

**QUESTIONNAIRE**  
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This questionnaire is trying to find out people's opinions about different aspects of the country and their life.

1. In general, considering all the aspects of your life, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you at the moment?

(5,4%) 5: very satisfied  
(49,1%) 4: satisfied  
(29,2%) 3: indifferent, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied  
(13,5%) 2: dissatisfied  
(2,3%) 1: very dissatisfied  
(0,5%) 9: no answer

2. On this card there is a series of problems that our country has. Which are the three problems that the Government should dedicate its biggest efforts to solving? Indicate only 3

(58,6%) 1: Delinquency, assaults and robberies  
(47,7%) 2: Health  
(35,5%) 3: Poverty  
(34,7%) 4: Education  
(29,7%) 5: Salaries  
(27,1%) 6: Employment  
(22,0%) 7: Housing  
(12,6%) 8: Price rises, inflation  
(8,0%) 9: Human Rights  
(2,5%) 10: Protests and street riots  
(7,0%) 11: Terrorism  
(14,4%) 12: Protection of the environment

3. According to this scale, where would you put the current economic situation of the country?

- (1,1%) 5 VERY GOOD
- (20,1%) 4 GOOD
- (56,5%) 3 NEITHER GOOD, NOR BAD
- (18,6%) 2 BAD
- (3,3%) 1 VERY BAD
- (0,5%) 8 don't know

4. According to this scale, where would you put your current economic situation in comparison with a year ago?

- (3,4%) 5 MUCH BETTER
- (29,1%) 4 BETTER
- (45,4%) 3 THE SAME
- (19,7%) 2 WORSE
- (2,2%) 1 MUCH WORSE
- (0,3%) 8 don't know

5. Thinking of the future, what do you think your economic situation will be like in a year?

- (6,0%) 5 MUCH BETTER
- (38,2%) 4 BETTER
- (38,3%) 3 SAME
- (9,2%) 2 WORSE
- (1,6%) 1 MUCH WORSE
- (6,6%) 8 don't know

6. Do you believe that, at the moment Chile is: progressing, stagnating or in decline?

- (56,7%) 1 PROGRESSING
- (35,6%) 2 STAGNATING
- (7,6%) 3 IN DECLINE
- (0,1%) 4 don't know

7. All governments have good and bad things about them. Taking into consideration all the good things and the bad of the current Government, what mark would you give it, from 1 to 7?

Average mark: 4.7

8. Independently of your political position, do you approve or disapprove of the way Patricio Aylwin is managing the Government?

- (48,7%) 1 APPROVE
- (18,2%) 2 DISAPPROVE
- (30,1%) 3 NEITHER APPROVE NOR DISAPPROVE
- (3,0%) 9 no answer

9. I will now read you a list of topics that worry the Government. Please tell me what you think of the work of the current government in dealing with them, on a scale of 1 to 7, 1 being very bad and 7 being excellent?

MANAGEMENT OF THE ECONOMY.	4,5
UNEMPLOYMENT	3,8
EDUCATION	4,5
PRICE RISES AND INFLATION	3,6
HEALTH	3,7
HOUSING	4,0
POVERTY	3,3
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	5,0
DELINQUENCY, ASSAULTS AND ROBBERIES	2,8
TERRORISM	3,1
HUMAN RIGHTS	4,1
ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION	3,1
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ARMED FORCES	4,4

10. Now, out of the following political parties that are represented on this card, which of them do you identify or sympathize with the most?

- (5,3%) 1 = Independent Democratic Union (UDI)
- (2,1%) 2 = Radical Party (PR)
- (9,3%) 3 = National Renovation (RN)
- (5,9%) 4 = Socialist Party (PS)
- (28,5%) 5 = Christian Democrats (AD)
- (7,8%) 6 = Party for Democracy (PPD)
- (3,7%) 7 = Communist Party (PC)
- (5,9%) 8 = Union of the Centre (UCC)

- (1,8%) 9 = Humanist Party
- (1,2%) 10 = Social Democratic Party (PSD)
- (1,8%) 11 = Other: which?:.....
- (24,7%) 12 = none

11. Let us suppose that this Sunday there were elections for President. If you could choose to elect someone, who would you choose?. Who would you vote for?. (If they say "No one" insist: remind them that it's an obligation to vote, so who would they vote for?)

