



**VALUE PROFILES OF STUDENTS**  
*International investigation*

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Along with some 2.000 students from countries of Central and Eastern Europe, you have been chosen into a sample for a n international investigation of students' value orientations. We kindly ask you to answer earnestly and in entirety the questions, which follow. For your answers we guarantee full anonymity. Work with speed and do not stop for too long on individual questions, as we are interested in your first reactions and not in long pondering. The results of the survey will be published by the end of 2009.

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**We begin with a few questions regarding religion.**

**1. What is your religious affiliation?**

1. Catholic
2. Eastern Orthodox (please indicate which!\_\_\_\_\_)
3. Other Christian (please indicate which!\_\_\_\_\_)
4. Islamic
5. Other \_\_\_\_\_
6. I don't know, I cannot say
7. None

**2. How often do you attend religious service performed by your religious institution?**

1. Every or almost every day
2. At least once weekly
3. At least once monthly
4. Occasionally
5. Only on rare occasions
6. Never

**3. How often do you pray or meditate outside of religious service?**

1. Every day or almost every day
2. At least once weekly
3. At least once monthly
4. Occasionally
5. Only on rare occasions
6. Never

**4. Would you say you are:**

1. A completely non-religious person (please skip to question 17 ).
2. A predominantly non-religious persons
3. A moderately religious person
4. A predominantly religious person
5. A very religious person

Please rate the following statements by marking a number from 1 to 5. Use the following scale: 1 = "Disagree", 5 = "Agree".

	Disagree					Agree				
5. I try hard to carry my religion over into all my other dealings in life.	1	2	3	4	5					
6. Quite often I have been keenly aware of the presence of God or the Divine Being.	1	2	3	4	5					
7. My religious beliefs are what lie behind my whole approach to life.	1	2	3	4	5					
8. It is important to me to spend periods of time in private religious thought and meditation.	1	2	3	4	5					
9. A primary reason for my interest in religion is that my church is a congenial social activity.	1	2	3	4	5					
10. One reason for my being a church member is that such membership helps to establish a person in the community.	1	2	3	4	5					
11. I pray chiefly because I have been taught to pray.	1	2	3	4	5					
12. The purpose of prayer is to secure a happy and peaceful life.	1	2	3	4	5					
13. I am constantly questioning my religious beliefs.	1	2	3	4	5					
14. There are many religious issues on which my views are still changing.	1	2	3	4	5					
15. For me doubting is an important part of what it means to be religious.	1	2	3	4	5					
16. My life experiences have led me to rethink my religious convictions.	1	2	3	4	5					

The following are some statements regarding youth. Please rate the statements by marking a number from 1 to 5.

	Disagree					Agree				
17. I see a lot of hatred towards young people in this society.	1	2	3	4	5					
18. Our society does quite a lot for young people.	1	2	3	4	5					
19. I'm grateful for many things my parents have done for me.	1	2	3	4	5					
20. I try to understand my parents although it is sometimes hard.	1	2	3	4	5					
21. I don't care a lot for the experiences of adults.	1	2	3	4	5					
22. I learn more from people of my age than from my parents.	1	2	3	4	5					
23. Parents constantly interfere with matters, which don't concern them.	1	2	3	4	5					
24. The police don't treat the young fairly.	1	2	3	4	5					
25. The youth do not have to accept everything what others demand of them at work, and have to make a stand against things they disagree with.	1	2	3	4	5					
26. Not many adults understand the problems the youth	1	2	3	4	5					

are faced with.					
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**27. In your opinion, what chances do the youth have to effect social outcomes in your country?**

1. None, they have no chances
2. Small chances
3. Medium
4. Rather large
5. Large

**28. How often have you travelled abroad?**

1. Never
2. Once
3. Up to five times
4. More than five times

**29. With the exception of the things you have read in the newspaper or have seen on TV, what personal experience do you have with people of other nationalities? (You may circle more than one answer)**

1. I know them only superficially
2. I go to school with them
3. I have friend of other nationalities
4. I have family members of other nationalities

