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23. Do you consider that in the last 5 years the level of poverty in Chile has increased, stayed the same or diminished?

%

(26,9) INCREASED

(42,3) STAYED THE SAME

(29,7) DIMINISHED

(0,9) DON'T KNOW

(0) NO ANSWER

24. In relation to 5 years ago, so you think that the poor in Chile live better, the same or worse?

%

(29,4) BETTER

(44,3) THE SAME

(24,5) WORSE

(1,6) DON'T KNOW

(0,2) NO ANSWER

25. Would you say that your household is poor or not?

%

(35,7) IT IS POOR

(62,1) IT IS NOT POOR

(1,3) DON'T KNOW

(0,9) NO ANSWER

26. Suppose for a moment that the Government has greater resources to assign to combat poverty in Chile and that they put you in charge to distribute them over different areas. The Government has \$10 millions pesos. How would you distribute the \$10 million over the areas indicated on this card? How much of that money would you give to each one?

% assigned to each area within the total of the millions assigned (14.822 millions)

- (28,4) HEALTH
- (21,6) EDUCATION
- (13,3) THE FIGHT AGAINST DELINQUENCY AND DRUGS
- (19,7) HOUSING
- (17,1) SUBSIDIES IN MONEY FOR THE POOR
- (1,0) DON'T KNOW
- (0,5) NO ANSWER

27. As you know, in Chile there are people that are poor. Which of the alternatives from this list do you believe are the two more frequent causes that people are poor? ONLY INDICATE 2

%

- (3,0) BAD LUCK
- (29,6) LAZINESS AND LACK OF INITIATIVE
- (43,4) LACK OF EDUCATION
- (12,1) LACK OF ECONOMIC HELP FROM THE GOVERNMENT
- (25,9) BAD HABITS AND ALCOHOLISM
- (9,9) BAD ECONOMIC POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT
- (7,6) LACK OF GENEROSITY FROM THOSE WHO HAVE MORE
- (44,1) FEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT
- (8,7) BECAUSE THE PARENTS WERE ALSO POOR
- (14,5) ABUSES OR INJUSTICES OF THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM
- (0,1) OTHERS
- (0,6) DON'T KNOW
- (0,6) NO ANSWER

28. As you know, there are also people in Chile who are successful economically, i.e., they make enough money to lead a comfortable life. Which of the alternatives from this list do you believe are the most important for people's economic success? ONLY INDICATE 2

%

- (26,2) PERSONAL INITIATIVE
 - (7,3) LUCK
 - (14,7) FAITH IN GOD
 - (34,6) RESPONSIBLE WORK
 - (16,2) CONTACTS (RELATIVES, FRIENDS)
 - (37,1) EDUCATIONAL LEVEL ATTAINED
 - (19,1) ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE PARENTS
 - (4,1) ECONOMIC HELP FROM THE STATE
 - (5,2) GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC POLICIES
 - (20,6) TO HAVE AN UNITED FAMILY WHICH SUPPORTS YOU
 - (12,4) MAKING MONEY IN A BAD WAY, BY DISHONEST OR INCORRECT MEANS
 - (0,4) OTHERS
 - (1,2) DON'T KNOW
 - (1,0) NO ANSWER
29. Would you say that your household belongs in the higher socioeconomic level, in the medium socioeconomic level, or in the lower socioeconomic level?

%

- (1,7) HIGH SOCIOECONOMIC LEVEL
 - (59,3) MEDIUM SOCIOECONOMIC LEVEL
 - (38,4) LOW SOCIOECONOMIC LEVEL
 - (0,4) DON'T KNOW
 - (0,2) NO ANSWER
30. Do you believe that the opportunities for personal progress which you have (or have had) are greater, the same or fewer than those that your parents had?

%

- (60,0) GREATER
- (20,8) THE SAME
- (17,6) FEWER
- (1,3) DON'T KNOW
- (0,3) NO ANSWER

31. Do you believe that your children will have (or have) greater, the same or fewer opportunities for progress than you have (or had)?

