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[JGSS-2006 Self-Administered Questionnaire A]

First we would like to ask about your daily life.

Q1 In an average day, about how many hours do you personally watch television? Enter 0 (zero) if you never watch television.

HRTV About hour(s)

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

FQ5READ

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

Q3 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

Q4-1 Do you make use of the following? Choose all that apply.

DOCOMPJ	DOCOMP	DOPHS	DONONEX
1	2	3	4
PC (at work or school)	PC (at home)	Cellular phone (including PHS)	None

Q4-2 Have you ever done any of the following by the Internet using a PC or cellular phone? Choose all that apply.

DOINBR	DOINSHOP	DOINBANK	DOINHP	DOINNONE
1	2	3	4	5
Searching for information	Internet shopping	Internet banking	Making Web pages	None

Q4-3 How often do you do the following using a cellular phone (including PHS) or a PC?

		5 times a day or more	3-4 times a day	1-2 times a day	Several times a week	Once a week or less	Never
FQMPTALK	A Speaking on a cellular phone (including PHS)----->	1	2	3	4	5	6
FQMPMAIL	B Sending e-mail by a cellular phone (including PHS)----->	1	2	3	4	5	6
FQPCMAIL	C Sending e-mail by a PC----->	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q5 Do you regularly do any exercises or play any sports (walking, swimming, baseball, etc.)?

FQSPORT

1	2	3	4	5
More than several times a week	About once a week	About once a month	Several times a year	Scarcely any exercise

Q6 How often do you go on a trip which takes more than two days (business trips are excluded)?

FQ5TRIP

1	2	3	4	5
Several times a month	About once a month	Several times a year	About once a year	Never

Q7 How often do you do the following?

		Almost everyday	Several times a week	About once a week	About once a month	Several times a year	About once a year	Never
FQ7FFDNR	A Have a family dinner ----->	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	7
FQ7FRSEE	B Dine and/or meet with friends ->	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	7
FQ7CKDNR	C Prepare the evening meal ---->	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	7
FQ7WASH	D Do the laundry ----->	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	7
FQ7SHOP	E Shop for groceries (daily goods and foodstuffs)----->	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	7
FQ7CLEAN	F Clean the house ----->	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	7
FQ7GARB	G Take out the garbage ----->	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	7

Q8 How often do you do the following?

		Frequently	Sometimes	Rarely	Not at all/ Don't know about the activity
FQ4DRIVE	A Driving for fun ----->	1.....	2.....	3.....	4
FQ4KARA	B Karaoke ----->	1.....	2.....	3.....	4
FQ4MOVIE	C Watching movies (including home videos) ---->	1.....	2.....	3.....	4
FQ4MUSIC	D Listening to music (CD, radio, concert, etc.) ---->	1.....	2.....	3.....	4
FQ4GAME	E Video games(including PC games and portable games) ----->	1.....	2.....	3.....	4
FQ4GREEN	F Gardening ----->	1.....	2.....	3.....	4
FQ4SHGIG	G <i>Shogi</i> and/or <i>Go</i> ----->	1.....	2.....	3.....	4
FQ4LOTTO	H Lottery ----->	1.....	2.....	3.....	4
FQ4PACHI	I <i>Pachinko</i> and/or <i>Pachislo</i> ----->	1.....	2.....	3.....	4

Q9 How would you rate your health condition?

OP5HLTHZ

Good					Poor
1	2	3	4	5	
←----->					

Q10-1 Do you smoke?

DOSMOKEX

1
I am a smoker.

2
I used to smoke, but I have stopped smoking.

3
I have scarcely/never smoked.

Q10-2 Have you ever tried to give up smoking?
XQTSMOKE
1 Yes 2 No

Q11 How often do you drink alcoholic beverages?

DO7DRINK

1 Almost everyday 2 Several times a week 3 About once a week 4 About once a month 5 Several times a year 6 About once a year 7 Never

Q12 During the past five years how many traumatic events (such as divorce, unemployment, hospitalization, disabilities, death of someone close to you) have happened to you?

