

QUESTIONNAIRE
SOCIAL STUDY AND OPINION POLL
 September to October 1991
 Work Document N° 170
 December 1991

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
 (46,6%) 4: satisfied
 (26,7%) 3: indifferent, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 (18,7%) 2: dissatisfied
 (1,9%) 1: very dissatisfied
 (0,8%) 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

(62,5%) 1: Delinquency, assaults and robberies
 (42,9%) 2: Health
 (35,2%) 3: Poverty
 (29,1%) 4: Education
 (30,1%) 5: Salaries
 (36,1%) 6: Employment
 (15,8%) 7: Housing
 (16,5%) 8: Price rises, inflation
 (10,7%) 9: Human Rights
 (2,8%) 10: Protests and street riots
 (7,6%) 11: Terrorism
 (15,6%) 12: Protection of the environment

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

(0,6%) 5 VERY GOOD
 (17,4%) 4 GOOD

(59,8%) 3 NEITHER GOOD, NOR BAD

(17,5%) 2 BAD

(3,3%) 1 VERY BAD

(1,4%) 8 don't know

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

(3,7%) 5 MUCH BETTER

(28,1%) 4 BETTER

(48,6%) 3 THE SAME

(17,5%) 2 WORSE

(1,0%) 1 MUCH WORSE

(1,2%) 8 don't know

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

(8,4%) 5 MUCH BETTER

(42,9%) 4 BETTER

(34,7%) 3 SAME

(8,8%) 2 WORSE

(1,4%) 1 MUCH WORSE

(3,9%) 8 don't know

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

(51,9%) 1 PROGRESSING

(39,8%) 2 STAGNATING

(8,2%) 3 IN DECLINE

(0,2%) 4 don't know

7. There is a lot of talk these days about the objectives that this country should reach in the next ten years.

On this card there are objectives shown to which different people give maximum importance. Could you please indicate to which of them you would give maximum importance? And which would be the second most important for you?

(PASS CARD N° 2)

First
Mention

- (44,5%) 1 to maintain order in the country
- (18,5%) 2 to give more participation to people in the government's decisions
- (29,3%) 3 to combat the rises of prices
- (6,2%) 4 to protect freedom of speech
- (1,5%) 5 no answer

8. 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: 4.8

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

- (52,7%) 1 APPROVE
- (13,6%) 2 DISAPPROVE
- (28,7%) 3 NEITHER APPROVE NOR DISAPPROVE
- (4,9%) 9 no answer

10. 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	3,7
EDUCATION	4,5
PRICE RISES AND INFLATION	3,4
HEALTH	3,6
HOUSING	4,0
POVERTY	3,3
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	5,3
DELINQUENCY, ASSAULTS AND ROBBERIES	2,6
TERRORISM	3,1
HUMAN RIGHTS	4,4
ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION	3,7
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ARMED FORCES	4,2

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

- (8,0%) 1 = Independent Democratic Union (UDI)
- (1,9%) 2 = Radical Party (PR)
- (10,6%) 3 = National Renovation (RN)
- (7,2%) 4 = Socialist Party (PS)
- (32,5%) 5 = Christian Democrats (AD)
- (8,4%) 6 = Party for Democracy (PPD)
- (1,8%) 7 = Communist Party (PC)
- (5,9 %) 8 = Union of the Centre (UCC)
- (0,8%) 9 = Humanist Party
- (0,5%) 10 = Social Democratic Party (PSD)
- (1,8%) 11 = Other: which?:.....
- (20,6%) 12 = none
- (0,5%) 13 = no answer

12. According to the following scale (PASS CARD N° 5), what is your degree of interest in politics?

- (5,9%) 1 very interested
- (20,5%) 2 interested
- (34,3%) 3 not very interested
- (35,1%) 4 very little or not interested
- (4,2%) 9 no answer

13. 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?)

14. 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?

