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**International Comparative Survey on Values and Behavioral Patterns**

[JGSS-2001 Self-administered Questionnaire]  
October, 2001

Q1 How often do you read the newspaper?

**FQ5NEWSP**

1	2	3	4	5
Almost everyday	Several times a week	About once a week	Less than once a week	Never

Q2 How many books do you read a month on average (magazines and comics excluded)?

**FQ5READ**

0	1	2	3	4
I rarely read books	About one	About two	About three	Four or more

Q3 In an average day, about how many hours do you personally watch television?

**HRTV**

About  hour(s)

Q4 During the last few years, has your financial situation been getting better, worse, or has it stayed the same?

**OP3ECN3A**

1 Getting better    2 Getting worse    3 Stayed the same

Q5 Compared with Japanese families in general, what would you say about your family income?

**OP5FFINX**

1	2	3	4	5
Far below average	Below average	Average	Above average	Far above average

Q6 Thinking about the time when you were about 15 years old, compared with Japanese families in general then, what would you say about your family income?

**OPFFIX15**

1	2	3	4	5
Far below average	Below average	Average	Above average	Far above average

Q7 In your opinion, how much opportunity would you say there is in the Japanese society to improve the standard of living for you and/or for your family?

**OP5CHNCA**

1	2	3	4	5
Sufficient	Somewhat sufficient	Neither sufficient nor insufficient	Not very sufficient	Not sufficient at all

Q8 How much satisfaction do you get from the following areas of life?

Satisfied Dissatisfied



(Example)○○○○○○    1   2   3   4   5

<b>ST5AREAY</b>	A Place you live in	1	2	3	4	5
<b>ST5LEISY</b>	B Your non-work activities	1	2	3	4	5
<b>ST5LIFEY</b>	C Your family life	1	2	3	4	5
<b>ST5ECNY</b>	D The current financial situation of your household	1	2	3	4	5
<b>ST5FRIY</b>	E Your friendships	1	2	3	4	5
<b>ST5HLTHY</b>	F Your health and physical condition	1	2	3	4	5

Q9 Have you ever attended any of the following courses out of formal school education?

		Currently attending	Attended in the past but not at present	Never attended
<b>XLRNJB</b>	A Job-oriented courses ----->	1	2	3
<b>XLRNCLTR</b>	B Hobby-oriented courses ----->	1	2	3

Q10 How would you rate your health condition?

**OP5HLTHZ**

Good				Poor
1	2	3	4	5
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Q11 If we were to divide the contemporary Japanese society into the following five strata, which would you say you belong to?

**OP5LEVK**

1	2	3	4	5
Upper	Upper middle	Middle middle	Lower middle	Lower

Q12 Do you think it desirable for three generations (older people, their married children, and grandchildren) to share a home?

**OP2GNR**

1 Desirable	2 Undesirable
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Q13 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

A When a marriage is troubled and unhappy, it is generally better for the children if the couple gets divorced.

**Q4CCDVY**

1 Agree	2 Somewhat agree	3 Somewhat disagree	4 Disagree
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B When a marriage is troubled and unhappy, it is generally better for the wife if the couple gets divorced.

**Q4WWDVY**

1 Agree	2 Somewhat agree	3 Somewhat disagree	4 Disagree
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C When a marriage is troubled and unhappy, it is generally better for the husband if the couple gets divorced.

**Q4HHDVY**

1 Agree	2 Somewhat agree	3 Somewhat disagree	4 Disagree
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D Men should learn how to cook and look after themselves.

**Q4MNCKY**

1 Agree	2 Somewhat agree	3 Somewhat disagree	4 Disagree
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Q14 Do you believe there is a life after death?

**QAFTRDTH**

1 Yes	2 No	3 Don't know
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Q20 Do you think that the government is doing too many things that should be left to individuals and private businesses? Or, do you think otherwise?

**OP5LGGOZ**



Q21 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

			Somewhat Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree
<b>Q4NOPWR</b>	A	People like me don't have any say about what the government does. ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>Q4GVC MPL</b>	B	Politics and government are too complicated for me to understand what is going on. ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>Q4VOTE</b>	C	Many people vote at elections, so it doesn't matter if I don't. ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>Q4MDIET</b>	D	Generally speaking, Diet members no longer consider the people once they are elected. ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4

Q22 What do you think of the amount of government spending in the following areas?

