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Introduction

How to answer the questionnaire:

There are no right or wrong answers to these questions – only your personal assessment is of importance to us.

Please fill out the questionnaire by yourself. We assure you that the information will be treated as strictly confidential.

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

Here are two examples:
(omitted)

We hope you enjoy filling in the questionnaire!

Values and Preferences

Attitudes and opinions regarding family and partnership

Question 1

Variable
pval1_

There are different general attitudes about family and family life. We've listed some statements here. Please tell me to what extent you personally agree with these statements.

- pval1i1 Parents and children should support each other mutually for a lifetime.
pval1i2 You should get married if you permanently live with your partner.
pval1i3 Women should be more concerned about their family than about their career.
pval1i4 Men should participate in housework to the same extent as women.
pval1i5 A child under age 6 will suffer from having a working mother.
pval1i6 Children often suffer because their fathers spend too much time at work.
pval1i7 Marriage is a lifelong union which should not be broken.
pval1i8 Couples should marry at the latest after a child is born.

Completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Completely agree

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question 2

Variable
psat1_

How satisfied are you with the following domains in your life?

- psat1i1 School, education, career
psat1i2 Leisure activities, hobbies, interests
psat1i3 Friends, social contacts
psat1i4 Family

Very dissatisfied 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Very satisfied

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
3

Variable
psrs1_

Please look at these five life goals and domains. How important are these to you personally at the moment?

You have 15 importance points to distribute among the five goals and domains.

The more important a goal or domain is to you at the moment, the more importance points you should assign to it. If something is absolutely unimportant to you at the moment, don't assign it any points.

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|---------|--|----|--------|
| psrs1i1 | Pursuing my education or career interests | __ | Points |
| psrs1i2 | Pursuing my hobbies and personal interests | __ | Points |
| psrs1i3 | Keeping in touch with friends | __ | Points |
| psrs1i4 | Living in a partnership | __ | Points |
| psrs1i5 | Having a(nother) child | __ | Points |

No answer -2

Question
6

Variable
psat4

What do you think: how satisfied is your partner with your relationship?

Very dissatisfied 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Very satisfied

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
7

Variable
ppa9

Do you intend to move in with your partner or to establish a common household within the next 12 months?

Yes, definitely 1

Yes, perhaps 2

No, probably not 3

No, definitely not 4

We haven't discussed that yet. 5

We're already living together. 6

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
8

Variable
ppa11

Are you and your partner planning to get married within the next 12 months?

Yes, definitely 1

Yes, perhaps 2

No, probably not 3

No, definitely not 4

We haven't discussed that yet. 5

We're already married. 6

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
9
Variable
ppa13

Have you and your partner seriously considered having children?

Yes 1

No 2

We already have a child/children. 6

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Division of Labor

Now we would like to know about how you and your partner organize your daily lives.

Question
10

Variable
ppa14_

To what extent do you and your partner share duties in the following domains?
If you have a housemaid, nanny, or similar household help, then refer in your answers only to the portion of the work done by you and/or your partner.

- ppa14i1 Housework (washing, cooking, cleaning)
- ppa14i2 Shopping
- ppa14i3 Home and auto repairs
- ppa14i4 Financial and administrative matters
- ppa14i5 Taking care of the children

- (Almost) completely, my partner 1
 - For the most part, my partner 2
 - Split about 50/50 3
 - For the most part, me 4
 - (Almost) completely, me 5

 - Another person 6
 - Doesn't apply to our situation 7

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

Question
11

Variable
ppa15

Looking at both housework and paid work: How fair is the division of labor between you and your partner?

- I do **much more** than my fair share. 1
 - I do **a bit more** than my fair share. 2
 - I do **about** my fair share. 3
 - I do **a bit less** than my fair share. 4
 - I do **much less** than my fair share. 5

 - Doesn't apply to our situation 7

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

**Question
14**

How often do you and your partner disagree in the following areas?

Variable
ppa21_

- ppa21i1 Spending leisure time
- ppa21i2 The division of chores between you and your partner (e.g., housework, child care)
- ppa21i3 Financial matters
- ppa21i4 Your involvement, or that of your partner, in career, education, school
- ppa21i5 The question of how you relate with each other (jealousy, fairness, respect)
- ppa21i6 Questions concerning parenting

Almost never or never 1 2 3 4 5 Very often

Does not apply to us 7

Don't know -1

No answer -2

**Question
15**

Variable
ppa22_

What happens when you have a disagreement with your partner? Please indicate how often each of you engaged in the following behaviors. When answering, please refer to the past six months.