**Please rate the following statements by marking a number from 1 to 5.**

	Disagree					Agree				
30. Tradition is a major guidance at the crossroads in my life.	1	2	3	4	5					
31. One can often find better friends among foreigners than among people of his own nationality.	1	2	3	4	5					
32. One has to love even shortcomings of his own nation.	1	2	3	4	5					
33. Nationally mixed marriages are bound to fail.	1	2	3	4	5					
34. A man can feel safe only when he lives in an environment where his nation is the majority.	1	2	3	4	5					
35. When jobs are scarce, men should have more right for have them than women.	1	2	3	4	5					
36. On the whole, men are better leaders than women.	1	2	3	4	5					
37. It is good to have equality within a marriage, although in principle it is better if a man has the final say.	1	2	3	4	5					
38. A marriage is becoming a surpassed institution.	1	2	3	4	5					
39. Our ancestors may have been less knowledgeable in science, but	1	2	3	4	5					

they were wiser than most are today.					
	<b>Disagree</b>				<b>Agree</b>
40. Customs observed by our ancestors should be practised even when it's difficult to grasp their meaning.	1	2	3	4	5
41. What our country really needs, instead of more "civil rights", is a good stiff dose of law and order.	1	2	3	4	5
42. What our country really needs is a strong determined Chancellor/President, which will crush the evil and set us on our right way again.	1	2	3	4	5
43. Obedience and respect for authority are the most important values children should learn.	1	2	3	4	5
44. The real keys to the "good life" are obedience, discipline, and virtue.	1	2	3	4	5
45. The withdrawal from tradition will turn out to be a fatal fault one day.	1	2	3	4	5
46. Being virtuous and law-abiding is in the long run better for us than permanently challenging the foundation of our society.	1	2	3	4	5

On an average weekday, how much, in total, do you watch/listen/read news and/or politics in the following media?

	Never	Less than 15 min	From 15 to 30 min	From 30 min to 1 h	From 1 h to 1,5 h	From 1,5 h to 2 h	From 2 h to 2,5 h	From 2,5 h to 3 h	From 3 h to 3,5 h	More than 3,5 h
47. TV	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
48. Newspaper	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
49. Magazines	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
50. Radio	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
51. Internet	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

On an average weekday, how much, in total, do you watch / listen / read entertainment/relaxation content in the following media?

	Never	Less than 15 min	From 15 to 30 min	From 30 min to 1 h	From 1 h to 1,5 h	From 1,5 h to 2 h	From 2 h to 2,5 h	From 2,5 h to 3 h	From 3 h to 3,5 h	More than 3,5 h
52. TV	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
53. Newspaper	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
54. Magazines	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
55. Radio	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

On an average weekday, how much, in total, do you use the Internet for entertainment purposes (i.e. communication, information search, etc).

	Never	Less than 15 min	From 15 min to 30 min	From 30 min to 1 h	From 1 h to 1,5 h	From 1,5 h to 2 h	From 2 h to 2,5 h	From 2,5 h to 3 h	From 3 h to 3,5 h	More than 3,5 h
56. Internet	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

The following are some statements regarding your views of public events.

**57. How interested are you in politics?**

1. Not at all interested
2. Only slightly interested
3. Quite interested
4. Very interested

Please indicate the frequency you discuss politics in the following situations:

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
58. At home with my family.	1	2	3	4
59. At the faculty with my schoolmates.	1	2	3	4
60. With friends/colleagues outside of the faculty.	1	2	3	4
61. With a girlfriend/boyfriend.	1	2	3	4
62. With other people (neighbours, acquaintances, etc.).	1	2	3	4

**63. What do you usually do when you are with people who start talking about politics? Which is the most appropriate answer for you?**

1. I hardly ever listen when people start talking about politics.
2. I usually listen, but I never participate in the discussion.
3. I sometimes happen that I give my opinion, but not often.
4. Usually I participate in the discussion and give my opinion.

Some people are often engaged in politics, while others cannot find the time to participate in politics. How about you – how often have you participated in the following activities?

