

## RESEARCH ON LEGITIMACY IN SLOVENIAN PRISONS AND A CORRECTIONAL HOME

### QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PRISONERS

We invite you to participate in a study on the prisoners' perceptions of legitimacy and self-legitimacy of the prison staff in Slovenian prisons. The study is part of a basic research project Legitimacy and legality of policing, criminal justice and execution of penal sanctions (no. of the project J5-5548, ARRS, 2013-2016). If you decide to participate in the study, please fully fill in the questionnaire below. Completing the questionnaire will take about 15 minutes of your time.

The results of the study will be used solely for research purposes with regard to research ethics. Whilst respecting the provisions of the Law on Protection of Personal Data (Official Gazette of RS, no. 94/2007) and other regulations governing the protection of personal data, the participation of experts and other individuals in the study is voluntary. The results of the survey will be published in a doctoral thesis and scientific journals, but the information from which it would be possible to determine who was involved in this study will not be included. Completed questionnaires will be solely owned by the researcher so that prison leadership or anyone else will not be able to see your answers.

The aim of this survey is to identify factors that affect prisoners' perception of legitimacy and self-legitimacy of the prison staff. We will respond to all questions that you have about the study or your participation in the study (Researcher: Rok Hacin; e-mail address: rok.hacin@fvv.uni-mb.si; project leader: prof. Gorazd Meško PhD.; e-mail address: gorazd.mesko@fvv.uni-mb.si).

For your participation in the study and completion of the questionnaire, we sincerely thank you.

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On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means »Strongly Disagree«, 2 »Disagree«, 3 »Neither«, 4 »Agree« and 5 »Strongly Agree« highlight how each of the following statements reflects your views on the legitimacy of the prison staff in prison. Please **circle ONE number** at each statement.

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Q1	I should accept the decisions of prison workers, even if I think they are wrong.	1	2	3	4	5
Q2	I should do what prison workers tell me to do even if I disagree.	1	2	3	4	5
Q3	I should do what prison workers tell me to do even if I do not like the way they treat me.	1	2	3	4	5
Q4	I should do what prison workers tell me to do because I think that is the right thing.	1	2	3	4	5
Q5	Prison workers respect my rights.	1	2	3	4	5
Q6	I think that the prison regime is fair.	1	2	3	4	5
Q7	Prison workers impose a sanction upon prisoners only if it is justified.	1	2	3	4	5
Q8	Prisoners run the prison instead of prison workers.	1	2	3	4	5
Q9	Prison workers take care that I can serve my sentence safely.	1	2	3	4	5
Q10	Prison workers are trying to help us.	1	2	3	4	5
Q11	Prison workers provide me with everything to what I am entitled in prison.	1	2	3	4	5
Q12	Prison workers see us as humans, not as prisoners.	1	2	3	4	5
Q13	Decisions of prison workers are legal.	1	2	3	4	5
Q14	I respect the work of prison workers.	1	2	3	4	5
Q15	Prison workers treat prisoners with respect.	1	2	3	4	5
Q16	Prison workers are fair toward prisoners.	1	2	3	4	5
Q17	Prison workers are polite toward prisoners.	1	2	3	4	5
Q18	Prison workers take time to explain their decisions to prisoners.	1	2	3	4	5
Q19	Prison workers accept fair decisions when they are addressing prisoners' problems.	1	2	3	4	5
Q20	Prison workers take time and listen to prisoners' problems.	1	2	3	4	5
Q21	Prison workers respect prisoners' rights.	1	2	3	4	5
Q22	Prison workers treat prisoners with dignity.	1	2	3	4	5
Q23	Prison workers treat all prisoners equally when they enforce rules.	1	2	3	4	5
Q24	Prison workers do not give orders to prisoners without a reason.	1	2	3	4	5
Q25	Privileges and sanctions are imposed fairly.	1	2	3	4	5
Q26	The disciplinary system in prison is unjust.	1	2	3	4	5

Q27	I have more in common with prison workers than with most of the prisoners.	1	2	3	4	5
Q28	I regularly share my thoughts and problems with prison workers.	1	2	3	4	5
Q29	I talk more time with prison workers than with most prisoners.	1	2	3	4	5
Q30	I help prison workers, whenever I can.	1	2	3	4	5
Q31	I should obey the instructions of prison workers because that is the correct thing to do.	1	2	3	4	5
Q32	I should do what prison workers instruct me if I understand the reasons for such a directive.	1	2	3	4	5
Q33	I should do what prison workers instruct me if their actions are lawful.	1	2	3	4	5
Q34	Prisoners have no choice but to obey the orders of prison workers.	1	2	3	4	5
Q35	Prisoners do not do anything else than what prison workers require from them.	1	2	3	4	5
Q36	I show a different face to prison workers than I do to other prisoners.	1	2	3	4	5
Q37	Circumventing the prison system is the best way to achieve things.	1	2	3	4	5
Q38	The best way to achieve things in prison is to have good relations with certain prison workers.	1	2	3	4	5
Q39	I trust prison workers that they will take care of my safety.	1	2	3	4	5
Q40	Prison workers are good at protecting prisoners' rights.	1	2	3	4	5
Q41	I trust prison workers that they will make decisions, which will be fair to prisoners.	1	2	3	4	5
Q42	Prison workers take care that we are safe.	1	2	3	4	5
Q43	I can trust my problems to prison workers.	1	2	3	4	5
Q44	If I tell something to prison workers, they will keep it for themselves.	1	2	3	4	5
Q45	Prison workers provide less assistance to prisoners, who are not citizens of the Republic of Slovenia.	1	2	3	4	5
Q46	Prison workers provide the same quality of services for all prisoners.	1	2	3	4	5
Q47	Prison workers treat all prisoners the same.	1	2	3	4	5
Q48	Prison workers treat all prisoners equally when they are imposing sanctions.	1	2	3	4	5
Q49	Prison workers treat all prisoners equally when they are granting privileges.	1	2	3	4	5
Q50	Prison workers are always ready to provide satisfactory help to prisoners when they are in distress.	1	2	3	4	5

