

# social distinctions in contemporary russia

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questionnaire Number

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Name of settlement

Number of the household

Family member

Interview date

Time of starting interview

Time of finishing interview

Interviewer's surname

Interviewer's name

Interviewer's patronymic

Interviewer number

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Moscow, 2015

Hello, my name is [**Interviewer! Introduce yourself**]. The Institute of Sociology of the Russian Academy of Sciences is conducting a survey that set out to collect data on how the economic and political change influence that life of the Russians. We select families in accordance with a special method, so that several thousand interviews allow us to portray with utmost precision the life of our population. It means that we should question the selected members of your household older than 18.

All information, accumulated by the current study is anonymous. We undertake to never, under no circumstances to name publicly those who take part in our study. All data will be analyzed in general terms.

Your participation in the project is voluntary. However each refusal to participate has a negative effect on the degree of precision. Now our society needs precise information as never before. Therefore we want you or other member of your family to spend some time and give answers to our questions.

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## 1 . childhood

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1. Please, recall your childhood, the period of your life when you under 16. Who in that period played the role of a breadwinner in your family, who brought to the family the biggest part of its income? Name no more than two of such people.

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|-----------------|---|
| Father          | 1 |
| Mother          | 2 |
| Mother's father | 3 |
| Mother's mother | 4 |

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| Father's mother       | 5  |
| Father's father       | 6  |
| Father-in-law         | 7  |
| Mother-in-law         | 8  |
| Other relative        | 9  |
| education institution | 10 |
| [to question 7]       |    |

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2. Choose the first of these people. Let it be someone who brought the bigger part of income into your family. Who was that?

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**[interviewer! choose the relevant figure from the list above and place it in the box]**

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3. What was this person's occupation most of his or her working time? Characterize your profession and occupational position in the most detailed way.

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hard to say    000

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4. What was his or her occupation's branch of economy?

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|---|---|
| Extraction industry , for instance coal mining or oil extraction  | 1 |
| Processing industry, for instance machine building                | 2 |
| Power production, for instance power station                      | 3 |
| Transportation for instance railway or air carrier                | 4 |
| Communication, for instance post office, or telephone station     | 5 |
| Construction  | 6 |
| Agriculture, for instance a kolhoz or an agricultural cooperative | 7 |
| Forestry, for instance forest industrial enterprise               | 8 |
| Finances, credit or insurance, for instance banking               | 9 |

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Trade including wholesale or retail   | 10 |
| Services, for instance laundry, repairs   | 11 |
| Communal services, for instance Local service office                                | 12 |
| Education, for instance a school or an institute                                    | 13 |
| Health care, for instance a clinic or a hospital                                    | 14 |
| Science or scientific logistics, for instance a scientific institute                | 15 |
| Culture or leisure provision, for instance a library or a movie house               | 16 |
| Mass media, for instance a newspaper or a radio                                     | 17 |
| State or municipal offices  | 18 |
| Public organization, for instance trade unions                                      | 19 |
| Army or law enforcement   | 20 |
| Other   | 21 |
| [Interviewer! if the respondent named chose only one breadwinner, go to question 7] |    |

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5. And now choose the second person that you listed.

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[interviewer! choose the relevant figure from the list above and place it in the box]

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6A.What was/is your father's educational level?

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|---|---|
| Primary, less than 8 grades   | 1 |
| Unfinished secondary  | 2 |
| General secondary   | 3 |
| Secondary special (vocational school)                               | 4 |
| Secondary technical (technicum)                                     | 5 |
| Unfinished higher (no less than 3 years of university or institute) | 6 |
| Higher  | 7 |
| Higher scientific (graduate course)                                 | 8 |
| Scientific degree   | 9 |

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6B. What was/is your mothers' educational level?

