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Individual Modernization in Bulgaria
A scientific group from the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences is undertaking a sociological survey on the problems of people in modern Bulgarian society. Our purpose is to learn about your opinion on changes in life - at work, in the family, in relations among people. We would also like to know what you think on the importance of education, on the ways in which one can achieve success in life, on the ability to plan one's life and get to know new people and ideas.

You know best about your life and you have an idea about the changes which have occurred in our country in last years. So please answer our questions. Indicate the answer which comes closest to your opinion. If the question seems unclear, ask the interviewer for further explanation.

The information gathered will only be used for scientific purposes.

We thank you for giving us some of your time and helping us with the project.

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<td>4. Have you ever been elected to the leadership of your workteam or enterprise?</td>
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5. Have you been rewarded for good work during last three years? 
   - Yes . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1
   - No . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2

6. If you could choose your job would you choose the same one you have now? 
   - Yes . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1
   - No . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2

7. Where do you prefer to work? 
   - In industry . . . . . 1
   - In agriculture . . . . 2

8. Do you think that your job has remained the same for many years or does it change in the way of working, the organization of labour, the use of new instruments and machines? 
   - Remains the same . . . . 1
   - Changes . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2

9. You said that INTERVIEWER: READ THE ANSWER TO FORMER QUESTION. In your opinion, is this good or bad? 
   - Good . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1
   - Bad . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2
   - Neither good nor bad . . . . . . . . 3

10. Do you think that looking for new ways (approaches, methods) of work: 
    - Is always good . . . . . 1
    - Usually good . . . . . . . . . . . 2
    - Only sometimes good . . . . . . 3
    - Not good . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 4

11. Have you made any suggestions for changes at your workplace (as regards the organization and conditions of labour, the distribution of work etc.)? 
    - Yes . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1
    - No . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2

12. Some prefer a job with more responsibility. Others prefer a job with less responsibility. What kind of job would you prefer? 
    - With more responsibility 1
    - With less responsibility 2
    - With no responsibility at all . . . . . . 3

13. The amount of pay is determined by different factors. Which one of them do you think should be the most important? 
    - Work experience . . . . . 1
    - Professional skills . . . . . . . . 2
    - Importance of the job . . . . . . . 3
    - Initiative in work . . . . . . . . . 4

14. Do you read any literature (books and articles) in connection with your job? 
    - Yes, regularly (at least several times a month) . . . . 1
    - Incidentally . . . . . . . . . . . . 2
    - Never . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3
15. Have you taken any courses for further work qualification during the last 3 years?
- Yes . . . . . . . . . . 1
- No . . . . . . . . . . 2

16. Would you agree to work with new machines even if it required substantial additional qualification?
- Yes, in any case . . . 1
- Only if I get paid more 2
- No . . . . . . . . . . 3
- Not applicable (I don’t work with machines) . . . 4

17. Here are some more questions about your enterprise. Are you satisfied with:

a) renumeration
- Yes . . . . . . . . . . 1
- Partly . . . . . . . . . 2
- No . . . . . . . . . . 3

b) the sanitary conditions at your workplace (noise, dampness, dust, light, heating etc.)
- Yes . . . . . . . . . . 1
- Partly . . . . . . . . . 2
- No . . . . . . . . . . 3

c) the possibilities to improve your qualification
- Yes . . . . . . . . . . 1
- Partly . . . . . . . . . 2
- No . . . . . . . . . . 3

d) the relations with your colleagues
- Yes . . . . . . . . . . 1
- Partly . . . . . . . . . 2
- No . . . . . . . . . . 3

e) fringe benefits (canteen, recreation home, medical service, transport etc.)
- Yes . . . . . . . . . . 1
- Partly . . . . . . . . . 2
- No . . . . . . . . . . 3

f) the possibilities to participate in desicion making in the work team brigade, department)
- Yes . . . . . . . . . . 1
- Partly . . . . . . . . . 2
- No . . . . . . . . . . 3

