QUESTIONNAIRE

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17.   Did you vote in the last Parliamentary elections of December 11th 1997?

(75,1%) 1   yes

(24,8%) 2   no

 (0,1%) 9   no answer

18.   Did you vote only for a candidate as congressman or for a congressman and senator?.

(27,3%) 1   only for a deputy (go to Q. 20)

(72,7%) 2   for a deputy and a senator

 (0,0%) 8   don't know

 (0,0%) 9   no answer

19.   Using the alternatives shown on this card, please indicate which coalitions or parties that the candidates you voted for belonged to. (Those who voted for a congressman as well as a senator)

(36,4%) 1   Deputy and Senator from the Concertacion

(13,4%)   2 Deputy and Senator from the Opposition

 (4,2%) 3   One from the Concertacion and one from the Opposition

 (2,7%) 4   Deputy and Senator from the Communists

 (2,1%) 5   One is Communist and the other is from the Concertacion

 (2,2%) 6   other combinations

(14,8%) 7   anulled vote or in blank

(12,6%) 8   don't know

(11,6%) 9   no answer

20.   Using the alternatives on this card please indicate which coalition or party the candidate you voted for as congressman or senator belonged to.

(44,4%) 1   Concertacion

(15,9%) 2   Opposition

(2,7%)   3   Communist

(6,4%)   4   Others

(5,2%)   5   Voted in blank

(10,7%)   6   Vote annuled

(14,7%)   9   no answer

21.   When you decided to vote for a candidate or congressman for the Concertacion you considered various things. Out of the following which were the two most important aspects for you in deciding how to vote?

(22,7%)   1   Because the Concertacion has handled the economy better

(31,9%)   2   Because the Concertacion has given the poor people a real option which you cannot say about the Opposition

(31,2%)   3   Because I have been with the Concertacion since the plebiscite

(34,8%)   4   Because the Concertacion is more in favour of Democracy

(13,3%)   5   Because to vote for the Opposition is to bring back Pinochet

(14,2%)   6   Because I don't believe in the leaders of the Opposition and I don't have confidence in them

(27,8%)   7   Because the country needs changes and the Concertacion is only coalition prepared to carry them out.

(7,7%)   8   don't know

(16,2%)   9   no answer

22.   When you decided to vote for a candidate or congressman for the Opposition you considered various things. Out of the following which were the two most important aspects for you in deciding how to vote?

(33,8%)   1   Because the Opposition has effective solutions for resolving people's problems

(12,0%)   2   Because this Government wants to pass laws which will weaken the system constitutionally and economically

(28,3%)   3   Because this Government has not managed the economy well and Chile can grow much more

(32,6%)   4   Because this Government is more interested in increasing expenses on the social side than administering this money well: the problems of health, education and housing have not been resolved

(29,9%)   5   Because this Government has not been firm enough in attacking drugs, corruption and delinquency

(11,2%)   6   Because the Opposition is more on the lines of Pinochet

(30,6%)   7   Because I don't believe in the leaders of this Government and I don't have confidence in them.

(5,6%)   8   don't know

(15,9%)   9   no answer

23.   When you decided to vote for a candidate or congressman for the Communist Party you considered various things. Out of the following which was the most important aspects for you in deciding how to vote?

(46,8%) 1 Because the non Parliamentary Left is the only one capable of making real changes to the system

(30,3%) 2 Because it's a vote that rejects the established power groups

(8,4%) 3 Because I don't believe in the leaders of this Government and I don't have confidence in them

(14,5%) 4 Because I liked the candidate.

(0,0%) 8 don't know

(0,0%) 9 no answer

24.   You decided to vote in blank or annul your vote. Which of the 2 following aspects made you decide to vote in blank or annul your vote?

(33.0%) 1 Because I didn't like any of the candidates

(18,8%) 2 Because I wanted to protest against the system

(44,8%) 3 Because politics don't generally take care of people's problems

(42,7%) 4 Because politics don't interest me: I am interested in other things

(20,7%) 5 Because I don't believe that voting should be compulsory

(15,5%) 6 Because I'm not happy with the Government

(0,5%) 7 Because I'm not happy with the Opposition

(2,5%) 8 Because this election was not important

(14,9%) 9 Because I didn't know who to vote for

(1,7%) 10 don't know

(4,9%) 11 no answer

25.   When you decided to vote you considered various personal characteristics about the candidates for congressman. Out of the following personal characteristics, which were the 2 that you considered to be the most important?.

(35,6%) 01 that he/she is a trustworthy person

(26,1%) 02 that he/she has experience

(5,6%) 03 that he/she is a leader

(39,1%) 04 that he/she has shown themselves to be capable of resolving problems of people like myself

(15,5%) 05 that he/she is intelligent

(22,2%) 06 that he/she is honest

(27,6%) 07 that he/she is humane and understands people like me

(8,3%) 08 don't know

(20,0%) 09 no answer

26.   Thinking in the last Parliamentary elections, which of the following factors most influenced you when you voted for congressman/woman?

