

Young Generation 1997
(Family Values and Reproductive Plans of Young Single People)

We would like to ask you about your opinions and your situation. We consider it very important to know what young people think and what their life conditions and plans are.
 The inquiry is strictly anonymous and you were chosen only by chance. Our interview will last approximately 35 minutes.

We will begin with several general questions.

1. The terms “right” and “left” are often used in politics. Where would you put your opinions, to where do your opinions belong?

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

2. If you consider everything altogether and compare the previous and the present political system (previous is before November 1989) would you say that the present system is better, same or worse than the previous one?

Much better	1
Slightly better	2
Approximately same	3
Slightly worse	4
Much worse	5

3. Do you think that the Czech Republic is generally developing in the right direction or a wrong direction?

It is developing in a right direction	1
It is developing in a wrong direction	2
It is not directed anywhere	3

4. If you take into consideration all the circumstances of your life, would you say that you generally are:

Very satisfied	1
Rather satisfied	2
Rather dissatisfied	3
Very dissatisfied	4

Now several questions will go back to your childhood and adolescence.

5. In what kind of a family did you spend most of your childhood and adolescence? The period under 12 years of your age is considered to be childhood, the period between 12 and 18 years is adolescence.

Instruction: Read the answers and in each column tick only one answer.

	childhood	adolescence
In a complete family with my both parents.	1	1

In a new complete family which was created after the death/divorce of a parent.	2	2
In cohabitation with my own parents (common-law marriage)	3	3
In a incomplete family with only my mother	4	4
In a incomplete family with only my father	5	5
With relatives	6	6
Something else	7	7

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6. During your childhood and adolescence were you in the care of only one parent longer than 1 year?

	Yes	No
A. Childhood	1	2
B. Adolescence	1	2

7. How would you characterise the living standard of the family in which you grew up in your childhood and adolescence? Would you say that the standard was:

Instruction: Show CARD 7 and record the answer in every row!

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|----------------|
| 1 Very good |
| 2. Rather good |
| 3. Rather bad |
| 4. Very bad |

A. Childhood	1	2	3	4
B. Adolescence	1	2	3	4

8. How many siblings (including stepsiblings) have you lived in one household with?

- A. In childhood *Instruction: Write it into the frame*
- B. In adolescence *Instruction: Write it into the frame*

9. According to your opinion how would you characterise the marriage (cohabitation) of your parents?

Happy, without difficulties and problems	1
Satisfactory, with occasional difficulties and problems	2
Difficult, with frequent problems	3
Unhappy, with great problems	4
Parents have never lived together	8

10. Has your parents' marriage ceased?

Ceased by death of a parent	1
Ceased by divorce	2
Has not ceased	3
Parents have never been married	8

11. If your parents' marriage ceased how old were you then?

Instruction: Write it into the frame

Now we will concentrate on questions concerning your attitudes towards life and your life-plans.

12. In which manner do you solve situations brought by life?

In a surely energetic one, I make decisions immediately without hesitation	1
In a rather energetic one, I make decisions after a short consideration	2
In a rather moderate one, I make decisions after a longer consideration	3
In a surely moderate one, I hesitate long before I make decisions	4

13. From the following possibilities choose one which characterise your nature and character best.

I welcome every change and I like changing things myself	1
I do not mind changes but I do not look for them	2
I do not like changes very much but I manage to cope with them	3
I do not like changes, I cope with them with difficulties and I do not like changing things myself	4

14. Using the five-point scale evaluate the following matters. How personally important are they for you? Number 1 expresses the smallest importance, number 5 the largest one. For evaluation use the whole scale from 1 to 5 and do not forget that 5 means the biggest importance and use it only exceptionally.

least important	1	2	3	4	5	most important
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1.	To have the highest possible education and qualification	1	2	3	4	5
2.	To have time for my own interests and hobbies	1	2	3	4	5
3.	To have interesting and useful work	1	2	3	4	5
4.	To live for my family and children	1	2	3	4	5
5.	To be successful and recognised	1	2	3	4	5
6.	To have time for friends	1	2	3	4	5
7.	To have a lot of money and to life comfortably	1	2	3	4	5
8.	To live without risks and tensions	1	2	3	4	5
9.	To care for my household	1	2	3	4	5
10.	To work in the garden, arrange (build) a flat, house	1	2	3	4	5

15. There are different ways of balancing family and work duties on the CARD 15. Please choose the one which is the closest to your notion about the best solution.

