didn't vote
98		can't remember
99		don't want to answer

6) What is your present intention? Will you vote in the Senate election?

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

6a) Can you state the reason of your decision

- 1) I never take part in any elections
- 2) I do not agree with the existence of the Senate
- 3) there is no party running in my election district that would be acceptable for me
- 4) there is not an acceptable candidate running in my election district
- 5) I know nothing about the Senate so I have no reason to take part in this election
- 6) as a whole, the electoral system for the Senate does not seem fair to me
- 7) most of my friends (relatives etc.) will not vote, so I will not take part as well
- 8) other reasons

**6b) Can you state when did you decide? !!!!! Should be filled by all of the respondents !!!!!**

- 1) Before September
- 2) In September
- 3) In October
- 4) In the first week of November
- 5) In the week of the 1st. round

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**!!!! RESPONDENTS, WHO REPLIED TO THE QUESTION NO. 6 "NOT AT ALL",  
CONTINUE WITH QUESTION NO. 14 !!!!**

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**(SHOW THE CARD OF POLITICAL PARTIES)**

**ONLY FOR THOSE RESPONDENTS, WHO STATED CATEGORIES 2, 3, 4 (VOTERS)  
FOR THE QUESTION NO. 6.**

**7) What senator will you vote for? Mention his (her) name.**

- 7.1) name.....
- 7.2) What party do you identify him with? party number (card): .....
- 7.3) What other candidate do you like?  
name: .....
- 7.4) What party do you identify him with? party number (card): .....

**8) What is going to be deciding for your vote?**

- 1) party, that is represented by a candidate
- 2) personality, without regards to the party
- 3) combination of both: personality in a party that I support

**9a) Which one of the statements describes your decision the best?**

- 1) I want to support a party, even though the candidate does not satisfy me
- 2) I do not know the candidate well, but I trust the party that appointed him
- 3) it is a strong personality that persuaded me
- 4) it is well known personality that most of the people trust

**9b) And what reason would you put in the second position? no. from 9a) .....**

**10) What do you expect from a future senator?**

	yes	no
1) support of the local requests in our town / district	1	0
2) creation of new and better lows	1	0
3) ability to enforce interests of people same as I am	1	0
4) I do not expect anything special from him	1	0

**11) Can you state how did you get to know the candidate that you want to vote for?**

	yes	no
11.1) personally	1	0
11.2) he was in our house and introduced himself	1	0
11.3) from a meeting	1	0
11.4) it is a well known person within our district	1	0
11.5) it is well known person throughout the Republic	1	0
11.6) from his political activity	1	0
11.7) from television	1	0
11.8) from radio	1	0
11.9) from a leaflet	1	0
11.10) from an advertisement	1	0
11.11) from people I know	1	0

**12) How is your family going to vote like?**

- 1) the same as I will; we have the same opinions
- 2) everyone of us differently
- 3) I do not know

**13a) Will you vote in the second round if your candidate will get to the second round?**

- 1) yes, and I will vote for him again                      0) no, I will not vote a second time

**13b) Will you vote in the second round if your candidate will not get to the second round?**

- 1) yes I will vote again, if .....from the party..... stays  
(name of a different candidate)  
0) no, I will not vote for the second time

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**!!!! QUESTIONS FOR ALL OF THE RESPONDENTS !!!!**

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**14) What characteristic should a senator have according to you?**

**Mark what you prefer.**

1 = characteristic on the left side; 5 = characteristic on the right side

1) behaves independently	1	2	3	4	5	he incites interest in his party
2) experienced politician	1	2	3	4	5	excellent expert
3) flexible	1	2	3	4	5	scrupulous
4) places emphasis on local problems	1	2	3	4	5	places emphasis on societal problems
5) demands human equality	1	2	3	4	5	demands freedom for every individual

**15) How well do you think the society is informed about the Senate and its tasks.**

- 1) very badly, nobody talks about it, no one knows anything.  
2) rather badly, people do not know much about it  
3) quite well, people have some idea  
4) very well, most of people know what the Senate's task is

**16a) How well do you think you are informed about the Senate in comparison with other people.**

- 3) I know more than others              2) I know the same as others              1) I know less than others

**16b) How well do you think you are informed about the Senate and its tasks.**

- 1) very badly, I do not know anything about it  
2) rather badly, I do not know much about it  
3) quite well, I have some idea  
4) very well, I know what the Senate's task is

**17) Where did you get most of the information concerning the Senate.**

**Pick random number of options.**

	yes	no
17.1) from newspapers (from which one:.....)	1	0
17.2) from radio (from what station: .....	1	0
17.3) from television (from which one: .....	1	0
17.4) from people I know	1	0
17.5) in an election meeting	1	0
17.6) elsewhere .....	1	0

**18) Did you watch the interview with President Havel on Czech television last week?**

- 1) yes, I watched it                      2) no, but I heard about it                      3) no, I know nothing about it

**19) Has the interview improved your being well-informed about the Senate?**

- 1) yes, considerably improved      2) yes, rather improved                      3) no, has not improved at all

**20) Did your opinion about the Senate changed after this interview?**

- 1) yes, considerably                      2) yes, rather                                      3) no, not at all

21) Has this interview influenced your decision to vote? 1) yes 0) no

22) Now we will focus on the Senate. Do you suppose that:

- 1) Senate is a necessary and useful institution?
- 2) Senate is an unnecessary institution, but since it is in the Constitution, it should exist.
- 3) Senate is absolutely unnecessary institution, and it should be canceled.

23) Please state to what extent you agree with the following statements concerning the Senate.

1 = I definitely disagree; 2 = I disagree; 3 = I neither disagree or agree; 4 = I agree; 5 = I definitely agree

- 23.1) Senate is an office for unemployed politicians. 1 2 3 4 5
- 23.2) Senate does not need to exist - it is unnecessary expense. 1 2 3 4 5
- 23.3) Senate is needed for keeping democracy 1 2 3 4 5
- 23.4) Senate will fortify influence of regions in federal politics 1 2 3 4 5
- 23.5) Senate deserves public trust. 1 2 3 4 5
- 23.6) Senate will fortify influence of big political parties. 1 2 3 4 5

24) Do you know how many senators the Senate consist of? .....senators 2) I do not know

25) Based on the information you know concerning the Senate, decide, which is correct.

	yes	no
25.1) The Senate is a part of Parliament.	1	0
25.2) A majority electoral system means that if the majority of people do not participate in the election, election is invalid.	1	0
25.3) In this year's election, are all the senators elected for 6 year terms.	1	0
25.4) Senate votes on the confidence in the government.	1	0
25.5) Without the Senate, the Constitution of the Republic is not fulfilled.	1	0

26) How do you evaluate before-election campaign to the Senate?

- 1) campaign was weak and unexpressive
- 2) campaign was boring and uninteresting
- 3) campaign was good and helped me to decide
- 4) campaign was very expressive and interesting

27) In what direction is the situation in the Czech Republic heading?

3) it is heading in a good direction 2) it is heading in a bad direction 1) it is heading nowhere

28) How satisfied are you with this year election to the Chamber of Deputies?

very unsatisfied 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 very satisfied

29) Imagine that next week will be held a new election to the Chamber of Deputies. What party would you vote for? (party number from the Card of Political Parties) .....

30) Please, can you state to what extent you agree with the following statements?

1 = I definitely disagree; 2 = I disagree; 3 = I neither disagree or agree; 4 = I agree; 5 = I definitely agree

- 30.1) The government is so strong that no one can criticize or go against it. 1 2 3 4 5
- 30.2) Opposition is too strong. It is impossible for the government to govern. 1 2 3 4 5
- 30.3) The government is too weak. It cannot enforce its ideas 1 2 3 4 5
- 30.4) The opposition is too weak. It is unable to prevent the government from doing anything. 1 2 3 4 5

31) How satisfied are you with this political situation?

very unsatisfied 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 very satisfied



**38) Which one of the following statements do you agree with.**

- A) Children should be taught, from when they are young, how to keep the rules of the society.
- B) Children should be free to get to know on their own, what they can afford in their life and what they cannot.

