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Data Collection Description

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Summary: The objective of this collection was to study the attachment of minorities, especially ethnic Russians outside Russia, to their country of residence and assess their level of support for its institutions and leaders. The survey posed the following questions: If variation in loyalty and support exist within a given minority, what explains the variation at the individual level? Is political support by ethnic minorities a rational calculation or is it the result of subjective, identity-related factors? Respondents were asked a series of questions about their perceptions of nationality, their attitudes toward the independence of their nation, the current state of their country compared with its former existence as part of the Soviet Union, and their financial position and future prospects, as well as the economic condition of their nation and the development of market economies. Additional questions focused on the status of the political system in which they resided, including trust in government, the development of democracy, which groups of people were being served by the government, feelings about personal political rights and the rights of the Russian-speaking population, ties with Russia, relations with other countries in Europe, human rights, the status of Russian culture, and common interests with other nations in the world. Respondents also provided information on their national language, which foreign languages children should study in school, and the importance of the Russian language. In addition, there were a variety of questions about employment, workers' rights, medical care, income levels, free speech, interest in politics, trust in other people, participation in elections, life satisfaction, feelings about other nationalities, preferences for interactions with other nationalities at work and home, and attitudes toward emigration and provision of gifts to government officials. Demographic items include employment status, earnings, citizenship, sex, country of birth, level of education, marital status, household composition, and age.

Universe: The Russian-speaking minority population of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Belarus.

Sample: The sample design and methodology varied slightly among the three countries surveyed in this collection. In Kazakhstan and Belarus a probability sample was drawn beginning with primary sampling units (PSU). A few of the largest cities in both nations were also designated as "self-representing" areas and were included automatically in the sample. Stratification based on characteristics of the population of

regions in these two nations was also used to increase the precision of the estimates. In Kyrgyzstan it was necessary to pre-select several oblasts (regions) to ensure variation in the concentration of Russian-speaking residents in the respondent's locality. The specific localities, areas within localities, and residences were still randomly selected. In the final selection stage in all three nations, Russian-speaking minorities were selected by excluding members of the titular nationality and non-Russian-speaking minorities (for example, Uzbeks in Kyrgyzstan who do not speak Russian).

Date of Collection: April 12, 1998-July 6, 1998

Unit of Observation: Individuals

Geographic Unit: administrative region

Data Collection Notes: The codebook is provided by ICPSR as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file. The PDF file format was developed by Adobe Systems Incorporated and can be accessed using PDF reader software, such as the Adobe Acrobat Reader. Information on how to obtain a copy of the Acrobat Reader is provided on the ICPSR Web site.

Data Source: personal interviews

Extent of Collection: 1 data file + machine-readable documentation (PDF) + SAS data definition statements + SPSS data definition statements

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Data Format: Logical Record Length with SAS and SPSS data definition statements

File Specifications

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1	Data file	rectangular	2,401	231	1,501	1

Related Publications

Barrington, Lowell. "Russian-Speakers in Ukraine and Kazakhstan: 'Nationality,' 'Population,' or Neither?" POST-SOVIET AFFAIRS 17,2 (April-June 2001), 129-158.

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ICPSR Processing Note

The codebook does not contain any labels for codes 10-23 in variable B60 or for any codes which appear in variable B69. Variables B9, B24, B33, B76, B77, B79, and B93 contain verbatim responses in Russian. Variables B74 and B92 have value labels in Russian.

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Questionnaire/Codebook

The following questionnaire contains the codes that were entered into the data set for the various responses. The order of the questions corresponds to the order of the variables in the accompanying data set. The wording in the questionnaire is an English translation of the Russian language questionnaire used in Belarus. The Russian language version is available from the investigators.

References to "Belarus" in the wording of a particular question should be changed to "Kazakhstan" or "Kyrgyzstan" to generate the English translation of that question as asked in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzsdtan respectively. Likewise, in Kazakhstan, the word "Belarusan" was replaced with "Kazakh"; in Kyrgyzstan, it was replaced with "Kyrgyz." Some of the questions were only asked in one or two of the three countries. In those cases, a note indicates in which countries the question was asked. Other notes about particular question wording and/or translation appear after several of the questions.

H1. NAME OF POPULATION POINT [REGION] |__| |__| |__|
H2. NAME OF DISTRICT |__| |__|
H3. ADDRESS |__| |__|
DATE OF INTERVIEW **H4a.** DAY |__| |__| **H4b.** MONTH |__| |__|
INTERVIEW CONTINUED FOR **H5a.** |__| HOURS **H5b.** |__| |__| MINUTES
H6. LAST NAME OF INTERVIEWER (NOT INCLUDED IN DATASET)
H7. INTERVIEWER CODE |__| |__|

STATE. COUNTRY IN WHICH SURVEY WAS ADMINISTERED.

Belarus	1
Kyrgyzstan	2
Kazakhstan	3

NOTE: Some rural areas have a –1 entry for the variable POPSIZE below.

POPSIZE. Approximate number of people living in the locality of respondent.

URBAN. Dummy variable for whether respondent lives in a urban or rural setting.

Rural	0
Urban	1

B1. Tell me, please, how many years have you lived in Belarus?

|_____| years

DIFFICULT TO SAY 97

REFUSED 98

B2. How many years have you lived in this population point (region)?

|_____| years

DIFFICULT TO SAY 97

REFUSED 98

B3. What do you consider to be your nationality?

[Interviewer! Write down:]

|_____|

DIFFICULT TO SAY 97

REFUSED 98

B4. Is there another nationality to which you consider yourself to belong?

Yes 1

No 2 ⇒[Continue to Question 6]

DIFFICULT TO SAY 7 ⇒[Continue to Question 6]

REFUSED 8 ⇒[Continue to Question 6]

B5. What is that nationality? Are there others?

[Interviewer! Write down everything the Respondent says:]

|_____|

DIFFICULT TO SAY 97

REFUSED 98

(B6.) There are many words with which people describe themselves. To what degree do the words that I now name describe you?

[Interviewer! Give the Respondent Card 1]

	IT FITS ME EXACTLY	IT ALMOST FITS ME	IT PROB-ABLY DOESN'T FIT ME	IT DOESN'T FIT ME AT ALL	DIFFICULT TO SAY	REFUSED
B6.1. I am (NATIONALITY NAMED IN QUESTION 3)	1	2	3	4	7	8

NOTE: The Russian word *rossiyanin(ka)* was used for "Russian" in question B6.2.

B6.2. I am Russian	1	2	3	4	7	8

NOTE: The phrase *russkaya blizhnego zarubezhya* was used for "Russian of near abroad" in question B6.3.

B6.3. I am a Russian of the near abroad	1	2	3	4	7	8
B6.4. I am a Russian-speaker	1	2	3	4	7	8
B6.5. I am a citizen of Belarus	1	2	3	4	7	8
B6.6. I am European	1	2	3	4	7	8

NOTE: Question B6.7 Not asked in Belarus.

B6.7. I am Asian	1	2	3	4	7	8

B7. Which of these describes you best of all?
[Interviewer! Write in pencil on Card 2. On the first line write the nationality that the respondent named in Question 2. On line 1.]
[Interviewer! Give the Respondent Card 2]
[Interviewer! Write down the number from Card 2]
|__|
DIFFICULT TO SAY 97
REFUSED 98

B8. What, in your view, primarily determines a person's nationality?
[Interviewer! Give the Respondent Card 3]

LANGUAGE	01
CULTURE	02
RELIGION	03
CHARACTER TRAITS	04
EXTERNAL APPEARANCE	05
PLACE OF BIRTH	06
FATHER'S NATIONALITY	07
MOTHER'S NATIONALITY	08
OTHER	09

A person's nationality is primarily determined by:
|_____|

DIFFICULT TO SAY	97
REFUSED	98

What else determines nationality?
|_____|

DIFFICULT TO SAY	97
REFUSED	98

And what else determines nationality?
|_____|

DIFFICULT TO SAY	97
REFUSED	98

NOTE: Responses to question B9 in the dataset are in Russian.

B9. What do you consider to be your homeland?
[Interviewer! Write down:]
|_____|

DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B9ENG. The English language translation of the responses in b9.

B9NUM. The number corresponding to the code list for b9. Codes are as follows:

7	Dificult to Code
8	Refused
9	Missing
10	Belarus
11	Belarusskaya SSR or Belorussia
12	Belarus and Minsk
13	Belarus and City

14 Minsk
15 Belarusan City
16 Belarusan Region
17 Bel
18 Other Region/Country AND Belarus
19 NEC Belarus
20 Kazakhstan
21 Kazakh SSR
22 Kazakhstan & Almaty [R mentions Kazakhstan AND Almaty]
23 Kazakhstan & City [R mentions Kazakhstan AND another city]
24 Almaty [R mentions Almaty only]
25 Kazakh City [R mentions Kazakh City only]
26 Kazakh Region [R mentions Kazakh Region only]
29 NEC Kazakhstan
30 Kyrgyzstan
31 Kyrgyz SSR or Kirghizia
32 Kyrgyzstan & Bishkek
33 Kyrgyzstan & City
34 Bishkek
35 Kyrgyz City
38 Kyrgyzstan (Kirghizia) and another country
39 NEC Kyrgyzstan [Includes one case where R says Kyrgyzstan and another country]
40 Russia
41 Russian SSR
42 Moscow
43 Leningrad
44 Russia & City [R mentions Russia AND a City]
45 Russia & Altai [R mentions Altai]
46 Russian City [R mentions Russian City only]
47 Siberia [R mentions Siberia by name]
48 Russian Region [R mentions region only]
49 NEC Russia
50 USSR [R mentions Soviet Union, USSR or similar reference]
51 CIS
52 Former Soviet Union
60 Ukraine
61 Ukrainian SSR
62 Crimea
63 Ukrainian City or Region (other than Crimea)
64 NEC Ukraine
65 Uzbekistan
66 Uzbek SSR
67 Uzbek City
70 Caucasus
71 Estonia
73 Lithuania

76 Latvia
78 Moldova
90 None
91 Where Things Good
92 Where Born
93 Outside FSU
94 Where Live
95 With Nationality
96 Other

B10. What was your attitude toward the independence of Belarus prior to its declaration?
[Interviewer! Give the Respondent Card 4]

WAS ALWAYS OPPOSED TO THE INDEPENDENCE OF BELARUS	1
AT FIRST WAS OPPOSED TO IT, THEN CAME TO FAVOR IT	2
AT FIRST FAVORED IT, THEN CAME TO OPPOSE IT	3
WAS ALWAYS A SUPPORTER OF INDEPENDENCE	4
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B11. How would you best describe your attitude toward the independence of Belarus today?