(55,9%) 01 personal characteristics of the candidate
(28,7%) 02 because the candidate's political views were the nearest to my own
 (2,6%) 03 both
 (6,0%) 08 don't know
 (6,8%) 09 no answer

27.   When you decided to vote you were possibly informed about the candidates by different sources of information. Out of the following which one was most important for you in deciding your vote?

27 a.   The information that I got from the advertising spots on T.V.

 (6,3%) 1. was very important in deciding my vote
(11,7%) 2. was quite important in deciding my vote
(78,9%) 3. was not important in deciding my vote
 (1,3%) 8. don't know
 (1,8%) 9. no answer

27 b.   The information that I got through conversations with family and friends.

(11,4%) 1. was very important in deciding my vote
(18,3%) 2. was quite important in deciding my vote
(67,3%) 3. was not important in deciding my vote
 (1,2%) 8. don't know
 (1,8%) 9. no answer

27 c.   The information that I got from political programmes on the T.V. and the Radio

 (6,6%) 1. was very important in deciding my vote
(13,1%) 2. was quite important in deciding my vote
(76,9%) 3. was not important in deciding my vote
 (1,4%) 8. don't know
 (2,0%) 9. no answer

27 d.   The information that I got from political opinion polls

  (2,7%)   1. was very important in deciding my vote
  (6,2%)   2. was quite important in deciding my vote
(86,9%)   8. don't know
  (2,6%)   9. no answer

27 e.   General information about the country that I got from newspapers, magazines and the news.

(12.0%)   1. was very important in deciding my vote
(14,4%)   2. was quite important in deciding my vote
(69,5%)   3. was not important in deciding my vote
  (1,8%)   8. don't know
  (2,3%)   9. no answer

27 f.   Street publicity, i.e. posters, stickers etc.

  (4,2%)   1. was very important in deciding my vote
  (8,2%)   2. was quite important in deciding my vote
(84,8%)   3. was not important in deciding my vote
  (1,0%)   8. don't know
  (1,9%)   9. no answer

27 g.   Letters and telephone calls from the candidates

  (2,7%)   1. was very important in deciding my vote
  (4,1%)   2. was quite important in deciding my vote
(90,0%)   3. was not important in deciding my vote
  (1,1%)   8. don't know
  (2,1%)   9. no answer

27 h.   The publicity that the candidates did in newspapers and on the Radio

  (3,3%)   1. was very important in deciding my vote
  (8,1%)   2. was quite important in deciding my vote
(85,5%)   3. was not important in deciding my vote
  (1,0%)   8. don't know
  (2,0%)   9. no answer

28.   As you know, the Christian Democratic Party lost votes in the last elections in comparison with the PPD/PS (Party for Democracy/Socialist Party). Why do you think this happened?.

(12,2%) 1   because the PPD/PS had better candidates than the Christian Democrats
(19,0%) 2   because the CDP has a lot of internal problems and the PPD/PS doesn't
(12,1%) 3   because the CDP doesn't have a clear political policy and the PPD/PS does
(16,7%) 4   because the CDP doesn't look for change while the PPD/PS does
(24,5%) 5   because the CDP hasn't achieved much in the 8 years of its Government
 (9,5%) 6   because the CDP has worried less about fighting drugs, corruption and delinquency than the PPD/PS
(11,7%) 7   because the PPD/PS has the support of Ricardo Lagos
 (7,9%) 8   because the publicity campaign of the PPD/PS was more up front than
(36,4%) 9   don't know
(50,0%) 10 no answer

29.   As you know, in the Opposition parties Renovacion Nacional (National Renovacion) lost votes in the last elections in comparison with UDI (Independent Democratic Union). Why do you think this happened?.

(21,9%) 1   because UDI has the backing of Joaquin Lavin
(11,3%) 2   because UDI has shown that it can solve people's problems and the RN hasn't
(13,5%) 3   because the UDI candidates are better known in their areas than the RN ones
(14,9%) 4   because UDI is a party without internal conflicts and with one political line and the RN is not
 (9,7%) 5   because the RN is less worried about fighting drugs, corruption and delinquency than the UDI
(12,5%) 6   because the RN candidates are less Pinochetistas than the UDI
(11,2%) 7   because the UDI has better candidates than the RN
 (8,7%) 8   because the publicity campaign of the UDI was more up front than that of the RN
(41,1%) 9   don't know
(55,2%) 10 no answer

30.   Independent of your political position, who do you think has the best possibities of being the next President of Chile?

