

QUESTIONNAIRE
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1. To begin this questionnaire I am going to pass you a card with different comments on it and I should like you to tell me which of them reflects the actual situation at your University today:

- (50.7%) in my University there are, generally, a lot of serious problems
- (9.2%) in my University there are a lot of problems, but they are generally not too serious
- (3.3%) in my University there a lot of problems but they are not serious ones
- (23.7%) in my University there are several problems and they are generally serious
 - (7.8% in my University there are several problems and they are fairly serious
 - (3.5%) 'in my University there are several problems but there are not serious
 - (1.3%) in my University there are no problems
 - (0.5%) don't know

2. What are the two most important problems that exist in your University at the moment?.

- (37.4%) Lack of state support or scholarships
- (30.9%) lack of finance to implement things
- (17.7%) cost of registration and degree
 - (2.2%) low salaries that affect the teaching staff
- (14.6%) intervention of the authorities
 - (9.2%) no freedom of expression
 - (8.7%) repression
 - (7.6%) lack of channels for participating in activities
 - (3.6%) students politically organised
 - (2.4%) lack of pluralism
 - (0.8%) students federation which is non-representative
 - (0.8%) "Gaete" Law
- (11.4%) lack of good teachers
 - (4.8%) low academic level
 - (3.4%) rigid programmes
 - (2.5%) lack of research
 - (1.0%) excessive academic demands
 - (8.3%) bad organisation/administration
 - (2.9%) university elitism
 - (1.9%) lack of information regarding activities
 - (1.4%) lack of qualifications of teachers and students

- (5.9%) disunity, lack of dialogue
- (2.4%) no commitment to the real world
- (3.7%) others

3. Which of the following do you think are responsible for the problems that exist in your University today?.

- (47.7%) the Government
- (11.7%) Ministry of Education
- (22.1%) University authorities (Rector, Dean, Director etc)
- (1.9%) Students Federation
- (3.6%) students in general
- (9.2%) others

4. I am now going to read a series of situations to you so that you can put a mark from 1 to 7 against them, taking into consideration that 1 is very bad and 7 is excellent. (amount of scholarships for further training that the university offers: teachers salaries: (amount of money they receive): violence, disorder in the University: economic resources that exist in your University for research: installations and/or implements that exist to improve teaching/learning in a particular subject or for subjects in general (libraries, laboratories, class rooms, sports pitches): why you choose the subjects that you are actually following (better marks, more options):the participation that you have in the decisions of your University and the quality of the teachers: the amount of teachers available: the amount of general background courses that you get: updating of your study programmes (if they teach you up to date courses or courses based on old programmes): cost of the course (whether or not you agree with the costs of what you pay).

5. Taking into consideration both the positive and negative aspects of your University where would you place it (mark between 1 and 7)?.

- (2.5%) 1
- (4.5%) 2
- (13.3%) 3
- (27.2%) 4
- (39.2%) 5
- (11.3%) 6
- (2.0%) 7

6. Y am going to mention various groups to you and I should like you to categorise them between 1 and 7 in accordance to how you feel they carry out their job :

- 4.4 Students Federation
- 4.7 Teachers in general
- 4.6 Students in general
- 2.6 Rector
- 3.3 Dean

7. Which of the following comments best reflects the situation at your University?.

- (13.2%) there are a lot of politics and it's difficult to study
- (24.3%) there are a lot of politics but it's not difficult to study
- (10.5%) there are some politics and it makes it difficult to study
- (44.0%) there are some politics and it's not difficult to study
- (5.7%) there are no politics
- (2.3%) don't know

8. Which of the following best reflects your attitude:

- (27.8%) Y like politics and actively participate
- (59.2%) Y like politics but am not an active participant
- (11.3%) Y don't like politics and don't participate
- (1.7%) don't know

9. Y am now going to read you some of the ways in which the State can aid Universities. I should like to know which of these you prefer?.

- (15.3%) that dues should be free for all students
- (12.8%) that dues should be free only for those students who are poor
- (13.3%) that those who cannot pay be lent the money at a reasonably low interest rate so that they can pay it back once they are working (fiscal credit).
- (55.8%) that everyone pays but according to the income of the family
- (0.8%) don't know

10. If the student card was given to every student do you think that the amount of students asking for fiscal credit would go down or do you think it would stay the same?.

- (50.0%) go down
- (38.8%) stay the same
- (11.2%) don't know

11. and now I should like to pass on to another subject. In comparison to your family (i.e.the people who live in your house are you more or less religious than they are?.

- (13.2%) more
- (43.8%) the same
- (41.0%) less
- (2.0%) don't know

12. And are your family all government supporters, against the government or do they take different positions.?.

- (7.5%) supporters
- (41.8%) against the government
- (47.2%) different political positions
- (3.5%) no answer

13. as for today, do you think that you have a better economic situation than your parents, the same or worse?.

- (41,8% better
- (28.3%) the same
- (11,7%) worse
- (18,2%) don't know

14. do you agree or disagree that Chile should pass a law allowing abortion?.

- (22,3%) agree
- (72,3%) disagree
- (5,3%) don't know

15. which of the following phrases do you think best reflects your opinion as regards pre-marital sex?.