Now you are against independence	1
Now you are for independence	2
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B12. What do you think, would the status of Belarusans nowadays be better, worse or the same if the Soviet Union existed like before, as a single country?

BETTER	1
WORSE	2
SAME	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B13. And what do you think, would the status of people of other nationalities in Belarus nowadays be better, worse or the same if the Soviet Union existed like before, as a single country?

BETTER	1
WORSE	2
SAME	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B14. What do you think, do you belong to a “national minority” in Belarus?

Yes	1
No	2
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B15. When compared to two years ago, has your financial position nowadays become better, stayed the same, or become worse?

BETTER	1
SAME	2
WORSE	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B16. If we talk about the future, do you think that your financial position in the next two years will get better, stay the same, or get worse?

GET BETTER	1
STAY THE SAME	2
GET WORSE	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B17. In your opinion, is the economic condition of Belarus better than the economic condition of Russia, worse than the economic condition of Russia or the same as Russia?

BETTER	1
WORSE	2
SAME	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B18. Do you think that a market economy in Belarus is developing too quickly, at the right pace, or too slowly?

TOO QUICKLY	1
AT THE RIGHT PACE	2
TOO SLOWLY	3
THERE IS NO MARKET ECONOMY	6
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B19. Do you think that a market economy, free from government control - is the right or wrong choice for Belarus?

RIGHT CHOICE	1
WRONG CHOICE	2
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

(B20.) Recently, many have spoken about trust or lack of trust in various government bodies, social organizations and the media. Tell me, please, how much do you trust or not trust...? [Interviewer! Give the Respondent card 5]

	COMPLETELY TRUST	TRUST	DO NOT TRUST	DO NOT TRUST AT ALL	DIFFICULT TO SAY	REFUSED
B20.1. Courts	1	2	3	4	7	8
B20.2. Police	1	2	3	4	7	8
B20.3. Parliament	1	2	3	4	7	8
B20.4. Army	1	2	3	4	7	8
B20.5. Government	1	2	3	4	7	8
B20.6. President	1	2	3	4	7	8
B20.7. Churches	1	2	3	4	7	8
B20.8. Local government	1	2	3	4	7	8
B20.9. Private business owners	1	2	3	4	7	8
B20.10. Russian media	1	2	3	4	7	8
B20.11. Belarusan media	1	2	3	4	7	8

B21. Some think that the political system of Belarus has changed for the better in comparison to what existed before independence. Others think that the political system has gotten worse and still others think that in principle, the system has stayed the same. What do you think about this?

Political system has gotten better	1
Political system has gotten worse	2
Political system has stayed the same	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

22. Do you think that the development of democracy in Belarus is moving too quickly, at the right pace, or too slowly?

TOO QUICKLY	1
AT THE RIGHT PACE	2
TOO SLOWLY	3
THERE IS NO DEMOCRACY IN THE COUNTRY	6
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B23. In general, do you think that what happens in the country serves the interests of a small group of people or are things happening in the interest of all inhabitants of the country?

IN THE INTERESTS OF A SMALL GROUP	1
IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL	2 ⇒[Go to Question 25]
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7 ⇒[Go to Question 25]
REFUSED	8 ⇒[Go to Question 25]

B24. In the interests of what specific group of people?
[Interviewer! Write down:]
|_____|

DIFFICULT TO SAY	97
REFUSED	98

B25. Tell me, please, do you think that today you personally have more political rights, fewer political right or the same rights as you had before independence?

MORE RIGHTS	1
FEWER RIGHTS	2
SAME AS BEFORE	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B26. In general, in your opinion, does the Russian-speaking population in Belarus today have more political rights, fewer political rights or the same rights as it had before independence?

MORE RIGHTS	1
FEWER RIGHTS	2
SAME AS BEFORE	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B27. And do Belarusans today have more political rights, fewer political rights or the same rights as they had before independence?

MORE RIGHTS	1
FEWER RIGHTS	2
SAME AS BEFORE	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B28. Has the weakening of ties with Russia after independence for you personally played a positive role, negative role or has it generally not affected you?

POSITIVE ROLE	1
NEGATIVE ROLE	2
NO EFFECT	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

(B29.) The are many different development paths for Belarus. Tell me, which would you very much prefer, prefer or definitely not prefer.

	Very much prefer	Prefer	Would definitely not prefer	DIFFICULT TO SAY	REFUSED
B29.1. That Belarus's ties with Russia would become closer	1	2	3	7	8

NOTE: B29.2 and B29.3 were asked in Belarus only.

B29.2. That Belarus would have closer ties with the countries of Western Europe	1	2	3	7	8
B29.3. That Belarus would become a member of NATO	1	2	3	7	8

NOTE: B29.4 was asked in Kazakhstan only.

B29.4. The Kazakhstan should break up into different countries	1	2	3	7	8

(B30.) Are you proud of the achievements of Belarus...?

