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# Questionnaire

# **Early Youth**

#### Dear Participant,

This questionnaire addresses household members born in 2007 and who are participating for the first time ever.

The teen should have the opportunity to answer the questions without being influenced by the parents!

Of course, your participation is completely voluntary. For our study to produce scientifically valid results, it is important that every member of your household takes part.

We cordially request you

- to answer the questions for our Interviewer
- or to fill out the questionnaire by yourself accurately.

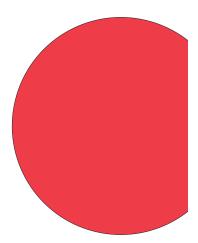
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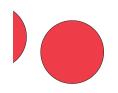
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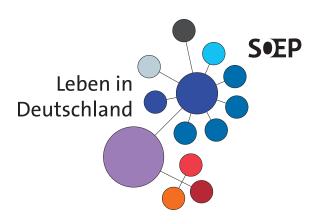








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# Questionnaire

# **Early Youth**

We also offer an online questionnaire as an alternative to the paper version.

To complete the questionnaire online, please enter the following address into your Internet browser:

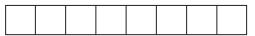
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Your personal access code is:

<PWD-CAWI>

If you completed the questionnaire online, you don't need to return this printed questionnaire.





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# How should the questionnaire be filled out?

Make an X in the box next to the answer option that you think comes the closest. If you make a mistake, clearly cross out the wrong answer and make an X in the correct box.

#### Example:

Yes	8
No	$\mathbf{X}$

If you change your mind and decide that you want to select the answer that you just crossed out, you will need to clearly cross out the second mistake and then make a circle around the box you had crossed out first.

Example:	$\sim$
Yes	(33)
No	. Š

When filling out the questionnaire, please pay attention to the instructions for each question:

#### Example:

*⊂ Please select one answer only.* 

If there is a blank for you to write your answer in, please print your answer in the blank:

### Example:

Country:

Germany

Sometimes you are asked to give numerical answers.

Please enter your answer by aligning numbers to the right in the spaces provided:

Example:

Number:



If you should skip certain questions, there will be specific instructions:

#### Example:

Yes

 $\Box \rightarrow$  Continue with question 11

#### Please make sure:

*That you fill out the questionnaire in black pen only.* 

- *C* that your answers are clearly legible.
- *⊂* and that your answers are inside the boxes.

This makes our work much easier. Thank you very much!

# First, a Few Questions About You

1 behav1\_full behav2\_full behav3\_full behav5\_full behav5\_full behav6\_full behav9\_full behav10\_full behav11\_full behav12\_full behav12\_full behav12\_full behav12\_full behav15\_full behav12\_full behav12\_full behav12\_full behav12\_full behav12\_full behav20\_full behav22\_full behav22\_full behav22\_full behav25\_full behav25\_full behav25\_full

Next come a few statements that begin, for example, with: "I am ...", "I have ..." or "I try ..." and where you can think that it is exactly the same for you – i.e. that it "fully applies" or that it is not at all the case for you – i.e. that it "does not apply at all" or that it is only "partly true". Please answer all the questions as best you can, even if you are not quite sure or if a question seems strange to you.

C Please select one answer per line only.	Not true of me at all	Partly true of me	Completely true of me
I try to be nice to other people, I care about their feelings			3
I am restless, I cannot stay still for long			
I get a lot of headaches, stomach-aches or sickness			
I usually share with others			
I get very angry and often lose my temper			
I am usually on my own; I generally play alone or keep to myself			
I usually do as I am told			
l worry a lot			
I am helpful if someone is hurt, upset or feeling ill			
I am constantly fidgeting or squirming			
I have one good friend or more			
I fight a lot with others			
I can make other people do what I want			
I am often unhappy, down-hearted or tearful			
Other people my age generally like me			
I am easily distracted, I find it difficult to concentrate			
I am nervous in new situations. I easily lose confidence			
I am kind to younger children			
I am often accused of lying or cheating			
Other children or young people pick on me or bully me			
I often volunteer to help others (parents, teachers, children)			
I think before I do things			
I take things that are not mine from home, school or elsewhere			
I get on better with adults than with people my own age			
I have many fears, I am easily scared			
I finish the work I'm doing; My attention is good			

