

QUESTIONNAIRE

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25. What type of educational establishment did you study in?

- (11,8) 1 SUBSIDISED SCHOOL
- (12,5) 2 PRIVATE FEE PAYING SCHOOL
- (71,9) 3 STATE SCHOOL
- (3,1) 4 DIDN'T STUDY
- (0,3) 8 DON'T KNOW
- (0,4) 9 NO ANSWER

26. In what type of educational institution are your children studying? (If you have your children in different educational establishments, in which type do the majority of your children study?)

- (14,5) 1 SUBSIDISED SCHOOL
- (10,1) 2 PRIVATE FEE PAYING SCHOOL
- (41,5) 3 STATE SCHOOL
- (23,9) 4 DON'T HAVE CHILDREN
- (9,5) 5 HAVE CHILDREN THAN 4
- (0,3) 8 DON'T KNOW
- (0,2) 9 NO ANSWER

27. Only for those who answered 1 or 2 in Q.26. The establishment where your children study or studied, is it or was it a secular one, i.e., does it or did it have an established official religion, or not?

- (45,7) 1 SECULAR
- (52,5) 2 RELIGIOUS
- (0,7) 8 DON'T KNOW
- (1,2) 9 NO ANSWER

28. In your opinion, if the educational establishment where your children, grandsons, nephews, friends' children, etc..., study, that is to say the children that are closest to you, had more money to be invested in improving itself, where would you like those resources to be invested....? ONLY CHOOSE ONE ALTERNATIVE

(56,9) 1 TO CREATE OR IMPROVE THE FACILITIES OF THE SCHOOL (LABORATORY, AUDIOVISUAL ROOMS, COMPUTERS, THEATRE, SPORTS FACILITIES, LIBRARY).

(40,9) 2 TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE TEACHERS

(1,3) 8 DON'T KNOW

(1,0) 9 NO ANSWER

29. I should like to know if you actually make some monthly or annual payment to your child/rens' school towards the following:

29A Do you make some monthly or annual contribution to the Parents Association?

(38,2) 1 YES

(5,4) 2 NO

(56,1) 3 DON'T HAVE CHILDREN OR DON'T HAVE CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE

(0,2) 8 DON'T KNOW

(0,2) 9 NO ANSWER

29B Do you make some monthly payment or part payment towards the school fees?

(50,4) 1 YES

(47,4) 2 NO

(1,5) 8 DON'T KNOW

(0,6) 9 NO ANSWER

30. This is only for those who answered Yes to Q.29B How much do you pay per month for each child? (If you have several children please indicate the highest payment that you actually pay)

average payment: \$13.875

31. We all have economic restrictions. Would you be willing to make an additional monthly contribution or payment to improve the quality of your child/rens' school?

(67,1) 1 YES

(31,0) 2 NO

(1,5) 8 DON'T KNOW

(0,4) 9 NO ANSWER

32. This is only for those who answered Yes to Q.31. Out of the amounts that appear on this card, which of them would you be willing to pay, for each child, to improve the education at your child/rens school?

(17,2) 1 UP TO \$500 MONTHLY

(29,1) 2 UP TO \$1000 MONTHLY

(17,9) 3 UP TO \$3000 MONTHLY

(18,4) 4 UP TO \$5000 MONTHLY

(9,3) 5 UP TO \$10.000 MONTHLY

(2,8) 6 BETWEEN \$10.000 AND \$20.000 MONTHLY

(1,4) 7 MORE THAN \$20.000 MONTHLY

(3,0) 8 DON'T KNOW

(0,8) 9 NO ANSWER

33. If the registration cost were the same and the schools were the same distance away, would you prefer a state school or a subsidized private school?

(34,7) 1 STATE SCHOOL

(59,2) 2 SUBSIDISED PRIVATE SCHOOL

(4,1) 8 DON'T KNOW

(2,0) 9 NO ANSWER

34. To evaluate the quality of an educational establishment you have to consider several aspects. Let us suppose that all the educational establishments cost the same. From the list on this card, which of the aspects do you think is the most important when deciding on a school for your child/ children?. And which would the second and then third most important?.
(If you don't have children, think about how you would reply if you had them)

(52,4) 01 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE (BUILDING, LIBRARY, LABORATORY, PLAYING FIELDS, ETC.)

(15,9) 02 LANGUAGES (ENGLISH, FOR EXAMPLE.)

(45,3) 03 ETHICAL FORMATION

(54,7) 04 QUALITY OF THE ACADEMIC TUITION (MATHEMATICS, SPANISH, ETC.)

(42,5) 05 DISCIPLINE

(19,3) 06 THE FAMILIES IN THE SCHOOL

(10,5) 07 SPORTS

(21,8) 08 PROXIMITY TO YOUR HOUSE

(3,3) 09 SIMCE

(15,9) 10 RESULTS OF THE PAA

(13,6) 11 RELIGIOUS FORMATION

(3,7) 12 DON'T KNOW

(1,1) 13 NO ANSWER

35. In your opinion, if the educational establishment where your children, grandsons, nephews, friends' children, etc., study, that is to say the children that are closest to you, want to carry out some academic type changes to improve the quality of the school, on which of the following aspects would you put the greatest emphasis? Please give me one answer only.

(31,9) 1 GREATER DISCIPLINE AND CHALLENGES

(39,6) 2 IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE TEACHERS

(11,7) 3 INTENSIFY THE PREPARATION FOR THE SIMCE AND PAA EXAMS

(15,4) 4 INCREASE THE SCHOOL TIMETABLE (GREATER NUMBER OF HOURS PER DAY)

(1,0) 8 DON'T KNOW

(0,4) 9 NO ANSWER

36. I shall now read you some aspects of schools and I want you to tell me for each one if you think that the education that your child/children are receiving or did receive compared with the one that you received, is better, the same or worse. Let us see in.....