12a. Who would you say that the most important figure in the current opposition is?

12.b And who would you say that the most important figure in the Concertacion is, with the exception of President Patricio Aylwin?

13. As you know traditionally in our country people define their political positions as being nearer to the Left, the Centre or the Right. The different political positions are represented on this card. Please, indicate to me, which position you identify or sympathize with the most?

- (12,9%) 1: Right
- (9,7%) 2: Centre Right
- (22,4%) 3: Centre
- (18,7%) 4: Centre Left
- (12,7%) 5: Left
- (5,2%) 6: Independent
- (15,0%) 7: None
- (3,4%) 8: Don't know

14. The following people have had various degrees of fame in public life in Chile. Tell me, using the terms on this card, which term best describes your opinion of each person?

Interviewer:

If she/he answers "don't know» mark 9.

Start from top to bottom, from the centre or from bottom to top, but complete the whole list.

Indicate where you start from.

## Card N° 7

5: very positive 4: positive 3: neither good nor bad  
 2: negative 1: very negative

(% positive evaluations of those known)

(65,4) Alejandro Foxley  
 (64,5) Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle  
 (50,9) Enrique Correa  
 (33,5) Andrés Allamand  
 (36,7) José Piñera  
 (30,3) Alberto Espina  
 (18,9) Jovino Novoa  
 (41,6) Jorge Schaulsohn  
 (20,0) Gladys Marín  
 (26,1) Joaquín Lavín  
 (40,0) Francisco Javier Errázuriz  
 (44,4) José Antonio Viera-Gallo  
 (26,1) Hernán Larraín  
 (42,9) Gutenberg Martínez  
 (60,1) Evelyn Matthei  
 (63,3) Jaime Ravinet  
 (29,7) Miguel Otero  
 (47,3) Andrés Zaldívar  
 (30,7) Sergio Bitar  
 (36,0) Sergio Onofre Jarpa  
 (69,1) Patrician Aylwin  
 (53,7) Carlos Ominami  
 (29,4) Carlos González Márquez  
 (27,1) Hernán Büchi  
 (46,7) Sebastián Piñera  
 (33,7) Ricardo Núñez  
 (58,0) Gabriel Valdés  
 (13,7) Volodia Teitelboim  
 (59,6) Ricardo Lagos  
 (31,9) Luis Maira  
 (25,8) Camilo Escalona  
 (56,2) Enrique Krauss

15. How would you evaluate the performance of the following ministers of Patricio Aylwin's government, with a mark from 1 to 7, where 1 = very bad and 7 = excellent?

Average mark

- Minister of the Interior	Enrique Krauss	4,8
- Minister of Foreign Affairs	Enrique Silva Cimma	4,6
- Minister of the Economy	Carlos Ominami	4,7
- Minister of Finance	Alejandro Foxley	5,1
- Minister of Defense	Patricio Rojas	4,5
- Minister of Mining	Juan Hamilton	4,3
- Minister of Health	Jorge Jiménez	4,2
- Minister of Public Works	Carlos Hurtado	4,3
- Minister of Housing and Urban Dev.	Alberto Etchegaray	4,6
- General Secretary of the Government	Enrique Correa	4,8
- Minister of Education	Ricardo Lagos	5,0
- General Secretary of the Presidency	Edgardo Boeninger	4,6