%

- (72,3) GREATER
- (15,6) THE SAME
- (6,4) FEWER
- (4,6) DON'T KNOW
- (1,1) NO ANSWER

32. It is natural that people want to improve their life style. Think about your personal situation. Which of the aspects that appear here do you believe would have a more significant impact in improving your current life style? Which of them is the most important? Then which would the second and third most important for you?

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- (47,1) BUY YOUR OWN HOUSE OR APARTMENT
- (21,6) CHANGE TO A BETTER HOUSE OR APARTMENT
- (13,4) BUY A CAR
- (7,1) CHANGE YOUR CAR FOR A BETTER ONE
- (18,5) TAKE VACATIONS EVERY YEAR
- (22,4) HAVE A HOLIDAY HOUSE (BEACH, COUNTRY OR OTHER)
- (6,3) TAKE VACATIONS ABROAD
- (2,1) GO TO EAT IN RESTAURANTS OR GO TO THE CINEMA FREQUENTLY
- (53,3) BUY MORE AND BETTER FOOD
- (12,8) GET MORE APPLIANCES (TELEVISION, VIDEO, WASHING MACHINE, ETC.)
- (30,8) MOVE TO A BETTER NEIGHBORHOOD
- (5,6) HAVE A TELEPHONE
- (19,0) HAVE RUNNING HOT WATER IN THE HOUSE
- (8,1) HAVE DOMESTIC HELP
- (8,1) DON'T KNOW
- (23,8) NO ANSWER

33. If it were to cost you the same to live in a house or in an apartment, which would you prefer?

- (92,5) HOUSE
- (7,2) APARTMENT
- (0,0) DON'T KNOW
- (0,2) NO ANSWER

34. As you know, people pass through better and worse economic periods during their life. In your personal case, which of the following ones alternative defines your situation the best?

%

- (27,2) I HAVE NEVER BEEN POOR
- (18,4) I WAS POOR IN MY CHILDHOOD BUT I AM NO LONGER
- (20,8) A FEW AGO I WAS POOR, BUT NOW I'M COMING OUT OF IT
- (5,0) NOW I AM POOR, BUT BEFORE I WASN'T
- (26,0) I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN POOR
- (1,2) DON'T KNOW
- (1,4) NO ANSWER

35. In your household, does the woman of the house do paid work?

%

- (17,2) YES, FULL TIME
- (14,5) YES, FLEXIBLE OR PART TIME
- (63,9) NO
- (4,2) THERE IS NO WOMAN IN THE HOUSE
- (0,0) DON'T KNOW
- (0,2) NO ANSWER

36. What, in your opinion, is the main reason why you or the woman of the house do paid work?

For those who answered Yes to Q. 35

%

- (19,6) BECAUSE THE HUSBAND IS WITHOUT A JOB AND/OR THE MONEY ISN'T SUFFICIENT
- (53,2) ALTHOUGH THE MAN OF THE HOUSE WORKS, THE WOMAN WORKS SO THAT THE FAMILY CAN LIVE MORE COMFORTABLY; TO INCREASE THE FAMILY INCOME
- (16,0) BECAUSE THE WOMAN LIKES TO LEAVE THE HOUSE AND DO PAID WORK REMUNERADAMENTE; FOR PERSONAL FULFILMENT
- (7,3) BECAUSE SHE WANTS TO BE ECONOMICALLY INDEPENDENT OF THE HUSBAND
- (0,7) OTHER
- (2,1) DON'T KNOW
- (1,1) NO ANSWER

37. What, in your opinion, is the main reason why you or the woman of the house do NOT do paid work?

For those who answered No to Q. 35

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- (9,4) BECAUSE IT IS NOT INDISPENSABLE FOR THE BUDGET OF THE HOUSE
- (12,1) BECAUSE THE HUSBAND DOESN'T LIKE IT
- (14,4) BECAUSE SHE PREFERS DOMESTIC LIFE

- (28,4) BECAUSE WHAT SHE CONTRIBUTES INSIDE THE HOME IS MORE THAN SHE WOULD
CONTRIBUTES OUTSIDE IT
- (22,1) BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANYONE TO LEAVE THE CHILDREN WITH
- (10,5) OTHER
- (1,3) DON'T KNOW
- (1,8) NO ANSWER

PERSONAL DATA SECTION

Now, please, and to finish, some personal data

A. How old are you?

- (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?