Instruction: Show the respondent CARD 15 and tick one answer!

1	To prefer family
2	To be devoted to the family as well as to the work, but rather prefer family
3	To be devoted to the family and work with the same intensity
4	To be devoted to the family as well as to the work but rather prefer work
5	To prefer work

16. Everybody has got some ideas about the character of his/her partner for life. Declare how important for you are the following characteristics of your life-partner.

Decide please according Card 14.

Instruction: Show the respondent Card 14 and tick the answer in every row!

A. Good manners	1	2	3	4	5
B. University degree	1	2	3	4	5
C. Good financial and material provision	1	2	3	4	5
D. Nice appearance and behaviour	1	2	3	4	5
E. Sportsmanlike inclination	1	2	3	4	5
F. Responsibility and honesty	1	2	3	4	5
G. Good relationship to children	1	2	3	4	5
H. Intelligence	1	2	3	4	5
O. Ambitions	1	2	3	4	5
J. Success in his/her job	1	2	3	4	5
K. Sense for the family life	1	2	3	4	5
L. Decisiveness	1	2	3	4	5
M. Personal style, nonconformity	1	2	3	4	5
N. Tolerance	1	2	3	4	5
O. Adaptability	1	2	3	4	5

17. What are the three most important features of your life-partner according to you?

Instruction: Show the respondent Card 17

Write:

Write:

Write

18. Imagine that you made the decision to get married. Which of the following reasons would significantly motivate you?

Instruction: Show the respondent Card 14 and tick the answer in every row!

A. Parents' disagreement with non-marital cohabitation	1	2	3	4
B. Social propriety	1	2	3	4
C. To have children born in marriage	1	2	3	4
D. Insecurity of the relationship without legal guarantees	1	2	3	4
E. To "secure" partner for yourself	1	2	3	4
F. Opportunity for self-realisation	1	2	3	4
G. Wish to have safe background	1	2	3	4
H. Safe and regular sexual life	1	2	3	4
I. Financial security	1	2	3	4
J. Clear property relations	1	2	3	4
K. Strong emotional feelings, love	1	2	3	4
L. To have helper in the household	1	2	3	4

19. Which from the following possibilities do you consider to be the best for your life?

To live alone without a permanent partner	1
To live with a permanent partner without being married	2
To live with a partner "to test him or her" and then to get married	3
To get married without the previous "test" cohabitation	4

20. What reason did you lead to the consideration that this variant is the best one?

1th reason.....

2nd reason

21. If you take into account all circumstances according to you what age is the most convenient for the first marriage and the first and the last child, and what is the ideal number of children in the family under present conditions?

A. The most convenient age of a male for the first marriage

B. The most convenient age of a female for the first marriage

C. The most convenient age of a male for the first child

D. The most convenient age of a female for the first child

E. An acceptable age of a male for the last child

F. An acceptable age of a female for the last child

G. The ideal number of children in the family

22. In your opinion how important are the following circumstances for young person to get married? Please answer again using the Card 14.

Instruction: Show the respondent Card 14 and tick the answer in every row!