XTRAUM5Y

0 None 1 Once 2 Twice 3 Three times 4 Four or more times

Q13 How much satisfaction do you get from the following areas of life? (Circle a number as in the example.)

		Satisfied ←————→ Dissatisfied				
(Example)		1	2	3	4	5
ST5AREAY	A Place you live in	1	2	3	4	5
ST5LEISY	B Your non-work activities	1	2	3	4	5
ST5LIFEY	C Your family life	1	2	3	4	5
ST5ECNY	D The current financial situation of your household	1	2	3	4	5
ST5FRIY	E Your friendships	1	2	3	4	5
ST5HLTHY	F Your health and physical condition	1	2	3	4	5
ST5SSREL	G Relationship with your spouse	1	2	3	4	5

6 I don't have a spouse.

Q14 Are you happy?

OP5HAPPZ

Happy 1 2 3 4 5 Unhappy
←————→

Next, we would like to ask about foreign language and foreigners.

Q15 Have you ever read, listened, or spoken English for the following activities for the past 12 months?
Choose all that apply.

- EABUS** 1 Business
 - EASOC** 2 Socializing with foreign friends or acquaintances.
 - EAART** 3 Watching movies, listening to music or reading a book
 - EAINET** 4 The Internet
 - EATRIP** 5 Overseas trips
 - EAOTHER** 6 Others ()
 - EANONE** 7 Not at all
 - EALEARN** Learning
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Q16 How well can you speak English? Choose one that applies.

ENGTALK

- 1 I can speak sufficiently for daily life or business.
 - 2 I can manage to make myself understood for daily life or business.
 - 3 I can ask for directions or order at restaurants.
 - 4 I can greet.
 - 5 I can hardly speak English.
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Q17 How well can you read English? Choose one that applies.

ENGREAD

- 1 I can read English books and newspapers without trouble.
 - 2 I can manage to read English books and newspapers.
 - 3 I can read short sentences in English.
 - 4 I can understand easy words.
 - 5 I can hardly read English.
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Q18 Are you going to learn English in the future?

WLRNENG

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|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Yes, positively. | Yes, when I have an
opportunity. | Yes, but unwillingly. | No, I'm not. |
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Q19 If you learn a foreign language other than English, what language would you be interested in learning?
Choose the one foreign language that you would be most interested in.

INTFLANG

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1 German | 6 Russian |
| 2 French | 7 Chinese |
| 3 Spanish | 8 Korean |
| 4 Portuguese | 9 Arabic |
| 5 Italian | 10 Other () |
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Q20 Do you often see foreigners in the area where you live?

FQ4FNR

1 Frequently 2 Sometimes 3 Rarely 4 Not at all

Q21 Are you for or against an increase in the number of foreigners in your community?

QFNINCR

1 For 2 Against

Q22 How do you feel about the following countries and regions? For each country and region, please choose one of the numbers. If you don't have any specific feeling to a country or region, choose "0".

		More favorable	←-----→						Less favorable
		+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	
FAVFKOR	A South Korea	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	
FAVFKOR	B North Korea	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	
FAVFKOR	C China	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	
FAVFKOR	D Mongolia	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	
FAVFKOR	E Taiwan	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	
FAVFKOR	F The Philippines	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	
FAVFKOR	G Thailand	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	
FAVFKOR	H Indonesia	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	
FAVFKOR	I India	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	
FAVFKOR	J Russia	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	
FAVFKOR	K USA	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	

The following are questions regarding your living circumstances.

Q23-1 In which of following do you live?

OWNHOUSE

- 1 Own house (including a house owned by your parents or other family members)
- 2 Rented house owned private company
- 3 Company house or house for government employees
- 4 Rented public house of a public corporation
- 5 Others ()

Q23-2 Is your place of residence a detached house or part of a housing complex?

TPHOUSE

- 1 Detached
- 2 Housing complex (apartment, condominium, etc.)

Q24 How long have you been living in the same area?

XLIVEYR

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Since I was born | 5 For 5-10 years |
| 2 For less than a year | 6 For 10-20 years |
| 3 For 1-3 years | 7 For 20-30 years |
| 4 For 3-5 years | 8 For 30 years or more |

Q25 Do you want to live in the same area in the future as well?

