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Interviewer

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Respondent

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

Instructions: 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 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 say that the main reform steps have already been implemented and that the capitalist economy is fully operative now?

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

1	2	3	4
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5. 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.

Instructions: Use again card A for the following questions!_

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

1	2	3	4
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7. Private entrepreneurship should be unregulated (given complete freedom).

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

1	2	3	4
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9. Even under the new conditions the economy should be controlled by the state.

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

1	2	3	4
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11. The state should limit the power of monopoly and care for a competition of entrepreneurs.

1	2	3	4
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12. For his/her poverty the individual is to blame in the first place.

1	2	3	4
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13. People in our country get rich primarily by unjust means.

1	2	3	4
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14. Today all people have the same possibilities of reaching the success.

1	2	3	4
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15. Which type of economy do you prefer?

Instructions: Read out the answers!

socialist economy, which was in our country before 1989	1
social market economy with high degree of state intervention	2
free market economy with minimal state intervention	3

16. What type of pension security would you prefer?

Instructions: Show respondent CARD 16!

Pensions are paid by the state from the state budget to all people at a flat-rate. Furthermore, everyone can pay for his/her own private supplementary insurance.	1
Pensions are paid from a pension fund. Everyone contributes to a pension fund according to his/her income and pensions are calculated according to these payments.	2
The state cares only for the needy. Others pay their own private insurance and pensions are calculated according to these payments.	3

17. What type of protection of under age children would you prefer?

Instructions: Show respondent CARD 17!

Children are of interest to all of us. Therefore the state should pay family allowances to every family.	1
Only poor families have the right to family allowances. The state will pay them only when families have low incomes and when they apply for them.	2
Children are the private interest of individual families. The state should take care of them only when they do not have their own families.	3

18. And what system of health care would you prefer?

Instructions: Show respondent CARD 18!

All health care must be free. The amount of an insurance payment must be high enough to cover all needs.	1
The extent of health care should be fixed at a level at which insurance payments are not too high. The rest should be financed by supplementary payments provided by the people themselves.	2
Necessary health care should be provided at a minimal level. Private insurance should be the main source of financing.	3

19. And what system of university education would you prefer?

Instructions: Show respondent CARD 19!

All education should be free and everybody should have the possibility of studying at the university.	1
University education should be free and the state should regulate the	

number of students and control them if they really study.	2
University education is investment for the whole life. The students should contribute enough even if they should take a loan for it.	3

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

Instructions: Use CARD A for following questions again!

20. Should differences in wages and salaries increase?

1 2 3 4

21. According to your opinion, should the state determine the prices administratively at a higher level?

1 2 3 4

22. Should the state provide a job for anyone who wants to work?

1 2 3 4

23. Do you think that privatisation means the transfer of assets primarily into the wrong hands?

1 2 3 4

24. Do you think the taxes should increase so that there would be more means for social measures?

1 2 3 4

25. Do you think that the state should provide housing for every family which is not able to find it?

1 2 3 4

26. Do you think that the measures in social politics (social benefits only for families with lower income instead of benefits for all) were correct?

1 2 3 4

27. Do you consider the regulation of rents in formerly state-owned apartments (so that rents may increase only in small steps, and not be able to cover expenses of maintenance) to be correct?

1 2 3 4

Now we will focus on your family and your household more detailed.

28. How do you get along with the present income of your household?

Instruction: Show respondent CARD 28!

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

Instructions: Use CARD A for following questions again!

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

1 2 3 4

30. Are secondary 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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32. Is the money your family posses enough for good food?

1	2	3	4
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33. Is the money you have enough for quality clothes for all members of your family?

1	2	3	4
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34. Do you consider your present costs of housing (rent, heating, electricity, gas) as acceptable?

1	2	3	4
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35. Do you think you are a poor family?

1	2	3	4
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36. Do you think your situation has got worse since 1989 compared to other households?

1	2	3	4
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37. Do you think the minimal living costs assigned by government are adequate to cover basic needs of poor people?

1	2	3	4
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38. Do you think the minimal living costs should increase even at the cost of increasing of taxes?