	Yes	No	DIFFICULT TO SAY	REFUSED
B30.1. In sports	1	2	7	8
B30.2. In science	1	2	7	8
B30.3. In culture and art	1	2	7	8
B30.4. In economics	1	2	7	8

B31. How often do you consider the decisions made by the authorities of Belarus to be correct?

Always	1
Almost always	2
Rarely	3
Never	4
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B32. What do you think, are human rights in Belarus often violated, seldom violated or never violated?

OFTEN	1
RARELY	2
NEVER	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B33. And in your opinion, what are "human rights?"
[Interviewer: Write down]
|_____|

DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B34. And now a few questions about the rights and interests of Russian-speakers in Belarus. Many politicians in Moscow demand the defense of the rights of the Russian-speaking population in the former republics of the Soviet Union. Tell me, how have these announcements affected the status of Russian-speakers in Belarus? They have...

Improved the position of the Russian-speaking population	1
Worsened the position of the Russian-speaking population	2
Have not affected its position	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B35. Who, in your opinion, primarily ought to defend the interests of Russians and other Russian-speakers in Belarus?
[Interviewer! Show Card 6]

BELARUSAN AUTHORITIES	1
RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES	2
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	3
SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OF RUSSIAN-SPEAKERS	4
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING POPULATION OF BELARUS	5
ENTIRE POPULATION OF BELARUS	6
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B36. Do you think that Belarusan laws are fair to all people, or do the laws give preference to the indigenous nationality over Russians?

LAWS ARE FAIR	1
LAWS GIVE PREFERENCE TO THE INDIGENOUS NATIONALITY	2
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B37. Some people think that the interests of Russians are different than the interests of other Russian-speakers in Belarus. Others think that the interests of Russians and other Russian-speakers in Belarus coincide. And what do you think about this?

INTERESTS ARE DIFFERENT	1

INTERESTS COINCIDE	2
IN SOME THINGS THEY COINCIDE, IN OTHERS THEY DON'T	6
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B38. How do you think that Russian culture will develop in the future in Belarus?
[Interviewer! Give the Respondent Card 7]

IT WILL STAY "PURE RUSSIAN" CULTURE	1
IT WILL ABSORB ELEMENTS OF BELARUSAN CULTURE	2
IT WILL GENERALLY DEVELOP UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF WESTERN CULTURE	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B39. Do you consider Belarusan culture to be close or foreign?
[Interviewer! Give the Respondent Card 8]

VERY FOREIGN, IT IS DIFFICULT TO GET USED TO BELARUSAN CULTURE	1
SOMEWHAT FOREIGN	2
SOMEWHAT CLOSE	3
VERY CLOSE, IT IS EASY TO GET USED TO BELARUSAN CULTURE	4
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

(B40.) Now I will name different countries for you; tell me whether you think that Belarus has much in common, little in common or nothing in common with each of these countries.

	Very much in common	Little in common	Nothing in common	DIFFICULT TO SAY	REFUSED
B40.1. With the countries of Eastern Europe:Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary and others	1	2	3	7	8
B40.2. With the countries of the Baltic	1	2	3	7	8
B40.3. With Russia	1	2	3	7	8
B40.4. With Ukraine	1	2	3	7	8
B40.5. With Iran	1	2	3	7	8
B40.6. With other	1	2	3	7	8

countries of the Middle and Near East					
B40.7. With China	1	2	3	7	8
B40.8. With the countries of Western Europe	1	2	3	7	8

B41. How important is it that all children living in Belarus, regardless of nationality, study Belarusan language in school? In your opinion, is it very important, important, not important or completely unimportant?

VERY IMPORTANT	1
IMPORTANT	2
NOT IMPORTANT	3
COMPLETELY UNIMPORTANT	4
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B42.1-B42.7. Which foreign languages do you think children should study in school?
[Interviewer! Write down all responses:]
|_____|

DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B43. To what extent should people living in Belarus, regardless of nationality, know the Belarusan language?

They ought to be fluent	1
They ought to be able to speak	2
In is not at all necessary to learn	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B44. How important will it be in ten years for people who live in your region to know the Belarusan language?

Very important	1
Important	2
Not important	3
Completely unimportant	4
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B45. How important will it be in ten years for people who live in your region to know the Russian language?

Very important	1
Important	2
Not important	3
Completely unimportant	4

DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

NOTE: Question B49 was not asked in Kazakhstan or Kyrgyzstan. Corresponding country-specific questions about government policy decisions were asked in Questions B46 and B47 in Kazakhstan. Wording of those questions is available from the investigators.

B49. Do you agree or disagree with the decision in the Sheremet affair?