			Too much	About right	Too little	Don't know
<b>BD3ENVA</b>	A	Environmental issues ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>BD3CRIME</b>	B	Crackdown on crime ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>BD3EDUC</b>	C	Education ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>BD3SAFTY</b>	D	National security ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>BD3ODA</b>	E	Foreign aid ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>BD3CNSTR</b>	F	Public works projects such as road construction and river control ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>BD3WFR</b>	G	Social security and pensions ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>BD3EMPLY</b>	H	Employment and unemployment measures ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4

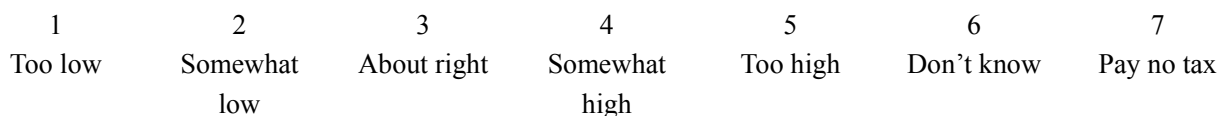
Q23 If a woman runs for governor, will you vote for her if she is qualified for the job?

**ELWNGVNR**

- 1 Yes                                      2 No                                      3 Don't know

Q24 Do you think the amount of income tax you have to pay is high?

**OP6TAXHI**





Q29 Are you a member of the following organizations?

<b>MEMPLTGP</b>	A	Political associations ----->	1	Yes .....	2	No
<b>MEMIND</b>	B	Trade associations ----->	1	Yes .....	2	No
<b>MEMVLNTR</b>	C	Social service groups ----->	1	Yes .....	2	No
<b>MEMCIVIL</b>	D	Citizens' movement/consumers' cooperative groups ->	1	Yes .....	2	No
<b>MEMRL</b>	E	Religious groups ----->	1	Yes .....	2	No
<b>MEMSPORT</b>	F	Sports groups and clubs ----->	1	Yes .....	2	No
			↓		<b>XXMEMSP</b>	
			(Please specify _____ )			
<b>MEMHOBBY</b>	G	Hobby groups and clubs ----->	1	Yes .....	2	No
			↓		<b>XXMEMHOB</b>	
			(Please specify _____ )			

Q30 How often do you take part in the following activities?

		Frequently	Sometimes	Rarely	Not at all/ Don't know about the activity	
<b>FQ4SHOGI</b>	A	<i>Shogi</i> (Japanese chess) ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>FQ4IGO</b>	B	<i>Go</i> ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>FQ4MAJON</b>	C	<i>Mahjong</i> ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>FQ4NBS</b>	D	"Numbers" and/or "Mini-Lotto" ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>FQ4LOTTO</b>	E	Lottery (regular) ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>FQ4TOTO</b>	F	Soccer Lottery (toto) ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>FQ4HORSE</b>	G	Horse racing ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>FQ4PACHI</b>	H	<i>Pachinko</i> and/or <i>pachislo</i> ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>FQ4KARA</b>	I	<i>Karaoke</i> ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>FQ4FISH</b>	J	Fishing ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>FQ4JOG</b>	K	Sports activities (e.g., jogging, tennis) ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4

Q31 Have you ever been punched or beaten by another person?

**XBEATEN**

1 Yes	2 No
↓	↓

(1) Did this happen to you as a child or as an adult?

**WHENBEAT**

1 Child	2 Adult	3 Both
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(2) Who did it to you?

**WHOMBEAT**

1 Your own family	2 Other(s)	3 Both
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Q32 Is there any area within 1 km (15-minutes' walk) of your home where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?

**FEARWALK**

1 Yes	2 No
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Q33 During the past year, did anyone break into your home?

**XSTOLN1Y**

1 Yes	2 No
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Q42 How do you feel about your own interment? Where would you like to be buried when you die?

Please choose only one that best describes the way you feel.

