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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

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 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		

You will be now asked questions regarding your mental and physical health.

Q9 How would you rate your health condition?

OP5HLTHZ

Good		Poor
1	2	3
1	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

Unhappy
5

Q15 During the past one year, how frequently did you go to a hospital or a doctor's office (including a dental clinic)? Please answer your own diseases or injuries. Do not include escortings or visitations.

FQHSPLZ

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|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Almost
everyday | Several
times
a week | Once a
week | Once a
month | Several
times a year | Once
a year | None |

Q16-1 In the past year, did you refrain from going to a hospital or a doctor's office, even though you were ill or injured? Please include a cold and a cavity.

DORFHSP

1
Yes, I did.

2
No, I did not.

3
I was neither ill nor
injured last year.

Q16-2 Why is it? Please circle all that apply.

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| RHPTLNG | 1 | Waiting time is too long. |
| RHPCTM | 2 | It costs too much. |
| RHPNHN | 3 | There is no hospital nearby. |
| RHPDKWG | 4 | I do not know where to go. |
| RHPHNTN | 5 | I have no transportation. |
| RHPDLSD | 6 | I do not like to see a doctor. |
| RHPNTSD | 7 | There is no time to see a doctor. |
| RHPTNNG | 8 | I thought that there is no need to go. |
| RHPOTHR | 9 | Other (_____) |

Q17 Do you receive any of the following health checkups (including comprehensive medical examination) regularly? Choose all that apply.

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| HLCWRKSL | 1 | Health checkup at workplace or school |
| HLCLGV | 2 | Health checkup and medical examination sponsored by local government |
| HLCOTHR | 3 | Other forms of health checkup taken privately |
| HLCNONE | 4 | None of the above |

Q18 When it comes to the future of yourself and your family, how much do you worry about being unable to receive a health care when needed?

WRNBLHC

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|-----------|----------|-------------|------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Very much | A little | Not so much | Not at all |

Q19-1 Were you punched or beaten by another person in your childhood?

XPBCL

1 Yes

2 No

Q19-2 Who punched or beaten you ? Choose all that apply.

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|----------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|---|-----------------|
| XPBCLPA | 1 | Parent(s) | XPBCLFD | 5 | Friend(s) |
| XPBCLBS | 2 | Brother(s)/Sister(s) | XPBCLAQ | 6 | Acquaintance(s) |
| XPBCLFM | 3 | Other family member(s) /relative(s) | XPBCLST | 7 | Stranger(s) |
| XPBCLTA | 4 | Teacher(s) | | | |

Q20-1 Were you punched or beaten by another person in your adulthood?

XPBAD

1 Yes

2 No

Q20-2 Who punched or beaten you ? Choose all that apply.

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|----------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|---|------------------------------|
| XPBADPA | 1 | Parent(s) | XPBADSV | 5 | Supervisor(s) on the job |
| XPBADSP | 2 | Spouse/Boyfriend or Girlfriend | XPBADCW | 6 | Cowoker(s) or subordinate(s) |
| XPBADCC | 3 | Child(ren) | XPBADFA | 7 | Friend(s) or Acquaintance(s) |
| XPBADFM | 4 | Other family member(s) /relative(s) | XPBADST | 8 | Stranger(s) |

Q21-1 In the past 5 years, were you severely criticized or yelled?

XSCYP

1 Yes

2 No

Q21-2 Who criticized or yelled at you? Choose all that apply.

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|----------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|---|------------------------------|
| XSCYPPA | 1 | Parent(s) | XSCYPSV | 5 | Supervisor(s) on the job |
| XSCYPSP | 2 | Spouse/Boyfriend or Girlfriend | XSCYPCW | 6 | Cowoker(s) or subordinate(s) |
| XSCYPCC | 3 | Child(ren) | XSCYPFA | 7 | Friend(s) or Acquaintance(s) |
| XSCYPFM | 4 | Other family member(s) /relative(s) | XSCYPST | 8 | Stranger(s) |

Q22 Do you feel anxious about the system of emergency medical care in your community?

AXSEMCC

- | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I feel very anxious | I feel somewhat anxious | I have mixed feelings | I don't feel anxious very much | I don't feel anxious at all |

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

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

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

WLLIVE

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

Q26 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 | 2 | 3 |
| Getting better | Getting worse | Stayed the same |

Q27 Compared with Japanese families in general, what would you say about your family income?

OP5FFINX

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

Q28 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

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

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

OP6TAXHI

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

Q37 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 |

Q38 What do you think of revising the Juveniles Law, which is currently being debated?

OP3JVLWY

- 1 Should be revised for harsher punishment
- 2 Should be revised, but harsher punishment is not desirable
- 3 Revision is not necessary
- 4 Don't know

Q39 Do you agree or disagree with the death penalty?

