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Interviewer

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Respondent

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Our interview will deal with the topical issues of national economy and financial situation of your household. The survey is anonymous, it serves only to scientific purposes and will not be used as a basis for decision making of governmental institutions. You were randomly chosen.

Instruction: 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 characterize the present period as being the beginning of a substantial improvement of our economic situation?

1	2	3	4
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4. Do you think that the new economic situation will bring about in the near future (approximately in the next 2 years) better living standart for your family?

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

1	2	3	4
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6. 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.

Instruction: Use card A for following questions again!

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

1	2	3	4
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8. Private entrepreneurship should be given complete freedom.

1	2	3	4
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9. It is right that capable and competent people have a lot of money, even millions.

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

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

1	2	3	4
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12. It is necessary to introduce some employment restrictions for foreigners in order to employ insiders first of all.

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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13. Market functioning must be absolutely free from state intervention.
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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14. Economic changes should run gradually to preserve unemployment.
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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15. Only an individual can be blamed for his/her poverty.
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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16. The people in our country get rich primarily by an unjust way.
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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17. At present, the competent and industrious man can be rich very quickly.
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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18. Most of the unemployed are people without any actual interest for working.
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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19. The changes in the economy must be as rapid as possible, despite a temporal decline in the standard of living.
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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20. Do you generally prefer an economy:

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

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

21. Should differences in wages and salaries increase?
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
22. According to your opinion, should the state administratively fix prices more?
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
23. The state should provide a job for anyone who wants to work?
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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24. According to your opinion, is it necessary that privatizations should quickly continue regardless of the danger that property should fall into unproper hands?
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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
25. The taxes, according to you, should be higher in order to finance social care?
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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
26. The government, according to you, should continue to restrict wages so as not to reach a high inflation rate?
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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
27. Do you think the state should settle the level of money which an individual can earn?
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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28. 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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29. Do you think that existing provisions and measures for social policy, i.e. benefits, family allowances and contributions, are at present satisfactory?

1	2	3	4
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30. Do you think that the state should command to some entrepreneurs to lessen the prices of their products?

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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31. How do you manage with the present income of your household?

Instruction: Hand out CARD D!

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

32. Is your household in a better financial situation than one year ago?

1	2	3	4
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33. Can you say, today, that the present economic situation is Favorable to your family?

1	2	3	4
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34. Did you manage to save something during the last three months?

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

1	2	3	4
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36. Are subsidiary incomes very important in your family today?

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

1	2	3	4
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38. Imagine your family gets into a very difficult financial situation due to unfavorable external conditions. I will offer you a series of possible solutions. Decide which of them would be the most feasible in your present situation for you and your family.

Instructions: Answers again through CARD A!

For you personally:

A. Try to increase the income from present employment
B. Find a better paid job
C. To work abroad
D. Find a supplementary job, perform paid services to others
E. To run a private business

For your family:

F. To rent rooms, cottage, summer house
G. To sell home made products
H. To sell own produced fruit, vegetables, flowers
I. To make, produce, repair as much as possible ourselves.
J. To economize

39. Which of that following possible solutions did you or your family actually use within the last year or are you or your family actually presently using? I will read aloud particular items and you will briefly answer yes or no.

For you personally:

A. Tried to increase the income from present employment
B. Found a better paid job
C. Worked abroad
D. Found a supplementary job, performed paid services to others
E. Run a private business

For your family:

F. Rented rooms, cottage, summer house
G. Sold home made products
H. Sold own produce fruit, vegetables, flowers
I. Made, produced, repaired as much as possible ourselves.
J. Economized

Now we shall deal with your employment**40. What is your economic position?***Instruction: Show respondent CARD 35!*

Economically active	1
Unemployed	2
Pensioner in labour	3
Pensioner not in labour	4
Housewife	5
Student, apprentice	6

41. How many hours weekly in average do you work in your first job (including overtime and work at home)?*Instruction: Write into the box (hours)*

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42. In your first job you work:

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

43a. Do you have, besides your first job, some other activities?

Yes	1
No	2

43b. If yes, do you work in your second job:

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

44. How many hours weekly in average do you work in your second job (including overtime and work at home)?

Instruction: Write into the box (hours)

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Now we shall deal with trade unions and firm, where you are employed

45. Are you member of some trade union organization?

Yes	1
Name of trade union	
Not	2
Do not know	3

46. You are in your trade union organization:

Shop steward	1
Active member	2
Just formal member	3

47. Do you know activity of your trade union organization?

1	2	3	4
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48a. Do you trust the leaders of national trade union organization?

1	2	3	4
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48b. Do you trust the leaders of branch trade union organization?

1	2	3	4
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49. Is in the enterprise where you work good relationship between management and the plant trade union unit?

1	2	3	4
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50. Does management of your enterprise respect the plant trade union unit?