		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
64.	Signed a petition.	1	2	3	4
65.	Attended a political meeting or rally.	1	2	3	4
66.	Contacted a public official or a politician.	1	2	3	4
67.	Contributed money for a political party or a candidate.	1	2	3	4
68.	Have worked/campaigned for a political party or a candidate.	1	2	3	4
69.	Try to convince others to vote for the same political party or a candidate as myself.	1	2	3	4

	Yes	No
70. Have you voted in the last parliament elections? (Answer this question only if you had the right to vote at the time the elections took place)	1	2
71. Are you a member of any political party?	1	2
72. Are you a member of any non-political voluntary organization? If yes, please indicate how many? (___)	1	2

**73. Are you going to vote in the next parliament elections?**

1. Definitely
2. Probably
3. Probably not
4. Definitely not

**74. Are you:**

1. Very close to a particular political party
2. Fairly close to a particular political party
3. Merely a sympathizer of a particular political party
4. Close to no party

**75. In politics people sometimes talk of left and right. Where would you place yourself on a scale from 0 to 10 where 1 means the left and 11?**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Left					Right					

People have different attitudes regarding the national government. Statements that follow do not refer to particular parties that are in power, but to national government in general. Please rate the following statements by marking a number from 1 to 5:

	Disagree				Agree
76. Politicians are honest with the media and the public.	1	2	3	4	5
77. Politicians look out for the interests of the public before they look out for their own interests.	1	2	3	4	5
78. Politicians lose touch with life in the real world after they are elected.	1	2	3	4	5
79. You can trust the government to do what is right.	1	2	3	4	5
80. The government is pretty much run by a few big interests.	1	2	3	4	5
81. Quite a few people running the government are a little crooked.	1	2	3	4	5

Please rate the following statements by marking a number from 1 to 5:

	Strongly disagree				Strongly agree
82. My studies actually make me qualified for my profession.	1	2	3	4	5
	Strongly				Strongly

	disagree				agree
83. I am fully satisfied with higher education system in our country.	1	2	3	4	5
84. I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing our country	1	2	3	4	5
85. I feel I could do as good a job in public office as most other people.	1	2	3	4	5
86. I consider myself well qualified to participate in politics.	1	2	3	4	5
87. I think that I am better informed about politics and government than most people.	1	2	3	4	5
88. People like me don't have any say about what the government does	1	2	3	4	5
89. I don't think public officials care much what people like me think.	1	2	3	4	5
90. Sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on.	1	2	3	4	5

**Please rate the following statements by marking a number from 1 to 5:**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree, neither disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
91. The government ought to reduce the income differences between rich and poor.	1	2	3	4	5
92. Big business owners benefit at the expense of workers.	1	2	3	4	5
93. Ordinary working people do not get their fair share of the nation's wealth.	1	2	3	4	5
94. There is one law for the rich and another for the poor.	1	2	3	4	5
95. Management will always try to get the better of employees if it gets the chance.	1	2	3	4	5
96. If there are not enough jobs for all the people who want to work, then the government should create jobs.	1	2	3	4	5

**97. We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. Here is a 7-point scale on which the political views that people might hold are arranged. Where would you place yourself on this scale?**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Extremely liberal	Liberal	Slightly liberal	Moderate or middle of the road	Slightly conservative	Conservative	Extremely conservative

**How often are you involved in the following activities?**

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
98. I am active with regards to youth interests and youth.	1	2	3	4



99. I am active with regards to environmental protection and/or animal protection.	1	2	3	4
	<b>Never</b>	<b>Rarely</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Often</b>
100. I am active with regards to security and tidiness of the area I live in.	1	2	3	4
101. I am active with regards to the poor and socially underprivileged.	1	2	3	4
102. I am active with regards to social and political changes in my country.	1	2	3	4

**103. Following are statements/goals which people prioritise. If you had to choose, which one of the things on this card would you say is most important? Please circle 2 answers.**

1. Maintain order in the nation.
2. Give people more say in important government decisions.
3. Fight rising prices.
4. Protect freedom of speech.

