

QUESTIONNAIRE
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1. What is your actual economic situation

- (6.7%) very good
- (61.7%) good
- (23.3%) average
- (8.3%) bad

2. How do you consider your actual economic situation to be in comparison with a year ago.

- (43.3%) better
- (46.7%) same
- (10.0%) worse

3. Thinking in two years ahead; what do you think your economic situation will be.

- (58.3%) better
- (18.3%) same
- (3.3%) worse
- (20.0%) don't know

4. What factors do you think decide the economic success or failure of people.

- (70.0%) personal initiative
- (13.3%) luck
- (48.3%) responsible work
- (3.3%) contacts (friends or relations)
- (26.7%) education
- (3.3%) parents economic situation
- (5.0%) to be an adherent of a religion
- (5.0%) economic help from the State
- (26.7%) economic policies of the Government
- (6.7%) others

5. Do you think that being unemployed for more than a year is due to;

- (35.0%) laziness / irresponsibility of the person unemployed
- (55.5%) bad economic situation of the country
- (5.0%) alcoholism or other vices of the person unemployed
- (36.7%) lack of information about the possibilities of work
- (18.3%) bad luck
- (15.0%) not leaving Santiago
- (1.7%) don't know

6. What do you feel are the reasons for people being poor.

- (23.3%) bad distribution of property, leaving some people with a lot and others with a little
- (50.0%) lack of education
- (23.3%) country is poor and is not possible to give work to everyone
- (10.0%) Government's fault
- (31.7%) lack of skills on the part of people looking for new opportunities
- (13.3%) others
- (1.7%) don't know

7. I am now going to read you various statements and I should like you to tell me if you agree or disagree with them

The prices of products should be fixed by the Government

- (13.3%) agree
- (70.0%) disagree
- (11.7%) neither agree or disagree
- (5.0%) don't know

State enterprises generally function worse than private ones.

- (50.0%) agree
- (23.3%) disagree
- (23.3%) neither agree or disagree
- (3.3%) don't know

Foreign investment is advantageous for the development of the country.

- (88.3%) agree
- (1.7%) disagree
- (6.7%) neither agree or disagree
- (3.3%) don't know

8. Which of the two comments that follow reflect what you think.

- (33.3%) It is best that large companies belong to the State
- (56.7%) It is best that large companies are private
- (10.0%) don't know / don't answer

9. As far as health is concerned, where would you like to go.

- (10.0%) Fonasa
- (86.7%) an Isapre
- (3.3%) don't know

10. As far as education is concerned, where would you prefer that your children study.

- (96.7%) private school
- (1.7%) State school
- (1.7%) don't know

11. Would you prefer the State education institutions to depend on the Ministry of Education or to depend on the Municipalities.

- (50.0%) Ministry of Education
- (35.0%) Municipalities
- (15.0%) don't know

12. Which system do you think is the best, State pension schemes or private pension schemes.

Which one do you think would adjust your pension the best according to inflation.

- (21.7%) State pension
- (58.3%) private pension
- (20.0%) don't know

The amount of money that you would receive.

- (16.7%) State pension
- (53.3%) private pension
- (30.0%) don't know

13. In your old age, how are you going to have income to support yourself.

- (65.0%) pension (State or private)
- (35.0%) rent / subletting of houses or properties
- (26.7%) savings account

- (20.0%) own resources and investments
- (3.3%) help or economic aid from family
- (1.7%) inheritance
- (1.7%) others
- (1.7%) don't know / don't answer

14. Which organisation would you prefer to manage your pension fund?.

- (8.3%) the State
- (6.7%) private national companies
- (13.3%) foreign companies
- (55.0%) investors themselves
- (5.0%) others
- (11.7%) don't know

15. In Chile, as in every other society, there are different classes or social strata. I am going to pass a card to you which shows a scale of up to seven. The first represents the lowest social class or stratum of our country and the seventh the highest. Where would you place yourself?

- (18.3%) Middle
- (45.0%) Upper middle
- (30.0%) Upper
- (5.0%) Very upper
- (1.7%) don't know

16. From the following list pick out the factors which you think would help you to go up on the social scale. Please choose two. If you want to add another which you feel is important and which doesn't appear on the list, then please do so.