	Now About You and Your School		
2	What grade are you in?		
sclgrade			
	In the grade		
3	How many students are there in your class?		
sclppls			
	Total students		
4	How many of your fellow students or their parents were not from Germany?		
sclpplsmig sclpplsdk	্রি If you don't know exactly, you can give an approximation!		
	Total number of students		
	Nobody 1		
	I don't know 2		
5	Do you have the feeling that the teachers		
sclteachr1 sclteachr2 sclteachr3	্রি Please select one answer per line only.		
sclteachr4		Yes	No
	call on you less often than your classmates?		
	grade you harder than your classmates?		
	scold you more often than your classmates?		
	think that you are not as smart as your classmates?		
6	What was your grade on your last report card in the following three subjects?		
lamark matmark flmark	German Math First foreign		
nomark			
	Grade from 1 to 6		
	Does not apply, no school grades included in the report card $\Box$		
7	What school-leaving qualification do you personally want to attain one day?		
idegrad	C Please select one answer only.		
	Lower secondary school-leaving certificate (Hauptschulabschluss)		1
	Intermediate secondary school-leaving certificate (Mittlere Reife, Realschulabschluss)		2
	Upper secondary school-leaving certificate (Abitur)		3
8	How important is it to you to attain this school-leaving qualification?		
impgrad	Very important		
	Important 2		
	Unimportant 3		
	Very unimportant 4		

#### 9 And what do you think, what school-leaving qualification will you actually attain one day?

#### *⊂ Please select one answer only.*

Lower secondary school-leaving certificate (Hauptschulabschluss)	
Intermediate secondary school-leaving certificate (Mittlere Reife, Realschulabschluss)	2
Upper secondary school-leaving certificate (Abitur)	з 🗖
Will leave school without graduating	4

10 frnd1grad frnd2grad frnd3grad

scltubm sclwebh sclwebm

sclthbh

sclsafreq

probgra

#### And what about your three best friends who you get together with regularly and who are about your age? What school-leaving qualifications do your three best friends want to attain?

## *C* If you are not sure of the answers, state what you think. If you don't have three friends, answer for one, two or none.

	1st friend	2nd friend	3rd friend
Lower secondary school-leaving certificate (Hauptschulabschluss)	1	1	1
Intermediate secondary school-leaving certificate (Mittlere Reife, Realschulabschluss)	2	2	2
Upper secondary school-leaving certificate (Abitur)	3	з 🗌	з 🗌
Don't know	4	4	4

#### 11 Think about your timetable. Can you please indicate for each day of the week, from Monday to Friday, at what time school starts and when it ends? sclmobh sclmobm scltubh

#### This refers only to school, that is, classes, AGs, free supervised time, lunch. Please do not include the time spent in after-school care if you go there!

sclthbm sclfrbh sclfrbm sclmoeh	Time:	Monday Hour Minute	Tuesday Hour Minute	Wednesday Hour Minute	Thursday Hour Minute	Friday Hour Minute
sclmoem scltueh scltuem sclweeh	Start:					
sclweem scltheh sclthem sclfreh sclfrem	End:					

#### 12 Do you also have school on Saturday?

There we are also referring just to school, that is, classes, AGs, free supervised time, lunch. Please do not include the time spent in after-school care if you go there!

Yes, every week	1	
Yes, every two weeks	2	ightarrow Continue with question 13
Yes, less often	3	
No, never	4	- Continue with question 14

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#### What time does school start on Saturday and what time does it end?

sclsabh sclsabm		Saturday	
sclsaeh	Time:	Hour	Minute
Scisaciii	Start:		
	End:		

### **14** How much time do you usually spend on your homework and studying for school?

Less than half an hour per day	1
A half hour to one hour per day	2
One to two hours per day	3
Two to three hours per day	4
Three to four hours per day	5
Four or more hours per day	6

15 helphmwk1 helphmwk2 fhaus11 helphmwk3 helphmwk4 helphmwk5 helphmwk6 helphmwk7

hwduration

## How often do the following people help you with your homework or studying for school?

## Cr Please select one answer per line only.

	Never Seldom Sometimes Often Always	Person not present in my life
Mother	$\begin{array}{c}1\\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{c}2\\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{c}3\\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{c}4\\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{c}5\\ \hline \end{array}$	6
Father		
With same-sex parents: Second, social mother / father		
Grandparents		
Siblings		
Friends or classmates		
Paid tutoring		
Homework supervision (for example, at school, youth center, community center)		