Fully agree	1
Agree	2
Do not agree	3
Completely disagree	4
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

(B.51.) Now I will read various statements to you. Tell me, please, if you fully agree, agree, do not agree or completely disagree with each of them. So, do you agree or disagree that...
[Interviewer! Give the Respondent Card 9]

	FULLY AGREE	AGREE	DO NOT AGREE	COMPLETELY DISAGREE	DIFFICULT TO SAY	REFUSED
B.51.1. A large difference in incomes is good if it arises because some people work harder than others	1	2	3	4	7	8
B.51.2. Workers ought to be guaranteed the right to strike	1	2	3	4	7	8
B.51.3. The government should provide every citizen with free medical care	1	2	3	4	7	8
B.51.4. There should not be a large difference between people's incomes	1	2	3	4	7	8
B.51.5. Free speech ought to be granted to all people even if what they say might be dangerous for society	1	2	3	4	7	8

B.51.6. It is necessary to increase the number of industrial and other enterprises that are privately owned	1	2	3	4	7	8	
B.51.7. Belarus ought to develop independently with minimal ties to Russia	1	2	3	4	7	8	
B.51.8. It is necessary to increase the number of industrial and other enterprises that are state owned	1	2	3	4	7	8	
B.51.9. In order to improve the quality of medical care, the majority of medical services must be fees-for-service	1	2	3	4	7	8	
B.51.10. The government ought to protect society from statements and publications that contradict the public interest		1	2	3	4	7	8
B.51.11. Strikes ought to be forbidden if they harm society	1	2	3	4	7	8	
B.51.12. Belarus ought to be united with Russia in one government	1	2	3	4	7	8	
B.51.13. Sometimes political and government activities seem so complex that I cannot figure them out	1	2	3	4	7	8	

B.51.14. If an unfair law is put in place, I cannot do anything about it	1	2	3	4	7	8

B52. In general, do you think that most people are ready to help others or do most only think about their own interests?

More inclined to help	1
More inclined to think about their own interests	2
IT DEPENDS ON THE INDIVIDUAL	6
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B53. Some people think that one can trust most people. Others assert that one must be careful in dealings with people. And what do you think about this?

One can trust most people	1
One must be careful in dealings with people	2
IT DEPENDS ON THE INDIVIDUAL	6
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B54. How interested are you in politics: very interested, interested, not very interested, or completely uninterested?

VERY INTERESTED	1
INTERESTED	2
NOT VERY INTERESTED	3
COMPLETELY UNINTERESTED	4
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

(B55.) I will now name various community organizations and associations for you. Tell me, please, are you a member of these organizations or associations and if you are, how active are you in their work?

	Are you a member?		Do you actively participate?	
B55.1. Some sort of sports organization	Yes	1 ⇒	Yes	1
	No	2	No	2
B55.2. Youth organization	Yes	1 ⇒	Yes	1
	No	2	No	2
B55.3. Religious organization	Yes	1 ⇒	Yes	1
	No	2	No	2
B55.4. Professional organization	Yes	1 ⇒	Yes	1
	No	2	No	2

B55.5. Cultural organization	Yes	1 ⇒	Yes	1
	No	2	No	2
B55.6. Organization of your hobby/interests	Yes	1 ⇒	Yes	1
	No	2	No	2
B55.7. Parents' committee, block committee or similar group	Yes	1 ⇒	Yes	1
	No	2	No	2
B55.8. "Green" movement in defense of the environment	Yes	1 ⇒	Yes	1
	No	2	No	2
B55.9. Political party	Yes	1 ⇒	Yes	1
	No	2	No	2
B55.10. Other political organization or association	Yes	1 ⇒	Yes	1
	No	2	No	2

B56. How important do you think it is that every citizen participates in elections? It is very important, important or completely unimportant?

VERY IMPORTANT	1
IMPORTANT	2
COMPLETELY UNIMPORTANT	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B57. How satisfied are you with your life in general at this time?

Fully satisfied	1
Mostly satisfied	2
Not very satisfied	3
Completely dissatisfied	4
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B58. How satisfied are you with the opportunities that you think your children will have in the future?

Fully satisfied	1
Mostly satisfied	2
Not very satisfied	3
Completely dissatisfied	4
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B59. How concerned are you that in the course of this year you or someone in your family may lose their job?

Very concerned	1
A little concerned	2
Not very concerned	3
Completely unconcerned	4
QUESTION DOES NOT APPLY	6
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B60. How would you react to the marriage of your daughter or son to a person of another nationality?

The nationality of your daughter's husband or son's wife does not matter to you	1
You prefer a person of your own nationality, but would not object to the choice	2
You want your daughter's husband or son's wife only to be of your nationality	3
OTHER, WHICH IS...?	6
[Interviewer! Write down:]	
|_____|	
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

(B61.) Now I will name for you some qualities that are to some degree characteristic of people of all nationalities. Of all of these qualities, tell me which are characteristic of Belarusans and which are not?

	Characteristic	Not Characteristic	DIFFICULT TO SAY	REFUSED
B61.1. Kindness	1	2	7	8
B61.2. Honor of elders	1	2	7	8
B61.3. Cleanliness	1	2	7	8
B61.4. Laziness	1	2	7	8
B61.5. Diligence	1	2	7	8
B61.6. Nationalism	1	2	7	8
B61.7. Honesty	1	2	7	8
B61.8. Enviousness	1	2	7	8
B61.9. Religiosity	1	2	7	8
B61.10. Rudeness	1	2	7	8
B61.11. Desire for power	1	2	7	8

B62. In your neighborhood are there mostly Russian-speakers, many Belarusans or mostly Belarusans?