**We now ask you to express your views on regarding the statements bellow. How would you sort your views on the scale bellow? Circling No. 1 means your total agreement with the statements of the left, while choosing No. 10 means your total agreement with the statement on the right. If your views are somewhere in between, you may choose the most appropriate number between them (chose only one number for each statement).**

104. Private ownership of business should be increased.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Government ownership of business should be increased.
105. People should take more responsibility to provide for themselves.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	The government should take more responsibility to ensure that everybody is provided for.

**106. How often do you spend your evenings socializing with other people who are not members of your family:**

1. Never
2. Rarely
3. Sometimes
4. Almost every day
5. Every day

**We will now list some of personality characteristics, which differentiate people. Please, rate the statements from 1 = "never true of me" to 7= "always true of me" regarding the extent these characteristics hold true for you.**

	Never true of me					Always true of me	
107. I am an affectionate person.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
108. I am willing to take a risk.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
109. I am willing to take a stand.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

110. I am a tender person.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Never true of me				Always true of me		
111. I have a strong personality.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
112. I am a warm person.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
113. I am eager to soothe hurt feelings.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
114. I defend my own beliefs.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
115. I am a compassionate person.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
116. I have good leadership abilities.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Please rate the following statements by marking a number from 1 to 5:

	Never true of me				Always true of me	
117. I have made a lot of mistakes in my life.	1	2	3	4	5	
118. If I could live my life over again there are a lot of things I would do differently.	1	2	3	4	5	
119. I have never felt great remorse or guilt.	1	2	3	4	5	

Please, rate the statements from 1 = “untypical of me” to 5= “typical of me” regarding the extent the following statements are characteristic of you:

	Untypical of me			Typical of me	
120. For the sake of the environment, I am willing to renounce the use of certain products that I used to.	1	2	3	4	5
121. I am willing to pay higher prices for environmentally friendly products.	1	2	3	4	5
122. When possible, I buy products made from recycled materials.	1	2	3	4	5
123. In order to reduce pollution, I am willing to use a bike or public transit instead of a car.	1	2	3	4	5
124. I am willing to wear less white or shiny clothes in order to reduce the pollution of the environment.	1	2	3	4	5
125. When possible, I buy returnable packaging products.	1	2	3	4	5
126. Sometimes I encourage my friends to use environmentally unfriendly products.	1	2	3	4	5

Please rate the following statements by marking a number from 1 to 5:

	Disagree	Agree
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127. The balance of nature is very delicate and easily upset.	1	2	3	4	5
	Disagree				Agree
128. When humans interfere with nature it often produces disastrous consequences.	1	2	3	4	5
129. Mankind is severely abusing the environment.	1	2	3	4	5
130. The so-called ecological crisis facing humankind has been greatly exaggerated.	1	2	3	4	5
131. If things continue on their present course, we will soon experience a major ecological catastrophe.	1	2	3	4	5
132. Humans have the right to modify the natural environment to suit their needs.	1	2	3	4	5
133. Humans were meant to rule over the rest of nature.	1	2	3	4	5
134. Plants and animals exist primarily to be used by humans.	1	2	3	4	5

**Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful?**

135. Most people can be trusted.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	You can't be too careful when dealing with people.
136. Most people try to be fair.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Most people try to take advantage of you.

**Following are some statements and questions regarding the present state of our country.** Circling No. 1 means your total agreement with the statements of the left, while choosing No. 6 means your total agreement with the statement on the right. If your views are somewhere in between, you may choose the most appropriate number between them (chose only one number for each statement).