Did your partner...

- ppa22pi1 insult or verbally abuse you?
- ppa22pi2 fall into silence?
- ppa22pi3 yell at you?
- ppa22pi4 listen to and ask questions of you in order to understand better?
- ppa22pi5 refuse to talk about the subject?
- ppa22pi6 immediately feel insulted?
- ppa22pi7 try to shift blame or guilt?
- ppa22pi8 endeavor to clarify his or her own position to you?

Did you...

- ppa22ri1 insult or abuse your partner?
- ppa22ri2 fall into silence?
- ppa22ri3 yell at your partner?
- ppa22ri4 listen to and ask questions of your partner in order to understand better?
- ppa22ri5 refuse to talk about the subject?
- ppa22ri6 immediately feel insulted?
- ppa22ri7 try to shift blame or guilt?
- ppa22ri8 endeavor to clarify your own position to your partner?

Almost never or never 1 2 3 4 5 Very often

Don't know -1

No answer -2

**Question
16**

Variable
ppa17_

How often do the following things happen in your relationship?

- ppa17i1 How often do you tell your partner what you're thinking?
- ppa17i2 How often does your partner express recognition for what you've done?
- ppa17i3 How often does your partner make you to do things his/her way?
- ppa17i4 How often are you and your partner annoyed or angry with each other?
- ppa17i5 How often does your partner show that he/she appreciates you?
- ppa17i6 How often do you and your partner disagree and quarrel?
- ppa17i7 How often does your partner get his/her way when you can't agree on something?
- ppa17i8 How often do you share your secrets and private feelings with your partner?

- Never 1
- Seldom 2
- Sometimes 3
- Often 4
- Always 5

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

**Question
17**

Variable
ppa18_

When you think about your relationship: To what extent do the following statements apply to your situation?

- ppa18i1 My partner finds it quite all right if I stand up for my own interests in our partnership.
- ppa18i2 Sometimes I'm afraid that my partner would rather spend time with others than with me.
- ppa18i4 My partner clings to me so much that I feel like I'm suffocating.
- ppa18i6 I can settle my personal matters by myself without causing conflicts with my partner.
- ppa18i7 I have the feeling that I like my partner more than he/she likes me.
- ppa18i9 I can meet the needs of my partner very well.
- ppa18i10 Sometimes I'm not sure if my partner enjoys being with me as much as I enjoy being with him/her.

- ppa18i11 In our partnership I can usually do what I want.
- ppa18i12 I'm often afraid my partner thinks I'm silly or stupid if I make a mistake.
- ppa18i14 My partner clings to me so tightly that I can't do what I want.
- ppa18i15 When I disappointed or annoyed my partner I am afraid that he/she won't like me anymore.

- ppa18i16 In our partnership I can follow my own interests without my partner getting upset.
- ppa18i18 My partner can fulfill my needs very well.

- | | | | | | | |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Not at all | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Absolutely |
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- Don't know* -1
- No answer* -2

**Question
18**

Variable
ppa26

Did you think that your relationship or marriage was in trouble during the past year?

Yes 1

No 2

Don't know -1

No answer -2

**Question
19**

Variable
pa27

Did you seriously consider a separation or a divorce during the past year?

Yes 1

No 2

Don't know -1

No answer -2

**Question
20**

Variable
pa28

Did you seriously propose a separation or divorce to your partner during the past year?

Yes 1

No 2

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Children

**Question
22**

Do you have biological or adopted children?

Variable
psd9

Yes 1

No 2

No answer -2

**Question
23**

When were your children born?

Comment: For up to four children x=1,...,4

Variable
psd19kx_
for x=1/X

psd19kxm Month: ___

psd19kxy Year: ____

No Answer -2

Only respondents who have biological or adopted children (psd9=1)

**Question
24**

Please indicate your children's sex:

Comment: For up to four children x=1,...,4

Variable
psd14kx
for x=1/X

psd14kxg Male 1

Female 2

No Answer -2

Only respondents who have biological or adopted children (psd9=1)

**Question
25**

How are your children related to you?

Comment: For up to four children x=1,...,4

Variable
psd15kx
for x=1/X

psd15kx Biological child 1

Adopted child 2

No Answer -2

Only respondents who have biological or adopted children (psd9=1)

Contraception

Now a few questions about contraception.