1	2	3	4
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51. How long do you work at your present employer?

Instruction: Write into the box (hours)

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52. How many employees work in the enterprise where you work?

Less than 5	1
6-24	2
25-100	3
101-500	4
501-1000	5
More than 1000	6

53. Do you think your enterprise has a future with respect to present changes?

1	2	3	4
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54. Do you think that without consensus with employees of your enterprise any important decision should not be reached?

1	2	3	4
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55. Do you have , at your workplace, some possibilities of varying your effort?

1	2	3	4
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56. Do you use, at your workplace, a punch card?

1	2	3	4
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57. Do you have in your job flexible working time?

1	2	3	4
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Now we shall shortly deal with your occupation

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

Instructions: CARD A

1	2	3	4
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59. Do you think your training and education is appropriate and sufficient in the period of transformation to a market economy?

1	2	3	4
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60. Imagine you would be offered a position with twice the salary you have now. Would you be willing to:

A. Perform a managerial function	1	2	3	4
B. Work more than 10 hours a day	1	2	3	4
C. Attend courses of professional training longer than half a year	1	2	3	4
D. Learn a new foreign language within one year	1	2	3	4

61. Are you personally afraid of unemployment?

1	2	3	4
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62. 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

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

Yes	1
No	2

Now we shall deal with your household's situation

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

Instructions: CARD A

1	2	3	4
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65. 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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66. What would be the minimal monthly income which would be satisfactory for covering the basic needs of your household.

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67. What would you consider a very bad or a very good income for your family in a month? Try to assess sums which would correspond to following statements.

A very bad income is about	CZK					
A bad income is about	CZK					
Insufficient income is about	CZK					
Sufficient income is about	CZK					
A good income is about	CZK					
A very good income is about	CZK					

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

68. 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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69. 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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70. Do you suppose that it is probable that your household will function only upon subsistence allowances 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.

71. If in the near future the elections to the Czech parliament would be organized, which political party (movement) would you vote for?

(write in)

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72. 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

73. Would you say that you understand the present political scene?

1	2	3	4
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74. Do you think that Czech Republic today are on the level of the advanced western countries?

1	2	3	4
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75. Do you think that civil liberties in Czechoslovakia today are on the level of the advanced western countries?

1	2	3	4
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76. Would it be better for our country to be ruled by a strong hand and someone who would clearly say what should be done, rather than head discussions about different solutions to our present situation?

1	2	3	4
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77. Do you think that is appropriate to express your dissatisfaction by demonstrations and strikes?

1	2	3	4
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77. Would it be better for our country if for the former members of communist party the exercising of important positions be prohibited?

1	2	3	4
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79. Would it be better for country to introduce stronger treatment of gypsies?

1	2	3	4
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80. Would it be better for our country to close borders for immigrants from Eastern countries?

1	2	3	4
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81. Do you think that national and other minorities should subordinate their interests and claims to those of the majority?

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

82. What is your age?

Instruction: Write into the box

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83. Marital status:

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

84. What is the highest school education?

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

85. 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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86. In which branch do you work?

	First job	Second job
Agriculture, Forestry	1	1
Manufacturing, Construction	2	2
Transportation, Communication	3	3
Business, Services	4	4
Banking, Insurance	5	5
Administration, Social services	6	6
Education, Research, Culture	7	7
Army, Police, Intelligence	8	8

87. In what firm or organization are you employed?

	First job	Second job
State enterprise before privatization	1	1
Enterprise after privatization of former state firm	2	2
Other state organization	3	3
Cooperative 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

88. Are you registered for private business?

Yes	1
No	2

89. Is someone from your household registered for private business?

Yes	1
No	2

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

Sole income	1
Main income	2
Subsidiary income	3
We dont have any income from enterprise	4

91. 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, workshop, shop	1
Homestead, fields, forests	2
House, another immobility	3
Financial resources	4

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

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

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

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95. 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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96. 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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97. Had you or someone else from your household in this year incomes from financial or capital operations (stocks, obligations etc.)

Yes	1
No	2

92. 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:	
Economically active:	
Dependent children:	
Pensioners not Working:	

Instruction: Only for respondents with dependent children!

93. What is the age of your children?

First one			age
Second one			age
Third one			age

94. Does your household own:

Instruction: Mark the answer in each row!

	yes	no
Family house	1	2

Car	1	2
Cottage	1	2
Renting house	1	2
Field, forest	1	2
Trade, business, etc.	1	2

95. 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 95

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

96. District of residence:

District:

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97. 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

98. Do you live in:

A family house	1
In a cooperative flat	2
In a rented flat	3
Otherwise	4

99. Do you consider the housing situation for you, your family, and your children to be satisfactory for the near future (about the next five years)?

1	2	3	4
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Thank you for your answers

100. Sex of the respondent

male	1
female	2

101. Date of the interview:

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102. 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