BETTER EQUAL WORSE

A) DISCIPLINE	44,6	16,2	37,1
B) ETHICAL FORMATION	47,4	22,7	27,9
C) GENERAL CULTURE	62,9	18,5	16,6
D) QUALITY OF THE ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION (SPANISH, MATHEMATICS, ETC.)	67,9	17,1	12,3
E) RELIGIOUS FORMATION	47,4	23,1	23,4
F) PREPARATION FOR THE WORLD OF WORK	62,2	15,5	17,6

37. If you could choose between schools of equal quality, distance and cost, but that one is mixed, that is to say, has boys and girls, and the other one hasn't, in the case of a son of yours, would you prefer him to be educated in a mixed school or in a single sex one? IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BOY OR YOU DON'T HAVE CHILDREN: Think how you would reply if you had .

(70,0) 1 MIXED
 (27,4) 2 SINGLE SEX
 (1,9) 8 DON'T KNOW
 (0,7) 9 NO ANSWER

And now in the case of a daughter, would you prefer her to be educated in a mixed school or in a single sex one?. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A GIRL OR YOU DON'T HAVE CHILDREN: Think how you would reply if you had.

(64,7) 1 MIXED
 (32,7) 2 SINGLE SEX
 (1,9) 8 DON'T KNOW
 (0,7) 9 NO ANSWER

38. If you could choose between schools of equal quality, distance and cost but that one is secular, i.e. where religion is optional and therefore depends on a decision of the parents and the other is religious, i.e., committed to a religion which is taught in the school ...in the case of a son, would you prefer that he were educated in a secular school, where religion is optional or in a religious school, committed to a religion taught in the school? IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BOY OR YOU DON'T HAVE CHILDREN: Think how you would reply if you had.

(45,2) 1 SECULAR
 (50,6) 2 RELIGIOUS
 (2,7) 8 DON'T KNOW
 (1,4) 9 NO ANSWER

And now in the case of a daughter, would you prefer that she were educated in a secular school, where religion is optional or in a religious school, committed to a religion taught in the school IF YOU DON'T HAVE A GIRL OR YOU DON'T HAVE CHILDREN: Think how you would reply if you had.

(43,2) 1 SECULAR
 (52,8) 2 RELIGIOUS
 (2,5) 8 DON'T KNOW
 (1,4) 9 NO ANSWER

39. One of the central aspects of the educational reform that they are thinking of implementing in Chile is an extension of the school day, i.e., students will spend more hours in school. Which of these statements best describes your opinion about this? Please give me only one answer.

(42,2) 1 WILL IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION SUBSTANTIALLY IN CHILE
 (38,1) 2 WILL SOMEWHAT IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN CHILE
 (17,5) 3 WON'T HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN CHILE
 (2,0) 8 DON'T KNOW
 (0,1) 9 NO ANSWER

40. Due to the extension of the school day, students will spend more hours in school. Do you believe that those additional hours that the students will spend in schools should be dedicated mainly to more hours of classes (such as Spanish, Mathematics, English), to more extra-curricular activities, such as theatre, literature, music, photography, painting, etc., or to do more sports? IF YOU DON'T HAVE CHILDREN: Please think as though you did

(58,9) 1 MORE HOURS OF CLASSES (SPANISH, MATHEMATICS, ENGLISH, ETC.)
 (29,7) 2 MORE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (THEATRE, LITERATURE, MUSIC, PHOTOGRAPHY, PAINTING, ETC..)
 (9,0) 3 MORE SPORTS
 (1,8) 8 DON'T KNOW
 (0,6) 9 NO ANSWER

41. As for the school timetable, which of the following alternatives would you prefer for the education of your children at primary level? READ THE ALTERNATIVES

(16,8) 1 ONLY IN THE MORNING
 (4,1) 2 ONLY IN THE AFTERNOON
 (12,2) 3 MORNING AND PART OF THE AFTERNOON
 (10,6) 4 THE WHOLE DAY
 (56,1) 5 DON'T HAVE CHILDREN/ DON'T HAVE CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE
 (0,1) 8 DON'T KNOW
 (0,1) 9 NO ANSWER

And which of the following alternatives would you prefer for the education of your children at secondary level. READ THE ALTERNATIVES

(13,6) 1 ONLY IN THE MORNING
 (3,6) 2 ONLY IN THE AFTERNOON
 (12,6) 3 MORNING AND PART OF THE AFTERNOON
 (13,7) 4 THE WHOLE DAY
 (56,1) 5 DON'T HAVE CHILDREN/ DON'T HAVE CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE
 (0,3) 8 DON'T KNOW
 (0,1) 9 NO ANSWER

42. Out of the following subjects that are taught in schools, which, in your opinion, should be the three given most importance to improve the preparation of students? Which would be the most important be? NOTE DOWN. The second most important? NOTE DOWN. And the the third? NOTE DOWN. IF YOU DON'T HAVE CHILDREN: Please think as though you did

- (90,4) 01 MATHEMATICS 1st
- (31,7) 02 SOCIAL SCIENCES
- (81,3) 03 SPANISH 2nd
- (47,5) 04 FOREIGN LANGUAGE (i.e ENGLISH)
- (13,7) 05 NATURAL SCIENCES 3rd
- (7,9) 06 ART AND MUSIC
- (10,0) 07 PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- (6,3) 08 TECHNICAL SUBJECTS
- (8,1) 09 RELIGION
- (2,2) 10 DON'T KNOW
- (0,9) 11 NO ANSWER