

**1999**  
**BALTIC SURVEY**  
**No. 1**

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1. Respondent No. ....
  2. Interviewer No. ....
  3. Time at start of interview .....
  4. Time at end of interview .....
  5. Date of interview .....

*6. NOTE RESPONDENT'S AREA OF RESIDENCE*

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- 1 COUNTRYSIDE
- 2 COMMUNITY
- 3 CITY (BUT NOT MAJOR CITY)
- 4 CAPITAL (INCLUDING SUBURBS)

*7. NOTE RESPONDENT'S RESIDENCE*

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1. FARMHOUSE OR OTHER COUNTRYSIDE HOUSE
2. HOUSE OR ROW-STYLE HOUSE IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBOURHOOD
3. APARTMENT IN APARTMENT HOUSE (NOT HIGH RISE AREA, I.E. MAX 4 STORIES)
4. APARTMENT IN APARTMENT HOUSE (HOUSE WITH MORE THAN 4 STORIES)
5. OTHER RESIDENCE

*8. NOTE NUMBER OF STORIES*

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*ONLY IF R LIVES IN APARTMENT IN APARTMENT HOUSE.*

NO OF STORIES IN RESPONDENT'S APARTMENT HOUSE

*9. POPULATION OF PLACE OF INTERVIEW:*

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- 1 CAPITAL CITY
- 2 100,000 – 500,000
- 3 50,000 – 100,000
- 4 20,000 – 50,000
- 5 5,000 – 20,000
- 6 RURAL, VILLAGE

*10. REGION:*

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NAME OF REGION

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*no* *very great*  
*dissatisfaction* *dissatisfaction*

(AA: Note that we must see to it that the right part of the question is asked to the right person (dont ask workers about the unemployment agencies for example), or we must formulate this question so that they dont get "offended". One way to do it is to divide this question and place the separate parts where they best fit in, for example after we ask if they have children, then follow up with questions about childcare.)

SHOW CARD 2.

11. During the past year, to what extent have you had reason to feel dissatisfied with conditions related to

Not

relevant YES NO

- 1            2   3 - your home or your residential area?
- 1            2   3 - medical care received by you or your relative?
- 1            2   3 - the care of your child(ren)?
- 1            2   3 - your child(ren)'s schooling?
- 1            2   3 - your workplace?
- 1            2   3 - with how the job centre or other unemployment agencies have handled your situation?
- 1            2   3 - your education or school?

NOTE ANSWER. "DK" NOTED AS 88.

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12. During the past year, have you done anything to try to bring about improvements or resist deterioration related to? For example, have you contacted your landlord, resident manager, residents' association, municipal building committee, a local government official or a politician.

(To the intervjuer - dont repete the alternatives that where not relevant in question A6.)

Not

relevant YES NO

- 1            2   3 - your home or your residential area? For example, have you contacted your landlord, resident manager, residents' association, municipal building committee, a **local** government official or a politician
- 1            2   3 - medical care received by you or your relative?
- 1            2   3 - the care of your child(ren)?
- 1            2   3 - your child(ren)'s schooling?
- 1            2   3 - your workplace?
- 1            2   3 - with how the job centre or other unemployment agencies have handled your situation?
- 1            2   3 - your education or school?

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13. Which of the labels on this card describes best your marital status?

- 1 Marries
- 2 Marriage-like relationship with companion
- 3 Single
- 4 Divorced
- 5 Widowed

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14. Do you have children?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

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*SHOW CARD 7.*

*IF YOU SUBTRACT:*

- home chores, including any care provided to children and others
- any gainful employment/studies, including commuting time
- and sleep.

15. Roughly how many hours per ordinary weekday do you have left for other things?

NO. OF HOURS

16. How many years did your combined full-time schooling and occupational training last?

(FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ONWARDS)

NO. OF YEARS

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17. Are you gainfully employed?

*SHOW CARD 16.*

- 1 Yes, full-time job
- 2 Yes, part-time job
- 3 Yes, but temporarily unemployed (LESS THAN 6 MONTHS)
- 4 Yes, but on a leave of absence for studies
- 5 Yes, but currently on parental leave of absence
- 6 Yes, but not working at present for other reasons
- 7 No, retired or on a disability pension
- 8 No, unemployed for a long period (MORE THAN 6 MONTHS)
- 9 No, currently a student
- 10 No, staying home to take care of children
- 11 No, not gainfully employed for other reasons

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*IF RESP IS UNEMPLOYED*

18. Four roughly how many years have you, throughout your life, been unemployed?

NO. OF YEARS

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*IF RESP. IS NOT GAINFULLY EMPLOYED (ANSWERS 7-11 ON QUESTION F6)*

19. Have you been gainfully employed before?

*IF YES:* Did you work full-time or part-time?