A. Majority age	1	2	3	4	5
B. Finished education	1	2	3	4	5
C. Economic independence, economic activity	1	2	3	4	5
D. Sufficient financial income	1	2	3	4	5
E. Experience and a position in the job	1	2	3	4	5
F. Savings apx. 100 000 CZK	1	2	3	4	5
G. Opportunity to live separately	1	2	3	4	5
H. Own flat	1	2	3	4	5
I. Basic equipment of the household	1	2	3	4	5
J. Sufficiently long partnership	1	2	3	4	5
K. Ability to live together proved by previous housing and housekeeping together	1	2	3	4	5
L. Assurance of help from the parents	1	2	3	4	5
M. Assurance of help from the state	1	2	3	4	5

23. How many children do you plan to have in the future?

Instruction: at the third variant write down on the dotted line an exact number of children (no 2-3 children, but 2 children or 3 children etc.)!

I am not planning a number of children	1
I do not want children	2
I am planning children	3

24. If you do not want to have children say reasons why.

1th reason

2nd reason

25. If you want to have only one child say reasons why.

1th reason

2nd reason

26. If you want to have 3 or more children say reasons why.

1th reason

2nd reason

Instruction: Only women answer the question 27.

27. Would you like to have children under any circumstances, even if you lived lonely as a single mother?

Yes
No

28. If you want to have children, what is according to your opinion the ideal distance between the first and the second child?

Instruction: Less than a year record as 1 year!

Number of years

29. How important are the following circumstances for a person to make a responsible decision about having a child? Please, again answer using the CARD 14.

Instruction: Show the respondent Card 14 and make a circle around the answer in every row!

A. Majority age	1	2	3	4	5
B. Finished education	1	2	3	4	5
C. Economic independence, economic activity	1	2	3	4	5
D. Sufficient financial income	1	2	3	4	5
E. Experience and position in the job	1	2	3	4	5
F. Savings apx. 100 000 CZK	1	2	3	4	5
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30. What do young people need most of all to have a child in the present time?

Write down the need in order according to urgency.

They need most of all:.....

Further they need:

Further they need:

31. In your opinion what net income per month is necessary for a young family with a child under 6 years of age?

Estimation in CZK

32. Imagine you have got a child (for men: your partner has got a child). Would you like to work or to run a business (for men: Would you like your partner to work or to run business) while the child is small? Please answer using CARD A.

Instruction: Show the respondent CARD A.

A. While the youngest child is under 3 years of age

1	2	3	4
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B. Between 3 and 6 years of age of the youngest child

1	2	3	4
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C. When the youngest child is over 6.

1	2	3	4
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33. In the case you would like to work or run a business (for men: your partner), while the child is under 3 years of age which kind of work duties would be the best for you?

Full-time	1
Part-time	2
Free schedule	3
Work at home	4

34. In this case, how would you (for men: your partner) arrange care for the child under 3 years of age?

Put the child into a nursery	1
Put the child in shared care of the mother and the father of the child	2
Put the child in care of your or partner's parents or other relatives	3
Care assistant	4

Using CARD B answer to what extent you agree with the following statements

Instruction: Show the respondent CARD B

1	Strongly agree
2	Rather agree
3	Rather disagree
4	Strongly disagree

35. Married men and women are generally more satisfied than single.

1	2	3	4
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36. The main advantage of the marriage is financial security.

1	2	3	4
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37. The main reason for getting married is to have children

1	2	3	4
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38. A bad marriage is better than none.

1	2	3	4
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39. People who want to have children should marry.

1	2	3	4
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40. One parent can bring up the child as well as both parents together.

1	2	3	4
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41. It is all right if people live together and do not plan to get married.

1	2	3	4
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42. It is good if people who want to marry themselves live first together.

1	2	3	4
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43. To watch how children grow up is the biggest joy in life.

1	2	3	4
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44. To have children is too big a restriction for parents.

1	2	3	4
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45. People who have never had children have an empty life.

1	2	3	4
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46. A man/woman can be happy although he/she lives on his own without a partner and children.

1	2	3	4
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47. Marriage always restricts personal freedom of a man and woman.

1	2	3	4
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48. If a man and woman do not plan to have a child it is unnecessary for them to get married.