**Question
26**

Did you or your partner use some form of contraception in the past three months?

Variable
psex5

- Yes 1
 - No 2
 - I'm pregnant/my partner is pregnant 7

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

**Question
27**

You just stated that you used some form of contraception within the past 3 months. What method(s) did you or your partner use primarily? You may indicate more than one method.

Variable
psex6_

- psex6i1 Birth control pill, mini pill
 - psex6i2 Condom
 - psex6i3 Hormone preparations
 - psex6i4 Intrauterine device (IUD)
 - psex6i5 Diaphragm, foam, suppository, gel
 - psex6i6 Natural birth control (standard days method, rhythm method)
 - psex6i7 Hysterectomy (female sterilization)
 - psex6i8 Vasectomy (male sterilization)
 - psex6i9 Withdrawal method, coitus interruptus
 - psex6i10 "The morning after pill"
 - psex6i11 Something else

 - Reason not mentioned 0
 - Reason mentioned 1

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

Respondents who practiced contraception during the past 3 months (psex5=1)

**Question
28**

Variable
psex7

**Please consider the last 3 months:
How consistently did you or your partner use contraception?**

Very inconsistently 1 2 3 4 5 Very consistently

Don't know -1
No answer -2

Respondent who used contraception in the last 3 months (psex5=1)

**Question
29**

Variable
pfrt1

**Some people are not able to procreate naturally.
As far as you know, is it possible for you to conceive naturally?**

Definitely yes 1
Probably yes 2
Probably not 3
Definitely not 4

Don't know -1
No answer -2

All respondents who didn't tick that they are pregnant/their partner is pregnant (psex5!=7)

**Question
30**

Variable
psat5

All in all, how satisfied are you with your sex life?

Very dissatisfied 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Very satisfied

Don't know -1
No answer -2

Fertility Plans

The following questions are about your attitudes and plans regarding children.

Question
31

Variable
pfrt5

Assuming ideal circumstances: How many children would you like to have altogether?

__ __ Children

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
32

Variable
pfrt6

When you think realistically about having (additional) children, how many (more) children do you think you will have? Please do not include the children you already have.

No (additional) children 7

One (additional) child 1

Two (additional) children 2

Three (additional) children 3

Four or more (additional) children 4

I'm not sure. 5

I haven't thought about that 6

No Answer -2

**Question
33**

Variable
pfrt13_

You have just stated that you don't want to have any (additional) children. What is the most important reason (or reasons) for this decision?

You may indicate a maximum of three reasons from the following list.

- pfrt13i1 My state of health does not permit it.
- pfrt13i2 I already have the number of children I would like to have.
- pfrt13i3 I'm single and live alone.
- pfrt13i4 It would conflict with my job goals.
- pfrt13i5 I would have to give up too much leisure time.
- pfrt13i6 It would reduce my personal freedom.
- pfrt13i7 I wouldn't be able to afford as much as I do now.
- pfrt13i8 I worry too much about what kind of future my children would have.
- pfrt13i9 I wouldn't be able to enjoy my life as much as before.
- pfrt13i10 I'm too old/ My partner is too old.
- pfrt13i11 My partner doesn't want (more) children.
- pfrt13i12 My relationship isn't working as well as I wish.
- pfrt13i13 An (additional) child would overburden me.
- pfrt13i14 Other: _____ (pfrt13i14o)

Reason not mentioned 0

Reason mentioned 1

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Only respondents who think they will have no (more) children (pfrt6=7)

**Question
34**

Variable
pfrt7

Do you intend to become a mother/father (again) in the next two years?

Yes definitely 1

Yes, perhaps 2

No, probably not 3

No, definitely not 4

I haven't thought about that. 7

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents considering having a(nother) child (pfrt6=1 2 3 4 5 -2)

Question 35

Variable
pfrt9

When you think realistically about having (additional) children, when do you think you will have your first (or next) child?

At the age of _ _

I haven't thought about that. 97

No answer -2

Respondents considering having a(nother) child (pfrt6=1 2 3 4 5 -2)

Question 36

Variable
pfrt10_

Besides your partner and yourself, others may have an opinion about whether or not you should have a(nother) child. Please indicate how strongly you agree with the following statements.

pfrt10i1 Most of my friends think that I should have a(nother) child.

pfrt10i2 My parents think that I should have a(nother) child.