18. Do you intend to leave the enterprise where you are working now?
- Yes . . . . . . . . . . 1
- No . . . . . . . . . . 2

19. Which of the following qualities in your fellow-workers is most important to you?
- That they be good friends1
- That they do their work properly . . . . . . . 2
- That they be honest and respected by people . . . . 3
20. What do you do when you disagree with the opinion of a colleague?
- I keep quiet about it . 1
- I object to him . . . . 2
- I wait for someone else to object first . . . . 3

21. Would you like to improve your education?
- I would like to complete secondary school . . . . 1
- I would like to complete high school . . . . . . . 2
- I would like to take courses periodically . . 3
- I don’t . . . . . . . . 4

22. What kind of education would you like for your children?

23. Of next four opinions on university education please choose the one which comes closest to your understanding.
- University education is something good, but requires a lot of time and money . 1
- A man with university education knows more about the world (has better orientation) . . . . . . . 2
- Even without university education one can achieve a lot in life . . . . . . . 3
- University education gives better chances for professional achievement 4

24. Modern science investigates such things as e.g. what determines if a child is born a boy or a girl, whether there is extraterrestrial life etc. Do you think that such kind of research is
- Very beneficial . . . . 1
- Somewhat beneficial . . . . 2
- Useless . . . . . . . . 1
- Harmful . . . . . . . . 4

25. We have some of the basic purposes of education listed below. Which one of them do you consider to be the most important?
- To help students get to know and love their country 1
- To teach children think independently . . . . . . . 2
- To breed respect for the elderly . . . . . . . . . 3
- To teach students about modern science and technology . . . . . . . . 4

26. Do you think some technical skills are necessary for everyone?
- Yes . . . . . . . . . . 1
- No . . . . . . . . . . 2
27. Do you plan things in life beforehand?
   - I try to plan beforehand
   - I think about things as they come

28. In your opinion, do the chances of young people to advance in life change nowadays?
   - They increase
   - Remain about the same
   - Decrease

29. How would you rate your position in life compared to most people at your age?
   - Better
   - About the same
   - Worse

30. Do you think that the prospects to improve one’s financial position in our country are nowadays
   - Increasing
   - About the same
   - Decreasing

31. Would you say that the attention the state pays to the opinion of ordinary people
   - Increases
   - Remains the same
   - Decreases

32. Do you think that a man without connections will not succeed in life even if capable, ambitious and hard-working?
   - Will certainly not succeed
   - Will probably not succeed
   - Will probably succeed
   - Will certainly succeed

33. Do you think that success in life depends more on destiny (luck) or rather on one’s own efforts?
   - Mainly on destiny
   - Both on destiny and on own efforts
   - Mainly on one’s own efforts

34. Have you achieved your main objectives in life so far?
   - I have achieved most of them
   - I have achieved many of them
   - I have achieved only some of them
   - I have achieved almost nothing

35. Which of the following things should be most important for one’s prestige in society?
   - Family background
   - High education
   - Material welfare
   - Professional skills

36. In your opinion, is it easy or difficult for a capable man to advance in life in our country nowadays?
   - Easy
   - Difficult
37. What was your father's last occupation? - No education ........ 1
- Four classes ...... 2
- Eight classes ...... 3
- Secondary (11 classes) 4
- College, university .. 5

38. What was the highest education your father had? - No education ........ 1
- Four classes ...... 2
- Eight classes ...... 3
- Secondary (11 classes) 4
- College, university .. 5

39. What was the highest education your mother had? - Greater than theirs .. 1
- About the same .... 2
- Less than theirs ... 3

40. Compared to your parents, how would you estimate your chances to advance in life? - Hard work of the people 1
- Proper government . 2
- Rich natural resources 3
- Help from more advanced countries ........ 4
- No disasters happening 5
- Developed science and education ........ 6

41. In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing our country today? - By referendum .... 1
- By the authorities .. 2

42. Which is most important for the future of a country? - By referendum .... 1
- By the authorities .. 2

43. How should the most important problems of society be decided? Strong Weak None

a. at his job 1 2 3
b. in his settlement 1 2 3
c. in the running of state affairs 1 2 3

44. Do you think that an ordinary man can have any influence on the decisions made by the leaderships: (ONE ANSWER PER ROW)
45. Have you ever thought on a social problem so much as to want to do something about it?