	<u>MY COUNTRY</u>						
137. Non-democratic	1	2	3	4	5	6	Democratic
138. Does not enable good conditions for life	1	2	3	4	5	6	Enables good conditions for life
139. Does not respect human rights	1	2	3	4	5	6	Respects human rights
140. Does not take good care of the poor citizens	1	2	3	4	5	6	Takes good care of the poor citizens
141. The economy is poorly developed	1	2	3	4	5	6	The economy is developed

	<u>THE EUROPEAN UNION</u>						
142. Non-democratic	1	2	3	4	5	6	Democratic
143. Does not enable good conditions for life	1	2	3	4	5	6	Enables good conditions for life
144. Does not respect human rights	1	2	3	4	5	6	Respects human rights
145. Does not take good care of the poor citizens	1	2	3	4	5	6	Takes good care of the poor citizens
146. The economy is poorly developed	1	2	3	4	5	6	The economy is developed

**How do you rate your own nationality in comparison to others:**

147. Lazy	1	2	3	4	5	Diligent
148. Dirty	1	2	3	4	5	Clean
149. Unkind	1	2	3	4	5	Kind
150. Fair	1	2	3	4	5	Unfair
151. Democracy is alien to it	1	2	3	4	5	Democratically inclined

**People have different opinion with regard to Roma-Gypsies in our country. Please rate the following statements by marking a number from 1 to 5.**

	<b>Disagree</b>			<b>Agree</b>	
152. The inclination to commit crimes is inborn in the Gypsies.	1	2	3	4	5
153. The increase in the number of the Gypsy population is a threat to the public security.	1	2	3	4	5
154. There ought to be certain places where Gypsies should not allowed to enter.	1	2	3	4	5
155. The country should support that Gypsies could learn at school in their native language if they wanted to.	1	2	3	4	5

A few assertions on the former state of Yugoslavia; as much as you are knowledgeable, express the degree of your agreement:

	Strongly disagree				Strongly agree
156. SFRY was always a country of repression.	1	2	3	4	5
157. Yugoslavia was a country of interethnic tolerance.	1	2	3	4	5
158. A few malevolent people brought about the dissolution of Yugoslavia.	1	2	3	4	5
159. Yugoslavia was doomed to fail from the outset.	1	2	3	4	5
160. It would be good, if the states of the former Yugoslavia were again to live in a joint state.	1	2	3	4	5
161. For my nationality, the dissolution of Yugoslavia was useful.	1	2	3	4	5

162. If one may speak in such terms at all, whom do you consider most responsible for the dissolution of Yugoslavia? (one answer only)

1. One may not speak in such terms
2. Politicians
3. The army
4. Intellectuals
5. The foreign factor

In your opinion, which peoples are most responsible for the recent conflicts in the territory of the former Yugoslavia?

	Not responsible			Very responsible	
163. Albanians	1	2	3	4	5
164. Bosnians/Muslims	1	2	3	4	5
165. Montenegrins	1	2	3	4	5
166. Croats	1	2	3	4	5
167. Macedonians	1	2	3	4	5
168. Slovenes	1	2	3	4	5
169. Serbs	1	2	3	4	5

**170. For your family, the emancipation of republics, i.e. the dissolution of Yugoslavia represented:**

1. Something very good
2. Something good
3. Nothing particular
4. Something bad
5. Something very bad

**171. For your family, the transition from Communism/Socialism into democratic and capitalist society represented:**

1. Something very good
2. Something good
3. Nothing particular
4. Something bad
5. Something very bad

**Now please think back to the time when you were about 14 years old and rate the following statements regarding your relationship you had with your parents at that time. When asking about parents, this can also mean other persons who were carrying out parental role in your life. If there was no such person, accordingly do not rate the individual statements.**

	Untypical of me				Typical of me
172. My mother gave me the right amount of affection.	1	2	3	4	5
173. My mother seemed to wish I were a different type of person.	1	2	3	4	5
174. When I was not at home, my mother knew my whereabouts.	1	2	3	4	5
175. My father gave me the right amount of affection.	1	2	3	4	5
176. My father seemed to wish I were a different type of person.	1	2	3	4	5
177. When I was not at home, my father knew my whereabouts.	1	2	3	4	5

**178. How would you describe your mother during your childhood?**

**Very strict**

**Very lenient**

1	2	3	4	5
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**179. How would you describe your father during your childhood?**

**Very strict**

**Very lenient**

1	2	3	4	5
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**180. In general, who was making the decisions in your family during your childhood?**