- 1 YES, FULL-TIME
- 2 YES, PART-TIME
- 3 NO, NEVER GAINFULLY EMPLOYED      *QUESTION F25*

*THE QUESTION CONCERNS RESP.'S MOST RECENT OCCUPATION.*

*RECORD A "NO" IF RESP. HAS ONLY HELD TEMPORARY JOBS DURING SCHOOL VACATIONS.*

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20. What occupation do/did you have?

*TO CLARIFY  
OCCUPATION*

Can you describe your  
working tasks?

OCCUPATION/WORKING TASKS: .....  
.....  
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*IF RESP/ HAS/HAD SEVERAL JOBS: THIS QUESTION CONCERNS THE MAIN OCCUPATION.*

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21. Which of these occupational categories do/did you belong to: employee, employee with supervisory function, employee with managerial function or business owner?

- 1 EMPLOYEE
- 2 EMPLOYEE WITH SUPERVISORY FUNCTION
- 3 EMPLOYEE WITH MANAGERIAL FUNCTION
- 4 BUSINESS OWNER

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22. Do you work in the private, local government or state sector?

*IF RESP. WORKS IN  
THE STATE SECTOR*

Do you work for a state-owned company, a public  
enterprise or in another state (central government)  
operation?

- 1 PRIVATE SECTOR
- 2 LOCAL OR REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR
- 3 STATE-OWNED COMPANY OR PUBLIC ENTERPRISE
- 4 OTHER STATE OPERATION
- 7 OTHER ANSWER: .....

*TEMPORARILY UNEMPLOYED (3 ON QUESTION F6)*

*QUESTION F14*

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23. Have you been unemployed at any time during the past year?

- 1 YES
  - 2 NO
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24. How often does it happen that you are worried about getting unemployed? Does it happen very often, fairly often, fairly seldom, very seldom or never?

- 1 VERY OFTEN
- 2 FAIRLY OFTEN
- 3 FAIRLY SELDOM
- 4 VERY SELDOM
- 5 NEVER

*NOT EMPLOYEE F19*

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*no  
chance*

*very good  
chance*

*SHOW CARD 1.  
READ ONE LINE AT A TIME AND NOTE ANSWER.  
"DK" NOTED AS 88.*

25. How much chance do you think you have of:

- A. Deciding when your work will begin and end for the day
- B. Deciding how your own daily work will be organised
- C. Influencing your working environment
- D. Influencing decisions about the general direction of your work

*IF NOT AN EMPLOYEE*

- E. Changing to other working tasks for your current employer if you would like to
  - F. Changing to another employer if you would like to
  - G. Start your own business if you would like to
  - H. How much chance do you think you have of influencing the action of the local trade union branch on various issues?
  - I. How much chance do you think the trade union has of influencing conditions at your workplace?
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*ORGANISATIONS AND SOCIETY*

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**I would now like to ask a number of questions about organisations, free time and society. Are you a member of any of the following organisations and associations?**

*SHOW CARD 21a. READ ONE ORGANISATION AT A TIME.*

IF THE MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS THE WHOLE FAMILY: NOTE AS IF RESP. HIS/HERSELF IS A MEMBER. IF RESP. IS A MEMBER IN AN ORGANISATION WHICH RESP. THINKS FITS TWO DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONAL TYPES: NOTE BOTH TYPES.

ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FOR EACH TYPE OF ORGANISATION OF WHICH RESP. IS A MEMBER:

26. Do you hold any position of trust in the organisation?

27. During the past year, have you been active in the organisation?

	MEMBER?		<u>IF RESP. IS A MEMBER</u>			
	YES	NO	HAS A POSITION?		BEEN ACTIVE?	
			YES	NO	YES	NO
A. Sports club	1	2	1	2	1	2
B. Environmentalist organisation	1	2	1	2	1	2
C. Cultural, musical, dancing or theatre society	1	2	1	2	1	2
D. Women's' organisation	1	2	1	2	1	2
E. Temperance organisation	1	2	1	2	1	2
F. Local political action group	1	2	1	2	1	2
G. Political party	1	2	1	2	1	2
H. Trade union	1	2	1	2	1	2
I. Farmers' organisation	1	2	1	2	1	2
J. Business or employers' organisation	1	2	1	2	1	2
K. OTHER CLUB OR ASSOCIATION: .....	1	2	1	2	1	2

*IF RESP. IS NOT A MEMBER OF ANY ASSOCIATION OR ORGANISATION (GO TO 28)*

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28. How often do you usually speak to others about politics and society?

