1996 Czech Pre-Election Survey (May 1996)
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ENGLISH Wording of Questions

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The English wording of the questions commissioned by the CEU for inclusion in the May 1996 (Trendy-5) pre-election survey (ZA3632)

**Variable: V4 Participation in 1992 general election**
Did you participate in the ... <last general election to the most important national legislative body>?
1. yes
2. no -> SKIP QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTE IN THIS ELECTION
3. he/she was not eligible at that time -> SKIP QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTE IN THIS ELECTION

**Variable: V5 National Council vote in 1992 election**
Which party list did you vote for?

**Variable: V6 Participation in 1990 general election**
And what about the ... <one before the last general election to the most important national legislative body>. Did you participate in that election?
1. yes
2. no -> SKIP NEXT QUESTION
3. he/she was not eligible at that time -> SKIP NEXT QUESTION

**Variable: V7 House of People vote in 1990 election**
Which party list did you vote for then?

**Variable: V8 Would you go out to vote next week?**
If there is a general election next weekend, would you ...
1. surely go out to vote,
2. presumably go out to vote,
3. presumably not got out to vote, or
4. surely not go out to vote?

**Variable: V9 Current voting intention**
INSTRUCTION: ASK EVERYBODY, REGARDLESS OF THE ANSWER TO THE PREVIOUS QUESTION:
Still, if you happen to go out to vote, which party would you vote for?"

**Variables: V10-V18**
Now I would like to ask you to tell me how much each of the following parties express or opposes your views and interests. Please answer with the help of this card (SHOW CARD).

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Variables: V19-V32
Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statements (SHOW CARD):

CARD
1. Definitely agree
2. Rather agree
3. Rather disagree
4. Definitely disagree

1. It should be the government’s responsibility to provide a job for everyone who wants one.
2. It is harmful for the economy if the government tries to reduce income differences between rich and poor.
3. The present economic situation is very unfavourable to me and my family.
4. Giving the former state-owned companies in private property is going to help very much in solving the economic problems of our country.
5. Unprofitable factories and mines should be closed down immediately even if this leads to unemployment.
6. Politicians who do not believe in God should not perform public functions.
7. Nationalism is (always) harmful for the development of our country.
8. The way things are in the Czech Republic people like me and my family have a good chance of getting ahead in life.
9. Politicians should care more about rising crime and deteriorating moral than about individual freedom and human rights.
10. A woman should be allowed to have an abortion in the early weeks of pregnancy, if she decides so.
11. In case of a politician I prefer a strong (good) patriot to an expert.
12. The Church has (the churches have) too much influence in our country.
13. It would have been better if Czechoslovakia was not dissolved.
14. It would be better if former owners did not receive compensation.

Variable: V33 Government performance
In your opinion, did the Klaus-government show a very good, good, weak or very weak performance since it came into office?
1. very good,
2. good,
3. weak,
4. very weak performance

V34 Left-Right self-placement
In political matters, people sometimes talk of left, centre left, centre right and right. On this scale (SHOW CARD) one means Left, and 7 means Right. Can you place your views on this scale? If yes, where?
Variables V35-V46
Political parties may pursue very different goals. Now I am going to read you some of them and I would like to ask your opinion about them. Please answer using this card. (SHOW CARD)

CARD
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|  9  | very strongly in favour of (absolutely agree)
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|  8  |
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|  7  |
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|  6  | rather in favour of (Note: yes, it is category 6; not 7 !)
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|  5  | neither in favour, nor against (neither agree, nor ...)
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|  4  | rather against it (Note: yes, it is category 4; not 3 !)
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|  1  | very strongly against it (absolutely disagree)
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If, for example, you are strongly against the goal I am reading, then answer with one or two; if you are neither in favour, nor against it, then answer with five, and so on.