MOSTLY RUSSIAN-SPEAKERS	1
MANY BELARUSANS	2
MOSTLY BELARUSANS	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B63. And where would you like to live? Where most of the residents are Russian-speakers, where many are Belarusan or where most are Belarusan?

MOSTLY RUSSIAN-SPEAKERS	1
MANY BELARUSANS	2
MOSTLY BELARUSANS	3
IT DOESN'T MATTER	4
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B64. And where would you like to work? In an enterprise or organization where the majority of workers are Russian-speakers many are Belarusan or where most are Belarusan?

MOSTLY RUSSIAN-SPEAKERS	1
MANY BELARUSANS	2
MOSTLY BELARUSANS	3
IT DOESN'T MATTER	4
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B65. How often do you watch television programs in Belarusan?

Often	1
Sometimes	2
Rarely	3
Never	4
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B66. What is your attitude toward the idea of leaving Belarus? Would you like to stay and live here, would you like to leave, or have you not decided what to do?

STAY AND LIVE	1
LEAVE	2
HAVE NOT DECIDED	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B67. How certain are you that you will actually move from Belarus in the coming two years?

Absolutely sure that you will move	1
Very likely that you will move	2
It is a possibility, but not very great	3
Very unlikely	4
Will definitely not leave	5 ⇒ Go to Question 73 on page 15
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7 ⇒ Go to Question 73 on page 15
REFUSED	8 ⇒ Go to Question 73 on page 15

(B68.) Comparing Belarus to the country to which you might move, which of the things that I will name will be better in the new place, which will be worse, and which will be the same?

	Will be better	Will be the same	Will be worse	DIFFICULT TO SAY	REFUSED
B68.1. Ability to find work	1	2	3	7	8
B68.2. Ability to get an education	1	2	3	7	8
B68.3. Financial conditions	1	2	3	7	8
B68.4. Inter-ethnic relations	1	2	3	7	8
B68.5. Ability to get housing	1	2	3	7	8
B68.6. Political rights	1	2	3	7	8
B68.7. Language problems	1	2	3	7	8
B68.8. Live closer to relatives	1	2	3	7	8

B69. If you decide to leave Belarus, to which country would you rather migrate?
[Interviewer! Write down:]
|_____|

NO PREFERENCE	96 ⇒ Go to Question 73 on page 15
DIFFICULT TO SAY	97 ⇒ Go to Question 73 on page 15
REFUSED	98 ⇒ Go to Question 73 on page 15

(B70.) Speaking about [the country named by the respondent in Question 69] tell me, you...

[Interviewer! If the respondent named more than one country, name the country he/she said first.]

	Yes	No	DIFFICULT TO SAY	REFUSED
B70.1. Were in that country in the last two years	1	2	7	8
B70.2. You have relatives or friends in that country	1	2	7	8
B70.3. You know of an organization that helps people move to that country	1	2	7	8
B70.4. You have already done something to move to that country	1	2	7	8
B70.5. You already have a place to work or study in that country	1	2	7	8
B70.6. You lived in that country previously	1	2	7	8

B71. If you moved to [the country mentioned by the Respondent in Question 69], would your financial situation improve, stay the same, or get worse?

IMPROVE	1
STAY THE SAME	2
GET WORSE	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B72. If you moved to [the country mentioned by the Respondent in Question 69], would you want your children to stay and live in Belarus?

Yes	1
No	2
HAVE NO CHILDREN	5
DEPENDS ON THE SITUATION	6
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

(B73.) Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements which I will now read? Do you agree or disagree that if someone gives an official money as a gift, then...

	Agree	Disagree	DIFFICULT TO SAY	REFUSED
B73.1. It is an expression of respect	1	2	7	8
B73.2. It is a bribe	1	2	7	8
B73.3. In most cases it is necessary	1	2	7	8
B73.4. Now it is more widespread than in the 1980s	1	2	7	8

B74. Who is the Prime Minister of Russia?

|_____|

DIFFICULT TO SAY 7

REFUSED 8

B75. Please look at the card and tell me which you have done in general in the last 30 days?
[Interviewer! Give the Respondent Card 10]

WORKED FOR PAY PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY	01
HAD A PRIVATE BUSINESS: TRADE, BUSINESS, FARMING	02
WAS ON PAID LEAVE OR ON SICK LEAVE	03
WAS ON UNPAID LEAVE	04
WAS ON A PENSION AND DIDN'T WORK	05 ⇒ Go to Question 90 on page 18
STUDIED DURING THE DAY IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND DID NOT WORK	06 ⇒ Go to Question 90 on page 18
DID NOT WORK TEMPORARILY OR WAS UNEMPLOYED	07 ⇒ Go to Question 90 on page 18
OTHER	96 ⇒ Go to Question 90 on page 18
[Interviewer! Write down:]	
|_____|	
DIFFICULT TO SAY	97 ⇒ Go to Question 90 on page 18
REFUSED	98 ⇒ Go to Question 90 on page 18

B76. Let's talk about your primary employment. If you have more than one job, tell me about the one you consider to be the primary one.

What is your job? For example, one could say: "I work as a foreman, machinist's helper, metalworker of the fourth category, newspaper seller, chief accountant, farm manager..." And what is your job?
[Interviewer! Write down everything said by the Respondent in detail.]
|_____|

DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B77. What do you do in general on this job; what are your primary responsibilities?
[Interviewer! Write down everything said by the Respondent in detail.]
|_____|

DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B78. On this job you work...