*SHOW CARD 24.*

- 1 Almost every day
- 2 A few times a week
- 3 A few times a month
- 4 A few times a year
- 5 Never or almost never

*GO TO QUESTION 32*

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29. When you speak to others about politics and society, how often does it happen that you have different opinions? Does it happen very often, fairly often, fairly seldom, very seldom or never?

- 1 VERY OFTEN
- 2 FAIRLY OFTEN
- 3 FAIRLY SELDOM
- 4 VERY SELDOM
- 5 NEVER
- 8 DK

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30. If you think about the persons you usually speak to about politics and society, roughly how many are they?

NO. OF PERSONS

*IF LESS THAN 2*  
*IF MORE THAN 2*

*QUESTION 32*  
*QUESTION 31*

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31. To what extent do they know each other?

- 1 ALL, OR ALMOST ALL OF THEM
  - 2 SOME OF THEM
  - 3 NONE OR FEW OF THEM
  - 8 DK
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*not at all  
effective*

*very  
effective*

*SHOW CARD 25.*

*READ ONE LINE AT A TIME AND NOTE ANSWER.*

*"DK" NOTED AS 88.*

32. There are many opinions on how one can effectively influence decisions in society. I have here a list of a few ways that are used, and I would like to ask how effective you think that they are.

- A. Working in political parties
- B. Working in local action groups
- C. Working in trade unions
- D. Voting in elections
- E. Personally contacting influential people
- F. Working to get attention by the press, radio and TV.
- G. Participating in public demonstrations
- H. Participating in illegal protest activities

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33. In general, how interested in politics are you? Which of the answers on this card applies best to you?

*SHOW CARD 27.*

Are you: Very interested, fairly interested, not very interested or not at all interested in politics?

- 1        Very interested
- 2        Fairly interested
- 3        Not very interested
- 4        Not at all interested

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34. Many people feel they are supporters of a particular party. But there are, of course, many other who have no such attitude towards any party. Do you personally regard yourself as a supporter of any political party, or do you have no such attitude towards any party?

- 1        Strong supporter of a political party
  - 2        Weak supporter of a political party
  - 3        Not a supporter to a political party
  - 4        DK
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35. Have you ever participated in a demonstration?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO, NEVER

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36. Have you ever contacted any person in a responsible position in order to influence a political or societal decision?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO, NEVER

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37. Have you ever spoken before a meeting of a club or organisation?

- 1 YES, GAVE A SPEECH
- 2 YES, TOOK PART IN DISCUSSION
- 3 NO, NEVER

*IF BOTH SPEECH AND DISCUSSION: CODE AS SPEECH.*

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38. Have you ever written an article or a letter to the editor of a newspaper or magazine?

- 1 YES, ARTICLE
- 2 YES, A LETTER TO THE EDITOR
- 3 NO, NEVER

*IF BOTH LETTER TO THE EDITOR AND ARTICLE: CODE AS ARTICLE.*

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39. How often do you usually attend church services?

- 1 NEVER OR SELDOM
  - 2 LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH
  - 3 ABOUT ONCE A MONTH
  - 4 A COUPLE OF TIMES A MONTH
  - 5 ONCE A WEEK
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40. Wich church do you belong to?

- 1      Chatolic
  - 2      Protestant
  - 3      Russian-ortodox
  - 4      Other
  - 5      None
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41. Do you usually do any of the following as a leisure activity:

*IF YES: Sometimes or often?*

YES OFTEN	YES SOME- TIMES	NO	
1	2	3	A. Visiting relatives
1	2	3	B. Having relatives over for a visit
1	2	3	C. Visiting friends and acquaintances
1	2	3	D. Having friends and acquaintances over for a visit

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*SHOW CARD 24.*

42. How often do you usually do any of the following:

- A. Socialising with people that you do not know particularly well
- B. Socialising with people that have a different lifestyle to yours
- C. Socialising with people that are born in another country than you

**(AA: open answer alternative: which country/countries.....)**

- 1      Never
  - 2      Seldom
  - 3      Often
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43. As you know, people sometimes need help with various matters. If you were to do anything of the following, do you have any personal acquaintance or person you are close to from whom you could easily get help with the following:

YES NO

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | A. Construction or handyman help                            |
| 1 | 2 | B. Getting products on better terms than in ordinary stores |
| 1 | 2 | C. Arranging a large ceremony or party                      |
| 1 | 2 | D. Talking about confidential matters                       |
| 1 | 2 | E. Medical expertise  |
| 1 | 2 | F. Economical expertise                                     |
| 1 | 2 | G. Legal expertise  |
| 1 | 2 | H. Computer expertise                                       |

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44. How many minutes a day do you, roughly, spend on the following activities:

- A. Reading about politics and society in a morning broadsheet paper
- B. Reading about politics and society in an evening tabloid paper
- C. Listening to or watching the news on radio or TV
- D. Listening to or watching programmes about politics and society on radio or TV
- E. Using a computer

*IF RESP. DOES NOT USE A COMPUTER (0 ON E)*

*QUESTION 47*

- F. Using the Internet

*OF RESP. DOES NOT USE THE INTERNET (0 ON F)*

*QUESTION 47*

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45. How often do you usually use the Internet to obtain information about politics and society? Do you usually do it very often, fairly often, fairly seldom, very seldom or never?

