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Interviewer

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Respondent

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We would like to ask you about your opinion on current political situation, we are especially interested in your opinion on political parties. Do you find important to know, what the people really think before election, what their real opinions are? Research is confidential, your name will never be connected with answers you will give me during the interview.
Our interview will last approximately 35 minutes.

At first couple of common questions.

1. Did you participate in the election for the Chamber of Deputies in May/June 1996?

Yes	1
No	2
Did not had the right to vote	3

Advice: In the case respondent answers 2, make sure he/she did not attend election and continue with question 3! In the case respondent answers 3, make sure he/she did not had the right to vote and continue with question 5.

2. If you did participate in the May/June 1996 election, which party did you vote for?

Write the answer::

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3. Did you attended last parliamentary election in 1992?

Yes	1
No	2
Did not had the right to vote	3

Advice: In the case respondent answers 2 or 3, make sure he/she did not attend election and continue with question and continue with question 5!

4. Which party or movement did you vote for in 1992 election to the Chamber of Deputies?

Write the answer::

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5. If there were to be a preliminary election into the Chamber of Deputies held in June this year, you personally would:

Advice: Read all the variants of answers!

Would vote for sure	1
Would probably vote	2
Would probably not vote	3
Would not vote for sure	4

Advice: Everyone answers!

6. If you were (in spite of it) to participate in the preliminary election in June for the Chamber of Deputies, which party would you vote for?

Write the answer:

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7. Your relation to the political party you would vote for in June, is:

Advice: Read all the variants of answers!

Very strong	1
Rather strong	2
Rather weak	3
Very weak	4

8. If it were possible to vote for two parties in the election, for which other party you would vote?

Write the answer:

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9. In politics are usually used concept such as „Right“ and „Left“. Where would you classify yourself, where do you belong with your opinions?

Advice: Read all the variants of answers!

Left	1
Rather left-wing	2
Moderate	3
Rather right-wing	4
Right	5

10. What role can play following circumstances in your decision, which party you will give your vote to/vote for?

Advice: Give respondent CARD 10! Circle the answer in each line!

1	No
2	Small
3	Substantial
4	Determined/Resolute

A. Personalities listed on the list of candidates	1	2	3	4
B. Election programme of the party	1	2	3	4
C. Former successes and failures of the party	1	2	3	4
D. Level of the election campaign	1	2	3	4
E. „Ideological“ orientation of the party, principles supported by the party	1	2	3	4
F. Opinion of your partner, parents or other close relative	1	2	3	4
G. Opinion of friends, colleagues	1	2	3	4
H. Sensations and scandals of the party or its politicians	1	2	3	4

11. Now, I would like to ask you, to what extent do the following political parties **represents/express???** your opinions and interests or to what extent do they dispute with your opinions and interests.

You will answer with help of CARD 11.

If you do think, that listed party always strongly **represents/express???** your opinions and interests, say plus 3. In the case listed party always strongly dispute with your opinions and interests say minus 3. If the listed party express your opinions and interests the same as disputes with them, say 0. For exact expression of your opinion you can use all the numbers from plus 3 to minus 3.

Advice: Give respondent CARD 11!

A. ÆSSD	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	9
B. DEU	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	9
C. D□J	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	9
D. KDU - ÆSL	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	9
E. KSÆM	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	9
F. ODA	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	9
G. ODS	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	9
H. SPR - RSÆ	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	9
I. US	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	9

Please, for answers on following questions use CARD A.

Advice: Give respondent CARD A!

12. Do you think, the state should again dispossessed improperly privatised enterprises?

1	2	3	4
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13. Do you think, the state should keep control share in the biggest banks?

1	2	3	4
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14. Do you find deregulation of energy prizes as an necessary step towards consistent solution of our energetic situation?

1	2	3	4
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15. Have you got the feeling, that majority of state officials is corruptible?

1	2	3	4
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16. Can you imagine, to vote in the election for ÆSSD (Social Democrats)?

1	2	3	4
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17. Can you imagine, že to vote in the election for Unii svobody (US, Freedom Union)?

1	2	3	4
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18. Can you imagine, to vote in the election for ODS (Civic Democratic Party)?

1	2	3	4
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19. Can you imagine, to vote in the election for KDU-ÈSL (Christian Democratic Union - Czechoslovaks Peoples Party)?

1	2	3	4
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20. Taking in consideration everything altogether, are you very satisfied, quite satisfied, quite unsatisfied, very unsatisfied with the functioning of democracy in the Czech Republic?