1. Help the development of private enterprises and a free market economy in the Czech Republic
2. Guarantee that competent people are to be in charge of the economy
3. Strengthen national feelings
4. Preserve freedom of speech and democracy in our country
5. Increase pensions and social benefits
6. Reduce (ease) social conflicts so as to maintain political stability
7. Guarantee that less economic burden is put on the shoulder of people during the transformation of our economy
8. Increase the influence of religion and the Church(es)
9. Speed up the privatization of state-owned companies
10. Removing former communist party members from positions of influence
11. Preserve friendly relations between Czechs and Slovaks
12. Reduce unemployment

Variables: V47-V94
I am going to read these political goals again. Please, tell me after each, which party or parties in the Czech Republic you think really wish to reach that objective. You can name maximum three parties in each case. Then I am going to ask you which party you think is the least likely to pursue that goal. Please, consider every parties operating in our country, not only those which we talked about earlier.

INSTRUCTION: RESPONDENTS ARE PROMPTED AFTER READING EACH ITEM. ONLY THREE PLUS ONE PARTIES ARE CODED (THAT IS, EACH ITEM RESULTS IN FOUR VARIABLES).

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**Background Variables: V95-V108**

Note: The polling organization was free to use its own conventions in collecting the data on the socio-demographic characteristics of the respondents. They were, however, requested to collect data so as to allow deriving the following variables (with standardized categories, which also appear in the coding of the variables deposited with the data file):

**V95: Year of birth.**
Two digit code showing the year (00=born in or before 1900)

**V96: Sex**
1. male 2. female

**V97: Size of community**
1. less then 2,000 inhabitants
2. 2,001-20,000 inhabitants
3. 20,001-50,000 inhabitants
4. 50,001-100,000 inhabitants
5. 100,001-1000,000 inhabitants
6. Prague

**V98: Race**
1. Gypsy
2. other
3. not sure, difficult to say

NOTE: The data are derived from responses to the following question TO THE INTERVIEWER, which was printed at the end of the questionnaire: "What is your guess, is the respondent 1. Gypsy or 2. not Gypsy or 3. you are not sure about it."

**V99: Educational attainment**
1. less than completed elementary
2. elementary completed
3. vocational schooling (category not used in Hungary)
4. secondary completed
5. college or university completed

**V100: Current employment status**
1. works full-time
2. works in part-time job or causal worker
3. unemployed
4. retired or disabled
5. housekeeper
6. full-time student

**V101: Private vs. public sector** (i.e. what type of firm respondent works in, or worked the last time when he/she employed)?
1. own (or family) business, farm or company
2. private firm, farm, shop, non-profit organization, etc. (only if code 1 does not apply, i.e. the respondent is or was an employee)
3. co-operative
4. public administration, law enforcement or army (ministries and other government agencies, local
governments, courts, prisons, etc.; organizations entitled to represent the state in certain areas)
5. other publicly owned institution (including public health care, education and a number of branches where “public employees” may work outside the narrowly defined public administration)
6. state owned company
7. other

V102: Current or last occupation
1. manual worker in agriculture, fisherman, forestry worker (self-employed farmer and helping family member included)
2. professional
3. upper management or higher administration
4. middle management
5. other non-manual
6. (manual) supervisor
7. skilled manual worker
8. semi-skilled or unskilled manual worker

V103: Frequency of church attendance (i.e. something like “How often do you attend church or go to religious services?”)
1. More than once a week
2. Once a week
3. One to three times a week
4. Several times a year
5. Less often
6. Never

V104: Religion (HAD TO BE ASKED FROM EVERY RESPONDENT WITH THE FOLLOWING WORDING:)
Regardless of whether or not you were baptized, do you consider yourself belonging to a particular religion (church)? If yes, which one? Open ended question, codes:
1. None
2. Roman or Greek Catholic
3. Calvinist (member of the Hungarian Reformed Church)
4. Protestant (Lutherans and Bohemian Brethren only)
5. Czechoslovak
6. Smaller Protestant churches and sects (e.g. Witness of Jehovah, Baptist, Adventist)
9. Other

V105: Trade union membership
1. not member
2. member of a post-communist trade union
3. member of (one of the) anti-communist trade unions
4. member of a politically indifferent trade union

Note: All Czech trade unions were classified as “politically indifferent”.

V106: Former communist party membership (before November 1989 in the ex-CSFR)
1. yes
2. no

V107: Did you participate in the voucher privatization?
1. yes
2. no
V108: Ethnicity (open question #23 in the Czech questionnaire)

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