- |   |               |
|---|---------------|
| 1 | VERY OFTEN    |
| 2 | FAIRLY OFTEN  |
| 3 | FAIRLY SELDOM |
| 4 | VERY SELDOM   |
| 5 | NEVER         |
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46. During the past year, have you ever used the Internet in connection with some activity intended to bring about improvements or resist deterioration in society?

1 YES

2 NO

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*not at all important*

*very important*

*SHOW CARD 30. GIVE RESP. TIME TO LOOK THROUGH THE QUESTIONS ON THE CARD. THEN READ ONE QUESTION AT A TIME AND NOTE THE ANSWER. "DK" NOTED AS 88.*

47. People have different opinions about which societal issues that are the most urgent. How important do you personally consider it to be to bring about improvements or resist deterioration in each of the following areas:

- A. Housing
- B. Consumer issues
- C. Health and medical care
- D. Child care
- E. Schools and education
- F. Equality between women and men
- G. Conditions in other countries
- H. Freedoms and liberties in this country

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*SOCIETY AND DEMOCRACY*

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*SHOW CARD 31.*

48. There are different ways of attempting to bring about improvements or resist deterioration in society. During the past year, have you done any of the following.

*READ ONE ACTIVITY AT A TIME*

YES NO

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|---|---|--|
| 1 | 2 | A. Contacted politician                              |
| 1 | 2 | B. Contacted association or organisation             |
| 1 | 2 | C. Contacted official in central or local government |
| 1 | 2 | D. Worked in a political party                       |
| 1 | 2 | E. Worked in a political action group                |
| 1 | 2 | F. Worked in another organisation                    |
| 1 | 2 | G. Worn or displayed campaign badge/sticker          |
| 1 | 2 | H. Signed a petition                                 |
| 1 | 2 | I. Taken part in a demonstration                     |
| 1 | 2 | J. Taken part in a strike                            |
| 1 | 2 | K. Boycotted certain products                        |
| 1 | 2 | L. Donated money, raised funds                       |
| 1 | 2 | M. Contacted or appeared in the media                |
| 1 | 2 | N. Contacted solicitor or judicial body              |
| 1 | 2 | O. Participated in illegal protest action            |
| 1 | 2 | P. Other activity                                    |

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0 -----1 -----2 ----- 3 -----4 ----- 5 ----- 6 -----7 ----- 8 -----9 ----- 10

*none  
at all*

*very  
much*

*SHOW CARD 37. READ ONE LINE AT A TIME AND NOTE ANSWER.*

*"DK" NOTED AS 88.*

49. Looking at what you personally think:

- A. How much importance do politicians attach to demands presented, for example, by local organisations or groups of people?
  - B. How much chance do ordinary people have of presenting their views to the politicians?
  - C. How much chance of redress is there for a person who is treated improperly by a public authority?
  - D. How capable are ordinary people of understanding what goes on in politics?
  - E. To what extent do ordinary people have the knowledge required for to make political decisions?
- (AA: Check translation for alternative E)
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*much  
smaller*

*much  
greater*

*SHOW CARD 38. READ ONE LINE AT A TIME AND NOTE ANSWER.  
"DK" NOTED AS 88.*

50. Looking at what you personally think:

- A. Do people like you have a greater or smaller chance than others of making politicians pay heed to your demands?
- B. Do people like you have a greater or smaller chance than others of presenting your demands to the politicians?
- C. Do you have a greater or smaller chance than other people of gaining redress if you **were** treated improperly by a public agency?
- D. Do you have a greater or smaller chance than other people of understanding what **goes on** in politics?
- E. Do you have the knowledge required to make political decisions, to a greater or smaller extent than other people?

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51. During the past year, have you been incorrectly or unfairly treated by any central, regional or local government agency?

1 YES

2 NO *QUESTION 113*

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52. Can you personally take it upon by yourself to write a letter appealing **against** a decision by a public agency?

1 YES *QUESTION 115*

2 NO

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53. Do you know anyone that you could get help from in such a case?

1 YES

2 NO

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*one cannot be  
careful enough*

*one can trust  
most people*

SHOW CARD 43.