1	2	3	4
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49. To bring children into the world in these insecure times is not honest.

1	2	3	4
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50. The main advantage of a marriage are legal guarantees of ownership relations.

1	2	3	4
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51. If a woman wants a child she can bring the child up alone without a man.

1	2	3	4
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52. In the next few years the life standard of the most of the population will increase.

1	2	3	4
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53. In the next few years accessibility of housing for young people will increase.

1	2	3	4
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55. In the next few years unemployment will increase in our country.

1	2	3	4
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56. According to you how high is the official subsistence level for a family consisting of parents and a child under 6 years of age?

Estimation in CZK

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57. Which of the following statements the best expresses your attitudes towards divorces?

Divorce should be an easy matter	1
If there are children in the family divorce should be difficult to keep the family background for children	2
Divorce should not be an easy matter for any marriage	3
Divorce should be forbidden	4

58. Sex of the respondent:

Male	1
Female	2

59. How old are you?

Instruction: Write in into the frame

60. What is your social position?

Student	1
Unemployed	2
Employee	3
Member of a cooperative	4
Self-employed, farmer	5
Businessman	6
Others	7

61. What is your highest level of school education?

Primary	1
Vocational	2
Secondary	3
University	4

62. Do you study at the present time?

Yes
No

63. If you study which school do you attend?

Vocational school	1
Secondary school	2
University	3
Postgradual studies	4

64. Which field do you study?

Field

65. Do you attend any special or language course?

Yes
No

Instruction: Only those who are economically active answer the questions number 66-75 (employed, running business, unemployed)!

66. In which year did you finished your studies? Which field?

A. Write down the year of graduation

B. Field

67. What is your profession, what is your position in your job?

Instruction: Fill up the most detailed description. Write the name of the profession and contents of the work. For unemployed record the last profession. For entrepreneurs and self-employed write: "private person".

68. In which field do you work (run business) today?

Instruction: The unemployed give an answer about the last field!

In the field I have studied	1
In a related field, specialisation	2
In a completely different field	3

69. How many times have you changed your job after graduating from the school?

Write

70. How long do you stay in your present job (do you run business)?

Number of years months

71. From the following possibilities choose one that best correspond with your working plans for the next year.

I do not want to change anything regarding my present job	1
I want to leave the job and to study	2
I want to change the job but to keep the profession	3
I want to change my profession	4
I want to try to run a business	5

72. Have you ever been unemployed?

Yes
No

73. If so, how long did the longest period of your unemployment last?

Number of months

74. If you are unemployed now how long has your unemployment lasted?

Number of months

75. What is the reason for your present unemployment?

Write down

Instruction: Answered by everybody!

76. Are you afraid of the possibility of being unemployed?

Yes	1
No	2

77. What is your present financial situation? Estimate:

A. Your average net income per month

B. Your savings/ total in CZK

A. Your debts/ total in CZK

78. Could you tell us your religious affiliation?

Instruction: If the respondent does not report any confession write "without confession"

Write

79. How often do you participate in religious activities?

Once a month or more often	1
Twice or three times a month	2
Once a month	3
Few times a year	4
Once a year	5
Never	6

We will pay attention to your present situation now.

80. Have you got a permanent partner?

Yes, I have. We live together (share housing and housekeeping together)	1
Yes, I have. We do not live together	2
No, I do not have.	3

Instruction: Only those who have a permanent partner at the present time answer the questions!