## Have you ever been involved in one of the following areas at school (outside your normal classes)?

্রে Please select all that apply.	1
Class representative	
Student body president	
School first-aider	
Involved with school newspaper	
Member of theater / dance club	
Member of choir, orchestra, music group	
Member of school sports club	
Member of other school club	
None of the above	

#### 17 How often do you take part in the following recreational activities?

#### Please select one answer per line only.

	Every Day	Every week	Every month	Less often	Never
				4	5
Watching TV / Video / DVD					
Playing computer games					_
Using online social media			— 🗆 –		$-\Box$
Making a phone call (including skype or similar)				— 🗆 —	— 🗌
Exchange via SMS or Messenger (e.g. WhatsApp)				— 🗆 —	— 🗆
Other surfing on the Internet					— 🗆
Listening to music				— 🗆 —	$-\Box$
Playing music				— 🗆 —	$-\Box$
Doing sports			— 🗆 –	— 🗆 —	$-\Box$
Do something with the family, e.g. excursions or similar.			— 🗆 –	— 🗆 —	$-\Box$
Being together with girlfriends / boyfriends					_
Dance, theater, etc.					$=\Box$
Technical work					— 🗆
Painting and handicrafts					— 🗌
Reading					— 🗌
Doing nothing / relaxing / dreaming					—
Going to church, religious events				— 🗆 —	_
Join a youth group (e.g. scouts, church groups, environmental groups)					— 🗆
Volunteer work in a club / association / social organization			— 🗆 –		_
Care for a pet / animals		— 🗆 —	— 🗆 –	— [] —	—

18 Now we want to know how long you spend on the following activities. How many hours do you spend on them during the week, in other words, how many hours from Monday to Friday altogether? And how many duract1\_v1 duract2\_v1 hours do you spend on them on weekends, in other words, how many hours on Saturday and Sunday duract3\_v1 duract4\_v1 altogether?

l hours Saturday and Sunday
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freqact1 freqact2 freqact3 freqact15 freqact16 freqact4 freqact5 freqact6 freqact7 freqact8 freqact14 freqact9 freqact10 freqact11 freqact12 freqact13 freqact17 freqact18 freqact20

freqact19

#### **19** How late do your parents allow you to ...

evepermit1 evepermit2 evepermit3 evepermit4	ſ	Please se	elect one	answer	per line	only.

	6 pm	7 pm	8 pm	9 pm	10 pm	11 pm	Mid- night	After Mid-	No rule about this
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	night	9
be out alone the night before a school day									
be out alone the night before a day off from school									
stay up at home the night before _a school day									
stay up at hom the night before _a day off from school									

20 woparent1

woparent2

woparent3 woparent4

#### Which of the following things have you ever done without your parents?

Cr For each activity, please say whether you have done it with adults, for example uncle/aunt, grandparents, parents of friends, summer camp counselors, and whether you have done it without adults, in other words, all by yourself, or only with friends or siblings who are not yet adults.

woparent5 woparent6		With adults	Without adults
woparent7 woparent8	Without parents	Yes No	Yes No
woparent9	went on vacation		
woparent10	took a trip by train or plane		
woparent11 woparent12	went to the doctor		
woparent13 woparent14	bought clothes for yourself		
woparent15 woparent16	cooked or baked by yourself		
woparent17	exchanged something at the store		
woparent18 woparent19	went to the movies		
woparent20	drunk alcohol		
	smoked cigarettes		
	smoked hookah / shisha		

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frndspar

How often do your parents interfere with who you spend your time with or who your friends are?

Very often	1
Often	2
Sometimes	з 🗖
Seldom	4
Never	5

# Your Friends, Siblings, Parents

sorrow1 sorrow2 sorrow3 sorrow4 fvsor7

support1 support2 support3 support4 fvwich7

bossarnd1 bossarnd2 bossarnd3 bossarnd4 fykom7

# 22 The next question is about how your friends, your siblings, and your parents behave towards you.

*C T f* you don't have one of these people in your life, for example, if you don't have any siblings, answer "person not present in my life".