1	2	3	4
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39. As poor are considered households with lower incomes than certain limits. It is a poverty line. Try to determine today's poverty line for family, which consists of two adults and two children at school age. We mean the net monthly income.

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40. What is the minimal net monthly income, which would be enough for covering the basic needs of your own family?

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Now we shall deal with your employment

41. What is your current economic position?

Instruction: Show respondent CARD 41!

Economically active	1
Unemployed	2
Pensioner active	3
Pensioner nonactive	4
Housewife	5
Student, apprentice	6

42. In your first job you work:*Instructions: Read out the answers!*

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

43. Do you have, besides your first job, some other activities?*Instructions: Read out the answers!*

Yes	1
No	2

44. If yes, do you work in your second job:*Instructions: Read out the answers!!*

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

45. How long have you worked at your present employer?*Instruction: Write into the box (years)*

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46. How many subordinates do you have?*Instruction: Write into the box. In the case, that the respondent does not have any subordinates write zero.*

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47. Do you think your enterprise has a good outlook regarding the ongoing changes?*Instructions: For following questions use CARD A!*

1	2	3	4
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48. Would you say that compared to the situation before 1989 the pace of your work intensified?

1	2	3	4
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49. Is your payment directly linked to your work results; i.e., if you work less, do you receive less money and vice versa?

1	2	3	4
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50. How many employees are in the firm you work in?*Instructions: Read out the answers!*

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

The following questions deal with perspectives on your employment**51. Do you consider your occupation to be perspective regarding the present changes?***Instructions: Show respondent CARD A!*

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

1	2	3	4
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53. Would you say that your qualification is now more useful than before 1989?

1	2	3	4
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54. Are you personally afraid of unemployment?

1	2	3	4
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55. Have you been unemployed during last two years?

Instructions: Read out the answers!

Yes, less than two months	1
Yes, since two months to one year	2
Yes, one year and more	3
No	4

56. In case you would not have a job and you would have a possibility to get a job and a flat in another, distant municipality, would you be ready to move?

1	2	3	4
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Now, we would be interested in your experience with shares and banks

57. Does you or your household own any of the following securities today?

Instructions: Please, choose one answer on each line!

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

Instructions: For following questions use CARD A!

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

1	2	3	4
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59. Would you say that you profited overall from coupon privatisation?

1	2	3	4
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60. Do you think that the state should withdraw from ownership shares in great banks and transfer them to private hands?

1	2	3	4
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We would like to know your outlook for the next two years.

Instructions: Card A! In the case, that an answer is today relevant to the respondents (unemployed, private entrepreneur, lives on the social benefit, use the answer "certainly yes").

61. 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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62. 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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63. Do you suppose that it is probable that your household will function only upon subsistence benefits 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 and your place in society.

64. If the elections to the Chamber of deputies of the Czech parliament were organised now, which political party (movement) would you vote for?

Write in:

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65. And can you say which political party you voted for in the last elections to the Chamber of deputies of the Czech parliament in 1996?

Write in:

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66. 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

67. Where would you place yourself in our society according to your political orientation?

Instructions: Use CARD A!

A. Conservative	1	2	3	4
B. Socialist	1	2	3	4
C. Democrat	1	2	3	4
D. Liberal	1	2	3	4
E. Follower of Christian politics	1	2	3	4
F. Follower of national politics	1	2	3	4

68. Where would you place yourself in our society according to your occupation, income and whole situation (when you are retired according to your last occupation)?

Instruction: Read out the answers!

Intelligentsia	1
Petite-bourgeoisie	2
Entrepreneurs	3
Working class	4
Tradesmen	5
Clerks	6
Peasant	7

69. Often it is talked about the low, middle and high classes. To which social class would you place yourself?

Instruction: Read out the answers!

To higher class	1
To upper higher class	2
To middle class	3
To lower middle class	4
To lower class	5

We are interested in your opinion on politics and politicians.

Instructions: For following questions use CARD A!

70. The voice of people like me has no importance in government's activities.

1	2	3	4
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71. Ordinary citizen has a big influence on politics in our country.