- (54,9) 1 MARRIED
- (29,5) 2 BACHELOR
- (5,6) 3 LIVING WITH SOMEONE
- (3,7) 4 SEPARATED, DIVORCED
- (5,9) 5 WIDOW/ER
- (0,4) 9 NO ANSWER

C. Without taking into account years repeated, how many years of education do you have?

- (3,3) 1 NONE
- (7,7) 2 1 - 3
- (21,3) 3 4 - 7
- (9,5) 4 8 (completed Primary education)
- (14,9) 5 5-11
- 19,4) 6 12 (completed Secondary school)
- (19,2) 7 13-17 (Higher education completed or not completed)
- (4,1) 8 18 or more
- (0,4) 9 NO ANSWER

D. Are you registered to vote?

- (81,5) 1 YES
- (18,0) 2 NO
- (0,4) 9 NO ANSWER

E. What is your main profession or occupation?

- (1,3) 01 MANAGER/EXECUTIVE
- (0,2) 02 ARMED FORCES
- (14,7) 03 EMPLOYEE
- (7,3) 04 MANUAL WORKER
- (5,0) 05 OTHER (WITH CONTRACT)
- (4,3) 06 UNEMPLOYED, LOOKING FOR WORK
- (29,5) 07 HOUSEHOLD WORK
- (6,7) 08 PENSIONER, RETIRED, WIDOW/ER, INDEPENDENT MEANS
- (5,6) 09 STUDENT
- (2,6) 10 INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL
- (6,6) 11 INDUSTRIALIST, SHOPKEEPER, BIG OR SMALL BUSINESSMAN
- (3,2) 12 CARRY OUT SOME TRADE (ELECTRICIAN, PLUMBER, ETC.)
- (4,7) 13 OCCASIONAL WORK
- (5,9) 14 CARRY OUT AGRICULTURAL WORK (LABOURER)
- (2,2) 15 OTHERS
- (0,3) 16 NO ANSWER

F. Do you have children?

- (72,8) 1 YES
- (27,0) 2 NO
- (0,2) 9 NO ANSWER

G. Which of these alternatives corresponds to your relationship with the family who live in this house?

- (32,9) 1 HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD
- (37,4) 2 HOUSE WIFE
- (22,4) 3 SON/DAUGHTER
- (1,0) 4 GRANDSON/GRANDDAUGHTER
- (4,0) 5 OTHER MEMBER OF THE FAMILY
- (2,1) 6 RELATIVE
- (0,2) 9 NO ANSWER

H. How many people live permanently in this house?

Number of people average: 4,29

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

a) Refrigerator

%

(73,2) 1 YES

(25,6) 2 NO

(1,2) 3 NO ANSWER

b) Microwave

%

(13,9) 1 YES

(84,9) 2 NO

(1,2) 3 NO ANSWER

c) Compact Discs

%

(19,0) 1 YES

(79,8) 2 NO

(1,2) 3 NO ANSWER

d) Telephone

%

(45,9) 1 YES

(53,0) 2 NO

(1,1) 3 NO ANSWER

e) Calefont or water heater

%

(51,1) 1 YES

(47,8) 2 NO

(1,1) 3 NO ANSWER

f) Washing Machine

%

(71,9) 1 YES

(27,0) 2 NO

(1,1) 3 NO ANSWER

g) Color TV

%

(77,6) 1 YES

(21,3) 2 NO

(1,1) 3 NO ANSWER

h) Video equipment

%

(32,9) 1 YES

(65,9) 2 NO

(1,2) 3 NO ANSWER

i) Computer

%

(8,9) 1 YES

(89,8) 2 NO

(1,3) 3 NO ANSWER

J. Thinking about your house,

a. How many rooms do you have (excluding kitchen and bathroom)?