"DK" NOTED AS 88.

54. I would now like to ask you some questions about how you view other people. Do you, on the whole, think one can trust most people or do you think that one cannot be careful enough when dealing with other people?

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0 -----1 -----2----- 3 -----4----- 5 ----- 6-----7----- 8 -----9----- 10

*in general, people think  
mostly of themselves*

*in general, people try to  
be helpful*

SHOW CARD 44.

"DK" NOTED AS 88.

55. In general, do you think that people try to be helpful or do they, in general, mostly think of themselves?

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0 -----1 -----2----- 3 -----4----- 5 ----- 6-----7----- 8 -----9----- 10

*most people would try  
to use me*

*most people would try  
to be fair*

SHOW CARD 45.

"DK" NOTED AS 88.

56. Do you believe that most people would try to take advantage of you if they got the chance or would they try to be fair?

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0 -----1 -----2----- 3 -----4----- 5 ----- 6-----7----- 8 -----9----- 10

*not at all  
important*

*very  
important*

*SHOW CARD 39a. READ ONE LINE AT A TIME AND NOTE ANSWER.  
"DK" NOTED AS 88.*

57. As you know, there are different opinions as to what is important to be a good citizen. I would therefore like to ask you to examine the characteristics listed on the card.

Looking at what you personally think, how important is it:

- A. To show solidarity with people who are worse off than oneself
- B. To vote in public elections
- C. Never to try to evade taxes
- D. To form one's own opinion, independently of others
- E. Always to obey laws and regulations
- F. To be active in organisations
- G. To stay informed about what goes on in society
- H. To be ready to break a law when one's conscience demands

*SHOW CARD 39b.*

- I. Never to cheat with social benefits and allowances
  - J. Not to wait for the state to solve problems but to take one's own initiatives
  - K. To think of others more than of oneself
  - L. To actively try to influence political and societal decisions
  - M. Not to treat immigrants any worse than native citizens
  - N. To subject one's own opinions to a critical examination
  - O. To choose goods and products which are good for society and nature even if they are not the best and cheapest for oneself personally
  - P. To try to understand the reasoning of people with other opinions
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58. There are many different institutions in this country, for example, government, courts, police, civil servants, and so on. Please show me on this scale how great is your personal trust in each of these institutions that I read to you:

0 -----1 -----2 -----3 -----4 -----5 -----6 -----7 -----8 -----9 -----10

*have no  
trust at all*

*have greatest  
trust*

**SHOW CARD AND READ OUT ONE LINE AT A TIME AND NOTE ANSWER.**

**"DK" NOTED AS 88.**

- a) Political parties
- b) Courts
- c) Police
- d) Prime Minister
- e) Military
- f) Officials of Election Administration Bodies who administer elections and count votes
- g) Parliament
- h) Churches
- i) Trade unions
- j) Environmental "green" groups
- k) Private enterprise
- l) President
- m) Election results (Parliamentary/local)
- n) Mass media

59 When the last parliamentary election was held (GIVE MONTH /YEAR, e.g. LAST MONTH IN ESTONIA/ LAST OCTOBER IN LATVIA/ IN LITHUANIA, IN 1996), would you say that illegal activities such as intimidation and bribery were existing or non-existing?

1. Completely non-existing (IF CHOSEN GO TO 60)
2. Mostly non-existing (IF CHOSEN GO TO 60)
3. To some degree existing (IF CHOSEN GO TO 59a)
4. To a large degree existing (IF CHOSEN GO TO 59a)

59a. Were these actions taken by (CAN NAME MORE THAN ONE)

**SHOW CARD AND READ OUT ONE LINE AT A TIME AND NOTE ANSWER.**

**"DK" NOTED AS 88.**

1. Party campaign workers
2. Candidates
3. Security forces
4. Public officials
5. Others. Please specify. \_\_\_\_\_

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60. At the parliamentary election (GIVE MONTH/ YEAR, E.G. LAST MONTH IN ESTONIA/ LAST OCTOBER IN LATVIA/ IN LITHUANIA, IN 1996), did you vote?

1. Yes (IF CHOSEN GO TO 61)
2. No (IF CHOSEN GO TO 60a AND THEN 63)
3. Don't remember/DK (IF CHOSEN GO TO 63)

60a. (If No) Was that because (READ OUT):

1. Not eligible
2. Ill
3. Not convenient
4. Didn't like any of the parties
5. A waste of time, doesn't make any difference
6. Others. Please specify. \_\_\_\_\_

61. Once you got to the polling station, about how long did it take you to cast your vote?

1. Not long, shorter than 15 minutes
2. About half an hour
3. Between half an hour and hour
4. More than an hour
5. Can't remember

62. When you were casting your vote, would you say that the officials treated you and others at the polling station:

1. Very fairly
2. Somewhat fairly
3. In between
4. Some unfairly
5. Very unfairly
6. Can't remember/ don't know

63. To what extent can you trust the jobs carried out by counting workers in polling stations and the result of the election report?

1. Very strongly
2. Somewhat strongly
3. In between
4. Somewhat weakly
5. Very weakly
6. DK/Don't want answer

64. Could you tell me how important the following sources for getting information about election procedures in the recent parliamentary election are? (GIVE MONTH/ YEAR, E.G. LAST MONTH IN ESTONIA/ LAST OCTOBER IN LATVIA/ IN LITHUANIA, IN 1996) By information on election procedures, I mean information on name of candidates, date of election, place of polling station, voting procedures, and so on. '0' indicates not important at all, while '10' very important.

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*not  
important at all*

*very  
important*

**SHOW CARD AND READ OUT ONE LINE AT A TIME AND NOTE ANSWER.**

**"DK" NOTED AS 88.**

- a) Television
- b) Radio
- c) Daily newspapers
- d) Posters, billboards
- e) Information distributed by political parties, candidates
- f) Information distributed by election administration authorities
- g) Conversation and discussion with family, friends, colleagues.
- h) Others. Please specify. \_\_\_\_\_

65. We just discussed about different information sources for election procedures. Now I would like to know how important the following information sources are to acquire party- and candidate campaign information such as political issues and debates, different political views of parties and candidates, and so on. '0' indicates not important at all, while '10' very important.

0 -----1 -----2----- 3 -----4----- 5 ----- 6 -----7----- 8 -----9----- 10

*not important  
at all*

*very  
important*

**SHOW CARD AND READ OUT ONE LINE AT A TIME AND NOTE ANSWER.**

**"DK" NOTED AS 88.**

- a) Television
- b) Radio
- c) Daily newspapers
- d) Leaflets distributed by political parties, candidates
- e) Party rallies
- f) Candidate meetings
- g) Others. Please specify. \_\_\_\_\_

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66. According to your previous experience, what type of information on election would you need most at the next election?

**SHOW CARD AND READ OUT ONE LINE AT A TIME AND NOTE ANSWER. CHOOSE MAXIMUM 3 ITEMS.**

**"DK" NOTED AS 88.**

1. Place of polling station and description of map
2. Name of political parties and candidates
3. Political debates and main issues of parties and candidates
4. Postal voting, absentee voting
5. Opening, closing time of polling stations
6. Polling procedures
7. Others. Please specify. \_\_\_\_\_

67. Democratic elections are sometimes measured in terms of freedom from something. In other words, freedom from terror and intimidation, freedom from briberies and illegal campaigns, and so on. To what extent do you think the last parliamentary election (GIVE MONTH/ YEAR, E.G. LAST MONTH IN ESTONIA/ LAST OCTOBER IN LATVIA/ IN LITHUANIA, IN 1996) was free? '0' indicates completely unfree, while '10' completely free.

**SHOW CARD.**

**"DK" NOTED AS 88.**

0 -----1 -----2 -----3 -----4 -----5 -----6 -----7 -----8 -----9 -----10

*completely  
unfree*

*completely  
free*

68. Democratic elections are sometimes measured in terms of fairness (impartiality) of state authorities (such as election administration bodies, judiciary, police, and military) in treatment of electoral actors such as parties, candidates, campaign workers, and voters. To what extent do you think the last election (GIVE MONTH/ YEAR, E.G. LAST MONTH IN ESTONIA/ LAST OCTOBER IN LATVIA/ IN LITHUANIA, IN 1996) was fair? '0' indicates completely unfair, while '10' completely fair.

**SHOW CARD.**

**"DK" NOTED AS 88.**

0 -----1 -----2 -----3 -----4 -----5 -----6 -----7 -----8 -----9 -----10

*completely  
unfair*

*completely  
fair*

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69. Some people say that in order to improve the election in our country several measures have to be properly taken. To what extent do you think following items are important for our country in order to make elections more democratic in the future? '0' indicates not important at all, while '10' very important.