In an enterprise, organization, institution or firm	1
Or you work independently?	2 ⇒ Go to Question 87 on page 18
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7 ⇒ Go to Question 87 on page 18
REFUSED	8 ⇒ Go to Question 87 on page 18

B79. At what enterprise or organization do you work? We are not interested in the name. Simply tell me what that enterprise or organization does? Maybe it is a manufacturing facility or factory, school, farm, retail store.
[Interviewer! Write down everything said by the Respondent in detail.]
|_____|

DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B80. Is your enterprise or organization owned or co-owned by the government?

Yes	1
No	2
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B81. Is a foreign firm or some kind of foreign private individual an owner or co-owner of your enterprise or organization?

Yes	1
No	2
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B82. Are you personally an owner or co-owner of your enterprise or organization?

Yes	1
No	2
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B83. Is another private individual, enterprise collective, other private firm or bank an owner or co-owner of your enterprise or organization?

Yes	1
No	2
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B84. Do you currently work in an enterprise or organization where the most of the workers are Russian-speakers, many are Belarusans or most are Belarusans?

MOST ARE RUSSIAN-SPEAKERS	1
MANY BELARUSAN	2
MOSTLY BELARUSANS	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B85. What language do you usually speak at work?

RUSSIAN	1
BELARUSAN	2
BOTH EQUALLY	3
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B86. What is the nationality of your direct supervisor?

[Interviewer! Do not read nationalities. Note what the Respondent names.]

RUSSIAN	01
BELARUSAN	02
OTHER	95

[Interviewer! Write down:]
|_____|

DO NOT HAVE A SUPERVISOR/WORK ALONE	96
DIFFICULT TO SAY	97
REFUSED	98

B87. Over the last thirty days, have you been paid for your work?

Yes	1
No	2 ⇒ Go to Question 89
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7 ⇒ Go to Question 89
REFUSED	8 ⇒ Go to Question 89

B88. Over the past thirty days, how much have you been paid in total, after taxes?
|_____| Belarusan Rubles

PAID IN GROCERIES OR GOODS	96
DIFFICULT TO SAY	97
REFUSED	98

B89. Have you currently received all of the money owed to you by your enterprise, or does the enterprise owe you money?

RECEIVED ALL MONEY	1
ENTERPRISE OWES YOU MONEY	2
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B90. [Interviewer! Check yourself! Return to Question 75 on page 16 and check what the respondent said about his/her current work. Questions 90-93 refer only to respondents that are not working; that is covered by responses 05 or 06 or 07 or 96,97,98. Ask the rest of the respondents Question 94 on page 19.]
Have you ever worked?

Yes	1
No	2 ⇒ [Go to Question 94 on page 19]
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7 ⇒ [Go to Question 94 on page 19]
REFUSED	8 ⇒ [Go to Question 94 on page 19]

B91. In what year did you leave your last job and stop working?
In 19 |__| |__|

DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B92. What was the main reason that you left your last place of work...

State layoffs	1 ***NOTE Should be "staff layoffs" Error in q***
There was no work, they didn't pay salaries	2
Enterprise or organization closed	3
Retired	4
Or some other reason which is...	5
[Interviewer! Write down:]	
|_____|	
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B93. What was your last job? For example, one could say: "I worked as a foreman, machinist's helper, metalworker of the fourth category, newspaper seller, chief accountant, farm manager..." And what was your job?

[Interviewer! Write down everything the Respondent says in detail.]

|_____|

DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B94. In the last thirty days have you had another job for which you were paid? Maybe you sewed a dress for someone, transported someone in a car, helped someone fix their apartment or car, bought and supplied groceries, cared for a sick person, or did something else for which you were paid?

Yes	1
No	2 ⇒ Go to Question 96
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7 ⇒ Go to Question 96
REFUSED	8 ⇒ Go to Question 96

B95. Approximately how much did you earn for this in the last thirty days?

|_____| Belarusan Rubles

DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B96. Please try to remember what your personal income was for the last thirty days. Sum up everything - salary, bonuses, profits, extra earnings, pensions, grants, financial help, chance earnings and other monetary receipts, including hard currency (but hard currency converted into Belarusan Rubles).

|_____| Belarusan Rubles

DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B97. According to your passport, you are a citizen of what country?

Belarus	1
Russia	2
OTHER, WHICH IS	6
[Interviewer! Write down:]	
|_____|	
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B98. Are you also a citizen of some other country?

Yes	1
No	2 ⇒ Go to Question 100
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7 ⇒ Go to Question 100
REFUSED	8 ⇒ Go to Question 100

B99. You are the citizen of what other country?

|_____|	
DIFFICULT TO SAY	97
REFUSED	98

B100. Have you tried to obtain citizenship from some other country?

Yes	1
No	2 ⇒ Go to Question 102
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7 ⇒ Go to Question 102
REFUSED	8 ⇒ Go to Question 102

B101. What other country?

[Interviewer! Write down:]	
|_____|	
DIFFICULT TO SAY	97
REFUSED	98

B102. How well do you speak Belarusan?