WLLIVE

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| 1
Yes,
I do forever | 2
Yes,
for the time being | 3
No, I want to move to
another area if possible. | 4
No, I want to move to
another area immediately. |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|

Q26-1 Are you currently working for pay?

XJOBX

1 Yes

2 No

Q26-2 Are you considering quitting your current job or business?

WLKEEPJA

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|---|--|---|-----------------|
| 1
I am considering quitting
in the near future. | 2
I am not considering
quitting (now). | 3
I am not considering
quitting at all. | 4
Don't know |
|---|--|---|-----------------|

Q26-3 Thinking about the next 12 months, how likely do you think it is that you will lose your job or be laid off?

OP4UNEMP

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|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1
Very likely | 2
Fairly likely | 3
Not too likely | 4
Not at all likely | 5
Don't know |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------|

Q26-4 If you lose your current job, about how easy would it be for you to find a new job with another employer with approximately the same income and fringe benefits you now have?

OP3NEWJB

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|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1
Very easy | 2
Somewhat easy | 3
Not easy at all | 4
Don't know |
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Q27 During the last few years, has your financial situation been getting better, worse, or has it stayed the same?

OP3ECN3A

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|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1
Getting better | 2
Getting worse | 3
Stayed the same |
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Q28 Compared with Japanese families in general, what would you say about your family income?

OP5FFINX

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

Q29 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 Far below average 2 Below average 3 Average 4 Above average 5 Far above average

Q30 Compared with Japanese families in general, about how much money have you spent on the education of your first child?

OPEXED

1 Far below average 2 Below average 3 Average 4 Above average 5 Far above average 6 No children, or haven't yet spent money on education

Q31 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 Sufficient 2 Somewhat sufficient 3 Neither sufficient nor insufficient 4 Not very sufficient 5 Not sufficient at all

Q32 How much old age pension do you think you will receive? Do you think it will be much better than those paid now?

OP5PENSN

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

Q33 If we were to divide the contemporary Japanese society into the following five strata, which would you say you belong to?

OP5LEVK

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

You will be now asked questions regarding your thinking about politics.

Q34 Who do you think should be responsible for the following? Choose a number from 1 to 5 for each.

		Individuals and families			Governments	
		1	2	3	4	5
OP5SRWFY	A Livelihood of the elderly	1	2	3	4	5
OP5SRMDY	B Medical and nursing care of the elderly	1	2	3	4	5
OP5CCED	C Education of children	1	2	3	4	5
OP5CCARE	D Raising and taking care of children	1	2	3	4	5

Q35 Where would you place your political views on a 5-point scale?

OP5RADCA

Conservative 1 2 3 4 5 Progressive

Q36 Do you think the amount of income tax you have to pay is high?

OP6TAXHI

1 Too low 2 Somewhat low 3 About right 4 Somewhat high 5 Too high 6 Don't know 7 Pay no tax

Q37 What do you think of the amount of government spending in the following areas?

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

Q38 What do you think about aid of the Japanese government to developing countries? Please answer for each item, A through F.

		Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree
OPADVITL	A Japan's aid to developing countries is vital.----->	1	2	3	4
OPADOBL	B As an economically developed country, Japan has an obligation to help poor countries. ----->	1	2	3	4
OPADFIN	C Japan should decrease its aid when its financial situation worsens. ----->	1	2	3	4
OPADEXP	D Aid programs have not been fully explained to the Japanese people. --->	1	2	3	4
OPADINFO	E The people receiving aid have not been fully informed of Japan providing the aid. ----->	1	2	3	4
OPADDIPL	F Aid should be controlled so as to be diplomatically advantageous. ----->	1	2	3	4

Q39 Have you ever donated money or sent goods to developing countries to help them?

XADDONAT

1 Yes 2 No

Q40 Have you ever engaged in work or volunteer activities to help developing countries?

XADVOL

1 Yes 2 No

Q41 When a person has a fatal disease (that cannot be cured), do you think doctors should be allowed by law to end the patient's life by some painless means if the patient and his/her family request it?