**SHOW CARD AND READ OUT ONE LINE AT A TIME AND NOTE ANSWER.**

**"DK" NOTED AS 88.**

0 -----1 -----2----- 3 -----4----- 5 ----- 6 -----7----- 8 -----9----- 10

*not important  
at all*

*very  
important*

- a) Reform of electoral law to achieve fairness for all parties, candidates, and voters
- b) Respect and obedience of electoral law by parties, party workers, and candidates
- c) Respect and obedience of electoral law by voters
- d) Media's role for vigilant surveillance
- e) More active role of national monitoring groups
- f) More active role of international monitoring groups
- g) More active role of election administration authorities
- h) Stricter punishment against those who commit illegal election campaigns

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## DEMOGRAPHICS

70. Do you own the house or apartment in which you live?

1. Yes, own outright
2. Yes, own on a mortgage
3. No

71. Do you think you belong to upper, upper-middle, middle, lower-middle, or lower class?

1. Upper class
2. Upper-middle class
3. Middle class
4. Lower-middle class
5. Lower class

72. How many years have you spent for your education?

1. None – 6 years
2. 7 – 9 years
3. 10 – 12
4. 12 years or higher

73. Compared to your parents, have you had:

1. A lot more education
2. Somewhat more
3. About the same amount
4. Not so much

74. What is your current employment situation (*Show card*)

1. Full-time job (20 hours or more a week)
2. Part-time job, apprentice
3. Self-employed
4. Pensioner and also employed
5. Unemployed without state unemployment benefit
6. Unemployed with state unemployment benefit
7. Pensioner or other recipient of state income maintenance grant
8. Housewife
9. Student

75. In the past year have you at some time been unemployed?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not in labor force

75a. IF YES: How many weeks were you unemployed ..... weeks

## IF EMPLOYED

76. Respondent's employer:



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1. State enterprise: factory, shop
  2. Police, military, security services
  3. State health sector, education
  4. Private sector: employee
  5. Private sector: owner or part-owner with employees
  6. Self-employed
  7. Collective farm
  8. Independent farmer
  9. Other

77. At your place of work, what language is usually spoken?

1. Baltic language (that is, Estonian/ Latvian/ Lithuanian)
2. Russian
3. Both Baltic and Russian
4. Both Baltic and other (e.g. English, Finnish)
5. Both Russian and other (e.g. English, German)

78. What kind of job do you have (have you had)?

1. Agriculture/fishery
2. Self-employed, own small business, shop with less than nine employees
3. Sales/services
4. Technical/skilled blue collar
5. Unskilled blue collar
6. White collar
7. Professional and artists

79. Are you worried about losing your job?

1. Yes, very worried
2. Somewhat worried
3. No
4. Difficult to answer

80. Are you a member of a labor union?

1. Yes
2. No
3. No union at workplace
4. Don't know

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81. Have you done any of the following to improve your economic situation in the past year or are you likely to do so in the next year?

1. *Have done*
2. *Likely*
3. *Unlikely*
4. *Definitely not*

- a. Learned a new skill
- b. Worked overtime at regular job
- c. Became self-employed
- d. Start a business or open a shop
- e. Try to find a job with better employer

82. Here is a scale for ranking how the economy works. The top, 10, is the best; at the bottom, 0, is the worst. (*SHOW CARD*)

0 -----1 -----2----- 3 -----4----- 5 ----- 6 -----7----- 8 -----9----- 10  
*worst* *best*

- a) Where on this scale would you put the socialist economy before independence?
- b) Where on this scale would you put our present economic system?
- c) Where would you put our economic system in five years time?

83. As far as your household is concerned, overall, how do you rate its economic situation today?

1. Very satisfactory
2. Fairly satisfactory
3. Not very satisfactory
4. Very unsatisfactory

84. Would you say that as far as your household is concerned the situation now compared with before independence?

1. Much better
2. A little better
3. About the same
4. A little worse
5. A lot worse

85. What do you think the economic situation of your household will be in five years time?

1. Much better
2. A little better
3. About the same
4. A little worse
5. A lot worse

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86. Do you happen to know the name of: (Code: Correct/ incorrect/ don't know)

- a. The President of this country
- b. Government party (parties)
- c. Party of the largest opposition party
- d. Party leader of the largest opposition party
- e. ....

87. There is a lot of talk about the duties that people owe this country. Which of the following do you think that everyone who is resident here ought to do?

Always do/ Usually/ Unimportant/ Not at all

- a. Do military service when young
- b. Learn the national language
- c. Pay taxes on all their income
- d. Respect the nation's flag
- e. Obey all the country's laws
- f. Try to understand the point of view of people different from your family

88. There is a lot of talk about the rights that people ought to have. Which of these rights do you think should be enjoyed by everyone who is a resident of this country?

