Survey on Attitudes toward the Social Security System and Taxes

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<Preliminary survey>

Q1. What is your gender? (SA)

Total	
1	Male
2	Female

Q2. What is your age?　[　　　]　(NU)

Total	
Average	
Minimum	
Maximum	

Q3. Where do you live? (SA)

Total	
1	Hokkaido
2	Aomori
3	Iwate
4	Miyagi
5	Akita
6	Yamagata
7	Fukushima
8	Ibaraki
9	Tochigi
10	Gunma
11	Saitama
12	Chiba
13	Tokyo
14	Kanagawa
15	Niigata
16	Toyama
17	Ishikawa
18	Fukui
19	Yamanashi
20	Nagano
21	Gifu
22	Shizuoka
23	Aichi

24	Mie
25	Shiga
26	Kyoto
27	Osaka
28	Hyogo
29	Nara
30	Wakayama
31	Tottori
32	Shimane
33	Okayama
34	Hiroshima
35	Yamaguchi
36	Tokushima
37	Kagawa
38	Ehime
39	Kochi
40	Fukuoka
41	Saga
42	Nagasaki
43	Kumamoto
44	Oita
45	Miyazaki
46	Kagoshima
47	Okinawa

Q4. What is your marital status (including a *de facto* marriage)? (SA)

	Total
1	Never married
2	Married / have a partner
3	Divorced or separated
4	Widowed

Q5a. What is the highest level of education you have completed? (SA)

	Total
1	Middle school (elementary school in the old system) graduate
2	High school (junior high school in the old system) graduate
3	High school (junior high school in the old system) dropout
4	Vocational school graduate
5	Community college or vocational high school graduate
6	Community college or vocational high school dropout
7	4-year university (high school, professional school, teacher training school, higher teacher training school or university preparatory courses in the old system) graduate
8	4-year university (high school, professional school, teacher training school, higher teacher training school or university preparatory courses in the old system) dropout
9	Graduate school graduate

10	Other education, currently in school
11	I don't know.

Q5b. If you have a spouse/partner, what is the highest level of education your spouse/partner has completed? (SA)

	Total
1	Middle school (elementary school in the old system) graduate
2	High school (junior high school in the old system) graduate
3	High school (junior high school in the old system) dropout
4	Vocational school graduate
5	Community college or vocational high school graduate
6	Community college or vocational high school dropout
7	4-year university (high school, professional school, teacher training school, higher teacher training school, or university preparatory courses in the old system) graduate
8	4-year university (high school, professional school, teacher training school, higher teacher training school or university preparatory courses in the old system) dropout
9	Graduate school graduate
10	Other education, currently in school
11	I don't know.

Q5c. What is the highest level of education your father has completed? (SA)

	Total
1	Middle school (elementary school in the old system) graduate
2	High school (junior high school in the old system) graduate
3	High school (junior high school in the old system) dropout
4	Vocational school graduate
5	Community college or vocational high school graduate
6	Community college or vocational high school dropout
7	4-year university (high school, professional school, teacher training school, higher teacher training school or university preparatory courses in the old system) graduate
8	4-year university (high school, professional school, teacher training school, higher teacher training school or university preparatory courses in the old system) dropout
9	Graduate school graduate
10	Other education, currently in school
11	I don't know.

Q5d. What is the highest level of education your mother has completed? (SA)

	Total
1	Middle school (elementary school in the old system) graduate
2	High school (junior high school in the old system) graduate
3	High school (junior high school in the old system) dropout
4	Vocational school graduate
5	Community college or vocational high school graduate
6	Community college or vocational high school dropout
7	4-year university (high school, professional school, teacher training school, higher teacher

	training school or university preparatory courses in the old system) graduate
8	4-year university (high school, professional school, teacher training school, higher teacher training school or university preparatory courses in the old system) dropout
9	Graduate school graduate
10	Other education, currently in school
11	I don't know.

Q6a. Which of the following best describes your current employment or work status? (SA)

	Total
1	Self-employed
2	Work in family business
3	Full-time employee
4	Part-time employee
5	Temporary staff hired by a third-party agency
6	Contract worker
7	Free-lancer
8	Day laborer or seasonal worker
9	Currently unemployed, but looking
10	Currently unemployed, but not looking
11	Housewife / househusband

Q6b. If you have a spouse/partner, which of the following best describes your spouse/partner's current employment or work status? (SA)

	Total
1	Self-employed
2	Work in family business
3	Full-time employee
4	Part-time employee
5	Temporary staff hired by a third-party agency
6	Contract worker
7	Free-lancer
8	Day laborer or seasonal worker
9	Currently unemployed, but looking
10	Currently unemployed, but not looking
11	Housewife / househusband

Q7. If you selected (1)-(8) in Q6a, what is the type of your business or the field of industry? (SA)

	Total
1	Agriculture, forestry, and fishery
2	Mining
3	Sales (e.g. retail, wholesale store owner or employee; sales agent; real estate broker, etc.)
4	Services (e.g. employee, cleaning staff etc. at barbers, salons, restaurants, hotels, etc.)
5	Management (e.g. Diet member; local government member; manager or higher-level official of a company, organization, public office, etc.)

6	Clerical work (e.g. office assistant, accountant, operator, sales representative, etc.)
7	Transportation and communications (e.g. railroad, automobiles, vessels, and aircraft driver or conductor; wired or wireless operator, etc.)
8	Manufacturing, construction, maintenance, and delivery
9	Professional, technical field (e.g. corporate researcher, engineer, etc.; medical, legal professional; teacher; artist, etc.)
10	Security (e.g. self-defense official, police officer, firefighter, security guard, etc.)
11	Other industry

Q8. If you selected (1)-(8) in Q6a, approximately how many employees does your company have (including self-employment)? Think of all the branches involved when you answer. (SA)

	Total
1	1 - 5
2	6 - 29
3	30 - 99
4	100 - 499
5	500 - 999
6	1,000 – 4,999
7	More than 5,000

Q9. Please answer the following questionnaire if you agree with the above survey purpose. Your answers will not be counted if we have reached the target number of returned questionnaires. (SA)

	Total
1	I agree
2	I do not agree

<Main survey>
Q1. Who do you have in your household (family members who share your finances) and how many? Enter a zero (0) if applicable. (SA)

	Family member	Number
1	Spouse / partner	[ ]
2	Son(s) / daughter(s)	[ ]
3	Daughter(s)-in-law / son(s)-in-law	[ ]
4	Grandchild (children)	[ ]
5	Father / father-in-law	[ ]
6	Mother / mother-in-law	[ ]
7	Grandparent(s) / grandparent(s)-in-law	[ ]
8	Sister(s) / brother(s)	[ ]
9	Other family member	[ ]

Q2a(1). How old is your oldest child (answer if applicable)?   [   ] (NU)

	Total
Average	
Minimum	

Maximum

Q2a(2). What is your oldest child's gender (answer if applicable)? (SA)

Total	
1	Male
2	Female

Q2b(1). How old is your second child (answer if applicable)?   [   ] (NU)

Total
Average
Minimum
Maximum

Q2b(2). What is your second child's gender (answer if applicable)? (SA)

Total	
1	Male
2	Female

Q2c(1). How old is your third child (answer if applicable)?   [   ] (NU)

Total
Average
Minimum
Maximum

Q2c(2). What is your third child's gender (answer if applicable)? (SA)

Total	
1	Male
2	Female

Q2d(1). How old is your fourth child (answer if applicable)?   [   ] (NU)

Total
Average
Minimum
Maximum

Q2d(2). What is your fourth child's gender (answer if applicable)? (SA)

Total	
1	Male
2	Female

Q2e(1). How old is your fifth child (answer if applicable)?   [   ] (NU)

Total
Average
Minimum
Maximum

Q2e(2). What is your fifth child's gender (answer if applicable)? (SA)

		Total
1	Male	
2	Female	

Q2f(1). How old is your sixth child (answer if applicable)?   [   ] (NU)

	Total
Average	
Minimum	
Maximum	

Q2f(2). What is your sixth child's gender (answer if applicable)? (SA)

		Total
1	Male	
2	Female	

Q3. What is your current living situation? Select one. (SA)

		Total
1	I own a home.	
2	I rent a place managed by a private entity.	
3	I rent a place managed by the prefectures or the municipal government.	
4	I rent a place managed by the Urban Renaissance Agency (former public corporation), public corporation, etc.	
5	I live in a residence provided by my employer (e.g. company housing, public employee housing, etc.).	
6	I am temporarily staying at someone else's residence.	
7	I own / rent a place in a non-housing building (e.g. company, school dormitory, hotel, hostels, etc.)	

Q4a. How many hours do you work for a paid position per week including overtime without pay?
Note: It may be different from week to week, but answer the average number of hours.
[   ] hours per week (NU)

	Total
Average	
Minimum	
Maximum	

Q4b. How many hours do you work for a paid position per day including overtime without pay?
Note: It may be different from day to day, but answer the average number of hours.
  [   ] hours per day (NU)

	Total
Average	
Minimum	

Maximum

Q5. How happy are you usually? Rate your happiness on a scale of 1 to11, with1 being very happy and 11 being very unhappy. (SA)

1 (very happy)	2	3	4	5	6 (neither happy nor unhappy)	7	8	9	10	11 (very unhappy)

Q6. Among your family members, relatives, friends, or acquaintances that can be reached within a week if necessary, how many of them fit each of the following descriptions? Tick (√) the most applicable box for each subject. (SA)

	Many	Some	Few	None
Help you with house chores				
Tell you about good deals at bargains				
Willing to lend you a large amount of money				
Do grocery shopping for you when you are at home and sick				
Take care of your home or your pet when you are out of town				
Give you helpful advice on financial issues				
Give you helpful advice on your job				
Discuss politics with you				
Share common hobby(hobbies) with you				
Introduce people for each others' work				
Go out for a meal/drink, go bowling, or go to karaoke with you				
Get involved in your parenting				

Q7. How much does each of the following situations apply to your neighborhood? Tick (√) the most applicable box for each situation. (SA)

	To a great degree	To some degree	Hard to say	Not really	Not at all	I don't know.
Crimes such as burglary, purse						

snatching, or groping are common.					
There is graffiti.					
A group of young people are hanging out, making a scene.					
Illegal parking is common.					
There is a police box or a police station close to where I live.					
Some houses have windows with broken glass.					
There are many events sponsored by the neighborhood association.					
There are many events sponsored by the Parents and Teachers Association (PTA).					
Many families with children hang out in a park during the day.					
There are many traditional events / festivals.					
There is a popular local shopping district.					

Q8. What would the chance of rain have to be before you decide to bring an umbrella on your way out?

	Total
1	I always bring an umbrella even if the chance of rain were 0%.
2	Higher than 10%
3	Higher than 20%
4	Higher than 30%
5	Higher than 40%
6	Higher than 50%

7	Higher than 60%
8	Higher than 70%
9	Higher than 80%
10	Higher than 90%
11	I don't bring an umbrella even if the chance of rain were 100%.

Q9. Suppose you had the options of receiving some money today or **in a week**. When would you receive the money? Select (1) or (2) for each of the following. (SA)

		Total
a	1. ¥10,000 today	2. ¥10,000 in a week
b	1. ¥10,000 today	2. ¥10,004 in a week
c	1. ¥10,000 today	2. ¥10,012 in a week
d	1. ¥10,000 today	2. ¥10,019 in a week
e	1. ¥10,000 today	2. ¥10,038 in a week

Q10. Suppose you had the options of receiving some money today or **in a year**. When would you receive the money? Select (1) or (2) for each of the following. (SA)

		Total
a	1. ¥10,000 today	2. ¥10,000 in a year
b	1. ¥10,000 today	2. ¥10,200 in a year
c	1. ¥10,000 today	2. ¥10,600 in a year
d	1. ¥10,000 today	2. ¥11,000 in a year
e	1. ¥10,000 today	2. ¥12,000 in a year

Q11. Suppose you had the options of receiving some money today or **in 10 years**. When would you receive the money? Select (1) or (2) for each of the following. (SA)

		Total
a	1. ¥10,000 today	2. ¥10,000 in 10 years
b	1. ¥10,000 today	2. ¥12,190 in 10 years
c	1. ¥10,000 today	2. ¥17,908 in 10 years
d	1. ¥10,000 today	2. ¥25,937 in 10 years
e	1. ¥10,000 today	2. ¥61,917 in 10 years

Q12. It is a sensitive question, but what do you think is the approximate chance of losing your job in the next 2 years? Select one that is closest to your idea. (SA)

	Total
1	0%
2	0.1%
3	0.5%
4	1%
5	2%
6	5%
7	10%
8	20%
9	25%

10	33%
11	50%
12	66%
13	75%
14	99%
15	100%
16	I have no idea.

Q13a. Was the household in which you grew up relatively wealthy? Rate the wealth on a scale of 1 to 11, with1 being very poor and 11 being very wealthy. (SA)

1 (very poor)	2	3	4	5	6 (neither wealthy or poor)	7	8	9	10	11 (very wealthy)

Q13b. Is your current household relatively wealthy? Rate the wealth on a scale of 1 to 11, with1 being very poor and 11 being very wealthy. (SA)

1 (very poor)	2	3	4	5	6 (neither wealthy or poor)	7	8	9	10	11 (very wealthy)

Q14a(1). How many times a week on average did you live with your father when you were a kid? (SA)

	Total
1	[ ] / week
2	I did not live with him.

Q14a(2). The average number of times a week you lived with your father as a kid (NU)

	Total
Average	
Minimum	
Maximum	

Q14b(1). How many times a week on average did you live with your mother when you were a kid? (SA)

	Total
1	[ ] / week
2	I did not live with her.

Q14b(2). The average number of times a week you lived with your mother as a kid (SA)

	Total
Average	

Minimum
Maximum

Q16. Approximately how many people gave you money on New Year's Day when you were a kid? (SA)

	Total
1	0
2	1
3	2
4	3
5	4
6	5
7	6
8	7
9	8
10	9
11	More than 10

Q16. Where did you live when you were fifteen? (SA)

Total	
1	Hokkaido
2	Aomori
3	Iwate
4	Miyagi
5	Akita
6	Yamagata
7	Fukushima
8	Ibaraki
9	Tochigi
10	Gunma
11	Saitama
12	Chiba
13	Tokyo
14	Kanagawa
15	Niigata
16	Toyama
17	Ishikawa
18	Fukui
19	Yamanashi
20	Nagano
21	Gifu
22	Shizuoka
23	Aichi
24	Mie
25	Shiga

26	Kyoto
27	Osaka
28	Hyogo
29	Nara
30	Wakayama
31	Tottori
32	Shimane
33	Okayama
34	Hiroshima
35	Yamaguchi
36	Tokushima
37	Kagawa
38	Ehime
39	Kochi
40	Fukuoka
41	Saga
42	Nagasaki
43	Kumamoto
44	Oita
45	Miyazaki
46	Kagoshima
47	Okinawa

Q18a(1). Approximately how much money have you …? (SA)

	Total
1	¥ [ ]
2	Not yet

Q18a(2). The total amount of … (NU)

Total
Average
Minimum
Maximum

Q18b(1). Approximately how much money do you plan on … (SA)

	Total
1	¥ [ ]
2	I'm not planning on …
3	I don't know.

Q18b(2). The total amount of … (NU)

Total
Average
Minimum
Maximum

Q19a(1). Approximately how much money have you donated in total (excluding donations to political parties or religious groups)? (SA)

Total
1	¥ [ ]
2	None

Q19a(2). The total amount of your donation (excluding donations to political parties or religious groups) (NU)

Total
Average
Minimum
Maximum

Q19b(1). Approximately how much money have you donated to political parties in total? (SA)

Total
1	¥ [ ]
2	None

Q19b(2). The total amount of your donations to political parties (NU)

Total
Average
Minimum
Maximum

Q19c(1). Approximately how much have you made in religious offerings in total? (SA)

Total
1	¥ [ ]
2	None

Q19c(2). The total amount of religious offerings you have made (NU)

Total
Average
Minimum
Maximum

Q19d(1). Approximately how much money have you spent for blood donations in total? (SA)

Total
1	¥ [ ]
2	None

Q19d(2). The total amount of money you have spent for blood donations (NU)

Total
Average
Minimum

Maximum	

Q19e(1). Approximately how much money have you spent for volunteering in total? (SA)

Total	
1	¥ [ ]
2	None

Q19e(2). The total amount of money you have spent for volunteering (NU)

Total	
Average	
Minimum	
Maximum	

Q20a. Within a week after the Great East Japan Earthquake, did you buy more food, water, and other daily supplies than usual to stock up on them? (SA)

Total	
1	I bought a lot more than usual.
2	I bought a little more than usual.
3	I was going to buy more than usual, but there wasn't enough at the store.
4	I did not buy more than usual myself, but my family member(s) did.
5	Neither my family member(s) nor I bought more than usual.

Q20b. If your answer to the previous question was (1)-(3), what is the primary reason for buying (trying to buy) more than usual? (SA)

Total	
1	To prepare for another earthquake
2	I heard things were getting sold out at supermarkets and convenience stores.
3	Things were getting sold out when I went to the supermarket / convenience store.
4	Other reason

Q20c. If your answer to Q20a was (1) - (4), when exactly did you (your family members) do the shopping (try to do the shopping) to stock up on food, water, or other daily supplies? Select all that apply. (MA)

Total	
1	Friday, March 11 (on the day of the earthquake)
2	Saturday, March 12
3	Sunday, March 13
4	Monday, March 14
5	Tuesday, March 15
6	Wednesday, March 16
7	Thursday, March 17
8	Friday, March 18

Q21a. Before the Great East Japan Earthquake, had you or your family members prepared any of the following items? Tick (√) the most applicable box for each item. (SA)

	Yes	No	I don't know.
Emergency kit			
Water			
Emergency food (e.g. biscuits, canned food, etc.)			

Q21b. What do you think are the chances that the area in which you live will get hit by an earthquake that would require people to evacuate in the next month? Select the choice that is closest to your idea. (SA)

		Total
1	0%	
2	0.1%	
3	0.5%	
4	1%	
5	2%	
6	5%	
7	10%	
8	20%	
9	25%	
10	33%	
11	50%	
12	66%	
13	75%	
14	99%	
15	100%	
16	I have no idea.	

Q22. Approximately how long per day were you exposed to each of the following media on the weekend right after the Great East Japan Earthquake (Saturday, March 12 and Sunday, March 13)? Tick (√) the most applicable box for each medium. (SA)

	None	1-30min.	0.5-1 hour	1-2 hours	2-3 hours	3-6 hours	6-10 hours	More than 10 hours
News shows on TV								
Tabloid shows on TV								
Radio program								
Newspaper								
The Website of the Japanese / local government								
Online news broadcast by a newspaper publisher or a TV								

station								
Online blogs								
Twitter								
Social networking services (e.g. Facebook, Mixi)								
Weekly/ monthly magazines (except for comic magazines)								
E-mails with friends and acquaintances								
Conversations with family members								
Conversations with friends and acquaintances (including phone conversations)								
Conversations I overheard on the street								
Conversations with colleagues								

Q23. Approximately how long per day were you exposed to each of the following media on the weekends before the Great East Japan Earthquake? Tick (√) the most applicable box for each medium. (SA)

	None	1-30min.	0.5-1 hour	1-2 hours	2-3 hours	3-6 hours	6-10 hours	More than 10 hours
News shows on TV								
Tabloid shows on TV								
Radio program								
Newspaper								
The Website of the Japanese / local government								
Online news broadcast by a newspaper publisher or a TV station								
Online blogs								
Twitter								
Social networking services (e.g. Facebook, Mixi, etc.)								

Weekly/ monthly magazines (except for comic magazines)								
E-mails with friends and acquaintances								
Conversations with family members								
Conversations with friends and acquaintances (including phone conversations)								
Conversations I overheard on the street								
Conversations with colleagues								

Q24. Approximately how long per day were you exposed to each of the following media on weekdays before the Great East Japan Earthquake? Tick (√) the most applicable box for each medium. (SA)

	None	1-30min.	0.5-1 hour	1-2 hours	2-3 hours	3-6 hours	6-10 hours	More than 10 hours
News shows on TV								
Tabloid shows on TV								
Radio program								
Newspaper								
The Website of the Japanese / local government								
Online news broadcast by a newspaper publisher or a TV station								
Online blogs								
Twitter								
Social networking services (e.g. Facebook, Mixi, etc.)								
Weekly/ monthly magazines (except for comic magazines)								
E-mails with friends and acquaintances								
Conversations with								

family members								
Conversations with friends and acquaintances (including phone conversations)								
Conversations I overheard on the street								
Conversations with colleagues								

Q25. How long do you think you will live?   About up to the age of [   ] (NU)

	Total
Average	
Minimum	
Maximum	

Q26. How healthy do you consider yourself? (SA)

		Total
1	Very healthy	
2	Somewhat healthy	
3	Somewhat unhealthy	
4	Very unhealthy	

Q27a. What was your approximate annual gross income (income before paying taxes and social insurance premiums) last year? If there is a certain amount in your household income that you are not sure who contributed, count it as your income. (SA)

		Total
1	None	
2	Less than ¥299,999	
3	¥300,000 - ¥499,999	
4	¥500,000 - ¥999,999	
5	¥1,000,000 - ¥1,499,999	
6	¥1,500,000 - ¥1,999,999	
7	¥2,000,000 - ¥2,999,999	
8	¥3,000,000 - ¥3,999,999	
9	¥4,000,000 - ¥4,999,999	
10	¥5,000,000 - ¥5,999,999	
11	¥6,000,000 - ¥6,999,999	
12	¥7,000,000 - ¥7,999,999	
13	¥8,000,000 - ¥8,999,999	
14	¥9,000,000 - ¥9,999,999	
15	¥10,000,000 - ¥14,999,999	
16	¥15,000,000 - ¥19,999,999	
17	¥20,000,000 - ¥29,999,999	

18	More than ¥30,000,000
19	I don't know. / I'd rather not say.

Q27b. What was your spouse/partner's approximate annual gross income (income before paying taxes and social insurance premiums) last year? (SA)

	Total
1	None
2	Less than ¥299,999
3	¥300,000 - ¥499,999
4	¥500,000 - ¥999,999
5	¥1,000,000 - ¥1,499,999
6	¥1,500,000 - ¥1,999,999
7	¥2,000,000 - ¥2,999,999
8	¥3,000,000 - ¥3,999,999
9	¥4,000,000 - ¥4,999,999
10	¥5,000,000 - ