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## **Economic expectations and attitudes**

### **II.**

**December 1990**

Interviewer

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Coder

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Data entry

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Respondent

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**Our interview will deal with topics of national economy and financial situation of your household. The survey is anonymous, serves only to scientific reasons and will not be used for state administration. You were chosen randomly.**

*Instruction: Give CARD A to the respondent!*

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

**1. Can you say that you are generally satisfied with the preparation and recent development of the economic reform?**

1	2	3	4
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**2. Do you think that the reform is being put into practice in sufficient pace?**

1	2	3	4
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**3. Do you have sufficient information concerning the process of reform in the next year?**

1	2	3	4
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**4. Do you think that new economic situation will in near future /within two years/ result in improvement of the standard of living of your family?**

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

1	2	3	4
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**6. Do you think that the problem of poverty might emerge in near future?**

1	2	3	4
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**7. Do you expect that the unemployment rate in our federation next year will be higher than 5%, i.e, roughly more than 350 thousand of the unemployed?**

1	2	3	4
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**8. Do you think that your wage or salary will automatically be raised correspondingly to the rise of prices?**

1	2	3	4
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**9. Can you already now say, that the contemporary economic situation is suitable to your household?**

1	2	3	4
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**10. Do you think that the importance of auxiliary income will be diminished in the future?**

1	2	3	4
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**11. Do you expect that the percentage of people who do themselves the repairs of their houses, cars, cottages, who build their own houses, will be smaller in future?**

1	2	3	4
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**12. Do you think it is going to be more difficult to cover your family expenses?**

1	2	3	4
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<b>Now we would like to know how far you agree with following statements.</b>
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13. Private sector should be given complete freedom.

1	2	3	4
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14. It is desirable for really competent people to have a lot of money, be it even millions.

1	2	3	4
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15. Unemployment should be prevented, even at the cost of survival of many unnecessary jobs.

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

1	2	3	4
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17. All big state-owned enterprises should be privatized.

1	2	3	4
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18. Foreign firms should have a totally open field for their operation in our country.

1	2	3	4
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19. The state and the government should take care of all people who lose their jobs as a result of economic changes.

1	2	3	4
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20. Private entrepreneurship has already favourable conditions and satisfactory space.

1	2	3	4
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21. Capitalism represents the only possible course of our future development.

1	2	3	4
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22. Everyone should take care himself for his standard of living.

1	2	3	4
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<b>We would also like to know your ideas on what should be changed in our society.</b>
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23. Should the differences in wages and salaries increase?

1	2	3	4
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24. According to your opinion, would it be O.K. if a part of social care was provided by private institutions?

1	2	3	4
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25. Would you agree with the introduction of private medical care?

1	2	3	4
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26. Do you think that existing social policy measures, i.e the allowances, benefits, supports are for the present satisfactory?

1	2	3	4
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27. Do you think that people should react to price increases by strikes?

1	2	3	4
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28. Do you agree with the restitution of the property to the former owners?

1	2	3	4
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29. Do you believe that the design of the process of the restitution of former property is a sufficient and proper solution?

1	2	3	4
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30. Are you or someone from your family interested in buying any production unit which is to be sold in auctions within the framework of "small privatization"?

1	2	3	4
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31. Do you understand what is meant by "big privatization", i.e. the transformation of state property into private hands through the vouchers?

1	2	3	4
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32. Will you be personally interested in buying the investment vouchers for 2000 Kčs?

1	2	3	4
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33. Do you expect that the investment vouchers will be purchased by all grown up members of your family?

1	2	3	4
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34. Do you think that the same economic rules should apply to both the Czech and the Slovak republic, esp. the same taxes, rights and the duties?

1	2	3	4
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35. Should the federal budget be higher than both budgets of the republics counted together?

1	2	3	4
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36. Is it proper that the Czech and the Slovak republics should have separate budgets, that there should be no transfers between them?

1	2	3	4
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37. Do you feel that in the last five years the Czechs pay for the Slovaks? /Slovak version vice-versa/

1	2	3	4
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38. How will the economic situation develop in 1991 in the Czech republic? Would you say it will develop:

*Instruction: Hand the respondent CARD B!*

very well	1
fairly well	2
rather badly	3
very badly	4

39. And how will the economic situation look like in 1991 in the Slovak republic

very well	1
fairly well	2
rather badly	3
very badly	4

**An important topic is the development of prices. Now we shall talk about them.**

40. Can you estimate, what will be the increase of prices during the next year? We want a general estimate.

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41. And now can you try to guess what will the price increase in 1991 be for:

- the rent of housing
- electricity
- petrol
- food
- clothes
- furniture
- construction material


**Now we would like to concentrate on your household.**

42. How can you manage with the income you have in your household?

*Instruction: Hand the respondent CARD C*

very hard	1
hard	2
rather hard	3
rather easy	4
easy	5
very easy	6

43. How much did your family spend on food in November 1990, including the school and factory meals and the restaurants?

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44. Which of the following statements suits the situation in your household better?