First mentions
 (43,7%) Ricardo Lagos
 (13,8%) Joaquin Lavin

31.   And who would like the next President of Chile to be?

(28,9%) Ricardo Lagos
(17,9%) Joaquin Lavin

32.   Thinking about the next Presidential elections of 1999 which of the following alternatives is the closest to how you think?.

(26,7 %) 1   I will certainly vote for any candidate from the Concertacion
(13,3%) 2   I might vote for a candidate from the Concertacion
(10,8%) 3   I will certainly vote for a candidate from the Opposition
(4,6%) 4   I might vote for a candidate from the Opposition
(1,5%) 5   I will certainly vote for a Communist Party candidate
(1,1%) 6   I might vote for a Communist Party candidate
(10,9%) 7   My intention is not to vote
(7,2%) 8   My intention is to vote in blank or annul my vote
(18,9%) 9   don't know
(5,0%) 10 no answer

33.   Thinking about the next Presidential elections of 1999 which of the following alternatives is the closest to how you think?.

(4,3%) 1   I will certainly NOT vote for any candidate from the Concertacion
(8,0%) 2   I might NOT vote for a candidate from the Concertacion
(16,0%) 3   I will certainly NOT vote for a candidate from the Opposition
(6,2%) 4   I might NOT vote for a candidate from the Opposition
(19,3%) 5   I will certainly NOTE vote for a Communist Party candidate
(3,9%) 6   I might NOTE vote for a Communist Party candidate
(10,4%) 7   My intention is not to vote
(7,5%) 8   My intention is to vote in blank or annul my vote
(18,9%) 9   don't know
(5,4%) 10 no answer

34.   Thinking about all the good things and the bad of the Governments that I am going to name, please give them a mark from 1 to 7, 1 being very bad and 78 being excellent.

Patricio Aylwin   4,94
Augusto Pinochet   3,88
Salvador Allende   3,71

35.   As you know, a lot of young people and adults have not registered to vote. Using the following
        alternatives, why do you think this is the case?

(32,8%) 1 They are not interested in politics but in other things
 (5,6%) 2 There are no great issues at stake
 (9,4%) 3 It's a way of criticising the system
(27,0%) 4 Because politicians don't really take care of people's problems
(14,1%) 5 Because my vote isn't going to change anything
 (6,3%) 6 Because if I register I have to vote
 (1,3%) 7 Because registering is a bore
 (3,2%) 8 don't know
 (0,3%) 9 no answer

36.   Every Government has good things and bad about it. Considering the good and the bad about
        Eduardo Frei's Government what mark would you give it, given that a 1 is very bad and a 7 is
        excellent?

Average mark: 4,94

PERSONAL DATA SECTION
Now, please, to finish, some personal and home data

A.   What is your date of birth?

(19,7%) 1 18-24
(27,0%) 2 25-34
(19,5%) 3 35-44
(13,7%) 4 45-54
(20,1%) 5 55 and over

B.   Which is your civil status?

(53,9%) 1 MARRIED
(30,8%) 2 SINGLE
 (3,9%) 3 LIVING WITH SOMEONE
 (4,9%) 4 SEPARATED
 (5,4%) 5 WIDOW/WIDOWER
 (1,0%) 9 no answer

C.   Without counting years repeated, how many years of schooling did you have?

(2,1%) 0   NONE
(6,6%) 1   1 - 3
(19,2%) 2   4 - 7
(10,6%) 3   8 (completed Primary)
(15,2%) 4   9-11
(21,4%) 5   12 (completed Secondary)
(16,8%) 6   13-16
(3,1%) 7   17
(4,4%) 8   18 or more
(0,6%) 9   no answer

D.   Are you registered to vote?

(81,5%) 1   yes (JUMP TO Q.E)
(18,4%) 2   no (PASS TO Q.D1)
(0,1%) 9   no answer

D.1   Do you plan to register in the electoral rolls to be able to vote in the elections for President in 1999?

(32,2%) 1   YE
(52,7%) 2   NOT
(3,2%) 8   no answer
(12,0%) 9   don't know

E.   What is your main profession and occupation?

(0,8%) 01 MANAGER/EXECUTIVE
(0,2%) 02 ARMED FORCES
(14,7%) 03 EMPLOYEE
(6,3%) 04 MANUAL WORKER
(7,7%) 05 OTHER (WITH CONTRACT)
(2,8%) 06   NON PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE OR WORKER (WITHOUT   CONTRACT)
(3,3%) 07 UNEMPLOYED/ LOOKING FOR WORK
(27,9%) 08   WORK IN THE HOME (HOUSEWIFE)
(0,3%) 09 UNPAID WORK IN BUSINESS OR ACTIVITY OF THE FAMILY

(8,7%) 10 PENSIONER, RETIRED, WIDOW/ER, INDEPENDENT MEANS

(6,3%) 11 Student

(2,4%) 12 INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL

(6,4%) 13   INDUSTRIALIST, SHOPKEEPER, BIG OR SMALL   BUSINESSMAN

(3,0%) 14 CARRY OUT SOME TRADE (ELECTRICIAN, PLUMBER, ETC.)