1) I agree with A                      2) I agree with B                      0) I do not agree with either

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**39) There are two electoral systems used in our country:**

- 1) According to the first system; a political party gets seats in the Parliament, based on the number of votes it receives from throughout the Czech Republic. A party can get into Parliament, if it is elected by more than 5% of the total voters.
- 2) According to the second system; a political party gets as many seats in the Parliament corresponding with the number of election districts in which the party won. A candidate wins if elected by more than half of the voters.

**39A) Decide, which one of both of the two systems seems to be more fair to you:**

1-st system                              2-nd system                              0) I do not know

**39 B) Decide, which one seems to you to be more convenient for the CR .**

1-st system                              2-nd system                              0) I do not know

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**Statistical identifications of the respondent**

**40) Sex:**

- 1) male
- 2) female

**41) What is the highest level of education have you completed?**

- 1) primary
- 2) vocational
- 3) secondary
- 4) university

**42) In what year were you born? .....**

**43) What social class or strata would you classify yourself?**

lower	1	none of that	6
lower middle	2	refused this concept	
middle	3	of differentiation	7
upper middle	4	refused the answer	8
upper	5	do not know	9

**44) Region of the respondent:**

- 1) Prague
- 2) Central Bohemia
- 3) South Bohemia
- 4) West Bohemia
- 5) North Bohemia
- 6) East Bohemia
- 7) South Moravia
- 8) North Moravia

**45) Size of community of respondent's residence:**

- 1) less than 2 thousands inhabitants
- 2) 2 - 5 thousands inhabitants
- 3) 5 - 10 thousands inhabitants
- 4) 10 - 50 thousands inhabitants
- 5) 50 - 100 thousands inhabitants
- 6) more than 100 thousands inhabitants
- 7) Brno
- 8) Prague

**46) What is your employment? Pick one option.**

- 1) worker
- 2) state employee
- 3) other employee
- 4) agricultural worker (collective/private)
- 5) businessman/woman
- 6) retired
- 7) housewife
- 8) student, pupil, apprentice
- 9) unemployed
- 10) other

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Finally, let me include a few more questions about developing events.

47) Mr. Josef Lux, the vice-chairman, announced on the television that he was watched by the Protection Information service BIS. Have you heard about this scandal?

- 1) no, I have not heard it
- 2) I heard of it, but I did not pay any attention
- 3) yes, I heard it and I watched its evolution

48) Which one of these statements corresponds with your opinion?

- A) This kind of scandals do not interest me.
- B) It is just a part of the pre-election politics.
- C) There are many scandals like that. They do not interest me.
- D) I do not believe, that something like that could happen.
- E) The news is very important. It changes the picture of our politics.

49) According to you, will this scandal have an impact on the upcoming vote for the Senate?

- 0) I do not know
- 1) no
- 2) yes

50) Has this news influenced your decision whether to vote in the Senate election?

- 1) no, this news did not have any impact on my original decision
- 2) yes, originally I did not want to vote, but now I probably will vote.
- 3) yes, originally I wanted to vote, but I will not vote now

51) In your opinion, will this scandal have an impact on people who are going to vote for to the Senate?

- 1) I do not know
- 2) definitely not
- 3) rather not
- 4) rather yes
- 5) definitely yes

52) Have this news had an impact on your own decision?

- 1) no
- 2) yes

53) In your opinion, which party will profit the most from this kind of news?

T: Write your reply here from the card of the political parties (e.g. reply "no one" marked by the code 94).

party number:.....

54) In your opinion, what political party will suffer the most because of this news?

T: Write in a reply here from the card of the political parties (e.g. reply "no one " marked by the code 94).

party number.....