QDDKILLA

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|-----|----|------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Yes | No | Don't know |

Q42 What is your opinion of the following statement? "It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between families with high incomes and those with low incomes."

Q5GVEQAA

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

Q43-1 Do you think whether it is necessary or not to amend Article 9 of the Constitution that renounces war and prohibits the offensive use of military force?

OPAMND9

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 |
| I think it is necessary. | I think it is not necessary. |

Q43-2 What is your primary reason of the necessity of amending Article 9?
Choose one that is most close to your opinion.

WHYAMND9

- 1 To clarify that the military, including the Self-Defense Forces, should be abolished
- 2 To enable Japan to engage in overseas military actions along with its allies
- 3 To enable Japan to contribute to UN-centered military operations
- 4 To clearly state in the Constitution that we are entitled to having a self-defense force

Q44 Do you agree or disagree that a woman becomes the Empress?

OPEMPF

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

Q45 Do you agree or disagree that a child, who was born between a woman from the Imperial Family and a civilian man, becomes the Emperor (the system allowing Emperors from the female line)?

OPEMPFL

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

Q46 Do you agree or disagree that the first child of the Emperor, regardless of sex, becomes the next Emperor?

OPEMP1C

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

Q54 Some people search for a companion to commit suicide with on the Internet. Can you understand their feelings?

OPSCDIN

1	2	3	4
Can understand well	Can understand to some extent	Can't understand very well	Can't understand at all

Q55 If a person is overwhelmed by troubles and there's nothing he/she can do, do you agree with his/her decision of committing suicide?

OPSCD

1	2	3	4
Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree

Q56 In the past 5 years, have you thought of committing suicide at least once?

XWNTSCD

1	2	3
Yes	Not in the past 5 years, but have before that	Never

The following are questions regarding education.

Q57 Generally speaking, how important do you think the following are for children?

		Very Important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important
IMEDLSSN	A Taking lessons after-school ----->	1	2	3	4
IMEDCRAM	B Going to cram school or preparatory school ----->	1	2	3	4
IMEDUNIV	C Getting into university ----->	1	2	3	4
IMEDHRU	D Getting into a relatively high-ranking university----->	1	2	3	4

Q58 What do you think of the following views on education?

		Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree
OP4EDJOB	A A person with a superior academic career can obtain the job he/she wants. ----->	1	2	3	4
OP4EDINC	B A person with a superior academic career will obtain a higher income. --->	1	2	3	4
OP4EDMG	C A person with a superior academic career has better marriage prospects.>	1	2	3	4

Q59 Have you ever given up on advancing to a higher level of education for economic reasons?

XQTEDU

1 Yes	2 No
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Q60-1 When you were in the 3rd year of junior high school, did you have any idea of your future occupation?
 If you graduated from school in the old system, answer when you were in the last year of your regularly attended ordinary elementary school or national school.

WNTJB

- | | | | |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Had a definite idea | Had a vague idea | Had no idea | Didn't think I would have an occupation |

Q60-2 Please write down the specific occupation you most wanted to engage in.
 (For example, junior high school teacher, professional baseball player, doctor, cosmetologist, designer, truck driver, police officer, nurse, carpenter, farmer, professional soldier, confectioner, architect/engineer, pilot, childcare worker, clerical public servant, etc.)

WNTJBX

(Please describe in detail.)

Q60-3 Was the occupation you most desired to engage in the same as that of your parents'?

WNTJBPM

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|-------|------|
| 1 Yes | 2 No |
|-------|------|

Q60-4 Have you ever engaged in that occupation?

XWNTJOB

- | | |
|-------|------|
| 1 Yes | 2 No |
|-------|------|

The following are questions regarding your social and family life.

Q61-1 Are any of the following volunteer activities conducted in the area where you live? Choose all that apply.

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| LACLN
1 | LARCYC
2 | LAPTRL
3 | LANONE
4 | LADK
5 |
| Local clean-up activities | Collection of recyclables | Neighborhood watch/patrol | None | Don't know |

Q61-2 Are you participating in any of such activities? Choose all that apply.

- | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| DOLACLN
1 | DOLARCYC
2 | DOLAPTRL
3 | DOLANONE
4 |
| Local clean-up activities | Collection of recyclables | Neighborhood watch/patrol | None |

Q62 If you were to have only one child, would you prefer a boy or a girl?

APPCCSXB

- | | |
|-------|--------|
| 1 Boy | 2 Girl |
|-------|--------|

Q63 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

		Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree
Q4DIVOK	A A person, who is not satisfied with his /her spouse, should be able to divorce at any time. ----->	1	2	3	4
Q4WWJBIA	B If a husband has sufficient income, it is better for his wife not to have a job. -->	1	2	3	4
Q4WNMGA	C Without a doubt, a woman's happiness lies in a marriage. ----->	1	2	3	4
Q4MNCOOK	D Men should cook and look after themselves. ----->	1	2	3	4
Q4WWHHX	E A husband's job is to earn money; a wife's job is to look after the home and family. ----->	1	2	3	4
Q4MNMGA	F Without a doubt, a man's happiness lies in a marriage. ----->	1	2	3	4
Q4JBMCC	G A preschool child is likely to suffer if his /her mother works. ----->	1	2	3	4
Q4NOCCMG	H It is not necessary to have children in a marriage. ----->	1	2	3	4
Q4WWHPHH	I It is more important for a wife to help her husband's career than to have one herself. ----->	1	2	3	4

Q64 Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted?

OP3TRUST

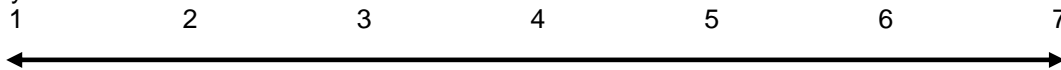
1 Yes 2 No 3 Depends

Q65 What do you think of human nature? Choose a number from 1 to 7.

OP7GDEVO

Human nature is basically evil.

Human nature is basically good.



Q66 Are you a member of the following organizations?

MEMPLTGP	A Political associations ----->	1 Yes	2 No
MEMIND	B Trade associations ----->	1 Yes	2 No
MEMVLNTR	C Social service groups ----->	1 Yes	2 No
MEMCIVIL	D Citizens' movement / Consumers' cooperative groups -->	1 Yes	2 No
MEMRL	E Religious groups ----->	1 Yes	2 No
MEMSPORT	F Sports groups and clubs ----->	1 Yes	2 No
MEMHOBBY	G Hobby groups or clubs (chorus, photography, mountain hiking, etc.) ----->	1 Yes	2 No

Q67-1 Do you follow a religion?

DORL

1
Yes

2
Although not practiced, I have a family religion.

3
No

Q67-2 Please name the religion.

XXRL

(Please specify)

Q67-3 How would you describe yourself as a religious follower?

DO3PIOUS

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

Q68 For questions A through O, how well do you trust them?

			Very much	Some	Not Very much	Don't know
TR3CORPZ	A	Major companies ----->	1	2	3	..... 4
TR3RLGPZ	B	Religious organizations ----->	1	2	3	..... 4
TR3SCHLZ	C	Schools ----->	1	2	3	..... 4
TR3BCRAZ	D	Ministries and government agencies ->	1	2	3	..... 4
TR3UNNZ	E	Labor unions ----->	1	2	3	..... 4
TR3NWSPZ	F	Newspapers ----->	1	2	3	..... 4
TR3HSPLZ	G	Hospitals ----->	1	2	3	..... 4
TR3TVZ	H	TV ----->	1	2	3	..... 4
TR3SPCAZ	I	Courts ----->	1	2	3	..... 4
TR3ACDAZ	J	Scholars / Researchers ----->	1	2	3	..... 4
TR3CGMNZ	K	Diet members ----->	1	2	3	..... 4
TR3CITYZ	L	Members of municipal councils ----->	1	2	3	..... 4
TR3DEFZ	M	The Self-Defense Forces ----->	1	2	3	..... 4
TR3COPZ	M	The police ----->	1	2	3	..... 4
TR3FINZ	O	Financial institutions ----->	1	2	3	..... 4

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation. Please submit this questionnaire to the interviewer.