Disagree completely 1 2 3 4 5 Agree completely

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question 37

Variable
pfrt12_

In order to have a (an additional) child, it might be necessary to abstain from certain things. Currently, how strongly would you be willing to cut back on or abstain from the following things?

pfrt12i1 School, education, career

pfrt12i2 Leisure activities, hobbies, interests

pfrt12i3 Friends, social contacts

pfrt12i4 Partnership

Not at all 1 2 3 4 5 Very strongly

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Leisure Time

Now some questions about your leisure time.

**Question
38**

Please indicate how often you engage in each of the following activities.

Variable
plsr1_

- plsr1i1 Go to cafés, bars, restaurants
- plsr1i2 Do sports
- plsr1i3 Go to a disco
- plsr1i4 Meet with friends

- Daily 1
 - At least once a week 2
 - At least once a month 3
 - Seldom 4
 - Never 5

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

**Question
39**

Watch television

Variable
plsr2

__ __ __ hours last week

- Never 995
 - Don't know* -1
 - No answer* -2
-

**Question
40**

Personal internet use

Variable
plsr3

__ __ __ hours last week

- Never 995
 - Don't know* -1
 - No answer* -2
-

Question
41

Vacation trips

Variable
plsr4

- __ __ weeks/year
Never 995
Don't know -1
No answer -2
-

Question
42

Now we would like to learn a bit about how you see yourself.
I will now show you a list of different characteristics a person can have. Please indicate using the following scale to what extent these characteristics apply to you.

Variable
pper1_

- pper1i1 I often agree with others, even if I'm not sure.
pper1i2 Sometimes I believe that I'm worthless.
pper1i3 I become angry very quickly.
pper1i4 I feel inhibited in the presence of others.
pper1i5 I often change my mind after hearing what others think.
pper1i6 I feel lonely.
pper1i7 I like myself just the way I am.
pper1i8 I work myself up into a quarrel easily.
pper1i9 I feel shy in the presence of others.
pper1i10 I strongly tend to follow the wishes of others.
pper1i11 When others irritate me, I get angry quickly.
pper1i12 I approach other people easily.
pper1i13 All in all, I am pleased with myself.
- | | | | | | | |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Not at all | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Absolutely |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
- Don't know* -1
No answer -2
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Sociodemographics

In conclusion, a few personal details.

Question 43	When were you born?		
Variable	pdobd	Day:	---
pdob_	pdobm	Month:	---
	pdoby	Year:	----

Question 44	Are you...		
Variable	Male		<input type="checkbox"/> 1
psex	Female		<input type="checkbox"/> 2
	<i>No Answer</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> -2

Question 45	What is your current marital status?		
Variable	Single		<input type="checkbox"/> 1
psd10	Married		<input type="checkbox"/> 2
	Civil union		<input type="checkbox"/> 3
	Separated / dissolved civil union		<input type="checkbox"/> 4
	Widowed		<input type="checkbox"/> 5
	<i>Don't know</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> -1
	<i>No answer</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> -2

Question
46

Variable
psd27

What is the highest level of school education you attained?

- Still go to school 0
 - 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 medium-level secondary school (Polytechnische
Oberschule 10th grade, before 1965: 8th grade) 5
 - Entrance qualification for universities of applied sciences (also Fachober-
schule) 6
 - General or subject-specific university entrance qualification (Abitur, Gymna-
sium or EOS, also EOS with apprenticeship) 7
 - Other school leaving certificate: _____ (psd27o) 8

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

**Question
47**

Variable
psd23_

Which descriptions fit your current education and employment situation? You can pick multiple answers.

- psd23i2 Evening school, working on a school leaving certificate for adults
 - psd23i3 Vocational training / apprenticeship
 - psd23i4 Vocational retraining / continuing education
 - psd23i5 University of cooperative education (also "Berufsakademie")
 - psd23i6 University of applied sciences, college, university
 - psd23i7 Pre-vocational training
 - psd23i8 Technical/professional school (e.g., certified master craftsman, certified technician)
 - psd23i9 Other education

 - psd23i10 Full-time employment
 - psd23i11 Self-employment
 - psd23i12 Part-time employment (also multiple part-time jobs)
 - psd23i13 Internship, trainee, work experience etc. (including unpaid work)
 - psd23i14 Marginal part-time employment, mini-job, "Ein-Euro-Job" ("one-euro job", when receiving unemployment benefits)
 - psd23i15 Occasionally or irregularly employed
 - psd23i16 Other type of job

 - psd23i17 Maternity or paternity leave or other leave of absence
 - psd23i18 Military service, alternative civilian service, voluntary social service year
 - psd23i19 Unemployed, seeking employment
 - psd23i20 Housewife / househusband
 - psd23i21 Retired, occupational disability
 - psd23i22 Other, not employed

 - Reason not mentioned 0
 - Reason mentioned 1

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

Question
48

Variable
pjob2

What is your current occupational status? If you have more than one occupation, please answer this question only for your current main occupation.