*Instruction: Hand the CARD D!*

If the prices continue to grow we will not manage with our income	1
The rise of prices will not endanger our household	2

**45. Concerning 1991, what development do you expect in the financial situation of your family, as compared to the situation 1 or 2 years ago? Would you say it is going to develop:**

*Instruction: Read the answers!*

much better	1
slightly better	2
rather worse	3
much worse	4
as up to now	5

**46. Is your family financially better off this year than the last year?**

*Instruction: CARD A!*

1	2	3	4
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**47. Is the money you have in your family sufficient for good food?**

1	2	3	4
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**48. And is the money sufficient for a good quality clothing for the members of your family?**

1	2	3	4
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**49. Would you say that the present costs of your housing, i.e. the rent, heating, electricity, gas, is reasonable?**

1	2	3	4
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**50. Does your family have problems with paying the debts and loans?**

1	2	3	4
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**51. Did you succeed in saving something during last three months?**

1	2	3	4
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**52. Is it necessary for your household to use the help of parents, relatives or friends?**

1	2	3	4
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**53. Do you try to be maximally self-supporting, i.e. do you try to make, repair or grow as much as you can just yourselves?**

1	2	3	4
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**54. Is supplementary income very important for your household economy?**

1	2	3	4
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**55. Do you think that the extent of self-supporting activities you do know in your household will decrease within two years, because you will be able to buy these things and services?**

1	2	3	4
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**56. Have you been thinking of the necessity to economize, e.g. to save on food?**

1	2	3	4
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**57. Have you had, during last three months, the problems how to get the food you needed?**

1	2	3	4
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**58. Have you had, during last three months, the problems how to get good clothes?**

1	2	3	4
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59. Have you had, during last three months, the problems how to get durable goods for your household, such as furniture, electric appliances, carpets etc.?

1	2	3	4
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**Now we shall focus on the problems of poverty which is becoming a topic of public debate.**

60. Do you have a feeling that you are a poor family?

1	2	3	4
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61. Poor families are those, whose income is below a certain level. This is a poverty line. Can you try to assess present poverty line for a four-member family, i.e. a couple with two children of school age? We are talking about monthly income.

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62. What should be the minimal income, which would be enough for meeting basic needs of your household?

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63. Who should care, by your opinion, for the people of your age not to become poor? Choose just one possibility!

*Instruction: Hand the respondent CARD E!*

the state	1
the community (city, village)	2
the employers	3
the trade unions	4
relatives, kin, extended family	5
everyone him/herself	6

**Let us touch some political questions.**

64. Towards which political party (movement) do you have the most favourable attitude?

(write out) .....

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65. Can you tell us which political party (movement) did you vote in June Parliamentary elections to the Chamber of people?

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66. And which political party, movement, coalition did you vote in November local elections?

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67. How would you evaluate the local elections in the place of your residence?

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**At the end some indicators which are necessary for statistical processing.**

**68. What is your age?**

*Instruction: Write into the box*

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**69. Marital status:**

single	1
married first time	2
married repeatedly	3
divorced	4
widowed	5

**70. What is your profession?**

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**71. What profession is your partner?**

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**72. What is your highest school education?**

elementary	1
vocational training	2
secondary school	3
university, college	4

**73. What is the highest school education of your partner?**

elementary	1
vocational training	2
secondary school	3
university, college	4

**74. What is the highest school education of your father?**

elementary	1
vocational training	2
secondary school	3
university, college	4



75. Are you or someone from your household registered for private business?

yes	1
no	2

76. What is your total present net monthly income, incl. all benefits, allowances, extra income ?

Average income into the box!

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77. How many grown-ups and children do live in your household?

Grown ups:

Children:

78. Does your household own:

*Instruction: Mark the answer in each row!*

	yes	no
family house	1	2
car	1	2
cottage	1	2

79. Imagine you were insured and in consequence of some natural disaster you would be deprived of all your property, assets and possessions, e.g. house, cottage, garden, all 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 F!*

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

80. District of permanent residence:

District: .....

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81. 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

**82. Do you live in:**

a family house	1
in a cooperative flat	2
in a rented flat	3
otherwise	4

**83. Can you tell us at the end, where you see the main problems of our economy?**

*Instruction: Record word by word into the box!*

**84. Can you tell us how the price increase affected your household?**

*Instruction: Record word by word into the box!*

**Thank you for your answers**

**85. Sex of the respondent**

male	1
female	2

**86. Interviewer record: What is the order of this interview?**

*Write out*

**87. Date of the interview:**

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**88. How did the interview go?**

easy, normal	1
demanding	2
difficult, hard	3