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Introduction

Text 1

Dear Participant,

Thank you for participating in our survey!

Please read these instructions carefully before proceeding with your answers.

First of all, please remember that the questions regarding your son/daughter refer to the son/daughter who was named in the letter accompanying this questionnaire. As mentioned, this may be your stepson [stepdaughter], your foster son [daughter], or you adoptive son [daughter].

Some of you are presented questions referring to a specific grandchild mentioned in the cover letter. This grandchild is a randomly selected child living with your son [daughter]. If the cover letter does not make mention of a grandchild, please skip the corresponding questions in the questionnaire.

If you've ever participated in this survey, you will probably be familiar with some of the questions. Please answer all questions anyway. The answers allow us to detect changes in participants' attitudes, behaviors, and living conditions.

We are interested in your personal opinion and your experiences. There are no right or wrong answers to these questions - only your personal assessment and experiences are of importance to us. The numbers in small print next to the answer categories are for data processing only; they are not used for a normative evaluation of your answers. Please fill out the questionnaire by yourself.

Here are two examples:

(omitted)

Please proceed line for line, question for question. Do not skip any questions unless the text expressly instructs you to do so.

We hope you enjoy filling out the questionnaire!

Values and preferences

Attitudes and opinions regarding family and partnership

Question
1

This first section is about general attitudes toward family and family life
To what extent do you personally agree with the following statements?

Variable
parval1_

- parval1i1 Parents and children should support each other mutually for a lifetime.
parval1i2 Women should be more concerned about their family than about their career.
parval1i3 Men should participate in housework to the same extent as women.
parval1i4 A child under age 6 will suffer from having a working mother.
parval1i5 Children often suffer because their fathers spend too much time at work.
parval1i6 Marriage is a lifelong union that should not be broken.
parval1i7 You should get married if you permanently live with your partner.
parval1i8 Couples should marry at the latest after a child is born.

Disagree completely 1 2 3 4 5 Agree completely

No answer -2

Information about the children

Now we would like to ask you for some information about your children.

Question
2

How many children do you have?

We refer to all biological, adoptive and foster children, regardless of whether they live with you or not. All children of your current partner are included here as well as children from previous partners if they have lived with you for some time.

Variable
parsd32

If you have more than 4 children, please write down the requested information on the additional children using a separate sheet of paper and place the extra sheet in the questionnaire afterwards.

__ __ Children

No answer -2

Question 3
Variable
parsd14kxn
parsd19kxy
parsd14kxg
parsd33kx
parigr39kx
parigr40kx
parigr41kx
for x=1/X

Please answer the following questions for each child
Int.: For up to four children x=1,...,4

Please enter all your children's names.

parsd14kxn Name: _ _ _ _

No answer -2

Please indicate the year in which each child was born.

parsd19kxy Year: _ _ _ _

No answer -2

Please indicate the sex of each child.

parsd14kxg Male 1

Female 2

No answer -2

Is each child still living?

parsd33kx Yes 1

No 2

No answer -2

How often are you in contact with each child, adding up all visits, letters, phone calls, etc.?

parigr39kx Daily 1

Several times per week 2

Once per week 3

1 to 3 times per month 4

Several times per year 5

Less often 6

Never 7

No answer -2

How close are you to each child emotionally?

- parigr40kx Not at all close 1
- Somewhat less close than average ... 2
- About average 3
- Somewhat more close than average .. 4
- Very close 5

- No answer -2

What is the travel time to each child (on a normal day using normal means of transportation)?

- parigr41kx We live in the same household 0
- We live in the same building 1
- Less than 10 minutes 2
- 10 to less than 30 minutes 3
- 30 minutes to less than 1 hour 4
- 1 hour to less than 3 hours 5
- 3 hours or longer 6

- Don't know -1
- No answer -2

parigr39kx, parigr40kx, parigr41kx, If child not deceased (parsd33kx=1).

Question 4
Variable parcrn32_

How do you feel in the role of parent? To what extent do the following statements apply to you?

- parcrn32i1 Usually I am willing to sacrifice my own desires for those of my child/children.
- parcrn32i2 I would endure anything for the sake of my child/children.
- parcrn32i3 Often, I leave everything else aside in order to support my child/children.

Not strongly at all 1 2 3 4 5 Very strongly

- Don't know -1
- No answer -2

Text 2

Now we would like to ask you for some information about the son/daughter who was named in the letter accompanying this survey.

Question 5

How often do the following things happen between you and your son [daughter]?

Variable
parigr42a
parigr45a
parigr47a
parigr49a

- parigr42a How often do you tell your son [daughter] what you're thinking?
parigr45a How often are you and your son [daughter] annoyed or angry with each other?
parigr47a How often do you and your son [daughter] disagree and quarrel?
parigr49a How often do you share your secrets and private feelings with your son? [daughter]

- Never 1
Seldom 2
Sometimes 3
Often 4
Always 5

No answer -2
-

Question 6

How often have you engaged in activities together with your son [daughter] such as taking trips, attending cultural events, or going shopping during the past 12 months?

Variable
parigr78

- Never 1
Seldom 2
Sometimes 3
Often 4
Very often 5

No answer -2
-

**Question
7**

Variable
parigr53a
parigr54a
parigr55a
parigr56a
parigr57a
parigr58a
parigr59a
parigr78a
parigr79a
parigr80a
parigr81a

How often have you given your son [daughter] the following kinds of help during the past 12 months?

- parigr53a Advice regarding personal problems
- parigr54a Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 Euros per gift)
- parigr55a Help with preparing documents such as tax forms or in taking care of official business
- parigr56a Financial support
- parigr57a Help with shopping, housework, or yard work
- parigr58a A talk about your son's [daughter's] worries or troubles
- parigr59a Help with nursing or taking care of family members
- parigr78a Help with school homework
- parigr79a Taking care of your son's [daughter's] children
- parigr80a Advice regarding raising his children
- parigr81a Substantial gifts or financial support for your son's [daughter's] children

- Never 1
 - Seldom 2
 - Sometimes 3
 - Often 4
 - Very often 5

 - Doesn't apply to our situation (in the sense of "no need") 6
 - No answer* -2
-

**Question
8**

Variable
parigr60a
parigr61a
parigr62a
parigr63a
parigr64a
parigr65a
parigr66a

How often have you received the following things from your son [daughter] during the past 12 months?

- parigr60a Advice regarding personal problems
- parigr61a Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 Euros per gift)
- parigr62a Help with preparing documents such as tax forms or in taking care of official business
- parigr63a Boarding wages/Financial support
- parigr64a Help with shopping, housework, or yard work
- parigr65a A talk about your worries and troubles
- parigr66a Help with nursing or taking care of family members

- Never 1
 - Seldom 2
 - Sometimes 3
 - Often 4
 - Very often 5

 - Doesn't apply to our situation (in the sense of "no need") 6
 - No answer* -2
-

**Question
12**

Variable
pargc6

How often are you in contact with this grandchild, adding up all visits, letters, phone calls, etc.?

- Daily 1
- Several times per week 2
- Once per week 3
- 1 to 3 times per month 4
- Several times per year 5
- Less often 6
- Never 7

- No answer* -2

Respondents with at least one non-deceased grandchild, between the ages of 8 and 15 (pargc4=1 -2), who lives in the son's [daughter's] household (pargc3>0).

**Question
13**

Variable
pargc7

How often did you take care of this grandchild during the past 12 months?

- Daily 1
- Several times per week 2
- Once per week 3
- 1 to 3 times per month 4
- Several times per year 5
- Less often 6
- Never 7

- No answer* -2

Respondents with at least one non-deceased grandchild, between the ages of 8 and 15 (pargc4=1 -2), who lives in the son's [daughter's] household (pargc3>0) and with whom there is contact (pargc6=1,2,3,4,5,6,-2).

**Question
14**

Variable
pargc8

How often did this grandchild stay overnight at your house during the past 12 months?

- Several times per week 1
- Once per week 2
- 1 to 3 times per month 3
- Several times per year 4
- Less often 5
- Never 6

- No answer* -2

Respondents with at least one non-deceased grandchild, between the ages of 8 and 15 (pargc4=1 -2), who lives in the son's [daughter's] household (pargc3>0) and with whom there is contact (pargc6=1,2,3,4,5,6,-2).

**Question
15**

Variable
pargc9

How often did you do things with this grandchild that he/she enjoys such as sports, games, or movies during the past 12 months?

- Never 1
- Seldom 2
- Sometimes 3
- Often 4
- Very often 5

- No answer* -2

Respondents with at least one non-deceased grandchild, between the ages of 8 and 15 (pargc4=1 -2), who lives in the son's [daughter's] household (pargc3>0) and with whom there is contact (pargc6=1,2,3,4,5,6,-2).

**Question
16**

Variable
pargc10

How often did this grandchild talk to you about his/her problems during the past 12 months?

- Never 1
- Seldom 2
- Sometimes 3
- Often 4
- Very often 5

- No answer* -2

Respondents with at least one non-deceased grandchild, between the ages of 8 and 15 (pargc4=1 -2), who lives in the son's [daughter's] household (pargc3>0) and with whom there is contact (pargc6=1,2,3,4,5,6,-2).

**Question
17**

Variable
pargc11

How often did you give this grandchild gifts of money or valuables (worth more than 100 Euros per gift) during the past 12 months?

- Never 1
- Seldom 2
- Sometimes 3
- Often 4
- Very often 5

- No answer* -2

Respondents with at least one non-deceased grandchild, between the ages of 8 and 15 (pargc4=1 -2), who lives in the son's [daughter's] household (pargc3>0) and with whom there is contact (pargc6=1,2,3,4,5,6,-2).

Parents of respondent

Question
18

When were your mother and father born? Please indicate the year for each.

Variable
parigr1y
parigr2y

Mother

parigr1y Mother's year of birth: _ _ _ _

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Father

parigr2y Father's year of birth: _ _ _ _

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
19

Are your mother and father still living?
Please check one separately for both mother and father.

Variable
parigr22
parigr25

Mother

parigr22 Yes 1

No 2

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Father

parigr25 Yes 1

No 2

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
20

Variable
parigr29
parigr34

What is the current marital status of your mother and father?

Mother

- parigr29
- Married to Father 1
 - Married to Father but separated 2
 - Married to someone else 3
 - Married to someone else but separated 4
 - Single 5
 - Divorced 6
 - Widowed 7

 - Don't know* -1
 - No answer* -2

Father

- parigr34
- Married to Mother 1
 - Married to Mother but separated 2
 - Married to someone else 3
 - Married to someone else but separated 4
 - Single 5
 - Divorced 6
 - Widowed 7

 - Don't know* -1
 - No answer* -2

Respondents whose mother is still living (parigr22=1 -2).

Respondents whose father is still living (parigr25=1 -2).

Question
21

Variable

parigr101_
parigr102_

With whom do your mother and/or father live? Do they live ...
Multiple answers allowed!

Mother

- parigr101i1 With Father together in one household?
 - parigr101i2 With another partner in one household?
 - parigr101i3 With someone else in one household?
 - parigr101i4 Alone?
 - parigr101i5 In a retirement home, a nursing home, or assisted living?
 - parigr101i6 Other
 - parigr101i7 Don't know
- Not mentioned 0
- Mentioned 1
- No answer* -2

Father

- parigr102i1 With Mother together in one household?
 - parigr102i2 With another partner in one household?
 - parigr102i3 With someone else in one household?
 - parigr102i4 Alone?
 - parigr102i5 In a retirement home, a nursing home, or assisted living?
 - parigr102i6 Other
 - parigr102i7 Don't know
- Not mentioned 0
- Mentioned 1
- No answer* -2

Respondents whose mother is still living (parigr22=1 -2).
Respondents whose father is still living (parigr25=1 -2).

Question
22

Variable
parigr39p1
parigr39p3

How often are you in contact with your mother and/or father, adding up all visits, letters, phone calls, etc.?

Please check one separately for both mother and father.

Mother

- parigr39p1 Daily 1
Several times per week 2
Once per week 3
1 to 3 times per month 4
Several times per year 5
Less often 6
Never 7
I was never in contact. 10

No answer -2

Father

- parigr39p3 Daily 1
Several times per week 2
Once per week 3
1 to 3 times per month 4
Several times per year 5
Less often 6
Never 7
I was never in contact. 10

No answer -2

Respondents whose mother is still living (parigr22=1 -2).

Respondents whose father is still living (parigr25=1 -2).

Question
23

Variable
parigr40p1

How close are you to your mother emotionally?

- Not at all close 1 2 3 4 5 Very close
- No answer* -2

Respondents whose mother is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr22=1 -2 and parigr39p1=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Question
24

How close are you to your father emotionally?

Variable
parigr40p3

Not at all close 1 2 3 4 5 Very close

No answer -2

Respondents whose father is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr25=1 -2 and parigr39p3=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Question
25

What is the travel time to your mother and/or father (on a normal day using normal means of transportation)?

Variable
parigr41p1
parigr41p3

Please check one separately for both mother and father.

Mother

parigr41p1 We live in the same household. 0
We live in the same building. 1
Less than 10 minutes 2
10 minutes to less than 30 minutes .. 3
30 minutes to less than 1 hour 4
1 hour to less than 3 hours 5
3 hours or longer 6

No answer -2

Father

parigr41p3 We live in the same household. 0
We live in the same building. 1
Less than 10 minutes 2
10 minutes to less than 30 minutes .. 3
30 minutes to less than 1 hour 4
1 hour to less than 3 hours 5
3 hours or longer 6

No answer -2

Respondents whose mother is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr22=1 -2 and parigr39p1=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Respondents whose father is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr25=1 -2 and parigr39p3=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Question
26

Variable
parigr51p1
parigr51p3

Has your mother or father needed regular help within the last 12 months with daily tasks such as eating, standing up, dressing, bathing, or personal hygiene? Please check one separately for both mother and father.

Mother

- parigr51p1 Yes 1
No 2

No answer -2

Father

- parigr51p3 Yes 1
No 2

No answer -2

Respondents whose mother is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr22=1 -2 and parigr39p1=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).
Respondents whose father is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr25=1 -2 and parigr39p3=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Question
27

Variable
parigr51p1
parigr51p3

If you indicated that your mother or father has needed regular help: From whom did he/she receive this help?

Multiple answers allowed!

Mother

parigr51p1i1 From a professional nursing agency

parigr51p1i2 From me

parigr51p1i3 From her spouse or partner

parigr51p1i4 From other family members or relatives

parigr51p1i5 From her friends or acquaintances

parigr51p1i6 From other persons

Not mentioned 0

Mentioned 1

No answer -2

Father

parigr51p3i1 From a professional nursing agency

parigr51p3i2 From me

parigr51p3i3 From his spouse or partner

parigr51p3i4 From other family members or relatives

parigr51p3i5 From his friends or acquaintances

parigr51p3i6 From other persons

Not mentioned 0

Mentioned 1

No answer -2

Respondents whose mother is still living but needed personal care, with whom there is contact (parigr22=1 -2 and parigr39p1=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2 and parigr51p1=1).

Respondents whose father is still living but needed personal care, with whom there is contact (parigr25=1 -2 and parigr39p3=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2 and parigr51p3=1).

Question
28

What was the total value of all substantial gifts of money and valuables as well as regular financial assistance you received during the past 12 months from your parents?

Variable
parigr103

- I received nothing during the past 12 months. 1
- Less than 250 Euros 2
- 250 - 499 Euros 3
- 500 - 999 Euros 4
- 1,000 - 1,999 Euros 5
- 2,000 - 4,999 Euros 6
- 5,000 - 9,999 Euros 7
- More than 10,000 Euros 8

- Don't know* -1
- No answer* -2

Respondents whose mother is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr22=1 -2 and parigr39p1=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Respondents whose father is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr25=1 -2 and parigr39p3=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

**Question
29**

Variable
parigr53p1
parigr54p1
parigr55p1
parigr56p1
parigr57p1
parigr58p1
parigr59p1
parigr53p3
parigr54p3
parigr55p3
parigr56p3
parigr57p3
parigr58p3
parigr59p3

How often did you give your mother or father the following things during the past 12 months?

Please check one separately for both mother and father.

Mother

- parigr53p1 Advice regarding personal problems
- parigr54p1 Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 Euros per gift)
- parigr55p1 Help in preparing documents such as tax forms or in taking care of official business
- parigr56p1 Financial support
- parigr57p1 Help with shopping, housework, or yard work
- parigr58p1 A talk about her worries and troubles
- parigr59p1 Help with nursing or taking care of family members

- Never 1
- Seldom 2
- Sometimes 3
- Often 4
- Very often 5
- Doesn't apply to our situation (in the sense of "no need") 6
- No answer* -2

Father

- parigr53p3 Advice regarding personal problems
- parigr54p3 Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 Euros per gift)
- parigr55p3 Help in preparing documents such as tax forms or in taking care of official business
- parigr56p3 Financial support
- parigr57p3 Help with shopping, housework, or yard work
- parigr58p3 A talk about her worries and troubles
- parigr59p3 Help with nursing or taking care of family members

- Never 1
- Seldom 2
- Sometimes 3
- Often 4
- Very often 5
- Doesn't apply to our situation (in the sense of "no need") 6
- No answer* -2

Respondents whose mother is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr22=1 -2 and parigr39p1=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).
Respondents whose father is still living and with whom there is contact (parigr25=1 -2 and parigr39p3=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Sociodemographics

Text 4

Now we would like to ask you some questions about yourself.

Question
30

When were you born?

Variable
pardobm
pardoby

pardobm Month: __
pardoby Year: 19__

No answer -2

Question
31

Please indicate your sex.

Variable
parsex

Male 1

Female 2

No answer -2

Question
32

How often do the following things happen in your partnership?

Variable
parpa17_

parpa17i1 How often do you tell your partner what you're thinking?

parpa17i2 How often does your partner show recognition for the things you do?

parpa17i3 How often does your partner make you do things his/her way?

parpa17i4 How often are you and your partner annoyed or angry with each other?

parpa17i5 How often does your partner show that he/she appreciates you?

parpa17i6 How often do you and your partner disagree and quarrel?

parpa17i7 How often does your partner get his/her way when you can't agree on something?

parpa17i8 How often do you share your secrets and private feelings with your partner?

Never 1

Seldom 2

Sometimes 3

Often 4

Always 5

No answer -2

Question
33

Variable
parhlt1

How would you describe your health during the past 4 weeks, generally speaking?
Was it...?

- Bad 1
Less than satisfactory 2
Satisfactory 3
Good 4
Very good 5

No answer -2
-

Question
34

Variable
parsd27

What is the highest level of school education you attained?

- Left school without a certificate 1
Secondary general school leaving certificate (Hauptschule, Volksschule) 2
Intermediate school leaving certificate (Realschule, Mittlere Reife) 3

School leaving certificate from lower secondary school
(Polytechnische Oberschule 8th/9th grade) 4

School leaving certificate from medium-level secondary school
(Polytechnische Oberschule 10th grade) 5

Entrance qualification for universities of applied sciences
(also Fachoberschule) Fachhochschulreife, Abschluss Fachoberschule 6

General or subject-specific university entrance qualification 7
Other school leaving certificate _____ 8

No answer -2
-

Question
35

Variable
parsd27n

How many years of schooling did you have altogether?

- __ __ Years

No answer -2
-

**Question
36**

Variable
parsd29_

**Which of the following certificate(s) or degree(s) did you earn?
Multiple answers allowed!**

- parsd29i1 Apprenticeship (GDR: certified skilled worker)
 - parsd29i2 Vocational school (general, trade, health-care related)
 - parsd29i3 Advanced vocational school (e.g., certified master craftsman, certified technician)
 - parsd29i4 Civil service apprenticeship
 - parsd29i5 University of applied sciences / University of cooperative education (also "Beruf-sakademie") (previously: engineering school, teacher training; GDR: engineering and higher vocational school certificate)
 - parsd29i6 University degree without doctorate
 - parsd29i7 Doctorate
 - parsd29i8 I have no certificate or degree.
- Not mentioned 0
- Mentioned 1
- No answer* -2
-

**Question
37**

Variable
parsd23_

Which descriptions best fit your current education and employment activity? If multiple activities apply to your situation, please indicate all of them.

- parsd23i10 Full-time employment
 - parsd23i11 Self-employment
 - parsd23i12 Part-time employment (also multiple part-time jobs)
 - parsd23i13 Internship, trainee, work experience etc. (including unpaid work)
 - parsd23i14 Marginal part-time employment, mini-job, "Ein-Euro-Job" ("one-euro job" while receiving unemployment benefits)
 - parsd23i15 Occasional or irregular employment
 - parsd23i16 Other kind of job
 - parsd23i17 Maternity or paternity leave or other leave of absence for childcare
 - parsd23i18 Military service, alternative civilian service, voluntary social service year
 - parsd23i19 Unemployed, seeking employment
 - parsd23i20 Housewife / househusband
 - parsd23i21 Early retirement, retirement, occupational disability
 - parsd23i22 Other, not employed
 - parsd23i24 In school, at university, or in training (e.g. evening school, working on a school leaving certificate for adults, vocational retraining, continuing education, university of cooperative education ("Berufsakademie"), university of applied sciences, college, university, or technical/professional school).
- Not mentioned 0
- Mentioned 1
- No answer* -2
-

If you are taking part the first time, we would like you to answer a few further questions

Question 38

Were you employed at some point between your son's [daughter's] birth and his sixth birthday?

Variable
parsd37

- Yes 1
- No 2

- Don't know* -1
- No answer* -2

Only first time questioning (w3ne = 1).

Question 39

If you were employed during this time period, for how many years altogether?

Variable
parsd38

- Employed for _ _ years

- Don't know* -1
- No answer* -2

Respondents who were employed at any time between the birth of their son [daughter] and his sixth birthday (parsd37 =1 -2) and only first time questioning (w3ne = 1).

Question 40

How many living brothers and sisters do you have? Please include half-siblings and step-siblings.
Please indicate a number on each line.

Variable
parnet17_

- parnet17i1 _ _ Sister(s)
- parnet17i2 _ _ Brother(s)

- No answer* -2

Only first time questioning (w3ne = 1).

Question 41

In what year did you move out of your parents' house for the first time?

Variable
parigr9y

- Year _ _ _ _

- I never moved out of my parents' home. 0

- No answer* -2

Only first time questioning (w3ne = 1).