16. Indicate for each activity that I name if you do it frequently, sometimes or never.

Alternatives: 1 = Frequently 2 = sometimes 3 = Never

(24,4%) - Look at the debates and political programmes on television

(26,5%) - Reads news about politics

(20,5%) - Talks to the family about politics

(21,0%) - Talks to friends about politics

EDUCATION

17. Which of the following is, in your opinion, the biggest problem in primary and secondary education in Chile? (PASS CARD N° 6)

First

Mention

(31,3%) 1 teachers poorly motivated or don't go to classes

(26,3%) 2 low demands on the students

(31,1%) 3 infrastructure shortage (libraries, laboratories)

- (4,8%) 4 old fashioned text books
- (2,5%) 5 very short school year
- (4,0%) 8 don't know

18. Out of the following subjects that are taught in schools which, in your opinion, are the two that should be given the most importance to improve the education of our youth?

- (61,8%) 1 Mathematics
- (8,5%) 2 Social sciences
- (16,9%) 3 Spanish
- (6,4%) 4 a Foreign language
- (1,9%) 5 Natural sciences
- (0,8%) 6 Art and Music
- (0,6%) 7 Physical education
- (1,4%) 8 Technical skills
- (1,3%) 9 Religion
- (0,4%) 0 No Answer

19. Would you say that the education that you received, in comparison to the one that your parents had, is: better, the same or worse? Note answers in Column 19.

20. And comparing yours to the one that your children have or will have, do you think it is or will be: better, the same or worse: Note answers in Column 20

1 = better 2 = the same 3 = worse 4 = don't know

% that that considered better

Q. 19

their education vs. their parents

Q. 20

their children's vs. their own

A) General Quality	74,9	74,4
B) Religious and Moral Education	49,7	55,8
C) The level of general culture	67,3	69,8
D) The quantity of specific knowledge	72,6	76,3

21. If you didn't have restrictions of any type, in which of the following types of establishments would you prefer to educate your children?

- (18,8%) 1 public/state school
- (16,8%) 2 private lay
- (34,8%) 3 private religious
- (15,5%) 4 private grant maintained
- (10,7%) 5 municipal
- (1,7%) 8 don't know
- (1,7%) 9 no answer

22. And as for the school timetable, which of the following options would you prefer?

- (55,0%) 1 only in the morning
- (8,5%) 2 only in the afternoon
- (33,5%) 3 the whole day
- (3,1%) 4 don't know

23. Comparing the two alternatives in secondary education: Technical Professional and Scientific Humanistic, in your opinion, which of them fulfills the following characteristics best? (PASS CARD N° 8)

- 1 = TECHNICAL PROFESSIONAL    2 = SCIENTIFIC HUMANISTIC
- 3 = THE SAME    4 = NONE
- 8 = don't KNOW

- Better for the personal development of young people
- Gives better work opportunities
- Gives a better preparation for higher education
- Helps them to face life in a better way

24. As regards the two secondary types of education, Technical Professional and Scientific Humanistic, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- 1 = AGREE    2 = DISAGREE    8 = DON'T KNOW

% in  
agreement

- (28,6%) - employers, for any occupation, prefer Scientific-Humanist school leavers
- (42,6%) - people learn their jobs in the companies and not in technical schools.

25. In some schools it has been pointed out that the atmosphere is problematical. Would you say the school where your children or their near relatives go has or does not have the following problems?

1 = YES      2 = N O      8 = don't KNOW

% that answer

Yes

- (71,4%) - robberies
- (78,9%) - lack of interest in studying
- (66,1%) - violence among students
- (78,0%) - lack of discipline
- (36,8%) - teachers abuse of the students (treating them badly, injustice, etc.)
- (36,0%) - sexual permissiveness
- (59,3%) - drugs consumption
- (55,3%) - alcohol consumption

#### IMPORTANCE

26. Out of the following characteristics that schools or colleges have (PASS CARD N° 9), which are those two most important for you when choosing a school for your children?