#### How often do you turn to the following people when you have concerns?

	Very often Often Sometimes Seldom Never	Person not present in my life
Friends	$\begin{array}{c}1\\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{c}2\\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{c}3\\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{c}4\\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{c}5\\ \hline \end{array}$	6
Siblings		
Mother		
Father		
With same-sex parents: Second, social mother / father		

#### How often do the following people encourage or help you when something is important to you?

	Very often Often Sometimes Seldom Never	Person not present in my life
Friends	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ - \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ - \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ - \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} 4 \\ - \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ \end{array} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ \end{array} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ \end{array} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ \end{array} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ \end{array} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ \end{array} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\$	
Siblings		
Mother		
Father		
With same-sex parents: Second, social mother / father		

#### How often do the following people boss you around?

	Very often Often Sometimes Seldom Never Person not present in
Friends	$ \prod_{i=1}^{1} \prod_{i=1}^{2} \prod_{i=1}^{3} \prod_{i=1}^{4} \prod_{i=1}^{6} \prod_{$
Siblings	
Mother	
Father	
With same-sex parents: Second, social mother / father	

How often do the following people tell you that it is important that you do well at school, learn a lot?	<b>Very often Often Sometimes Seldom Never</b> Person no present in my life
Friends	
Siblings	
Mother	
Father	
With same-sex parents: Second, social mother / father	
How often do you find yourself arguing with the following people?	<b>Very often Often Sometimes Seldom Never</b> Person no present in
Friends	
Siblings	
Mother	

 Mother
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23 What would you say: How many close friends do you have?

*□* If not applicable, please enter "0"!

Friends

motivate1 motivate2 motivate3 motivate4 fvlob7

quarrel1 quarrel2 quarrel3 quarrel4 fstr9

frnds

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# How important are the following persons to you?

impperson1 impperson2 impperson3 impperson4 impperson5	C Please select one answer per line only.	Very importai	Import nt	Less nportan	Quite un- t important	Person not present in my life
impperson6 impperson7	My father		2	 = 🗌 =	<sup>4</sup>	5
impperson8 impperson9 fwichso	My mother	_ =		 - 🗆 -	—	
	With same-sex parents: My second, social father	_ =		 - 🗆 -	—	
	With same-sex parents: My second, social mother	_ =		 - 🗆 -	—	
	My brother / my sister	=		 - 🗆 -	<u> </u>	
	Another relative	=		 - 🗆 -	<u> </u>	
	My steady boyfriend / girlfriend	=		 - 🗆 -	—	
	My best friend	_ =		 - 🗆 -	—	
	My group of friends / clique	_ =		 - 🗆 -	<u> </u>	
	A teacher	=		 - 🗆 -	<u> </u>	
	Another person	=		 - 🗆 -	<u> </u>	
	please specify:					

25 Ianguage	Does everyone who lives here in the household speak only German with you or do they also speak another language?
	Ter Please select one answer only.
	German only
	Another language as well 2
	Only another language 3
26	Do you get allowance or a regular financial support from your parents or other relatives?
allowp	$\underbrace{\operatorname{Yes}}_{1} \square \qquad \underbrace{\operatorname{No}}_{2} \square \xrightarrow{2} \operatorname{Continue with question 28}$
27	How much allowance do you get per week / per month?
allowpw allowpm	euros per week
	or
	euros per month
28	Are you able to put away some money in savings on a regular basis (for vacations, big purchases, etc.)?
savings1	C Please select one answer only.
	Yes, occasionally
	Yes, regularly     2     Continue with question 29
	No $_{3} \Box \xrightarrow{-}$ Continue with question 30
29	How much do you save per month approximately?
savings2 savings3	About euros per month
	Can't say, it's very irregular
30 hhtech1a hhtech1b	Can you use the following devices at home? If so, also state whether you have these devices to yourself or whether you share them with other family members.
hhtech2a hhtech2b	্রি Please select one answer in every line.
hhtech3a hhtech3b	Just used by Shared with No Yes me others
hhtech4a	Tablet $\stackrel{2}{\square}$ $\stackrel{1}{\square}$ $\stackrel{1}{\longrightarrow}$ $\stackrel{2}{\square}$
hhtech4b hhtech5a	Computer / Laptop
hhtech5b	(Game) Console
	Smartphone
	Another mobile phone $\Box$ $\Box$ $\Box$ $\Box$