Q51	Prison workers are always able to provide help to prisoners.	1	2	3	4	5
Q52	Prison workers are good at controlling violence in prison.	1	2	3	4	5
Q53	Prison workers perform a good job of controlling crime in prison.	1	2	3	4	5
Q54	Prison workers perform a good job of maintaining order in prison.	1	2	3	4	5
Q55	The prison is run well by prison workers.	1	2	3	4	5
Q56	Prison workers do not know what is going on among prisoners.	1	2	3	4	5
Q57	Prison workers rarely wear to prisoners' pressure.	1	2	3	4	5
Q58	I cooperate with prison workers because they can provide me with certain privileges.	1	2	3	4	5
Q59	I cooperate with prison workers because I am scared of sanctions.	1	2	3	4	5
Q60	I cooperate with prison workers because I believe that is the right thing to do.	1	2	3	4	5
Q61	I cooperate with prison workers because prison rules dictate that from me.	1	2	3	4	5
Q62	I would cooperate with prison staff if they would looking for a witness to an incident in which other prisoners were engaged.	1	2	3	4	5
Q63	I would cooperate with prison staff if they would looking for a witness to an incident in which other prisoners and prison workers were engaged.	1	2	3	4	5
Q64	I would volunteer as a witness if I were present at the breach of prison rules.	1	2	3	4	5
Q65	If another prisoner makes me very angry, he deserves to be attacked.	1	2	3	4	5
Q66	Violating prison rules is not wrong.	1	2	3	4	5
Q67	Prison workers do not care for prisoners.	1	2	3	4	5
Q68	I am always prepared to fight if someone is trying to take advantage of me.	1	2	3	4	5
Q69	Prison workers are trying to harm me.	1	2	3	4	5
Q70	If someone is trying to harm me, I will try to get him back.	1	2	3	4	5
Q71	It is all right to assault another prisoner if he starts a fight.	1	2	3	4	5
Q72	It is sometimes necessary to fight to protect your honour.	1	2	3	4	5
Q73	I have more in common with prisoners than I do with prison workers.	1	2	3	4	5
Q74	I regard the cooperation of prisoners with prison workers as treason.	1	2	3	4	5
Q75	Prison workers do not order us around without a reason.	1	2	3	4	5

Q76	I can speak about my problems with prison workers.	1	2	3	4	5
Q77	Most of the prison workers are fair towards me.	1	2	3	4	5
Q78	I have a relaxed relationship with most prison workers.	1	2	3	4	5
Q79	I consider most of the prison workers as friends.	1	2	3	4	5
Q80	If you behave respectfully toward prison workers, they also behave respectfully toward you.	1	2	3	4	5
Q81	I was a victim of a psychological assault from a prison worker.	1	2	3	4	5
Q82	I was a victim of a physical assault from a prison worker.	1	2	3	4	5
Q83	I am careful about what I am saying when prison workers are nearby.	1	2	3	4	5
Q84	I feel uncomfortable when I am speaking to prison workers.	1	2	3	4	5
Q85	Prisoners can honestly say what they mean to prison workers.	1	2	3	4	5
Q86	Prison workers do not approve of our criticism.	1	2	3	4	5
Q87	You can tell criticism directly to prison workers.	1	2	3	4	5
Q88	Prison workers are decent people.	1	2	3	4	5
Q89	Prison workers consider our proposals in decision-making.	1	2	3	4	5
Q90	Prisoners can call prison workers by their first name.	1	2	3	4	5
Q91	I have a lot in common with other prisoners.	1	2	3	4	5
Q92	I spend more time talking to prisoners than to prison workers.	1	2	3	4	5
Q93	I help other prisoners, whenever I can.	1	2	3	4	5
Q94	Prisoners are taking care of each other.	1	2	3	4	5
Q95	I have many friends in prison.	1	2	3	4	5
Q96	I trust other prisoners.	1	2	3	4	5

Highlight which characteristics apply to you, as a prisoner.
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Q97. Gender:

1) Male

2) Female

Q98. Age (years): \_\_\_\_\_

**Q99. What level of education have you achieved?**

- 1) Elementary school
- 2) Vocational school
- 3) High school
- 4) Vocational college
- 5) University
- 6) M. A.
- 7) Ph.D.

**Q100. What is your current family status?**

- 1) Single
- 2) In relationship
- 3) Married or non-marital partnership
- 4) Divorced
- 5) Widowed

**Q101. Do you have children?**

- 1) Yes
- 2) No

**Q102. In which department of the prison do you serve your sentence**

- 1) Open
- 2) Semi-open
- 3) Close

**Q103. Do you have employment inside or outside the prison?**

- 1) Yes
- 2) No

**Q104. Do you engage in any kind of educational programmes inside or outside the prison?**

- 1) Yes
- 2) No

**Q105. For which type of offence have you been convicted?**

**Q106. What is the length of your sentence?**

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**Q107. How long do you serve your sentence in this prison?**

**Q108. I am serving a prison sentence for the:**

- 1) First time
- 2) Second time
- 3) Third time
- 4) Fourth time or more

**Q109. I am serving a prison sentence in this prison for the:**

- 1) First time
- 2) Second time
- 3) Third time
- 4) Fourth time or more

**Q110. Are you enrolled in the program of substitutional therapy?**

1) Yes

2) No

**Q111. Would you like to add anything?**

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