- (40.0%) to have your own house or change the one you presently own
- (18.3%) to own your own car or change the one you have
- (28.3%) to improve your children's education
- (23.3%) to improve the recreation facilities for your family (sports, holidays, travel)
- (10.0%) to increase your income
- (6.7%) to improve your personal education
- (5.0%) to improve your family's medical attention
- (1.7%) to buy more food for the family
- (6.7%) others
- (18.3%) don't know

17. There are some people who believe that just as there are a lot of radio stations, newspapers and magazines which are in private hands, so there should also be different TV channels in private hands. Do you agree or disagree that there should be privately owned TV channels?.

- (73.3%) agree
- (15.0%) disagree
- (11.7%) don't know

18. Do you have or practice any religion or religious cult?.

- (70.0%) yes
- (30.0%) no

19. What religion do you practice or what religious cult do you belong to?.

- (100%) Catholic

20. Have you also had the same religion or did you have another one previously?.

- (100%) the same

21. How often do you go to Church?.

- (38.1%) once a week or more
- (19.0%) every two weeks or once a month
- (41.9%) sporadically or rarely

22. Your religious beliefs are due principally to the fact that:

- (62.5%) it is the religion that your parents had/have
- (37.5%) you find an answer to the problems that you have to confront in life
- (31.3%) it is the religion that you were taught at school or college
- (12.5%) others
- (12.5%) no answer

23. Did you ever practice any religion in a regular way, i.e. by going at least once a week to a service?

- (77.8%) yes
- (22.2%) no

24. Which one?/

(92.9%) Catholic

(7.1%) Protestant/Evangelical

25. Do you agree or disagree that Chile should introduce a law which allows divorce?.

(66.7%) agree

(21.7%) disagree

(11.7%) don't know

26. Do you agree or disagree that Chile should introduce a law which allows abortion?.

(18.3%) agree

(76.7%) disagree

(5.0%) don't know

27. We are now going to pass another topic. I should like you to tell me what, in your opinion, are the two most serious problems that affect our country at present. (Interviewer. Please note down textually what the person being interviewed says)

28. Y am now going to give you a series of situations. I should like you to tell me if you consider them to be serios, fairly serios or not serios at all. (Unemployment, lack of work: inflation, cost of living: low wages/salaries:violation of human rights: that there is no Congress or President elected through a democratic vote: delinquency/disorder: personal debt: protests/strikes:violence, terrorism)

29. Y am now going to read out to you the same situations so that you can tell me which of the three we need to worry about the most today

30. Y should now like to know which of the following alternatives is the one that you would like to see for the future of chile

(3.3%) a democracy the same as we had

(51.7%) a democracy the same as we had but with some reforms to it

(5.0%) a system like we have now

(38.3%) a system like we have now, but with some reforms to it

(1.7%) don't know

31. Y should like to put a mark from 1 to 7, as regards performance, on the following groups

Average

- 4.3 workers unions
- 4.4 professional associations
- 2.8 political parties
- 5.3 businessmen (commercial, industrial, agricultural etc.)
- 4.7 Armed Forces and police
- 3.7 Bishops and priests of the Catholic Church
- 4.2 Clergy of other churches
- 3.6 students federation
- 1.5 movements in favour of armed struggle

32. Y should now like you to tell me not what you would like to happen but what you think might actually happen

- (11.7%) President Pinochet will leave the Presidency before 1989
- (40.0%) President Pinochet will leave the Presidency in 1989
- (41.7%) President Pinochet will continue in the Presidency after 1989
- (6.7%) don't know

33. Y am going to read the names of some ex-Presidents of Chile and I should like to tell me where you see them politically (Jorge Alessandri, Eduardo Frei, Salvador Allende, Augusto Pinochet)

34. How do you view yourself politically?.

- (%) on the Left or sympathetic to the Left
- (%) on the Centre Left or sympathetic to the Centre Left
- (%) on the Centre or sympathetic to the Centre
- (%) on the Centre Right or sympathetic to the Centre Right
- (%) on the Right or sympathetic to the Right
- (%) Independent
- (%) don't know