1	2	3	4
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72. Even the most skilled politicians are unable to do anything within the current system.

1	2	3	4
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73. I think I understand the political affairs in our country rather well.

1	2	3	4
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74. The elections are a good way how to make a government pay heed to opinion of people.

1	2	3	4
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75. Most people are better informed about the government's activities than me.

1	2	3	4
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76. The people we are electing into the parliament try hard to keep their promises from the election campaign.

1	2	3	4
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77. It is possible to trust to most of government's functionaries and public servants that they do the best for this country.

1	2	3	4
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78. Do you think that in the Czech Republic the principles of democracy have been built?

1	2	3	4
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79. Do you think that at the present time the civil rights in the Czech Republic are on the same level as in the developed western countries?

1	2	3	4
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80. Do you think that everybody has the same possibility to be successful here?

1	2	3	4
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81. Would it be better for our country if instead of discussions about different possibilities of present situation's solutions the government would keep the situation in a firm hand and somebody would state clearly what should everybody do?

1	2	3	4
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82. Do you think that people are not fair to Gypsies here?

1	2	3	4
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83. Would it be better for our country to close the borders for emigrants from the East?

1	2	3	4
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84. Do you think that national and other minorities should subject to interests and demands of the majority?

1	2	3	4
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85. Should the Czech Republic join the NATO?

1	2	3	4
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86. Should the Czech Republic join the European Union?

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

87. What is your age?

Instruction: Write into the box

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88. Marital status:

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

89. What is your highest school education?

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

90. What is your occupation?

Instruction: Fill in the most detailed description, name profession and character of work. For unemployed, pensioners you must note this fact and write down the last profession.

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91. In which branch do you work in your first job?

Instructions: Show respondent CARD 91!

Agriculture, Forestry	1
Manufacturing, Construction	2
Transportation, Communication	3
Trade, Services	4
Banking, Insurance	5

Administration, Social services	6
Health services	7
Education, Research, Culture	8
Army, Police, Intelligence	9

92. In what firm or organisation are you employed in your first job?

Instructions: Show respondent CARD 92!

State enterprise before privatisation	1
Enterprise after privatisation of former state firm	2
Other state organisation	3
Co-operative firm	4
Your own private firm without employees	5
Your own private firm with employees	6
Employee in other private firm with employees that did not emerge from privatisation of the state owned firm	7

93. Are you registered for private business?

Yes	1
No	2

94. Is someone else from your household registered for private business?

Yes	1
No	2

95. If so, how important is the income from the private enterprising for your household? Is it the only income, the main income or the subsidiary income?

Instruction: Read out the answers!

Sole income	1
Main income	2
Subsidiary income	3
We don't have any income from enterprise	4

96. What is your personal net monthly income from employment, from enterprising or social security including the unemployment benefits, children's benefits and subsidiary earnings?

Fill in correct form:

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97. What was the last month's net income of your household from employment, social security and other sources? Regarding the incomes from enterprising, please give only those determined for consumption and savings of your household.

Fill in correct form:

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98. Did you or someone else from your household have incomes from financial or capital operations (stocks, obligations etc.) in this year?

Yes	1
No	2

99. 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 are pensioners who do not work.

TOTAL NUMBER:

FROM THAT: Economically active:

Dependent children:

Pensioners not working:

100. Does your household own:*Instructions: Please, choose one answer on each line!*

	yes	no
Family house	1	2
Flat in a block of flats (or a part of it)	1	2
Car	1	2
Cottage	1	2
Renting house	1	2
Field, forest	1	2
Trade, business, etc.	1	2

101. 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? Estimate the current value of all the items, add them up and choose one of these categories.

Instruction: Show CARD 101!

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 - 2,9 million CZK	8
3 - 4,9 million CZK	9
More than five million CZK	10

102. District of residence:

District:

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103. 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

104. Do you live in a:

Family house	1
Co-operative flat	2
Rented flat	3
Flat of his/her own	4
Other	5

Thank you for your answers

105. Sex of the respondent

male	1
female	2

106. Date of the interview:

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107. 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