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**Economic expectations and attitudes IX.**

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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. In state offices there is much corruption.**

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

1	2	3	4
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14. The people in our country get rich primarily by an unjust way.

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

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

1	2	3	4
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17. 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.

*Instructions: Use CARD A for following questions again!*

18. Should differences in wages and salaries increase?

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

1	2	3	4
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20. The state should provide a job for anyone who wants to work?.

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

1	2	3	4
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22. The taxes, according to you, should be higher in order to finance social protection?

1	2	3	4
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23. 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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24. Do you think that the correct measures were implemented in social policy, for example targeting payments only to families with the lowest income rather than to everybody?

1	2	3	4
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25. Would you consider it correct to regulate rents in formerly state-owned apartmens (so that rents may increase only in small steps, and not be able to cover expenses associated with up keep)?

1	2	3	4
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26. Would you agree with initiating tuition payments for universities with the understanding that needy students would be able to receive advantageous loans from the state?

1	2	3	4
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<b>Now we will focus on your family and your household in more detail.</b>
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**27. How do you manage with the present income of your household?**

*Instruction: Show respondent CARD 27!*

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

*Instructions: Use CARD A for following questions again!*

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

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

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

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

1	2	3	4
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<b>Now we shall deal with your employment</b>
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**32. Have any of the following changes occurred in your life over the past 6 years (since 1989)?**

*Instructions: Circle answer in each row!*

	yes	no
A. Entered employment for the first time.	1	2
B. Retired from employment.	1	2
C. Changed employment once.	1	2
D. Changed employment more than once.	1	2
E. Changed profession once.	1	2
F. Changed profession more than once.	1	2
G. Started private business.	1	2
H. Promoted to a higher position.	1	2
I. Demoted to a lower position.	1	2
J. Lost employment once.	1	2
K. Lost employment more than once.	1	2

**33. If your employment changed, which of the following possibilities best describes your situation?**

*Instructions: Show respondent card 33! If employment changed more than once, let the respondent choose the main change between 1989 and the present.*

Work basically in the same place, but the firm reorganized or was privatized.	1
Went to a different company, which existed in some form prior to 1990.	2
Went to a different company, which was founded in or after 1990.	3
Started own business.	4

**34. What was the main reason for your last change in employment?**

*Instructions: Show respondent card 34!*

Closing or reorganization of company	1
Limiting of production, economizing	2
Unsatisfied with employment	3
Offer of more interesting position	4
Desire to "go it alone"	5

**35. 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

*Instructions: These questions apply only to economically active individuals and to pensioners who work.*

**36. 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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**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 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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**41. How long do you work at your present employer?**

*Instruction: Write into the box (years)*

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**42. 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

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

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

1	2	3	4
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45. Are your wages directly tied to your results; that is, if you work less, do you receive less money and vice-versa?

1	2	3	4
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46. Is the management of your firm involved in the following matters?

A. Increasing work results	1	2	3	4
B. Reducing the number of employees	1	2	3	4
C. Investing in equipment	1	2	3	4
D. Improvements in organizational structure	1	2	3	4
E. Worker training	1	2	3	4
F. Improvement of services in the workplace	1	2	3	4

**The following questions deal with your perspectives on your employment**

*Instructions: All respondents answer.*

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

*Instructions: CARD A*

1	2	3	4
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48. Do you consider your qualifications to be suitable and adequate under current conditions?

1	2	3	4
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49. 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

50. Are you personally afraid of unemployment?

*Instructions: CARD A*

1	2	3	4
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51. 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

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

Yes	1
No	2

**Now, we would be interested in knowing how you participated in coupon privatization.**

53. Did you participate in coupon privatization?

	Yes	No
First wave	1	2
Second wave	1	2

54. What portion of your points did you invest in investment privatization funds in the first and second waves of coupon privatization?

	In first wave	In second wave
None	1	1
Less than half	2	2
About half	3	3
More than half	4	4
All	5	5

55. Have you already sold shares in companies or investment privatization funds?

None	1
Less than half	2
About half	3
More than half	4
All	5

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

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

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

1	2	3	4
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58. Would you say that you profitted overall from coupon privatization?

1	2	3	4
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**Now we shall deal with your household's situation**

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

*Instructions: CARD A*

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

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

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63. 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.**

64. 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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65. 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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66. 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.**

67. 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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68. 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



69. 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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70. 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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71. Do you think that is appropriate to express your dissatisfaction by demonstrations and strikes?

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

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

1	2	3	4
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75. Do you expect significant changes after the next election, assuming a change in parties?

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

76. What is your age?

*Instruction: Write into the box*

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77. Marital status:

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

78. What is the highest school education?

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

79. 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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**80. 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

**81. 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

**82. Are you registered for private business?**

Yes	1
No	2

**83. Is someone from your household registered for private business?**

Yes	1
No	2

**84. 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

**85. 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

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

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

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

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89. 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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90. 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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91. 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 .....