- Often ............... 1
- Seldom ............... 2
- Never ............... 3

46. Have you ever written to a party or state institution or official, a newspaper, the radio or the TV to express your opinion on some social problem (such as services, transport, self-management etc.)?

- Yes ............... 1
- No ............... 2

47. If two people have the same plead to a state institution (council, court etc.) but only one of the pleas can be satisfied, to whose benefit should the question be resolved?

- To the one who has the more right according to law .... 1
- To the one who is in greater need ............... 2

48. How do your relatives usually act when they have to resolve a difficult problem at some state institution (court, hospital, court etc.)?

- They try to locate a friend or relative working at the institution .... 1
- They manage alone without looking for help (connections) ............... 2

49. To you think that the way they act is:

- Right ............... 1
- Wrong ............... 2

50. Would you approve the appointment of a capable woman as Prime minister to our country?

- Yes ............... 1
- No ............... 2

51. When you are trying to understand what is happening around the world, from where do you mainly take information?

- From conversations with relatives ............... 1
- From conversations with friends and colleagues .... 2
- From the radio, newspapers and TV ............... 3

52. How many times a week do you usually:

a. read newspapers

- Every day ............... 1
- 3-4 times ............... 2
- 1-2 times ............... 3
- Never ............... 4
b. listen to the radio
- Every day ............... 1
- 3-4 times ............... 2
- 1-2 times ............... 3
- Never ...................... 4

c. watch TV
- Every day ............... 1
- 3-4 times ............... 2
- 1-2 times ............... 3
- Never ...................... 4

53. Do you read fiction (novels, poetry, literary journals)?
- Often ...................... 1
- Seldom (perhaps once in a month) ............... 2
- No time for reading ............... 3
- Not interested in reading fiction ...................... 4

54. Are there any shows that you try to follow regularly:

a. on the radio
- Yes ...................... 1
- No ...................... 2

b. on TV
- Yes ...................... 1
- No ...................... 2

55. Which Balkan countries are members of NATO?

56. Rejkjavik is the capital of which country?

57. Who is Nehru?

58. What elections were held in our country on February 28 this year?

59. Do you believe that one day all controversial problems and conflicts among different countries will be resolved by talks and negotiations and not by force and wars?
- Yes ...................... 1
- No ...................... 2
- Don’t know ...................... 3

60. What kind of news interests you most?
- News from your birthplace
- News from the country ......... 2
- World news ...................... 3
- Not interested in news at all ...................... 4

61. Which do you feel most closely bound to:
- Your birthplace ......... 1
- Your residence ......... 2
- Our country ......... 3
62. Would you approve the freezing of a construction project in your settlement in favour of an important national project?
- Yes ............... 1
- No ............... 2

63. Do you take pleasure in meeting new people or would you rather spend your time with people you already know?
- I prefer to meet new people ............... 1
- I prefer to meet people I know ............... 2

64. If a close relative of yours asks you to accommodate him at your home for a week or two, what would you do?
- I would accommodate him even if it makes a nuisance ............... 1
- I would accommodate him only if it doesn't make a nuisance ............... 2
- I wouldn't feel obliged to accommodate him ............... 3

65. Now let us suppose that a remote relative asks you to accommodate him at your home for a week or two. What would you do?
- I would accommodate him even if it makes a nuisance ............... 1
- I would accommodate him only if it doesn't make a nuisance ............... 2
- I wouldn't feel obliged to accommodate him ............... 3
- To spouse ............... 1
- To parents ............... 2

66. In times of trouble to whom would you turn first for advice and support: to your spouse or to your parents?
- From a relative ............... 1
- From a friend ............... 2