- (25,4%) 1 equipment/infrastructure the school has (buildings, library, laboratory, pitches, etc.)
- (4,5%) 2 languages
- (31,5%) 3 moral or religious formation
- (15,9%) 4 academic instruction
- (12,5%) 5 discipline
- (1,3%) 6 types of family, parents of the school
- (1,2%) 7 sport
- (0,5%) 8 the school authorities
- (7,0%) 9 distance from your home

27. Out of the following reasons for why your son could do well at school, which, in your opinion, is the most important for him doing well? And which is the second most important? (PASS CARD N° 10)

- (12,7%) 1 the school equipment/infrastructure (library, laboratory)
- (32,4%) 2 the capacity and responsibility of your son
- (12,5%) 3 the interest and dedication of the teachers
- (9,8%) 4 the teachers' preparation
- (16,4%) 5 parental concern
- (6,8%) 6 the level of demand made educationally
- (0,3%) 7 good luck
- (8,8%) 8 a united and stable family
- (0,4%) 9 no answer

28. According to the following reasons, what do you think is the principal reason that your son does badly at school? And the second reason? (PASS CARD N° 11)

- (9,4%) 1 bad infrastructure/equipment of the school (lack of laboratories, libraries, etc.)
- (37,4%) 2 the lack of capacity and irresponsibility of your son
- (11,8%) 3 the lack of interest and dedication of the teachers
- (5,6%) 4 the lack of preparation from the teachers
- (16,5%) 5 the lack of worry on behalf of the parents
- (5,2%) 6 the level of demands educationally
- (6,4%) 7 bad company or influences
- (0,5%) 8 bad luck
- (6,9%) 9 a divided or unstable family
- (0,2%) 10 no answer

29. How much do you agree with the following statements in relation to teachers at schools or colleges? (PASS CARD N° 12)

CARD N° 12:

1: VERY MUCH IN AGREEMENT

4: IN DISAGREEMENT

2: IN AGREEMENT

5: VERY MUCH IN DISAGREEMENT

3: NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

6: NO ANSWER

% very much in agreement  
or in agreement

- (62,0%) - teachers in Chile have a good academic education
- (32,5%) - teachers don't worry about getting up to date in their areas
- (53,6%) - teachers worry about studying permanently
- (22,8%) - teachers have in general a low cultural level
- (53,7%) - teachers treat the students well
- (26,7%) - teachers are not interested a lot in the students
- (55,1%) - teachers are good examples for the students
- (30,4%) - teachers don't value their profession
- (52,2%) - teachers are fair when evaluating the students
- (42,2%) - teachers have a low level of pushing their students

30. Would you say that teachers should or should not teach their students in:  
1: yes 2: N O

% that answers  
Yes

- (95,2%) - moral topics
- (36,4%) - political topics
- (83,3%) - in religious topics
- (91,3%) - in sexual topics

31. Would you say that responsibility for sex education lies in the hands of:

- (21,1%) 1 mainly the parents
- (2,7%) 2 mainly t the school
- (75,8%) 3 both equally
- (0,4%) 8 don't know

32. If a poor boy studies in the SAME SCHOOL as a boy who is well off, would you say that, in general....:

- (14,0%) 1 the poor boy will learn more than the well off one
- (62,8%) 2 both will learn the same
- (19,9%) 3 the poor boy will learn less than the well off one
- (3,3%) 9 no answer

33. Do you agree or disagree with each one of the following statements, regarding the education of students?

1: AGREE 2: DISAGREE 9: don't KNOW

in agreement%

- (67,9%) - a student who is pregnant should continue studying in the same school
- (23,9%) - the parents should be entitled to decide which form their children should be in
- (92,7%) - they should teach sexual education in schools
- (59,3%) - they should expell students who take drugs
- (58,6%) - they should expell students who steal
- (67,2%) - they should expell students who attack their teachers

34. On this card (PASS CARD N° 13) there are a series of ideas to improve the quality of education. Which are the TWO that you consider to be of most use in improving the quality of education?