- (12,6%) 1: Right
- (7,1%) 2: Centre Right
- (33,0%) 3: Centre
- (14,0%) 4: Centre Left

- (9,3%) 5: Left
- (8,2%) 6: Independent
- (11,3%) 7: None
- (4,6%) 8: Don't know

15. The following people have 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.

- (51,9%) Andrés Zaldívar
- (25,9%) Jorge Arrate
- (16,8%) Carlos Altamirano
- (58,5%) Gabriel Valdés
- (28,9%) Sergio Onofre Jarpa
- (11,4%) Volodia Teitelboim
- (68,3%) Patrician Aylwin
- (51,8%) Ricardo Lagos
- (40,4%) Carlos Ominami
- (28,9%) Luis Maira
- (22,8%) August Pinochet
- (34,6%) Laura Soto
- (26,5%) Hernán Büchi
- (45,9%) Enrique Krauss
- (41,5%) Sebastián Piñera
- (55,1%) Alejandro Foxley
- (33,6%) Sergio Romero
- (66,0%) Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle
- (45,6%) Francisco Javier Errázuriz
- (44,3%) Enrique Correa
- (40,4%) José Antonio Viera-Gallo
- (38,4%) Andrés Allamand
- (24,4%) Francisco Javier Cuadra
- (36,8%) José Piñera
- (39,2%) Gutenberg Martínez

- (32,8%) Alberto Espina
- (49,1%) Evelyn Matthei
- (26,1%) Julio Dittborn
- (38,6%) Jaime Ravinet
- (35,7%) Jorge Schaulsohn
- (19,8%) Gladys Marín

16. Which of the following social groups do you belong to?

Percentage 1 = yes 2 = no
they belong to

- (1,3%) mothers' center
- (8,9%) neighbours committee
- (2,8%) political parties
- (5,7%) unions
- (3,7%) professional association or union
- (14,5%) religious or church group
- (4,1%) cultural group
- (3,3%) charity association
- (11,2%) sports clubs

17. The following political parties play a relevant part in national political life. Give your evaluation of each party, using a mark from 1 to 7.

average mark

Radical Party (PR)	3,9
National Renovation (RN)	3,9
Socialist Party (PS)	3,8
Christian Democratic Party (AD)	4,9
Independent Democratic Union (UDI)	3,6
Party For Democracy (PPD)	4,3
Communist Party (PC)	2,9
Centre Party (PCC)	3,9
Humanist Party	3,9
Social Democratic Party (PSD)	3,8

18. If elections for councillors of your municipality were held next Sunday and there were candidates from each party on this list, which would you vote for? (PASS CARD N° 4)
INSIST THAT THEY MUST VOTE FOR SOME PARTY, IF THEY REPLY "NONE"

- (1,6%) 01 Radical Party (PR)
- (10,5%) 02 National Renovation (RN)
- (6,0%) 03 Socialist Party (PS)
- (34,9%) 04 Christian Democratic Party (AD)
- (7,7%) 05 Independent Democratic Union (UDI)
- (8,6%) 06 Party for Democracy (PPD)
- (1,3%) 07 Communist Party (PC)
- (8,0%) 08 Centre Party (PCC)
- (1,0%) 09 Humanist Party
- (0,1%) 10 Social Democratic Party (PSD)
- (3,7%) 11 other. Which?
- (16,2%) 12 none
- (0,4%) 13 no answer

19. Recently the possibility has been discussed of reforming the Constitution to allow President Aylwin stand for a new presidential period of 4 years, or alternatively, to lengthen the current period by 2 years. Which of the following alternatives do you prefer?

(PASS CARD N° 7: «ALTERNATIVES TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PERIOD «)

- (47,6%) 1 that President Aylwin completes the 4 year period for which he was chosen, without possible reelection.
- (24,9%) 2 that President Aylwin can stand for reelection for a new 4 year period.
- (23,3%) 3 that the current period of President Aylwin is lengthened to 6 years.
- (4,2%) don't know / no answer

We are now going to present different topics to you. On each of them, people have different points of view. On each topic we present the different points of view held by people. For each one, indicate which point of view is the nearest to your own opinion.

20. What attitude do you think should be taken when faced with an incurably sick person who is suffering tremendous pain?

(21,1%) 1 it is acceptable to cause him to die if both he and his relatives agree.

(75,4%) 2 it is never acceptable to cause him to die.

