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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 refer to the son who was named in the letter accompanying this questionnaire. As mentioned, this may be your stepson or your adoptive son.

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. 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. 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

Variable
parval1_

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

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

Question
2

Variable
parsat1_

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

- parsat1i1 Career
- parsat1i2 Leisure activities, hobbies, interests
- parsat1i3 Friends, social contacts
- parsat1i4 Family

Dissatisfied 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Satisfied

don't know -1

No Answer -2

Information about the children

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

Question

3

Variable
parsd32

How many children do you have?

By that we mean all biological, adoptive and foster children, whether they live with you or not. Also children of a partner are recorded here, if they currently live with you or have ever lived with you.

__ __ Children

No answer -2

Please answer the following questions for each child

Int.: For up to four children $x=1, \dots, 4$

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

Please indicate your relation to each child.

parsd15kx My biological child and the child of my current partner . 1

My biological child and the child of an ex-partner 2

My stepchild or the child of an ex-partner 3

Adoptive or foster child 4

Adopted stepchild 5

No answer -2

Is each child still living?

- parsd33kx Yes 1
No 2

No answer -2

Please indicate the marital status of each child.

- parsd34kx Single 1
Married or in a civil union 2
Divorced or widowed 3

No answer -2

Please indicate for each child whether he/she currently has a partner.

- parsd35kx 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

How many children does each child have? Please indicate the number for each:

- parsd36kx Number: _____

No answer -2
-

What is the highest level of school education each child attained?

- parsd27kx (Still) without a certificate 1
 Secondary general school leaving certificate;lower secondary School
 (Hauptschule, Volksschule; POS 8th/9th Grade) 2
 Intermediate school leaving certificate;medium-level secondary school (Re-
 alschule, Mittlere Reife; POS 10th grade) 3
 General or subject-specific university entrance qualification (Abitur, Abschluss
 EOS) 4

 Don't know -1

 No answer -2

parsd34kx, parsd35kx, parigr39kx, parigr40kx, parigr41kx, parsd36kx, parsd27kx
 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

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

Question 5

Variable
parigr42a
parigr45a
parigr47a
parigr49a

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

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

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

 - No answer* -2
-

Question 6

Variable
parigr78

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

- 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 the following kinds of help during the past 12 months?

- parigr53a Advice regarding personal problems
- parigr54a Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 € 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 sons worries or troubles
- parigr59a Help with nursing or taking care of family members
- parigr78a Help with school homework
- parigr79a Taking care of your sons children
- parigr80a Advice regarding raising his children
- parigr81a Substantial gifts or financial support for your sons children

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

 - No need 8
 - No answer* -2
-

**Question
8**

Variable
parigr60a
parigr61a
parigr62a
parigr63a
parigr64a
parigr65a
parigr66a

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

- parigr60a Advice regarding personal problems
- parigr61a Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 € 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

No need 8

No answer -2

**Question
9**

Variable
parsd37

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

Yes 1

No 2

Don't know -1

No answer -2

**Question
10**

Variable
parsd38

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

Employed for _ years

Don't know -1

No answer -2

Respondents who were employed at any time between the birth of their son and his sixth birthday (parsd37 =1 -2).

Grandchildren

Text 3

And now we proceed to the topic of grandchildren.

Question 11

How many living grandchildren do you have? Please include your children's biological children as well as their stepchildren, adoptive children, and foster children.

Variable
pargc1a
pargc2_

__ __ Grandchildren

No answer -2

pargc2i1 ___ Between 0 and 3 years old

pargc2i2 ___ Between 4 and 7 years old

pargc2i3 ___ Between 8 and 10 years old

pargc2i4 ___ Between 11 and 15 years old

pargc2i5 ___ Over 15 years old

No answer -2

Respondents with grandchildren (pargc1a>0)

Question 12

Please tell us the name of this grandchild. The following questions pertain to him/her.

Variable
pargc5n

Name: _____

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

Question 13

Is the grandchild, named in the letter accompanying this questionnaire, a boy or a girl?

Variable
pargc5g

Boy 1

Girl 2

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 sons household (pargc3>0).

Question
17

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 sons household (pargc3>0) and with whom there is contact (pargc6=1,2,3,4,5,6,-2).

Question
18

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 sons household (pargc3>0) and with whom there is contact (pargc6=1,2,3,4,5,6,-2).

Question
19

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 sons household (pargc3>0) and with whom there is contact (pargc6=1,2,3,4,5,6,-2).

Question
20

Variable
pargc11

How often did you give this grandchild gifts of money or valuables (worth more than 100 € 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 sons household (pargc3>0) and with whom there is contact (pargc6=1,2,3,4,5,6,-2).

Parents of respondent

Question
21

Variable
parigr1y
parigr2y

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

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
22

Variable
parigr22
parigr25

Are your mother and father still living?

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
23

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
24

Variable

parigr101_
parigr102_

With whom do your mother and 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
25

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
26

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 (parigr22=1 -2 and parigr39p1=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Question
27

Variable
parigr40p3

How close are you to your father emotionally?

Not at all close 1 2 3 4 5 Very close

No answer -2

Respondents whose father is still living (parigr25=1 -2 and parigr39p1=1 2 3 4 5 6 -2).

Question
28

Variable
parigr41p1
parigr41p3

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

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
Don't know -1
- 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
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
29

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
30

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
31

Variable
parigr103

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?

- I received nothing during the past 12 months. 1
- Less than 250 € 2
- 250 - 499 € 3
- 500 - 749 € 4
- 750 - 999 € 5
- 1,000 - 1,249 € 6
- 1,250 - 1,499 € 7
- 1,500 - 1,749 € 8
- 1,750 - 1,999 € 9
- 2,000 - 2,499 € 10
- 2,500 - 2,999 € 11
- 3,000 - 3,499 € 12
- 3,500 - 3,999 € 13
- 4,000 - 4,499 € 14
- More than 4,500 € 15

- 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
32**

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 € 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
- No need 8
- No answer* -2

Father

- parigr53p3 Advice regarding personal problems
- parigr54p3 Gifts of money or valuables (more than 100 € 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
- No need 8
- 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
35**

Variable
parpa17_

How often do the following things happen in your partnership?

- 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 partner 8

 - No answer* -2
-

**Question
36**

Variable
parnet17_

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

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

 - No answer* -2
-

**Question
37**

Variable
parigr9y

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

- Year _ _ _ _

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

 - No answer* -2
-

Question
38

Variable
parigr9f

Think now about your childhood up to age 16: Where did you grow up during this time or for most of it?

- With both parents the whole time ... 1
 - With both parents most of the time .. 2
 - Only with my mother 3
 - Only with my father 4
 - With another person 5
 - Other 6

 - No answer* -2
-

Question
39

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
40

Variable
parsd30

What is your religion?

- 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

 - No answer* -2
-

Question
41

Variable
parsd31

How often do you go to church/the mosque /the synagogue or other religious ceremonies?

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

 - No answer* -2
-

Question
42

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
(Fachhochschulreife, Abschluss Fachoberschule) 6
 - General or subject-specific university entrance qualification (Abitur) 7
 - Other school leaving certificate 8

 - No answer* -2
-

Question
43

Variable
parsd27n

How many years of schooling did you have altogether?

- _ _ Years

 - No answer* -2
-

Question
44

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
45

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 Voluntary social service (Bundesfreiwilligendienst)
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
-

