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Please, always tick just one option – the one that most closely matches your opinion. In part B you state in which direction you would adjust the current form of the given economic policy tool or measure in the Czech Republic, i.e. you propose its desirable form with respect to the current state of it.

All questions are couched as recommendations, and thus make a *normative* impression. In case of doubts regarding the normative grounds for economic policy-making, please assume that the goal of economic policy is the welfare of the inhabitants of the Czech Republic *as you personally conceive of it*. In some cases the question really refers to a bundle of several measures (e.g. different types of “farm support”) and/or to a measure of a local nature (e.g. rent control). In such cases, please, assume you cannot change the *structure* of such measures, and that you can only change their *average* level.

A. General View

1: Do you think that the economic policy sufficiently reflects insights provided by economic theory and policy recommendations made by economists, i.e. that economic policy does not systematically distort them?

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no

B. Particular Policy Opinions

2: The extent to which trade barriers (tariffs, quotas etc.) are used should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

3: The extent to which antidumping and similar trade-political proceedings against foreign producers are used should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

4: The extent to which policy-makers pay attention to the balance of trade deficit should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

5: The size of the government budget deficit should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

6: The size of the government expenditures should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

7: The marginal income tax rate should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

8: The size of the overall tax burden should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

9: The rate of the money supply growth should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

10: The level of the inflation target set by the central bank should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

11: The extent of regulation aimed at environmental protection should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

12: The extent of regulation aimed at consumer protection should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

13: The extent to which the anti-trust authority interferes with the economy should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

14: The level of difficulty the labor legislation imposes on laying off employees should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

15: The legislated labor union power should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

16: The extent of regulation of trade with illicit drugs (addictive substances) should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

17: The extent of regulation of trade with human organs should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

18: The level of the legislated minimum wage should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

19: The level of the legislated maximum rent that can be charged for apartments should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

20: The extent of government support of agriculture should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

21: The extent to which university students share the cost of university education should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

22: The extent of investment perks offered by government should be:

- ☐ higher
- ☐ unchanged
- ☐ lower

C. Respondent Information

23: Age:

- ☐ 25 or below
- ☐ 26 to 35
- ☐ 36 to 45
- ☐ 46 to 55
- ☐ 56 to 65
- ☐ 66 or more
- ☐ I decline to answer

24: Gender:

- ☐ male
- ☐ female
- ☐ I decline to answer

25: What sort of economist do you conceive yourself of (the most fitting group)?

- ☐ academic
- ☐ private sector
- ☐ government
- ☐ avocational
- ☐ other (please, explain):
- ☐ I decline to answer

26: What is your gross income per year (in CZK)

- ☐ less than 250 000
- ☐ 250 000 – 500 000
- ☐ 500 000 – 750 000
- ☐ more than 750 000
- ☐ I decline to answer

27: Which political party's program is closest to your vision of economic policy?

- ☐ ČSSD (social democratic)
- ☐ KDU-ČSL (Christian conservative)
- ☐ KSČM (communist)
- ☐ ODS (civic conservative)
- ☐ Strana zelených (environmental)
- ☐ other party's program (please, state its name):
- ☐ I decline to answer