(3,5%) 3 don't know no answer

21. Do you think it acceptable that couples use contraceptives (for example, pills or condoms) to prevent pregnancy?

(80,2%) 1 acceptable

(17,7%) 2 unacceptable

(2,1%) 3 don't know no answer

22. Do you think that it is morally acceptable for young people to have sexual relationships before the marriage provided they love each other?

(63,7%) 1 acceptable

(33,7%) 2 unacceptable

(2,6%) 3 don't know / no answer

23. We should now like to ask your opinion about film censorship. Which of these ideas express your opinion better?

(62,1%) 1 mature people should be free to decide which films they want to see, even if they are unsuitable.

(33,0%) 2 unsuitable films should be banned by censorship, even for adults.

(4,9%) 3 don't know / no answer

24. Do you believe that the law should authorize divorce?

(25,5%) 1 in no case should it be authorised

(73,7%) 2 it should be authorized in some cases

(0,8%) 3 don't know / no answer

To those who answer "in some cases", in what cases should divorce be authorized?

A. should be authorized when both spouses request it by common consent:

- (94,4%) 1 yes
- (4,2%) 2 no
- (1,4%) 3 no answer

B. should be authorized when either one of the spouses requests it, based on the fact that the couple is separated in fact:

- (70,6%) 1 yes
- (27,1%) 2 no
- (2,3%) 3 no answer

C. should be authorized when one spouse mistreats the other :

- (90,5%) 1 yes
- (8,7%) 2 no
- (0,8%) 3 no answer

25. Which of these ideas best expresses your opinion regarding the abortion?

- (46,1%) 1 abortion should always be prohibited
- (43,8%) 2 abortion should only be allowed in special cases
- (8,7%) 3 abortion should be a free option for women
- (1,4%) 4 don't know / no answer

26. Next I am going to show you a series of polarised statements, that is to say, one sentence is at one extreme to the other.

Between each extremes, there are positions which indicate how near you are to one side or the other.

For example: At the momeent would you say that you feel:

Very hot very cold

Where would you put yourself on this scale?

WHERE WOULD YOU PLACE YOURSELF AS REGARDS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS,?

Average

(4,8)	tends to consume new products	tends to consume products that you already know
(4,4)	in general, questions the established norms	in general, accepts the established norms
(3,3)	in general, prefers the safe road sure, although it is slower	In general, prefers to take a risk to achieve higher goals
(3,6)	doesn't like to participate in community activities (neighbourhood committees sports clubs/religious movements)	likes to participate in community activities (neighbourhood committees sports clubs/religious movements)

27. And, what is your opinion regarding the following statements of opposites, using the same system as the previous one?

Average

(2,3)	the best government is one that consults the opinion of all sectors and look for consensus	the best government is one that imposes its will
(3,1)	in moral matters, the law should recognize that each person has the their conscience	in moral matters, the law should establish norms for people's behaviour freedom to acting according to
(3,3)	it is preferable that the economy operates based on a free market	it is preferable that the economy operates based on State planning
(2,7)	over the nex few years, the Armed Forces should not interview in political life whatever the circumstances might be	over the next few years the Armed Forces should interfere in political life in the case of a political and social crisis

(2,2) the social changes should always be undertaken using democratic methods if democracy does not produce social change, then it is legitimate to use force

28. Passing now to the religious theme: Do you believe in the existence of God?

- (96,2%) 1 yes
- (3,1%) 2 no
- (0,7%) 3 no answer, don't know

29. How important is God in your life?

- (84,0%) 1 very important
- (11,0%) 2 quite important
- (1,1%) 3 a not very important
- (2,1%) 4 not important
- (1,7%) 5 no answer

30. Do you believe that life exists after death?

- (67,8%) 1 yes
- (21,8%) 2 no
- (10,4%) 3 don't know, not sure

31. Would you define yourself as a religious person?

- (66,8%) 1 yes
- (29,2%) 2 no
- (4,0%) 3 don't know, no answer

32. How frequently do you go to Church or practice your religion?

- (24,5%) 1 once a week or more frequently
- (15,7%) 2 once or twice a month
- (10,5%) 3 two or three times a year
- (31,6%) 4 rarely. Very much from time to time
- (17,5%) 5 never. Hardly ever
- (0,3%) 6 no answer