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|---|---|
| Primary, less than 8 grades   | 1 |
| Unfinished secondary  | 2 |
| General secondary   | 3 |
| Secondary special (vocational school)                               | 4 |
| Secondary technical (technicum)                                     | 5 |
| Unfinished higher (no less than 3 years of university or institute) | 6 |
| Higher  | 7 |
| Higher scientific (graduate course)                                 | 8 |
| Scientific degree   | 9 |

## 2 b. employment

11. Are you employed at present?

|     |                       |
|-----|-----------------------|
| Yes | 1 [go to question 13] |
| No  | 2 [go to question 12] |

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12. Why are you not employed now?

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|--|-----------------------|
| Retired because of age, or work duration | 1 [go to question 46] |
| Retired because of invalid status        | 2 [go to question 46] |
| Maternity leave                          | 3 [go to question 46] |
| Long leave without salary payments       | 4 [go to question 46] |
| Unemployed                               | 5 [go to question 46] |
| Housewife                                | 6 [go to question 46] |
| Student                                  | 7 [go to question 46] |
| Other reason                             | 9 [go to question 46] |

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13. What is your way of employment? Do you work in an organization or are you self-employed?

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| Work in an organization | 1           |
| Self-employed           | 2 -siirtymä |

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13. What is your main occupation at present? Characterize in a most detailed form your specialty and work position.

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14. What is your branch of economy?

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|---|----|
| Extraction industry , for instance coal mining or oil extraction      | 1  |
| Processing industry, for instance machine building                    | 2  |
| Power production, for instance power station                          | 3  |
| Transportation for instance railway or air carrier                    | 4  |
| Communication, for instance post office, or telephone station         | 5  |
| Construction  | 6  |
| Agriculture, for instance a kolkhoz or an agricultural cooperative    | 7  |
| Forestry, for instance forest industrial enterprise                   | 8  |
| Finances, credit or insurance, for instance banking                   | 9  |
| Trade including wholesale or retail                                   | 10 |
| Services, for instance laundry, repairs                               | 11 |
| Communal services, for instance local service office                  | 12 |
| Education, for instance a school or an institute                      | 13 |
| Health care, for instance a clinic or a hospital                      | 14 |
| Science or scientific logistics, for instance a scientific institute  | 15 |
| Culture or leisure provision, for instance a library or a movie house | 16 |

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Mass media, for instance a newspaper or a radio | 17 |
| State or municipal offices                      | 18 |
| Public organization, for instance trade unions  | 19 |
| Army or law enforcement                         | 20 |
| Other   | 21 |

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15. Is Your spouse employed at present?

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|-----|---|
| Yes | 1 |
| No  | 2 |

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15A. What is his or her occupation's branch of economy?

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|---|----|
| Extraction industry , for instance coal mining or oil extraction      | 1  |
| Processing industry, for instance machine building                    | 2  |
| Power production, for instance power station                          | 3  |
| Transportation for instance railway or air carrier                    | 4  |
| Communication, for instance post office, or telephone station         | 5  |
| Construction  | 6  |
| Agriculture, for instance a kolkhoz or an agricultural cooperative    | 7  |
| Forestry, for instance forest industrial enterprise                   | 8  |
| Finances, credit or insurance, for instance banking                   | 9  |
| Trade including wholesale or retail                                   | 10 |
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| Army or law enforcement                        | 20 |
| Other  | 21 |

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15. What are your main obligations on the job?

Open-ended question, difficult to code and use. I would propose to drop it?

17. How did you get this job?

onko relevantti kysymys?

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|   |   |
|---|---|
| Appointed by the higher-ups                     | 1 |
| Found through an employment agency              | 2 |
| Offered services to various organizations       | 3 |
| Relatives or friends helped me                  | 4 |
| Employer found me                               | 5 |
| Responded to an ad in a newspaper or a magazine | 6 |
| Created the job myself                          | 7 |
| Other way                                       | 9 |
| Which one? Please, describe                     |   |

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18. What is your employment status? You are permanently employed, working on a contract, or temporarily on the basis of an oral agreement?

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|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Permanently employed  | 1 |
| Working on a contract | 2 |
| Oral agreement        | 3 |
| One time job          | 4 |



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|--------------|---|
| not relevant | 9 |
| Hard to say  | 9 |

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19. Now a few words about the organizations where you are currently working. What kind of organization is it? A state, public, private-individual or joint stock company?