Completely fluently	1 ⇒ Go to Question 105 on page 21
Well, but not fluently	2 ⇒ Go to Question 105 on page 21
Poorly	3
Do not speak it at all	4
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7 ⇒ Go to Question 105 on page 21
REFUSED	8 ⇒ Go to Question 105 on page 21

B103. How well do you read in Belarusan?

Completely fluently	1 ⇒ Go to Question 105 on page 21
Well, but not fluently	2 ⇒ Go to Question 105 on page 21
Poorly	3
Do not read it at all	4
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7 ⇒ Go to Question 105 on page 21
REFUSED	8 ⇒ Go to Question 105 on page 21

B104. In the course of the last five years have you attended classes or studies of the Belarusan language?

Yes	1
No	2
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B105. In what year were you born?

In 19 |__| |__|	
DIFFICULT TO SAY	97
REFUSED	98

B106. In what republic of the former USSR were you born?

[Interviewer! Do not read the list; mark the number corresponding to the answer.]

RUSSIA	01
UKRAINE	02
BELARUS	03
AZERBAIJAN	04
ARMENIA	05
GEORGIA	06
KAZAKHSTAN	07
KYRGYZSTAN	08
LATVIA	09
LITHUANIA	10
MOLDOVA	11
TAJIKISTAN	12
TURKMENISTAN	13
UZBEKISTAN	14
ESTONIA	15
ANOTHER COUNTRY	16
DIFFICULT TO SAY	97
REFUSED	98

B107. [Interviewer! Question 107. Give only to those respondents who were not born in Belarus. Give the rest Question 108.]
Do you regret that you or your family moved to Belarus?

Yes, you regret	1
No, you do not regret	2
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B108. What is your level of education?
[Interviewer! Give the Respondent Card 11]

NO EDUCATION, ILLITERATE	01
PRIMARY SCHOOL	02
INCOMPLETE SECONDARY	03
SECONDARY	04
SPECIALIZED SECONDARY	05
INCOMPLETE HIGHER EDUCATION	06
HIGHER EDUCATION	07
GRADUATE LEVEL	08
OTHER	96
DIFFICULT TO SAY	97
REFUSED	98

B109. What is your marital status?

In a registered or unregistered marriage	1
Never been married	2 ⇒ Go to Question 111
Divorced and not married	3
Widower (widow) and not married	4
DIFFICULT TO SAY	7 ⇒ Go to Question 111
REFUSED	8 ⇒ Go to Question 111

B110. What is (was) the nationality of your spouse?
[Interviewer! Write down all of the Respondent's answers. If the Respondent had more than one spouse, write the nationality of each on separate lines.]
1.|_____|
2.|_____|
3.|_____|

DIFFICULT TO SAY	7
REFUSED	8

B111. How many children do you have?
|__| children

NO CHILDREN	96 ⇒ Go to Question 113
DIFFICULT TO SAY	97 ⇒ Go to Question 113
REFUSED	98 ⇒ Go to Question 113

B112. How old is your youngest child (in full years)?

|__| years

DIFFICULT TO SAY	97
REFUSED	98

B113. Thank you. Our institute verifies the work of its interviewers. It is possible that a representative of the institute will contact you in the near future to find out your opinion about this interview.
Would you please tell me your telephone number so that our representative can call?
[Interviewer! Write down the telephone number in the "list of selected addresses."]

RESPONDENT GAVE TELEPHONE NUMBER	1
RESPONDENT DID NOT GIVE TELEPHONE NUMBER	2
DOES NOT HAVE A TELEPHONE	3

B 114. [Interviewer! Note the gender of the Respondent]

MALE	1
FEMALE	2

Thank you very much!

Interviewer Observations

Indicate who was present during the interview, even if only for a short time

	Yes	No
Q1.1. RESPONDENT'S SPOUSE	1	2
Q1.2. RESPONDENT'S CHILDREN	1	2
Q1.3. OTHER ADULTS	1	2

Q2. Indicate the attitude of the Respondent to the interview. The attitude was:

FRIENDLY AND INTERESTED	1
NOT VERY INTERESTED	2
IMPATIENT AND UNEASY	3
HOSTILE	4

Q3. Indicate how well the Respondent understood the questions

WELL	1
NOT VERY WELL	2
POORLY	3]

Q4. Evaluate the behavior of the respondent during the interview. The respondent:

WAS NERVOUS	1
WAS SOMETIMES NERVOUS	2
FELT COMFORTABLE	3]

Q5. Evaluate the Respondent's level of understanding. The Respondent was

VERY QUICK TO UNDERSTAND	1
NOT QUICK TO UNDERSTAND, NEEDED ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION	2
AS QUICK TO UNDERSTAND AS THE MAJORITY OF RESPONDENTS	3
WAS SHARPER THAN MOST RESPONDENTS	4]

Q6. Evaluate the candor and openness of the Respondent. The Respondent

WAS VERY CLOSED, NOT SINCERE	1
WAS AS OPEN AND SINCERE AS MOST RESPONDENTS	2
WAS MORE SINCERE AND OPEN THAN MOST RESPONDENTS	3]

I certify that the interview was conducted by me in accordance with the Instructions of the personal interview method with the Respondent selected according to Instructions.

Signature