Another mobile phone

	Attitudes and opinions				
31	Generally speaking, how interested are you in politics?				
polparty1	Very interested	1			
	Moderately interested	2			
	Not so interested	з 🔲			
	Completely disinterested	4			
32 polparty2			e political party in the long term, even if they occasionally vote for o you lean towards a particular political party?		
	Yes 1	No	$_2$ $\Box$ $\rightarrow$ Continue with question 35		
	$\checkmark$				
33 polparty3	Which party do you lean towards?				
	C Please select one answer only.				
	SPD	1			
	CDU	2			
	CSU	3			
	FDP	4			
	Bündnis 90 / Die Grünen	5			
	Die Linke	6			
	AfD	27			
	NPD / Republikaner / Die Rechte	2 7			
	Other	8			
34	And to what extent do you lean	towards th	nis party?		
polparty4	Extremely	1			
	Strongly	2			
	Moderately	3			
	Weakly	4			
	Very weakly	5			

# How Do You See Yourself?

35 There are a lot of different qualities that people can have - some are listed below. You will probably think that some of these describe you perfectly whereas others do not describe you at all. And with some of them, you might be unsure or somewhere in between.

#### Cr Please answer on the following scale, where 1 means "Does not describe me at all", and 7 means "Describes me perfectly".

l am	Does not describe me at all	Describes me perfectly
	1 2 3 4	5 6 7
a thorough worker		
communicative and talkative		
sometimes a bit rude to others		
original, someone who comes up with new ideas		
a worrier		
forgiving		
somewhat lazy		
outgoing, sociable		
someone who values artistic, aesthetic experiences		
nervous		
effective and efficient in completing tasks		
reserved		
considerate and kind to others		
imaginative		
relaxed, able to deal with stress		
eager for knowledge		
someone with a positive attitude toward myself		
someone who can easily do without something if I want to save up for something special		
someone who would rather have fun today and not think about tomorrow		
someone who tries to solve even very difficult tasks		
How would you describe your current health?		
Very good		

2 Good 3 Satisfactory 4 Poor 5 Bad

36 srhealth

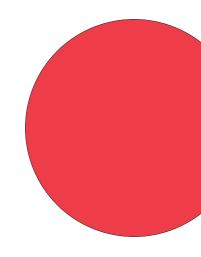
37	How tall are you (body height in cm)?				
height	্রি If you don't know, please estimate.				
	cm				
38	How many kilograms do you currently weigh?				
weight	্রি If you don't know, please estimate.				
	L kg				
39	Are you generally a person who is willing to take risks or do you try to avoid taking risks?				
char30	Please tick a box on the scale, where the value 0 means "Not at all willing to take risks" and the value 10 means "Very willing to take risks".				
	Not at all	Very			
	willing to take risks	willing to take risks			
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40 char31 char32	s towards life and the future. To what degree to you				
charse	Please answer on the following scale, where 1 means "Disagree completely", and 7 means "Agree completely".				
		Disagree Agree completely completely			
		1 2 3 4 5 6 7			
	What a person achieves in life is above all a question of fate or luck				
	You have to work hard to succeed				
41	In conclusion, we would like to ask you how satisfied you are with your life in general.				
lifesati	means "Completely dissatisfied" and				
How satisfied are you with your life, all things considered?					
	Completely dissatisfied	Completely satisfied			
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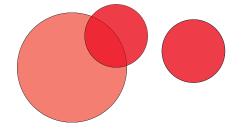
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D	D Approximately how long did it take you to complete this questionnaire?					
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E	Were other persons present while you were filling out the questionnaire?					
anw5 anw2	「 テ Please select all answers that apply. 」					
anw3 anw4	Yes, my father / my mother					
	Yes, other person who is living in the same household $\Box \rightarrow$ Continue with question F					
	Yes, other person who does not live in the same household $\Box$					
	No $\Box \rightarrow End of questionnaire$					
F	Did any of the aforementioned people bother you while you were filling out the questionnaire?					
abl	Yes 1					
	<u>No</u> 2					

# Thank you for taking part.

Please give the completed questionnaire to our interviewer or send it back to infas in the enclosed postage-paid envelope:

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