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| State            | 1 |
| Private          | 2 |
| Joint stock      | 3 |
| Cooperative      | 4 |
| Foreign company  | 5 |
| Joint enterprise | 6 |
| Public           | 7 |
| not relevant     | 8 |
| Hard to say      | 9 |

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20. How many people does it employ including those who work all of its affiliations? If you cannot say exactly, just make a guess. | | | — | — | employees | | | hard to say | 000000 |

### 3 FOR SELF-EMPLOYED (A new section)

1. Why You prefer to be self-employed? | | | — | — |

Personal independence..... Freedom to choose time and place for work.....  
 Chance to use my skills and abilities Better incomes Lack of alternative employment  
 Good prospects for business

2. How many persons work in Your enterprise, in addition to You?

| |  
 — | — |

\_\_\_\_\_ (or closed question: None, One, Two, ...?) Alternatively: Hired workers are involved Relatives and friends are involved I work alone

3. What are the biggest problems for Your enterprise?

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— | — |

Lack of skills Lack of employees Difficulty to get financing Bureaucracy (problems with licensing and permits) Lack of demand Other, what? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you have a second job? –Is this relevant when there is no continuation as to industry of the job or other features?. | | | — | — |

Yes 1

No 2

## 4 C. Work autonomy

22. Does your job allow you to independently decide what to do and how, implement your idea? Yes 1

No 2

hard to say 9

23. To what extent can you determine the nature of the product or a service that you produce? To a great extent 3 Partially yes, partially no 2 To a small extent 1 hard to say 9

24. To what extent can you determine the pace and time of your work? To a great extent 3 Partially yes, partially no 2 To a small extent 1 Hard to say 9

25. While doing your job, do you often get physically tired?

Almost always 5 Often 4 Sometimes 3 Seldom 2 Never 1 Hard to say 9

26. In your job, how often do you get mentally tired? Almost always 5 Often 4 Sometimes 3 Seldom 2 Never 1 Hard to say 9

27. Who mainly takes the following decisions at your workplace? You, your higher-up, you and your higher-up together?

I My higher-up Together Hard to say 1. When to come to work 1 2 3 9 2. When to leave work 1 2 3 9 3. When to take a one day paid leave 1 2 3 9 4. Which tasks to fulfill 1 2 3 9 5. When to slow the pace of work 1 2 3 9 6. When to take a summer leave 1 2 3 9

## 5 D. decision-making

28. To which of the following categories do you belong? Manager of other managers 1 [go to question 35] Manager of ordinary workers 2 [go to question 35] Ordinary worker 3 [go to question 36] Not applicable 9 [go to question 36]
29. How many employees report to you directly? These are employees whose task is to fulfill your orders? I don't find this as relevant or if we keep it, it should be closed (classified) question. \_\_\_\_\_ persons
30. Imagine a managerial ladder of six rungs? The highest rung is occupied by director of the enterprise; the lowest is occupied by an ordinary worker? Director 1 Lower than director, but higher than shop or department head 2 Shop or a big department head 3 Lower than the shop or department head, but higher than a supervisor 4 Lowest level of supervision 5 Ordinary worker 6 Not applicable 8 Hard to say 9
31. Is it part of your main job responsibilities to allocate work tasks to other people? Yes 1 No 2
32. Which of the following tasks are parts of your main job obligations?

Yes No

- 1.Determining work tasks for other people 1 2 2.Choice of materials or tools for other people 1 2 3.Determining pace of work for other people 1 2 4. Determining work time duration 1 2 5.Determining volume of work for others 1 2

33. Can you influence the following decisions taken at your workplace?

Yes No

- 1.Salary increase or job promotion 1 2 2. Blocking salary increase or job promotion 1 2 3.Dismissal of other employees 1 2 4.Reprimanding other employees 1 2 5.Other kind of punishment or bonuses 1 2

34. To what extent do participate in deciding the following matters related to other employees of your department or enterprise? Participate directly, participate in discussion, do not participate.

Directly In discussion Do not participate Not applicable

- 1.Hiring employees 3 2 1 9 2.Dismissal of employees 3 2 1 9 3.Determining work tasks 3 2 1 9 4.Choice of material for work 3 2 1 9 5.Determining the workload 3 2 1 9 6.Distribution of enterprise budget 3 2 1 9 7.Determining salaries 3 2 1 9 8.Imposing sanctions 3 2 1 9 9. Purchase of equipment 3 2 1 9 10.Change of assortment of goods or services produced by your enterprise 3 2 1 9 11.Decision to get a loan 3 2 1 9 12.Choice of partners 3 2 1 9
- 35.Have you been unemployed in the past 12 months? Yes 1 No 2

36. Have you been dismissed from a job in the last 12 months? Yes 1 No 2

37. Have you been forced to work part time with a reduction of salary in the last 12 months? Yes 1 No 2

[interviewer! the next question targets only those who answered “Yes” to one of the previous three questions. The rest go to question 45] 38. How did you manage to survive in these difficult circumstances? How did you provide for yourself and your family?

Yes No

- 1.I got a compensation or financial assistance from the employer 1 2 2.Took up petty trade 1 2 3.Got assistance from the state or local authorities 1 2 4.Did occasional jobs 1 2 5.Made some goods for sale 1 2 6.Lived off my savings 1 2 7.Got material assistance from my friends or relatives 1 2 8.Lived off my land plot 1 2 9.Other 1 2

39. Is there a trade-union organization at your enterprise? Yes No

40. Are you a member of a trade union? Yes 1 No 2

39A. Many people think that trade-unions are not necessary in modern world, but things are better agree at company-level or privately. Others argue that trade-unions are inevitable to articulate and defend the interests of the employees in the issues of wages, work conditions and equality. What is your opinion about trade-unions? (scale 1-5+9)  
1. Trade-unions are important for the defending the interests of the employees 2. Trade-unions are important if they work as partners with the employers 3. Trade-unions should influence only to issues of work-conditions, but not wages 4. Trade-unions are just tools in the hands of the management 5. Trade-unions are not necessary in the modern world

## 6 E. family and leisure

40. What is your family status? Single 1 Married 2 Married by live separately 3 Lived in an unregistered union 4 Divorced 5 Widowed 6 Do not want to answer 8 Other 9 (What it might be??)
41. Do you have children? Yes 1 [go to question 48] No 2 [go to question 49]
42. How many children do you have? – better to have open-ended question here? One 1 Two 2 Three 3 Four 4 More than four 5
43. How many members of your family lives under the same roof with you?

persons

44. What is the occupation of your spouse? Characterize her main job in as many details as possible Not necessary??

single 0000 [to go question 54]  
does not work 8888 [go to question 54]  
hard to say 9999 [go to question 54]

45. How often do you spend time on the following pastimes? Do it every day, every week, every month, three to six times a year, less frequently, never.

Every day Every week Every month 3-6 times a year Less frequently Never Hard to say  
 1. Going to a concert 5 4 3 2 1 8 9 2. Going to a theater 5 4 3 2 1 8 9 3. Going to libraries 5 4 3 2 1 8 9 4. Going to a café, bar, pub 5 4 3 2 1 8 9 5. Visiting friends, receiving guests 5 4 3 2 1 8 9 6. Going to the cinema 5 4 3 2 1 8 9 7. Visiting restaurants 5 4 3 2 1 8 9 8. Taking up sports, training 5 4 3 2 1 8 9

## 7 F.well-being

We understand that there are many reasons why people are not inclined to discuss their income or expenses. On the other hand, as you realize, we cannot bypass this issue. It is too important for our society at present. We count on you being open and guarantee that the data are anonymous. Neither your name, nor your address will never and nowhere be mentioned in relation to the issue of well-being or income. – necessary?

46. How important for your family are the following sources of income, means of subsistence? Use a five-point scale on which “one” means “not important” and “five” – “very important”. Very important

Not important No such source hard to say

1.Main job salary 5 4 3 2 1 8 9 2.Second job salary 5 4 3 2 1 8 9 3.Relatives' assistance 5 4 3 2 1 8 9 4.Small scale trade 5 4 3 2 1 8 9 5.Pensions, other social subsidy 5 4 3 2 1 8 9 6.Letting an apartment or a summer cottage 5 4 3 2 1 8 9 7.Interest accumulated by a bank account 5 4 3 2 1 8 9 8.Savings 5 4 3 2 1 8 9 9.Phillanthropy 5 4 3 2 1 8 9 10.Other 5 4 3 2 1 8 9 11. Household plot farming?

46A. How is your work paid? Individual piece rate Collective piece rate Time wage Mixed form of payment Pay depends on sales or profits/commission

46B. Do you get bonus? Yes No

46C. On what does the bonus depend on? How well I personally work How well our work collective works The profitability of the enterprise Attitude of the management It is a fixed part of the payment

47. What is your aggregate monthly income including income from all sources? Put it in rubles.

rubles 48. What is your family's aggregate monthly income from all sources? Put it in rubles.

rubles

49. What kind of state benefits or allowances do you get?

Yes No

- 1.Unemployment benefits 1 2
- 2.Children support subsidy 1 2
- 3.Communal payment rebate 1 2
- 4.Allowance for the handicapped 1 2 5.Other 1 2

50. Which of the following social benefits did you get at your workplace ten years ago?

Yes No Hard to say Not applicable

- 1.Privileges in getting a new home, an apartment 1 2 8 9 2.Kindergarten 1 2 8 9 3.Privileged access to rest homes or sanatoria 1 2 8 9 4.Lunch at a special price 1 2 8 9 5.Issue of work clothes 1 2 8 9 6.Coverage of travel to workplace and back 1 2 8 9 7.Privileged access to food products 1 2 8 9 8.Privileged access to consumer goods 1 2 8 9 9.Holiday pay 10.Sick pay 11. Obligatory Medical insurance 12. Training at the expense of the enterprise

51. Which of the following social benefits do you get at your workplace now?

Yes No hard to say Not applicable

- 1.Privileges in getting a new home, an apartment 1 2 8 9 2.Kindergarten 1 2 8 9 3.Privileged access to rest homes or sanatoria 1 2 8 9 4.Lunch at a special price 1 2 8 9 5.Issue of work clothes 1 2 8 9 6.Coverage of travel to workplace and back 1 2 8 9 7.Privileged access to food products 1 2 8 9 8.Privileged access to consumer goods 1 2 8 9 9.Holiday pay 10.Sick pay 11. Obligatory Medical insurance 12. Training at the expense of the enterprise

52. I shall read the characteristics of several groups. Tell me to which of them you belong. We cannot make ends meet. There is not enough money even for food 1

We have money only for food, the purchase of clothes is a problem 2

We are able to buy food. We can also buy clothes, if we stick to cheap kind. However, we have a problem when there is a need to buy durables such as a TV set or a refrigerator 3

We have enough money for food. We can also buy good expensive clothes. If we save money, we can buy durables, but things that are really expensive such as a summer cottage or a car are beyond our means 4

We can buy durables without any problems. If we save, we can buy an Inexpensive car or a modest summer home. However we do not have a chance to go for really expensive things such as a n apartment or a modern house. 5

We have no material problems, we can buy whatever we want including real estate, an expensive car or an expensive tourist trip 6

53. How did you well-being change since the year 2010? It significantly improved, somewhat improved, did not change, somewhat worsened, significantly worsened?

Significantly improved 5 Improved 4 Did not change 3 Worsened 2 Significantly worsened 1 Not applicable 8 Hard to say 9

54. How did you family's following expenses change in 2014? They increased, decreased, stayed without change?

Decreased No change Increased No such expense hard to say 1.Purchase of medical services, drugs 1 2 3 8 9 2.Food 1 2 3 8 9 3.Hobbies 1 2 3 8 9 4.Travel 1 2 3 8 9 5.Big buys such as real estate or a car 1 2 3 8 9 6.Small buys such as clothes 1 2 3 8 9 7.Children's education 1 2 3 8 9 8.Communal payments 1 2 3 8 9 9.Tax payment 1 2 3 8 9

55. What are your expectations? How would your well-being change in 2017? It will significantly improve, somewhat improve, will not change, somewhat worsen, significantly worsen? Significantly improve 5 Somewhat improve 4 Will not change 3 Somewhat worsen 2 Significantly worsen 1 Hard to say 9

56. What are home conditions at the place where you are living permanently? Choose one option of the listed below. One's own house 1 A single room apartment 2 A two room apartment 3 A three room apartment 4 A four or more room big apartment 5 One or two rooms in a communal apartment 6 A room in a dormitory 7 One or several rooms in a barrack 8 Rent an apartment 9 Other 10

## 8 H.politics and society

65. Which of the following events did you take part in 2010-2014?

Yes No 1.Signed a petition or an address 1 2 2.Participated in congresses or conferences of public organizations 1 2 3.Took part in strikes 1 2 4.Participated in demonstrations or marches of protest 1 2 5.Took part in rallies 1 2 6.Wrote a letter to a newspaper 1 2 7.Took part in an electoral campaign in the team of a candidate 1 2 8.Voted in local elections 1 2

- 66.Are you a member of a party or a social movement? Yes 1 [go to question 82] No 2 [go to question 83]

67. What is the name of that party or a social movement? \_\_\_\_\_

68. In which of the following organizations you participate, or only formally belong without participation, or do not belong at all?

Participate Formally belong, but do not participate Do not belong, and do not participate 1.Charity 1 2 3 2.Religious 1 2 3 3.Cultural, artist, organizations and groups 1 2 3 4.Trade Unions 1 2 3 5.Political parties 1 2 3 6.Organisations in protection of minorities 1 2 3 7. Ecological (environmental) 1 2 3 8.youth organizations (clubs) 1 2 3 9.Women's organizations (clubs) 1 2 3 10.Sport clubs, associations 1 2 3 11. Consumer organizations 1 2 3 12. Formal or informal councils of residents or yard councils 1 2 3 13. Hobby clubs

(fishing, hunting) 1 2 3 14. other clubs of organizations (specify \_\_\_\_\_) 1 2 3

69. To what extent do you trust the following authorities, public organizations or groups? Trust fully, mainly trust, partially trust, partially distrust, main distrust, completely distrust?

Fully trust Mainly trust Partially Mainly distrust Completely distrust Hard to say 1. Council of the Federation 5 4 3 2 1 9 2. State Duma 5 4 3 2 1 9 3. President of Russia 5 4 3 2 1 9 4. Government of Russia 5 4 3 2 1 9 5. Regional administration 5 4 3 2 1 9 6. Municipal, village administration 5 4 3 2 1 9 7. Russian orthodox church 5 4 3 2 1 9 8. Army 5 4 3 2 1 9 9. Courts 5 4 3 2 1 9 10. Police 5 4 3 2 1 9 11. Trade unions 5 4 3 2 1 9 12. Television 5 4 3 2 1 9 13. Newspapers 5 4 3 2 1 9 14. Banks 5 4 3 2 1 9 15. Entrepreneurs 5 4 3 2 1 9

70. How often you think that people would try to take advantage of you if they got the chance, and how often they try to be fair?

Try to take advantage almost all of the time 1 Try to take advantage most of the time 2 Try to be fair most of the time 3 Try to be fair almost all of the time 4 Can't choose 9

71. Generally speaking, would you say that people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

People can almost always be trusted..... 1 People can usually be trusted..... 2 You usually can't be too careful in dealing with people..... 3 You almost always can't be too careful in dealing with people... 4 Can't choose..... 9 72. In general, how satisfied You are in the health care/educational system/ the way in which the government/Duma/President takes care of its duties/how democracy functions in Russia? – eri kysymyksinä samoilla vaihtoehdoilla. Scale 0 – 10 (not at all – completely)

72A. Do you agree or disagree with following statements? (Scale 1-5 + 9) Income differences are too large in this country The government should provide decent standard of living for unemployed The government should spend less on benefits for the poor People should take more care of themselves People like me cannot influence what the government does Big business has too much influence in how Russia is run Poverty is caused by the fact that some people do not want to work Interesting job is more important than money A few strong leaders can do more for the country than all laws and demonstrations Poverty exists because profits go to the pockets of small group of people 73. Do you approve of the current economic policy pursued by the government and President of Russia? Fully approve, mainly approve, partially approve, partially no, mainly disapprove, completely disapprove? Fully approve 5 Mainly approve 4 Partially approve, partially no 3 Mainly disapprove 2 Completely disapprove 1 Hard to say 9

74. Do you approve of the current social policies pursued by the government and President of Russia? Fully approve 5 Mainly approve 4 Partially approve, partially no 3 Mainly disapprove 2 Completely disapprove 1 Hard to say 9



75. Do you approve of the external policy pursued by the government and President of Russia? Fully approve 5 Mainly approve 4 Partially approve, partially no 3 Mainly disapprove 2 Completely disapprove 1 Hard to say 9

## 9 I. Values and convictions

76. Are you a believer?

Yes 1 [Go to question 91]  
No 2 [Go to question 92]

77. To which confession do you belong? Orthodox 1

Islam 2

Protestantism 3

Catholicism 4

Baptism 5

Jewish 6

Buddism 7

Krishanism 8 I believe in God but do not identify as a specific religion

Other 9

Not to any confession 10 Atheist 10 Don't know.....11

77B. Which group or groups do you feel like you belong to? (Valdai Groupin Identiteetti-kyselyn kysymys) Middle class Pensioners Low-income Russians Christians or Orthodox Christians Russian national, Russian citizen Working people, working class, workers Intellectuals Young people Urban/rural Women, men Mothers, fathers, parents Other Don't know

77C. Who would you describe as Russian? Someone who grew up in Russia and was brought up in Russian cultural traditions Someone who is an ethnic Russian Someone whose native language is Russian Someone who works for Russia's benefit Someone who appraises with Russian cultural traditions Someone who self-identifies as 'Russian' Someone who belongs to the Russian Orthodox Church and observes its traditions Someone who lives in Russia Don't know

77D,. People describe themselves as belonging to a certain social class. Would You describe Yourself as belonging to: Upper class Upper middle class Middle class Lower Middle class Working class (skilled working/unskilled working) Lower class

78. In your view who should run the following services. Citizens themselves, private companies, local authorities, regional authorities or federal power? Choose one answer for each category –Probably here there should be NGO's as a separate class and NGO's and state as separate?.

Citizens Private companies Local authorities Regional authorities State, federal power  
 Hard to say 1. Taking care of children 1 2 3 4 5 9 2. Taking care of the elderly 1 2 3 4  
 5 9 3. Communal services 1 2 3 4 5 9 4. Leisure institutions 1 2 3 4 5 9 5. Medical care  
 1 2 3 4 5 9

79. I shall bring up several conditions that people use to achieve success. You tell me how important were they for successful advancement in society eight years ago in 1998. Measure the importance with the help of a five-point scale on which “5” means “very important” and “1” – “completely unimportant”

Very important

Completely unimportant Hard to say 1. Rich parents 5 4 3 2 1 9 2. Relatives in managerial positions 5 4 3 2 1 9 3. Good education 5 4 3 2 1 9 4. Useful connections 5 4 3 2 1 9 5. Hard work 5 4 3 2 1 9 6. Persistence in achieving one’s goals 5 4 3 2 1 9 7. Ability to take risks 5 4 3 2 1 9 8. Ambition, ability to set lofty goals 5 4 3 2 1 9 9. Gift of intellect 5 4 3 2 1 9 10. Living in a capital 5 4 3 2 1 9 11. Connections abroad 5 4 3 2 1 9 12. Charm, communicative skills 5 4 3 2 1 9 13. Correct political views 5 4 3 2 1 9 14. Right ethnic background 5 4 3 2 1 9 15. Honesty 5 4 3 2 1 9 16. Law abidance 5 4 3 2 1 9 17. Independence 5 4 3 2 1 9 18. Luck 5 4 3 2 1 9

80. Evaluate how important are these qualities for advancement in contemporary Russian society. Use the same five-point scale.

Very important

Completely unimportant Hard to say 1. Rich parents 5 4 3 2 1 9 2. Relatives in managerial positions 5 4 3 2 1 9 3. Good education 5 4 3 2 1 9 4. Useful connections 5 4 3 2 1 9 5. Hard work 5 4 3 2 1 9 6. Persistence in achieving one’s goals 5 4 3 2 1 9 7. Ability to take risks 5 4 3 2 1 9 8. Ambition, ability to set lofty goals 5 4 3 2 1 9 9. Gift of intellect 5 4 3 2 1 9 10. Living in a capital 5 4 3 2 1 9 11. Connections abroad 5 4 3 2 1 9 12. Charm, communicative skills 5 4 3 2 1 9 13. Correct political views 5 4 3 2 1 9 14. Right ethnic background 5 4 3 2 1 9 15. Honesty 5 4 3 2 1 9 16. Law abidance 5 4 3 2 1 9 17. Independence 5 4 3 2 1 9 18. Luck 5 4 3 2 1 9

Incomes should be made more equal (Income differences in this country are too large)  
 Private ownership of business and industry should be increased

81. To which ethnicity do you refer yourself? Russian 1 Ukrainian 2 Tatar 3 Chuvash 4 Belorussian 5 Jewish 6 Other, specify which \_\_\_\_\_ 7  
 Hard to say 9

82. Which kinds of differences between various groups do you see as important or unimportant? (Scale: 1-5+9) Income Generation (Old-young) Culture (Tradition-modern) Social class (Workers-Bourgeoisie) Ethnicity (Russians-others) Religion (Orthodox-others) Place of residence (Cities-countryside) Ideology (Left-Right) Region (Moscow-Siberia)

83. How proud you are of? (scale= 1-5 +9) Current state of democracy in Russia  
 Russia’ political influence in the world Russia’s economic achievements Popula-

tion's social security Fairness and equal rights for all social groups in Russia Russia's scientific and technical achievements Russia's sports achievements Russia's achievements in literature and art Russian armed forces Russian history

84. Which type of state you would like to see Russia? Socialist state like the USSR  
A state like Western states with a democratic government system and market economy  
A state with a special system and a unique course of development  
Difficult to answer

## 10 K. Personal data

99. What year were you born in?

year 100. How long have you been living here in this town, village? All my life 1 More than 15 years 2 About 10-15 years 2 Less than 10 years 3 101. Of what languages do you have a command? You can read with a dictionary, read easily, speak or write? Is this necessary question?

Read with a dictionary Read easily Speak Write 1. \_\_\_\_\_

1 2 3 4 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3 4 3. \_\_\_\_\_

1 2 3 4 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3 4 102. What is

your educational level? Primary, less than 8 grades 1

Unfinished secondary 2

General secondary 3

Secondary special (vocational school) 4

Secondary technical (technicum) 5

Unfinished higher (no less than 3 years of university or institute) 6

Higher 7

Higher scientific (graduate course) 8

Scientific degree 9

[Interviewer! do not read the last two questions] 103. Respondent's sex Male 1 Female

2 104. Type of settlement where interview was held Moscow 1 S.Petersburg 2 City

with the population of one million or more 3 City with the population from 500 o

999 thousand 4 City with the population from 100 to 499 thousand 5 Town with the

population from 50 to 99 thousand 6 Town with the population from 10 to 49 thousand

7 Small urban type settlement 8 Big village, no fewer than 100 families 9 Small village,

less than 100 families 10 Our interview is finished. Thank you for your cooperation I

thereby verify the authenticity of interview and abidance by the rules of selection. I

do not have any objections against verification of my work by a team of independent

controllers \_\_\_\_\_ Interviewer's

signature. 27