**OP7CMTRA**

- 1 Family grave of my parents
- 2 My spouse's family grave
- 3 I want to start a family grave which starts with my spouse and myself.
- 4 Grave only for my spouse and myself (a locker-style charnel included)
- 5 Grave only for myself (a locker-style charnel included)
- 6 Communal grave with others
- 7 I want my ashes to be scattered over the ocean or mountains.  
(No conventional grave wanted)

What are the reasons for choosing above 6 or 7? Please choose all that apply.

- XCMNONE** 1 I would rather be in the family grave or in my own grave, but have no one to look after it.
- XCMCARE** 2 I would rather be in the family grave or in my own grave, but do not want to bother my children to look after it.
- XCMNATR** 3 I want to return to nature.
- XCMSSENS** 4 I do not see any meaning in having a family grave or my own.
- XCMETC** 5 Other(Please specify \_\_\_\_\_ )
- XCMNOMK** (nothing marked)

Q43 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

A If a husband has sufficient income, it is better for his wife not to have a job.

**Q4WWJBIA**

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|-------|----------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1     | 2              | 3                 | 4        |
| Agree | Somewhat agree | Somewhat disagree | Disagree |

B Without a doubt, a woman's happiness lies in a marriage.

**Q4WNMGA**

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|-------|----------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1     | 2              | 3                 | 4        |
| Agree | Somewhat agree | Somewhat disagree | Disagree |

C A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work.

**Q4JBMMFM**

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|-------|----------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1     | 2              | 3                 | 4        |
| Agree | Somewhat agree | Somewhat disagree | Disagree |

D Men should cook and look after themselves.

**Q4MNCOOK**

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|-------|----------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1     | 2              | 3                 | 4        |
| Agree | Somewhat agree | Somewhat disagree | Disagree |

E A husband's job is to earn money; a wife's job is to look after the home and family.

**Q4WWHHX**

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|-------|----------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1     | 2              | 3                 | 4        |
| Agree | Somewhat agree | Somewhat disagree | Disagree |

F Without a doubt, a man's happiness lies in a marriage.

**Q4MNMGA**

1	2	3	4
Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree

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G A preschool child is likely to suffer if his or her mother works.

**Q4JBMMCC**

1	2	3	4
Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree

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H It is not necessary to have children in a marriage.

**Q4NOCCMG**

1	2	3	4
Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree

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I Having a job is the best way for a woman to be an independent person.

**Q4WNJB2L**

1	2	3	4
Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree

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J It is more important for a wife to help her husband's career than to have one herself.

**Q4WWHPHH**

1	2	3	4
Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree

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K Married people are generally happier than unmarried people.

**Q4MGHAPP**

1	2	3	4
Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree

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Q44 What is your opinion of the following statement? "Sometimes physical punishment by a parent is necessary for disciplining children."

**Q5PMSPNK**

1	2	3	4	5
Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree

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Q45 What is your opinion of the following statement? "Sometimes physical punishment by a teacher is necessary for disciplining students."

**Q5TTSPNK**

1	2	3	4	5
Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree

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Q55 How often do you drink alcoholic beverages?

**DO7DRINK**

- |                    |                         |                      |                       |                         |                      |       |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1                  | 2                       | 3                    | 4                     | 5                       | 6                    | 7     |
| Almost<br>everyday | Several times<br>a week | About once<br>a week | About Once<br>a month | Several times<br>a year | About once<br>a year | Never |

Q56 Do you hold an "Organ Donation Decision Card"?

**DOCARD**

1 Yes

2 No

Have you signed the card?

**DO3SIGN**

- 1 Yes, I have indicated my intention to donate.
- 2 Yes, I have indicated my intention not to donate.
- 3 I have a card, but have not signed.

Q57 Do you follow a religion?

**DORL**

1 Yes

2 Although not practiced, I have a family religion.

3 No

(1) Please name the religion.

**XXRL**

\_\_\_\_\_

(2) How would you describe yourself as a religious follower?

**DO3PIOUS**

- 1 Very devoted
- 2 Devoted to a certain degree
- 3 Not very devoted

Q58 How much old age pension do you think you will receive? Do you think it will be much better than those paid now?