Advice: Read all the variants of answers!

Very satisfied	1
Quite satisfied	2
Quite unsatisfied	3
Very unsatisfied	4

21. Do you prefer economy:

Socialistic, similar to one, which was here before year 1989	1
Socialistic-market economy, where state strongly influences the economy	2
Free market economy, with minimum influence of the state	3

22. What do you think about current differences in wages in the Czech Republic?

Are these differences too large, rather large, adequate, rather small or too small?

Too large	1
Rather large	2
Adequate	3
Rather small	4
Too small	5

23a. What is, by your opinion, today's most important problem?

Advice: Write full answer.

In the case respondent will list more than one problem, ask him/her, what is the most important one!

The most important problem:

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23b. Which political party has, by your opinion, the best conception how to solve out this problem?

Party:

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24a. And what is, by your opinion, second most important problem to which is our country facing today?

Advice: Write full answer. In the case respondent will list more than one problem, ask him/her, what is the second most important one!

Second most important problem:

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24b. Which political party has, by your opinion, the best conception how to solve out this problem?

Party:

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Advice: For following question handle CARD 25!

25. Political parties are trying to reach different aims. Now, I would like to ask you about your personal relation to these aims.

Please answer with help of scale on CARD 25: if you do not agree at all with the listed aim say 1 or 2, if you are not for or against the given aim, answer 5, if you strongly agree with us, say 9, etc.

For exact expression of your opinion you can use all the numbers from 1 to minus 9.

25-1. Support the development of private enterprises and free market economy in the Czech Republic.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-2. Devote more means to development of university education.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-3. Rise the pensions and social benefits.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-4. Concern, that the changes in our economy does not endanger the live standard of the people.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-5. Create such conditions, to make the failing enterprises bankrupt soon.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-6. Devote more money for the environmental protection.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-7. Rise controlling role of the state in economy.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-8. Fasten privatisation of the state owned enterprises.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-9. Devote more means to rise the striking power of our country.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-10. Remove former officials/functionaries of the communist party from the influential posts.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-11. Remove former members of the communist party from the influential posts.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-12. Lower taxes for entrepreneurs to revive business.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-13. Control the origin of property of the rich and establish property tax return.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-14. Finance building of rental flat houses in the towns from the state budget.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-15. Bring off our entrance to the NATO.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-16. Give more money from the state budget to young families with children.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-17. Focus on solving the Roma citizens problems.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-18. Bring off that person can not be fined for defending live and property in the case of emergency.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-19. Push through bills, which would enable to freeze all property or send to the prison dishonest entrepreneurs.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-20. Change the election system to the Chamber of Deputies from proportional to majority.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-21. Change the election system to the Senate from majority to proportional.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-22. Bring off straight election of the president (all the citizens, not only members of parliament and senators, would be able to vote the president).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-23. Adopt tuition on universities with the possibility for students to get beneficial loan from the state.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-24. Limit the power of monopolies and ascertain free competition.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-25. Limit the immunity of the members of parliament and other advantages of the members of parliament and senators.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-26. Lower flat taxes (income tax from earnings) and higher value added taxes (taxes paid in the prices of goods and services).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-27. Higher authority of the towns and villages.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-28. Bring off into politics much more regional points of view and interests of election districts.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-29. Bring off order by the rule of strong hand.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-30. Lower the immigration from the East.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25-31. Do everything to adapt nationalities and other minorities to majority.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Tell us, to what extent you agree or not agree with following statements.

Advice: For following set of questions give respondent CARD B!

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

26. National economy is harmed when the government tries to lower differences in earnings between the rich and the poor.

1	2	3	4
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27. Privatisation of the rest of the state owned enterprises will be very helpful for solving the economical problems of our country.

1	2	3	4
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28. Unprofitable enterprises and mines needs to be close as soon as possible, even so it would lead to unemployment.

1	2	3	4
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29. In current situation in the Czech Republic people like me and my family has a good chance to reach something in our life.

1	2	3	4
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30. It is correct that really competent people should have a lot of money, even millions.

1	2	3	4
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31. The Government should re-distribute earnings of those who have a better conditions to those with worst conditions.

1	2	3	4
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32. Owners of big companies are getting rich on account of workers.

1	2	3	4
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33. Common working people does not get fair share of the national wealth.

1	2	3	4
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34. There is one law for the rich and another one for the poor.

1	2	3	4
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35. Company management will always try to take advantage of the employees, if gets a chance.