1. Father
2. Mother
3. Both together

**181. In general, what was the atmosphere in your family like, during your childhood?**

**Not harmonious at all**

**Very harmonious**

1	2	3	4	5
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**182. How do you see the future of yourself personally?**

1. Much better than the present
2. Somewhat better than the present
3. The same as the present
4. Somewhat worse than the present
5. Significantly worse than the present

**183. How do you see the future of your country as a whole?**

1. Much better than the present
2. Somewhat better than the present
3. The same as the present
4. Somewhat worse than the present
5. Significantly worse than the present

**And now a few questions regarding your habits.**

**184. Do you smoke cigarettes?**

1. Never
2. Rarely
3. Sometimes
4. Often
5. Regularly

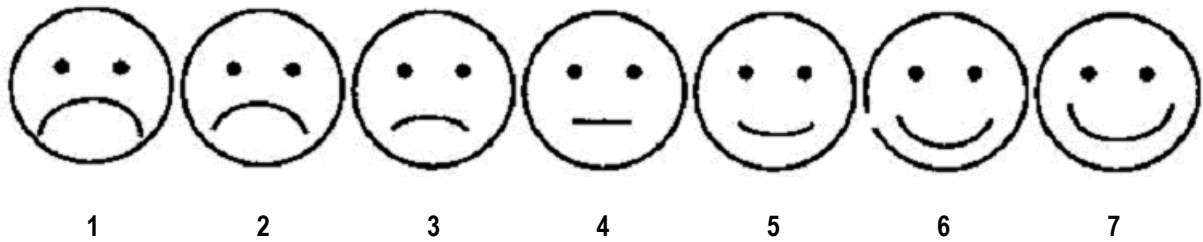
**185. Do you drink alcoholic beverages?**

1. Never
2. Rarely
3. Sometimes
4. Often
5. Regularly

186. Do you smoke/consume marihuana?

1. Haven't tried
2. Have tried, but don't smoke
3. Smoke rarely
4. Smoke often

187. Which face comes closest to expressing how you feel about your life as a whole? (Circle one number)



FINALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO PROVIDE SOME DEMOGRAPHIC  
DATA THAT WILL BE USED FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY

188. Sex

1. Male
2. Female

189. How old are you?

\_\_\_\_\_ years

190. To which nationality do you belong?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Other (please indicate \_\_\_\_\_)



**191. Please circle all the persons you live with at your permanent address:**

1. Father
2. Mother
3. Sister/s (no. \_\_\_\_?)
4. Brother/s (no. \_\_\_\_?)
5. Grandmother
6. Grandfather
7. Stepmother
8. Stepfather
9. Other persons \_\_\_\_\_ ( no: \_\_\_\_\_)

**192. Father's education (also if he is deceased):**

1. Less than elementary school
2. Elementary school
3. Any type of secondary school
4. Short cycle higher education
5. Full higher education
6. Postgraduate education

**193. Mother's education (also if he is deceased):**

1. Less than elementary school
2. Elementary school
3. Any type of secondary school
4. Short cycle higher education
5. Full higher education
6. Postgraduate education

**194. What was your general grade at the end of your last year of secondary school?**

1. Excellent
2. Very good
3. Good
4. Satisfactory/passing

**195. In general, how would you rate your health?**

1. Very good
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
5. Very poor

**196. You have lived for the major part of your life:**

1. In a larger town (more than 100.000 inhabitants)
2. In a medium size town (between 50.000 and 100.000 inhabitants)
3. In a smaller town (between 10.000 and 50.000 inhabitants)
4. In a small town (between 1.000 and 10.000 inhabitants)
5. In a village / rural settlement

**We now ask you to indicate on a scale between 1 and 10, how you assess the total value of your family property and the total monthly income of your family, relative to the standards in your country.**

		Below average					Above average				
197.	Total value of family property.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
198.	Total monthly family income.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

**Thank you for taking part in our survey. The results of the investigation will be available at your University library by the end of 2009.**