(2,3%) 15 OCCASIONAL WORK

(5,3%) 16   CARRY OUT AGRICULTURAL WORK (LABOURER)

(1,2%) 17 OTHERS

(0,3%) 18 don't answer

HOME DATA

F.   I shall now mention some household appliances to you and I want you to tell me if you have or don't have each one of them. Please, say yes only if they are in good condition. So do you have..?

a)   REFRIGERATOR

(77,0%) 1 YES

(20,5%) 2 NO

  (2,4%) 3. no answer

b)   MICROWAVE

(18,6%) 1 YES

(78,9%) 2 NO

  (2,5%) 3 no answer

c)   COMPACT DISCS

(28,7%) 1 YES

(68,8%) 2 NO

  (2,5%) 3 no answer

d)   TELEPHONE

(54,1%) 1 YES

(43,4%) 2 NO

(2,5%) 3 no answer

e)   CALEFONT OR WATER HEATER

(55,3%) 1 YES

(42,2%) 2 NO

(2,5%) 3 no answer

f)   WASHING MACHINE

(76,6%) 1 YES

(20,9%) 2 NO

(2,5%) 3 no answer

g)   COLOUR TV

(83,3%) 1YES

(14,2%) 2 NO

(2,5%) 3 no answer

h)   VIDEO

(29,7%) 1 YES

(67,8%) 2 NO

(2,5%) 3 no answer

i)   COMPUTER

(9,4%) 1 YES

(87,9%) 2 NO

(2,7%) 3 no answer

G.   Could you tell me if your home has a motorized vehicle of any type such as: car, van, station wagon or truck?

(30,7%) 1 YES

(67,7%) 2 NO

(1,0%) 8 don't know

(0,6%) 9 no answer

G.1   How many?

 average: 1,26

H.   I shall now mention some services to you, and I want you to tell me if you or somebody at home
         has them or not. Do you or they have

to)   CREDI T CARD OR SHOPPING CARD

 (48,1%) 1 YES
 (49,2%) 2 NO
  (0,1%) 8 don't know
  (2,6%) 9 no answer

b)   CREDIT CARD OF A BANK OR A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

 (25,0%) 1 YES
 (72,0%) 2 NO
  (0,3%) 8 don't know
  (2,6%) 9 no answer

c)   CURRENT BANK ACCOUNT

 (17,1%) 1 YES
 (79,9%) 2 NO
  (0,4%) 8 don't know
  (2,6%) 9 no answer

d)   BANK SAVINGS BOOK OR SAVINGS BOOK OF ANOTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

 (49,0%) 1 YES
 (47,6%) 2 NO
  (0,7%) 8 don't know
  (2,6%) 9 no answer

I.   Do you have a home help who lives in?

  (1,8%) 1 YES
 (97,1%) 2 NO

(1,1) 9 no answer

Do you have a home help who lives out?

(6,9%) 1 YES

(91,9%) 2 NO

(1,1%) 9 no answer

Do you have a butler or a chauffer?

(0,7%) 1 YES

(98,1%) 2 NO

(1,2%) 9 no answer

J.   Excluding those in domestic service, how many people out of those who live permanently in your homegot paid for working last week?

No. of people (average): 1,51

K.   Out off the following ranges of incomes that are shown in this card (PASSES CARD K), could y o u tell me in which of them your household falls, taking into consideration all income for salaries and wages of everyone who works, pensions, relatives' contributions or friends, rentals and anything else?

(19,8%) 01 less than $90.000

(16,5%) 02 from $91.000 to $120.000

(9,0%) 03 from $121.000 to $150.000

(6,1%) 04 from $151.000 to $180.000

(5,2%) 05 from $181.000 to $210.000

(4,3%) 06 from $211.000 to $240.000

(5,4%) 07 from $241.000 to $290.000

(6,9%) 08 from $291.000 to $390.000

(7,6%) 09 from $391.000 to $600.000

(3,4%) 10 from $601.000 to $1.000.000

(2,1%) 11 from $1.000.001 to $1.500.000

(0,7%) 12 from $1.500.001 to $2.000.000

(0,5%) 13 from $2.000.001 to $3.000.000

(0,4%) 14 more than $3.000.000

(5,0%) 15 don't know

(7,1%) 16 no answer

L.   SOCIO-ECONOMIC LEVEL

  (2,2%) 1   ABC1
  (7,9%) 2   C2
(34,8%) 3   C3
(49,1%) 4   D
  (5,9%) 5   E

M.   SEX

(48,1%) 1   MALE
(51,9%) 2   FEMALE