Average N° of rooms: 3.9

b. And how many bathrooms?

Average N° of bathrooms: 1.17

c. And is it owned, rented, given or borrowed?

(71,0) OWNED

(16,3) RENTED

(10,9) GIVEN OR BORROWED

(1,8) NO ANSWER

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

%

(33,0) 1 YES

(66,5) 2 NO

(0) 3 OTHER

(1,4) 9 NO ANSWER

la. How many? average: 1,28

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

a) Credit card or Shopping card

%

(46,8) 1 YES

(51,6) 2 NO

(0,5) 8 DON'T KNOW

(1,1) 9 NO ANSWER

b) Credit card of a Bank or a Financial Institution

%

(23,4) 1 YES

(74,8) 2 NO

(0,7) 8 DON'T KNOW

(1,1) 9 NO ANSWER

c) Current Bank Account

%

(18,2) 1 YES

(80,2) 2 NO

(0,5) 8 DON'T KNOW

(1,8) 9 NO ANSWER

d) Bank Savings Book or Savings Book of another Financial Institution

%

(55,6) 1 YES

(42,7) 2 NO

(0,6) 8 DON'T KNOW

(1,1) 9 NO ANSWER

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

%

(2,7) 1 YES

(96,5) 2 NO

(0,8) 9 NO ANSWER

Do you have a home help who lives out?

%

(8,4) 1 YES

(90,9) 2 NO

(0,7) 9 NO ANSWER

Do you have a butler or chauffeur?

%

(0,5) 1 YES

(98,6) 2 NO

(0,8) 9 NO ANSWER

N. Which of the following alternatives shows how you mainly heat your house?

(11,4) 1 WITH BRAZIER

(7,7) 2 WITH AN OPEN FIRE (WOOD) OR SALAMANDER

(35,8) 3 WITH A PARAFFIN HEATER

(15,0) 4 WITH GAS HEATER

(2,6) 5 WITH ELECTRIC HEATER

(13,0) 6 WITH GAS OR WOOD KITCHEN STOVE

(0,7) 7 WITH CENTRAL HEATING

(12,7) 8 DON'T HAVE HEATING

(0,3) 9 DON'T KNOW

(0,8) 10 NO ANSWER

O. How many people of those who live permanently in the household worked last week?

Average number of people: 1,49

(0,2) 8 DON'T KNOW

(1,1) 9 NO ANSWER

P. Out of the following ranges of income that are shown on this card, could you tell me in which one of them your household falls, taking into consideration all income for salaries and wages of everyone who works, pensions, relatives or friends contributions, rents and anything else?

%

(27,9) 1 LESS THAN \$90.000

(12,7) 2 \$91.000 TO \$120.000

(9,0) 3 \$121.000 TO \$150.000

(7,2) 4 \$151.000 AT \$180.000

(5,3) 5 \$181.000 TO \$210.000

(3,7) 6 \$211.000 TO \$240.000

(5,9) 7 \$241.000 TO \$290.000

(5,9) 8 \$291.000 TO \$390.000

(7,1) 9 \$391.000 TO \$600.000

(3,1) 10 \$601.000 TO \$1.000.000

(1,7) 11 \$1.000.001 TO \$1.500.000

- (0,9) 12 \$1.500.001 TO \$2.000.000
- (0,6) 13 \$2.000.001 TO \$3.000.000
- (0,2) 14 MORE THAN \$3.000.000
- (4,5) 15 DON'T KNOW
- (4,2) 16 NO ANSWER

Q. Socioeconomic level

- (2,1) 1 ABC1
- (7,6) 2 C2
- (34,7) 3 C3
- (46,0) 4 D
- 9,4) 5 E

R. Sex

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