33. How frequently do you pray?

- (52,1%) 1 every day or almost every day
- (11,9%) 2 more than once per week
- (8,4%) 3 a couple of times a month
- (18,1%) 4 sometimes. Only when you have problems or you want to ask for something
- (8,1%) 5 don't pray
- (0,6%) 6 don't answer

34. Could you tell me the religion or church which you belong to or feel nearest to?

- (74,7%) 1 Catholic
- (0,8%) 2 Methodist
- (3,0%) 3 Methodist Pentecostal
- (7,7%) 4 Evangelical Pentecostal
- (0,9%) 5 Baptist
- (0,9%) 6 Adventist
- (0,0%) 7 Salvation Army
- (0,0%) 8 Lutheran
- (0,0%) 9 Anglican
- (1,8%) 10 another Christian church
- (1,1%) 11 Mormon
- (2,0%) 12 Jehovah Witness
- (0,2%) 13 Jewish
- (0,0%) 14 another non-Christian religion
- (6,6%) 15 don't have religion
- (0,2%) 16 no answer

35. A last question on the topic of the Soviet Union: As you know, during recent months a lot of important events have happened in the Soviet Union. In general, the press has called it "the fall of Communism». In your opinion, which of the following statements seems to you to be more accurate and true?

- (31,9%) 1 Communism has been defeated transitorily in the Soviet Union, but it will come back the same or stronger than before.
- (48,1%) 2 Communism is clearly defeated in the Soviet Union and its death is inevitable.
- (20,0%) 3 don't know

36. In your opinion, the crisis which Communism went through in the Soviet Union is due mainly to:

(41,0%) 1 the lack of democracy and the violation of Human Rights in the Soviet Union.

(41,1%) 2 the bad economic situation in the Soviet Union

(17,9%) 3 don't know

37. Taking into consideration all that happened in the Soviet Union and other countries that belonged until recently within the Soviet orbit (East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, etc.), which of the following statements do you think is nearest to the truth?

(7,7%) 1 the world is moving towards a non-Communist socialism

(17,1%) 2 the world is towards towards Capitalism

(52,4%) 3 the world is moving towards a mixed system that combines aspects of Capitalism and Socialism

(22,9%) 4 don't know

Now, please, to finish, some personal data.

A. How old are you?

(24,5%) 1: 18-24

(26,8%) 2: 25-34

(18,2%) 3: 35-44

(12,4%) 4: 45-54

(9,1%) 5: 55-64

(9,0%) 6: 65 and over

B. What is your civil status?

(56,0%) 1: married

(31,2%) 2: single

(2,8%) 3: living with someone

(6,5%) 4: separated, divorced

(3,5%) 5: no answer

C. Do you have children.less than 21 years of age?

%

(51,7%) - yes

(48,2%) - no

(0,1%) - no answer

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

%

- (1,2) 1 NONE
- (3,3) 2 1 - 3
- (17,0) 3 4 - 7
- (13,0) 4 8 (completed Primary education)
- (18,0) 5 9-11
- (25,9) 6 12 (completed Secondary school)
- (17,5) 7 13-17
- (4,0) 8 18 or more
- (0,1) 9 no answer

E. What is your main profession or occupation?

%

- (32,4) EMPLOYEE WITH CONTRACT (EMPLOYEE, ARMED FORCES, MANUAL WORKER, MANAGER, EXECUTIVE ETC)
- (5,1) UNEMPLOYED, LOOKING FOR WORK
- (25,0) HOUSEWIFE
- (9,4) PENSIONER, RETIRED, INDEPENDENT MEANS
- (9,8) STUDENT
- (17,4) INDEPENDENT WORKER (In this case answer next Q)
- (0,8) no answer

What type of independent worker are you?

%

- (10,7) INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL
- (24,7) INDUSTRIAL, SHOPKEEPER, BIG OR SMALL MANAGER
- (27,4) CARRY ON SOME OCCUPATION (ELECTRICIAN, PLUMBER, ETC.)
- (19,8) OCCASIONAL WORK
- (7,7) OTHER
- (9,6) no answer

F. Socio-economic level

1: ABC1 2: C2 3: C3 4: D 5: E

G. Sex

1: male 2: female