67. If you need a large sum of money, from whom would you prefer to borrow it: from a relative or from a friend?
- I trust them unless I realize they don't deserve it ............... 1
- I don't trust them because they might take advantage ............... 2

68. How do you treat people whom you have known for a short time?

69. Which of the following things do you use in your household?
a. colour TV
- Yes ............... 1
- No ............... 2
b. automatic washing machine
   - Yes .......................... 1
   - No .......................... 2

c. car
   - Yes .......................... 1
   - No .......................... 2

70. Do you repair your domestic electric appliances when necessary?
   - Yes .......................... 1
   - No .......................... 2

71. Now I'd like to ask you about some things people have or could have in future. Could you tell me what is shown on this picture? INTERVIEWER SHOWS A PICTURE OF A VIDEO
   - ........................................

72. Would you like to own it?
   - Yes, very much .................. 1
   - Yes, but not so much ............ 2
   - Not at all ......................... 3
   - I own it already .................. 4

73. Do you think that most people you know will own it in the next 10 years?
   - Yes .......................... 1
   - No .......................... 2
   - Most of them own it now ........ 3

74. Have you been on a journey (tourism) abroad?
   - Yes .......................... 1
   - No .......................... 2

75. How do you usually act when you have an appointment?
   - I try to be there a little earlier ......................... 1
   - I try to be exactly on time ......................... 2
   - I wouldn't worry if I were a little late ................. 3

76. And do you get angry if your friend is very late for the appointment?
   - Yes .......................... 1
   - No .......................... 2

77. How many children do you think it is best for a modern family to have?
   - None .......................... 1
   - One .......................... 2
   - Two .......................... 3
   - Three .......................... 4
   - Four or more ..................... 5

78. Should children follow a daily routine?
   - Yes .......................... 1
   - No .......................... 2
79. Do you believe that children should always have the same opinions as their parents?
- Yes, on all subjects  . 1
- Yes, on most subjects . 2
- Only on some subjects . 3
- It is not necessary . . 4

80. Do you think that the dignity of a child 10-12 years old is:
- Less important than the dignity of an adult . . 1
- As important as the dignity of an adult . . 2
- Yes . . . . . . . . . . 1
- No . . . . . . . . . . 2

82. It is known that many young people today have sexual intercourse before marriage. What is your opinion on that?
- POSITIVE . . . . . . . 1
- NEUTRAL . . . . . . . 2
- NEGATIVE . . . . . . . 3

83. And what do you think of unmarried women who have a child and take care of it alone?
- POSITIVE . . . . . . . 1
- NEUTRAL . . . . . . . 2
- NEGATIVE . . . . . . . 3

84. Do you think that it is normal for a married woman to have friends of her own (different from the family friends)?
- I think it is normal . . 1
- I think it is harmful to the family . . . . . . . 2

85. Suppose your spouse has spent a large part of your savings on something you don’t approve of. What would you do?
- Strike up a row . . . . 1
- Reprimand him (her) . . 2
- Try to get over it quietly . . . . . . . 3

86. Do you think that faith in God (Allah) helps people to be better?
- Yes . . . . . . . . . . 1
- No . . . . . . . . . . 2
- Can’t say . . . . . . . 3

87. Do you believe that faith in God (Allah) will increase or decrease in future?
- Will increase . . . . 1
- Will decrease . . . . 2
- Will remain the same . 3

88. What do you feel most when you think of old age? (Just one answer please)
- Fear . . . . . . . . . . 1
- Calm . . . . . . . . . . 2
- Joy . . . . . . . . . . 3
- Indifference . . . . . . 4
- Feel nothing . . . . . . 5
- Other . . . . . . . . . . 6
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- Running cold water indoors
- Running hot water indoors
- Central heating
- WC indoors
  - a bathroom indoors

102. To which political and social organizations, committees, clubs, movements do you belong?

103. In which organizations have you been elected to a leading position?

104. Are you satisfied with what you have achieved in life as a whole?

105. What is your education?

106. Where did you complete secondary education?

107. Your marital status?

108. How many children do you have?

109. Your age?

110. Your sex?

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!