Definitely/ Usually/ Unimportant/ No

- a. Receive a pension on retirement
- b. Educated in language of parents
- c. Right to buy a house if wants to
- d. Right to own land
- e. Vote, be a candidate in local elections
- f. Vote, be a candidate in national elections

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89. Which problems of this country would you say are most important:

0 -----1 -----2----- 3 -----4----- 5 ----- 6-----7----- 8 -----9----- 10

*not important  
at all*

*very  
important*

- a. Employment
- b. Crime
- c. Citizenship issues
- d. Join European Union
- e. Join NATO
- f. Protect environment
- g. Corruption in government
- h. Political stability
- i. Health services

90. Which of these statements best fits your views of who should be entitled to vote in elections to Parliament (choose only one)

- 1. Only those whose family were citizens of Estonia/ Latvia/ Lithuania before 1940
- 2. Everyone who has been born in the country.
- 3. Everyone who has lived here for more than ten years.
- 4. Everyone living here at the time of independence
- 5. Any former Soviet citizen who is now living in this country

91. What is your citizenship?

- 1. Lithuanian/ Latvian/ Estonian
- 2. Soviet
- 3. Russian
- 4. Other former Soviet Republic
- 5. Polish
- 6. Other (Please write out) .....
- 7. It is now uncertain; I do not have a passport\*

92. Here is a scale for ranking how the government works. The top, 10, is the best; at the bottom, 0, is worst (*SHOW CARD*).

0 -----1 -----2----- 3 -----4----- 5 ----- 6-----7----- 8 -----9----- 10

*worst*

*best*

- a) Where on this scale would you put the former communist regime (*SHOW CARD*)
- b) Where on this scale would you put our present system of governing?
- c) Where on this scale would you put our system of governing in five years?

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93. Number of people in household:

- a) Employed adults
- b) Pensioners
- c) Adults getting unemployment, other social benefit
- d) Adults without an income (e.g. housewife, student)
- e) Children under 18 years

94. In the past month, what was your own personal income? .....

95. And in the past month what was the total household income – including earnings of family members, scholarships, pension, unemployment benefits and other income. ....

96. Does your household have any of the following?

Yes      No

- a. Colour TV not older than 5 years
- b. VCR (Video Cassette Recorder) not older than 5 years
- c. Video camera
- d. Car not older than 5 years
- e. Telephone
- f. Mobile phone
- g. Shares in enterprises
- h. ....

97. What is/ was your occupational status?

- a. Professional, director, senior manager
- b. Trained supervisor
- c. Trained non-manual without subordinates
- d. Routine non-manual
- e. Skilled manual
- f. Unskilled manual
- g. Agricultural worker
- h. Self-employed farmer

98. What was (or will be, if still studying) your highest level of education?

- 1. None
- 2. Vocational qualification for manual trade (e.g. carpenter, factory skill)
- 3. Non-manual vocational qualification (e.g. secretary, clerk)
- 4. Academic secondary education (Abitur, university entrance)
- 5. Have (or still studying for) university, polytechnic, post-secondary qualification

99. To which religious group do you belong?

- 1. Roman Catholic
- 2. Orthodox
- 3. Lutheran
- 4. Jewish
- 5. Other
- 6. Not a believer
- 7. Refused

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100. How often do you attend religious services?

1. Nearly every week
2. About once a month
3. A few times a year
4. Rarely
5. Never

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**THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED ONLY BY YOU AS INTERVIEWER:**

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DOES RESP. WISH TO RECEIVE A SUMMARY OF THE SURVEY RESULTS?

- 1 YES
  - 2 NO
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WHERE WAS THE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED?

- 1 IN RESP.'S HOME
  - 2 ELSEWHERE
  - 3 VIA TELEPHONE
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DID YOU AND/OR RESP. ASK ANYBODY FOR HELP TO CONDUCT THE INTERVIEW?

- 1 YES WHO HELPED YOU TO CONDUCT THE INTERVIEW AND FOR WHAT REASON WAS HELP REQUIRED?.....  
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  - 2 NO
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DID ANYONE ELSE, BESIDES YOU, RESP. AND, IF APPLICABLE, THE ONE/THOSE WHO HELPED YOU CONDUCTING THE INTERVIEW, THAT WAS/WERE LISTENING WHEN THE INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED?

- 1 YES WHO? .....  
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  - 2 NO
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IN SUMMARY, HOW WOULD YOU JUDGE THE RELIABILITY OF THE ANSWERS FROM THIS INTERVIEW?

- 1 SATISFACTORY
- 2 NOT ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY
- 3 POOR

*IF 2 OR 3:* WHICH CIRCUMSTANCE(S) MAKE(S) YOU SUSPECT THAT THE RELIABILITY IS NOT ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY, OR EVEN POOR?

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*IF 2 OR 3:* ARE THERE ANY PARTICULAR PARTS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE WHERE YOU JUDGE THE RELIABILITY TO BE PARTICULARLY LOW?

- 1 YES WHICH PART/S?.....
- .....
- .....
- 2 NO