- (13,8%) sexual relations should only happen within marriage
- (54,3%) sexual relations can exist when you have a stable, profound and serious partner and if the relationship lasts for a long time
- (23,7%) sexual relationships are part of going out together, independent of the type of partner that you have
- (5,8%) dependent on the couple
- (0,8%) don't know, don't answer

16. How frequently do you go to church or how frequently do you practice your religion?.

- (22,0%) once a week or more
- (13,0%) every fortnight or once a month
- (39,7%) sporadically or rarely
- (25,0%) have no religion or don't practice one
- (0,3%) don't know, no answer

17. Sometimes people feel afraid confronting certain situations. I am now going to read to you a selection of different situations and I should like you to tell me which of the two you personally would feel most worried about:

- (49,3%) not be able to continue studying for lack of resources
- (29,8%) disorder or political chaos in the country
- (18,5%) the existence of a communist government
- (22,5%) increase in the cost of living, inflation
- (36,3%) to be expelled from university
- (6,8%) the present regime continues
- (6,7%) disorder or political chaos in the university
- (1,7%) repression, political persecution
- (1,5%) unemployment
- (1,2%) war
- (1,0%) future uncertain
- (0,8%) none
- (0,5%) death
- (3,2%) others
- (1,7%) don't know, don't answer

18. Now, imagine a 7 point scale, the highest of which, a 7, represents the highest point on the scale for happiness and satisfaction that you can imagine, and the lowest, a 1, represents the lowest in terms of unhappiness and dissatisfaction that you can imagine. Where would you place yourself on this scale at the moment?.

- (1,0%) 1
- (0,8%) 2
- (7,7%) 3
- (22,2%) 4
- (43,3%) 5
- (21,0%) 6
- (3,8%) 7
- (0,2%) don't know

19. On the following list which are the factors that you think would help you to climb up the scale?

- (38,7%) to be accepted as I am or for people to know me better
- (1,8%) to live in a better house or a better area
- (3,7%) to change my career or my university
- (11,0%) to have the books or tools necessary for my career
- (8,8%) to get a scholarship or some form of help
- (0,7%) to have a car or change the one I have
- (0,3%) to have or change my music centre, TV, clothes or sports accesories
- (11,0%) to have a great girlfriend/boyfriend
- (13,5%) to live in a more agreeable family atmosphere
- (5,2%) to have better friends
- (10,0%) to have more free time
- (13,7%) to have better marks or to make it easier for me to study
- (38,2%) to be able to learn or study other things besides my career
- (3,7%) personal fulfilment
- (3,0%) to live in a democratic and free country
- (2,8%) tranquility, peace and unity
- (2,8%) a change in the political system or the government
- (2,3%) economic well-being
- (1,3%) to form a family or be a couple
- (3,3%) others
- (3,2%) don't know

20. We are going to change direction again. I am going to read you various statements and I should like you to tell me if you agree or disagree with them. (agree, disagree, neither agree nor disagree).The prices of products should be fixed by the Government, State companies generally perform worse than private ones, foreign investment is advantageous for the development of the country.

The prices of products should be controlled by the Government

- (37,8%) agree
- (47,2%) disagree
- (10,0%) neither agree or disagree
- (5,0%) don't know

State companies generally function worse than private ones

- (43,2%) agree
- (34,2%) disagree
- (12,7%) neither agree or disagree
- (10,0%) don't know

Foreign investment is advantageous for the development of the country

- (47,8%) agree
- (31,5%) disagree
- (14,7%) neither agree or disagree
- (6,0%) don't know

21. Which of the two phrases that I am now going to read you best reflects what you think?

- (61,2%) it is best that big companies are under the control of the State
- (25,2%) it is best that big companies remain in private hands
- (13,7%) don't know, no comment

22. As far as mutual funds are concerned, that is to say the savings that people have in State fund companies, private ones or in Savings Banks, which of the alternatives that you are going to read do you believe to be the best administrator or manager of those funds

- (37,0%) the State
- (1,3%) private foreign companies
- (12,3%) private national companies
- (38,0%) self savings schemes
- (2,7%) others
- (8,8%) don't know

23. As far as health is concerned, which do you think is best: that the health system in Chile be managed by or administered privately or be State run?

- (16,3%) run privately
- (74,7%) run by the state
- (9,0%) don't know

24. Y am going to read you the names of some ex-Presidents of Chile and I should like to tell me where you think they stand or stood politically: Jorge Alessandri, Eduardo Frei, Salvador Allende, Augusto Pinochet (Right, Centre Right, Centre, Centre Left, Left, Independent).

25. Y should now like you to tell me not what you would like or not like to happen, but what you really believe will happen:

- (3,8%) Pinochet will leave the Presidency before 1989
- (38,3%) Pinochet will leave the Presidency in 1989
- (52,5%) Pinochet will continue in the Presidency after 1989
- (5,3%) don't know

26. How do you define yourself politically?

- (25,0%) on the Left or sympathetic to the Left
- (14,4%) on the Centre Left or sympathetic to the Centre Left
- (17,5%) in the Centre or sympathetic to the Centre
- (8,3%) on the Centre Right or sympathetic to the Centre Right
- (5,5%) on the Right or sympathetic to the Right
- (23,3%) Independent
- (6,0%) not defined