Q2DTHPY

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|---------|------------|--------------|
| 1 Agree | 2 Disagree | 3 Don't know |
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Q40 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 |

Q41 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?

OP5LGGZO

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|------------------------------------|---|---|---|----------------------------------|------------|
| The government should do much more | | | | The government is doing too much | Don't know |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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Q42 Statement A and Statement B address the issue of public welfare and the public burden. Which one is closer to your opinion?

OWELFTAX

A: Even if the taxes have to be increased, public services such as welfare should be improved.
 B: Even if the public services such as welfare have to be weakened, the tax burden should be made lighter.

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|------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Close to A | Somewhat close to A | Somewhat close to B | Close to B |

Q43 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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

Q44 In general, what do you think is an appropriate number of terms for a governor to serve?

OPGVNTM

- 1 1 term (4 years)
- 2 2 terms (8 years)
- 3 3 terms (2 years)
- 4 4 terms (16 years)
- 5 5 terms (20 years)
- 6 More than 5 terms (Please specify _____)
- 7 Don't know

Q45-1 Do you know who the governor of your prefecture is?

GVNNAME

1
I know who
the governor is

2
I don't know who the
governor is

Q45-2 Do you support the governor?

GVNSPRT

1
I support the
governor

2
I don't support the
governor

3
I don't know

Q46 Currently, which political party do you support? Choose one that applies.

XX8PLPTY

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Liberal
Democratic
Party | Democratic
Party of
Japan | New
<i>Komeito</i> | Japanese
Communist
Party | Social
Democratic
Party | Other
party
(_____) | There is no
particular
party
I support. | Don't
know |

Q47 Which political party do you feel has the ability to take control of political power? Choose all that apply.

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|-----------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| OLDPOK | 1 | Liberal Democratic Party |
| ODPOK | 2 | Democratic Party of Japan |
| OKOMEIOK | 3 | New <i>Komeito</i> |
| OCOMMPOK | 4 | Japanese Communist Party |
| OSDPOK | 5 | Social Democratic Party |
| OOTHEROK | 6 | Other party (_____) |
| ONOPLOK | 7 | There is no party that can do that. |
| OPLPDONT | 8 | Don't know |

Q48 How often do you do the following?

		Frequently	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
FQ4DENKI	A Always turn off lights or appliances not in use →	1	2	3	4
FQ4BUS	B Use public transportation whenever possible (ex. buses, trains) -----→	1	2	3	4
FQ4BAG	C Bring your own shopping bag -----→	1	2	3	4
FQ4MEND	D Repair and use broken items -----→	1	2	3	4
FQ4RECYC	E Buy recycled products (e.g., toilet paper, notebooks) -----→	1	2	3	4
FQ4NOYAK	F Buy chemical-free or organic vegetables -----→	1	2	3	4

Q49 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

A Economic growth must be prioritized, rather than global environment protection.

QECOVGE

1	2	3	4
Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree

B To prevent the deterioration of global environment, it is all right for me to have inconvenient life.

QNCVLGE

1	2	3	4
Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree

Q50 Are you for or against an increase in the number of foreigners in your community?

QFNRINCR

1 For	2 Against
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Q51 When you purchase foods, do you prefer domestics to imports?

QPRFDF

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Strongly agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Q52-1 In the past 5 years, did you refrain from purchasing or actively purchasing products from a specific company based on its responsiveness to environmental protection and corporate ethics?

XPBEPCE

1 Yes	2 No
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Q59-2 There are the following two opinions, A and B, regarding disciplining an approximately 5-year-old child. Where would you place your opinion on the following 1 through 4?

RPSCCFL

- A Parents should be responsive to the child feelings
- B Parents should not be influenced by the child feelings.

1
Close to A
2
Somewhat close to A
3
Somewhat close to B
4
Close to B

Q60 When an approximately 5-year-old child exhibits undesirable behavior. Where would you place your opinion on the following 1 through 4?

WNYOCHL

- A Adults should warn the child even if the child is not your own.
- B Adults should stay out of the child if the child is not your own.

1
Close to A
2
Somewhat close to A
3
Somewhat close to B
4
Close to B

Q61 During the last 10 years, how do you think the following changed in your vicinity?

Increased Decreased



- XS10YCDH** A Ability of child discipline at home -----> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
- XS10YCDS** B Ability of child discipline at school -----> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
- XS10YCDC** C Ability of child discipline in community ----> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
- XS10YPPP** D Psychological presence of father -----> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
- XS10YPPM** E Psychological presence of mother -----> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
- XS10YMSC** F Moral sense of child -----> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Q62 What is your opinion of the following statement? "Sometimes physical punishment by a parent is necessary for disciplining children."

Q5PMSPNK

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

Q63 Do you think it desirable for three generations (older people, their married children, and grandchildren) to share a home?

OP2GNR

1 Desirable
2 Undesirable