Self-employed (also: unpaid family workers)

- Self-employed farmers with no employees 10
- Self-employed farmers with 1 - 9 employees 11
- Self-employed farmers with 10 and more employees 12
- Self-employed academic professionals / "freie Berufe" with no employees ... 13
- Self-employed academic professionals / "freie Berufe" with 1 - 9 employees . 14
- Self-employed academic professionals / "freie Berufe" with 10 or more employees 15
- Other self-employed with no employees 20
- Other self-employed with 1 - 9 employees 21
- Other self-employed with 10 or more employees 22
- Unpaid family workers 30

Civil servants / public administration (incl. judges and career soldiers)

- Lower level (up to and including "Oberamstmeister") 40
- Middle level (from "Assistent" up to "Hauptsekretär / Amtsinspektor") 41
- Upper level (from "Inspektor" up to "Oberamtmann / Oberamtsrat") 42
- Higher level (from "Regierungsrat" upward) 43

White-collar workers

- Industry and works foremen in a salaried position 50
- Employees with simple duties (e.g., salesperson, clerk, stenographer) 51
- Employees with qualified duties (e.g., executive officer, accountant, technical draftsman) 52
- Employees with highly qualified duties or managerial functions (e.g., scientist, attorney, head of department) 53
- Employees with extensive managerial duties (e.g., manager, managing director, executive of a large firm or corporation) 54

Blue-collar workers (also in farming)

- Untrained workers 60
- Workers with on-the-job training 61
- Formally trained and specialized workers 62
- Foremen 63
- Master craftsmen 64

Apprentices / Trainees and interns

- Apprentices/ trainees in trade, commerce, or public administration 70
- Apprentices/ trainees in crafts and production 71
- Apprentices/ trainees in home economics or agriculture 72
- Civil servants in training 73
- Volunteers, interns, etc. 74

Not of the above apply at the moment 97

No answer -2

**Question
49**

Variable
pinc2

What was your personal net income last month?

Net income in Euro: _ _ _ _ _

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Doesn't apply -3

If you can't give the exact amount of your net income, please indicate one of the categories below.

up to 500 Euro 1

501 - 1,000 Euro 2

1,001 - 1,500 Euro 3

1,501 - 2,000 Euro 4

2,001 - 2,500 Euro 5

2,501 - 3,000 Euro 6

3,001 - 3,500 Euro 7

3,501 - 4,000 Euro 8

4,001 - 4,500 Euro 9

4,501 - 5,000 Euro 10

more than 5,000 Euro 11

No answer -2

Doesn't apply -3

Health, Religion, Satisfaction

Question
50

How would you describe your health status in the past 4 weeks?

Variable
phlt1

Bad 1

Not so good 2

Satisfactory 3

Good 4

Very good 5

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
51

How often did you feel down and melancholy in the past four weeks?

Variable
phlt2

Never 1

Seldom 2

Sometimes 3

Often 4

Always 5

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
52

How tall are you (in cm)?

Variable
phlt3

_____ cm

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Question
53

How much do you weigh (in kg)?

Variable
phlt4

___ kg

Don't know -1

No answer -2

**Question
54**

On average, how many hours do you sleep at night during the work week?

Variable
phlt7

__ __ __ hours

Don't know -1

No answer -2

**Question
55**

Are you legally handicapped or disabled?

Variable
phlt5

Yes 1

No 2

**Question
56**

To what extent are you legally handicapped or disabled?

Variable
phlt6

__ __ __ %

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents qualified as handicapped or as being unable to work (phlt5=1)

**Question
57**

What is your religion?

Variable
psd30

Christian, Roman Catholic 1

Christian, German protestant 2

Islam 3

Judaism 4

Other Christian denomination or group 5

Other religion or religious group 6

No religion 7

Don't know -1

No answer -2