**OP5PENSN**

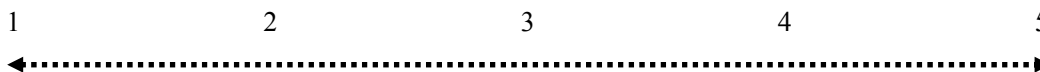
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|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| 1           | 2                  | 3                 | 4                 | 5          | 6          | 7                 |
| Much better | Somewhat<br>better | About<br>the same | Somewhat<br>worse | Much worse | Don't know | On pension<br>now |

Q59 Where would you place your political views on a 5-point scale?

**OP5RADCA**

Conservative

Progressive

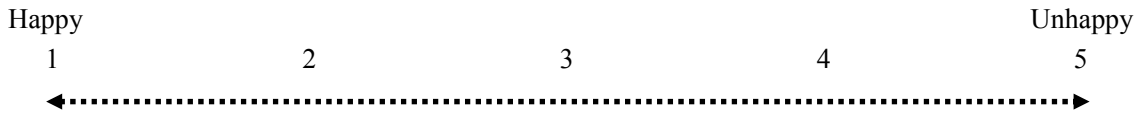


Q60 Do you make use of the following? Please choose all that apply.

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|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>DOEMAILJ</b> | 1 E-mail (at work)         | 5 Internet shopping/banking     | <b>DONETSB</b>  |
| <b>DOEMAILP</b> | 2 E-mail (for private use) | 6 Stock trading on the Internet | <b>DONETSTK</b> |
| <b>DOCOMPJ</b>  | 3 PC (at work)             | 7 Cellular phone/PHS            | <b>DOPHS</b>    |
| <b>DOCOMPJ</b>  | 4 PC (at home)             | 8 Fax                           | <b>DOFAX</b>    |
|                 |                            | (nothing marked)                | <b>DONONE</b>   |

Q61 Are you happy?

**OP5HAPPZ**



Q62 Do you have any pets at home?

**DOPET**



(1) What kind(s) of pet(s) are they? Please choose all that apply.

- DODOGE** 1 Dog(s) (kept outdoors)
- DODOGI** 2 Dog(s) (kept indoors)
- DOCAT** 3 Cat(s)
- DOMAMMAL** 4 Rabbit(s), hamster(s) or other small mammal(s)
- DOBIRDA** 5 Bird(s)
- DOFISHA** 6 Fish
- DOREPTL** 7 Amphibian(s)/reptile(s)
- DOINSECT** 8 Insects
- DOOTHER** 9 Other (Please specify \_\_\_\_\_ )
- DOPNOMK** (nothing marked)

(2) What does your pet(s) mean to you?

		Strongly agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Disagree
<b>PT4RELA</b>	A It comforts and relaxes me. ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>PT4WORTH</b>	B It provides vigor to my life. ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>PT4ALONA</b>	C It comforts my loneliness. ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>PT4REGUA</b>	D Caring for pet(s) helps me keep regular hours. ---->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>PT4NEEDA</b>	E It makes me feel I'm needed. ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>PT4FFCOA</b>	F It promotes conversations at home. ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>PT4BEINA</b>	G It is my reason for living. ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4
<b>PT4NETWA</b>	H It expands my social network ----->	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4

(3) On average, how much time do you spend each day with your pet(s) (including time for caring for them)?

**PTCARE**

hour(s)       minute(s)

**PTHOUR**                      **PTMIN**



Q67 How do you and your spouse organize your finances? Which of the following comes closest to describing the system that you and your spouse use?

**RR6ACCT**

- 1 Wife manages all the money except for husband's personal spending money.
  - 2 Husband manages all the money except for wife's personal spending money.
  - 3 Wife has a house keeping allowance and husband manages the rest of the money.
  - 4 All income is pooled and each partner takes out what he or she needs.
  - 5 Some of the money is pooled, but each partner has some separate money as well.
  - 6 Husband and wife keep finances completely separate.
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Q68 Has your spouse ever looked after any family member who needed care (for one month or longer)?

**SSCARE**

- 1 No
  - 2 Currently looking after someone
  - 3 Have done so in the past
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Thank you very much for your kind cooperation. Please submit this questionnaire to the interviewer.

**WEIGHT**