- (24,6%) 1 greater concern for basic subjects such as Spanish and Mathematics
- (13,2%) 2. more interest by the parents in what is taught in schools
- (16,5%) 3 classes with a smaller number of students
- (8,7%) 4 larger quantity of equipment
- (11,8%) 5 more qualified teachers
- (3,3%) 6 better textbooks
- (2,8%) 7 increase the school timetable (longer hours/more days)
- (10,1%) 8 to improve teachers pay
- (8,2%) 9 push the students more
- (0,9%) 11 no answer

35. Using a mark of from 1 to 7 how would you evaluate the quality of education in Chile at the following levels?

Average mark

- (5,2) A) Primary Education
- (5,1) B) Secondary Education- Scientific-Humanist
- (5,5) C) Secondary Education- Technical-Professional
- (5,7) D) Higher University education

36. And, how would you evaluate, on that same scale, the education that is taught in the following school establishments?

Average mark

- (4,9) A) municipal or state schools
- (5,3) B) subsidized private schools
- (5,6) C) lay private fee paying schools
- (5,8) D) religious private fee paying schools

37. In what type of establishment do your children study (or did they study)? (If you have your children in different types of schools, in which type do most of them study?)

- (45,1%) 1 municipal or state schools
- (11,4%) 2 lay subsidized schools
- (10,6%) 3 religious subsidized schools
- (12,1%) 4 fee paying lay private schools
- (2,0%) 5 fee paying religious private schools
- (18,8%) 8 don't know

Now, please, to finish, some personal data.

- A. How old are you?

- (17,9%) 1: 18-24
- (25,5%) 2: 25-34
- (20,2%) 3: 35-44
- (16,2%) 4: 45-54
- (12,2%) 5: 55-64
- (8,0%) 6: 65 and over

- B. What is your civil status?

- (63,8%) 1: married
- (24,1%) 2: single
- (2,8%) 3: living with someone
- (3,4%) 4: separated, marriage annulled
- (5,8%) 5: widow/er
- (0,1%) 6: no answer

C. Do you have children between 5 and 18 years of age?

%

(40,1%) - yes

(59,1%) - no

(0,1%) - no answer

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

%

(2,0) 1 NONE

(7,8) 2 1 - 3

(16,2) 3 4 - 7

(9,9) 4 8 (completed Primary education)

(17,7) 5 9-11

(23,7) 6 12 (completed Secondary school)

(16,7) 7 13-17

(5,8) 8 18 or more

(0,1) 0 no answer

E. In your house do you have...? (1=Yes 2=No)

% yes

(97,6%) - drinking water inside the house

(87,1%) - paved pavement

(99,3%) - electricity

(92,3%) - a bath inside the house

(8,3%) - earth floor inside the house

(57,3%) - water heater for hot water

(35,6%) - video machine

(74,3%) - colour television

(27,5%) - car

(18,9%) - current bank account

F. What is your main profession or occupation?

%

(34,0) EMPLOYEE WITH CONTRACT (EMPLOYEE, ARMED FORCES, MANUALWORKER, MANAGER, EXECUTIVE ETC)

(3,8) UNEMPLOYED, LOOKING FOR WORK

(29,0) HOUSEWIFE

(9,6) PENSIONER, RETIRED, INDEPENDENT MEANS

(7,9) STUDENT

(14,1) INDEPENDENT WORKER (In this case answer next Q)

What type of independent worker are you?

%

- (17,8) INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL
- (34,8) INDUSTRIAL, SHOPKEEPER, BIG OR SMALL MANAGER
- (17,0) CARRY ON SOME OCCUPATION (ELECTRICIAN, PLUMBER, ETC.)
- (17,4) OCCASIONAL WORK
- (10,5) OTHER
- (2,4) NO ANSWER

G. Socio-economic level

1: ABC1	2: C2	3: C3	4: D	5: E
8,6%	17,0%	36,9%	34,9%	2,5%

H. Sex

1: male	2: female
49,3%	50,7%