81. How long does the partnership with your partner last?

Number of years months

82. If you share housing and housekeeping with your partner how long does your cohabitation last?

Number of years months

83. Would you indicate your partnership as a common-law marriage?

Yes	1
No	2

84. No matter if you live with your partner or not, do you plan to marry each other?

Surely yes
Rather yes
Rather no
Surely no

85. Are there any reasons which prevent you from getting married?

Yes	1
No	2

86. If so, give the two most important reasons:

1th reason

2nd reason

87. How old is your partner?

Number of years

88. What is the highest school education of your partner?

Primary	1
Vocational	2
Secondary	3
University	4

89. Is your partner studying at the present time?

He/she is not studying	1
Yes, secondary school	2
Yes, university	3
Yes, another kind of school	4

90. Is your partner considering further education, improving his/her qualification?

Yes	1
No	2

91. What is the social position of your partner?

Student	1
Unemployed	2
Employee	3
Member of a cooperative	4
Self-employed, farmer	5
Businessman	6
Others	7

92. What is your partner's job?

Instruction: Fill a most detailed description of the profession and content of the job, for unemployed record the last profession, for students write "studies".

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93. What is the religious affiliation of your partner?

Instruction: If the respondent does not sayt any confession write "without confession"

Write

Instruction: Everybody answers!

94. Do you have a regular sexual life?

Yes	1
No	2

95. If so, do you and your partner protect yourselves from unwanted pregnancy by contraception?

No, we do not use any contraception	1
Yes, we use contraception but irregularly	2
Yes, we use contraception regularly	3

96. Imagine that you (for men: your partner) became pregnant in the near future. How would most likely this pregnancy finish?

Wedding and birth	1
Birth but without wedding	2
Abortion	3
I do not know	4

97. Where do you live at the present?

In your own flat or house	1
With your parents	2
With grandparents or other relatives	3
With friends	4
Lodging (a borrowed flat)	5
Another answer	6

98. How do you want to solve your housing situation for the future?

I will stay where I live now	1
Purchase or building of a house	2
Reconstruction of parents' or relatives' house	3
Purchase of a flat	4
Renting of a flat	
Inheritance from parents, grandparents (other relatives)	
Getting of a flat (house) from parents (other relatives) after they move away	
Another solution	

99. In the case you are planning to get a flat or a house in the future how much will it cost?

Instruction: Record in a proper form!

Total CZK

100. How long does it take until you get your own flat?

Number of years: months:

101. Do you participate in a saving programme of a building society?

Yes	1
No	2

102. Using the Card A tell me please if you are planning in the next few years:

Instruction: Show the respondent Card A and tick one answer in each line!

A. To study internally				
B. To start a job				
C. To run a business				
D. To travel abroad for experience				
E. To give time to your interests and hobbies				
F. To get a good position in your job				
G. To get married				
H. To have children				

102. At the end we will show you cards with three pairs of contrast proverbs. Using a four-point scale choose which proverb from the pair expresses according to you more true.

Instruction: Show successively Card 103.1-103,3 and in each pair of the proverbs tick one answer!

1 = surely the first proverb, 2 = rather the first proverb, 3 = rather the second proverb, 4 = surely the second proverb.

A. I eat, drink, live, I will die - why to care?
B. Devote your hands to work and not your mouth to eat
A. Why marry when there is no food.
B. Two will cope better with poverty.
A. Better not to have children than to distress them
B. Children are a treasure for the poor.

103.1. The first pair of the proverbs:

1	2	3	4
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103.2. The second pair of the proverbs:

1	2	3	4
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103.3. The third pair of the proverbs:

1	2	3	4
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Thank you very much for answering our survey

104. Region of the permanent address:

Region

105. The size of the town/locality:

Locality under 2 000 inhabitants	1
Locality between 2 000 - 9 999 inhabitants	2
Town between 10 000 - 49 999 inhabitants	3
Town between 50 000 - 99 999 inhabitants	4
City over 100 000 inhabitants	5

RECORDS OF THE INQUIRER:

106. Date of the interview:

107. Interview in minutes:

108. Rate of difficulty of the interview:

Easy, common	1
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Demanding	2
Difficult, very demanding	3

DECLARATION OF THE INQUIRER:

I declare that I chose the respondent according to the instructions in the inquiry assignment. This filled questionnaire is the exact record of the respondent's answers.

Sign