1	2	3	4
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36. Young people does not adapt/acknowledge traditional values.

1	2	3	4
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37. For some crimes the best penalty is death penalty.

1	2	3	4
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38. Schools should learn children to acknowledge the authority.

1	2	3	4
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39. It is necessary to always follow the law, even in the case, the law/bill is for sure.

1	2	3	4
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40. Censorship of movies and magazines is necessary for keeping the moral principles.

1	2	3	4
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41. People violating the law should get much more severe sentences.

1	2	3	4
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42. In parliamentary election only the best and the most capable ones win.

1	2	3	4
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43. Representatives of the party, I will vote for in July election to the Chamber of Deputies, **mají poctivé úmysly a zachovají si „èisté ruce“.**

1	2	3	4
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44. It does not matter who wins in parliamentary election, for people like me, nothing will change anyway.

1	2	3	4
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45. Sensations and scandals of the party or its politicians, which will occur during the election campaign will play an important role during my decision.

1	2	3	4
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46. During my personal consideration in election I will take in consideration results of pre-election public polls.

1	2	3	4
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47. What do you personally consider as the most effective way to speak to voters during the election campaign? I will consecutively read different forms of election campaign and you please try to define with a school grading scale to decide which is the most effective and which is the least effective one.

One is of course the best grade, five is the worst. Try to use all the grades from one to five.

Advice: Give respondent CARD 47! Circle the answer in each line!

A. TV discussions and shots	1	2	3	4	5
B. Discussions on radio	1	2	3	4	5
C. Articles and interviews with politicians in newspapers and magazines	1	2	3	4	5
D. Newspaper and magazine advertisement of the political parties	1	2	3	4	5
E. Posters of the political parties	1	2	3	4	5

F. Billboards on the buildings and by the roads etc.	1	2	3	4	5
G. Pre-election meetings, political parties campaign/ drive	1	2	3	4	5
H. Leaflets of the political parties delivered to the mail boxes	1	2	3	4	5
I. Personal visits of the parties personalities in households	1	2	3	4	5
J. Promotion items (T-shirts, pencils, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5

48. Imagine that you should decide whether to put more money into environmental protection or to rise social benefits. What would you, personally prefer?

Put more money into environmental protection	1
Rise social benefits	2

49. Imagine that you should decide whether to rise pensions for elderly people or to enlarge the support of young families with children. Which form the following solutions would you choose?

Rise pensions for elderly people	1
Enlarge the support of young families with children	2

50. Arrangements of the state social policy consist of two basic areas, **money benefits and social services. Which one from these two areas should the state be especially interested in?**

Enlargement of the social services	1
Rise of money benefits	2

51. What is by your opinion more fair - state should, by its rules, care about person when he/she gets old or the person should support his/her elderly age with his/her own benefits by individual decision?

State should care by rules	1
Person should care by individual decision	2

52. By your opinion, better pension system is system where current employees pays the pensions to current pensioner, or system where individual person saves insurance for his/her own pension?

Employees pays pensioners expenses	1
Individual saves for his/her own pension	2

53. Should the transformation to the western type free market economy continue, even so it would cost social problems and conflicts or to continue slowly, circumspectly, with the risk of delay in problem solution?

Fast continue in the transformation	1
Continue slowly and circumspectly	2

I would also like to ask you to what extent do you agree with following statements. For answering the following question, please use the CARD C, which offers five answers.

Advice: For following set of questions give respondent CARD C!

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|---|-------------------------|
| 1 | Strongly agree |
| 2 | Rather agree |
| 3 | Not agree, not disagree |
| 4 | Rather disagree |
| 5 | Strongly disagree |

54. Voice of people, like me, does not play any role in what does the government do.

1	2	3	4	5
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55. Average citizen has an important influence on the politics in our country.

1	2	3	4	5
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56. I have a feeling that I do understand well to the current political events of our country.

1	2	3	4	5
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57. Most of the people is more informed than me about politics and about what does the government do.

1	2	3	4	5
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58. People we vote for in parliamentary election, tries to keep their promises, given in election campaign.

1	2	3	4	5
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59. Most of the government functionaries and officials can be trusted, that they do their best for this country.

1	2	3	4	5
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60. People in our country has the same possibility to be successful in their live.

1	2	3	4	5
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61. People in our country are rewarded by their functioning.

1	2	3	4	5
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62. People in our country get rich particularly unfair way/manner.

1	2	3	4	5
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And on to some data for statistical processing.

63. How old are you?

Advise: Fill into the frame!

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64. Respondent's gender:

Male	1
Female	2

Advice: For questions no.65 - 68 read all the variants of answers!

65. What is the highest level of education you have attained?

Basic school	1
Skilled	2
High school	3
University	4

66. What is your social status?

Student, trainee	01
Not employed pensioner	02
Employed pensioner	03
Unemployed	04
On maternity leave	05
Housewife	06
Employee	07
Member of co-operative	08
Private person, private farmer	09
Entrepreneur	10
Others	13

67. In case you are an employee, do you consider yourself to be a:

Worker	1
Clerk	2
Operational employee	3
Professional	4

68. In the case you are economically active, you work:

In large share holders company	1
In other private enterprise	2
In state owned enterprise	3
In public institution	4
In agricultural co-operative	5
Other	6

69. Have you got any subordinates in your job? If yes, how much?

Advice: For following set of questions give respondent CARD 69!

No subordinates	1
1 - 2	2
3 - 5	3
6 - 10	4
More than 10	5
I manage more sections/departments	6

70. What is your profession, your classification in your main job? What kind of work do you do?

Advice: Write as concrete answer as possible. It is not sufficient to write down „worker“, it is necessary to write e.g. „worker at the running belt in an engine manufacturing“ Answer should be as concrete as possible..

In the case the respondent is not working at current time (pensioners, unemployed, etc.) ask for their last occupation, profession. Employed pensioners ask about their last occupation before pension.

Name of the profession:

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71. If you are (would be) private entrepreneur, how much employees have you got (would you have)?

Advice: Write in correct form. 87 and more = 87, Refused = 88, Does not know = 99!

Number of employees:

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72. In which sector are you working?

Advice: Give respondent CARD 72!

Agriculture, forestry	01
Industry production	02
Construction industry/Building industry	03
Business, trade	04
Banking, Insuring	05
Administration, social services	06

Health service	07
Educational system, Science, Research, Culture	08
Military, Interior, Intelligence Service	09
Catering, repair service, other services	10

73. To which from the following classes would you classify yourself?

Advice: Give CARD 73!!

Lower class	1
Working class	2
Lower middle class	3
Middle class	4
Upper middle class	5
Upper class	6

74. How many people lives in your household altogether? Plese do not forget to add yourself.

Advice: Write into frame!

75. How many children lives in your household altogether?

NUMBER OF CHILDREN:

76. How many pensioners lives in your household altogether?

NUMBER OF PENSIONERS:

77. Is your income before taxation from job, enterprise and all the other gainful activities higher than 13 000,- Crowns pre month?

Yes	1
No	2

78. If you add together the value of the house, car, weekend-house, all the facilities of your household, if you add field, garden, business, savings and all other property is this sum higher than 600 thousands Crowns?

Yes	1
No	2

79. Have you ever before year 1989 been a member of the Communist party, even for a short period?

Yes	1
No	2

80. What kind of accommodation do you live in?

Advice: Give CARD 80!

State owned, municipal, business flat for rent	01
Housing society flat	02
Private flat in ownership	03
Private house for rent in ownership	04
Private house for rent	05
Private family house	06
Your own or partners parents family house	07
In dormitory, furnished block of service flats	08
Other	09

81. The size of your municipality:

Center with less than 999 inhabitants	1
Village with 1 000 - 1 999 inhabitants	2
Village with 2 000 - 4 999 inhabitants	3
Town with 5 000 - 19 999 inhabitants	4
Town with 20 000 - 99 999 inhabitants	5
City with more than 100 000 inhabitants	6

82. District of permanent residency:

Write the answer:

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83. What is your religious affiliation?

Write the answer:

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Thank you for your co-operation.

Now I would like to ask you for one more request. We would like to contact you and ask you again in some time, this time very briefly, how do you see the situation. Would you be so kind and answer these questions? It is very important for us and we would be really grateful.

In the case you do agree, I would like to ask you for your address, so I can contact you again.

INTERVIEWER'S RECORD

84. Was the respondent by your opinion of Roma origin?

Yes	1
No	2
Not sure	3

85. Date of the interview:

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86. Length of the interview in minutes:

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87. Difficulties of the interview:

Easy, usual,	1
Difficult	2
Exacting, Challenging	3

88. Address gained for the next interview:

Yes	1
No	2

INTERVIEWER'S DECLARATION

I declare that the choice of the respondent was done following the instructions in assignment. Completed questionnaire is exact record of the respondent's answers.

Signature:

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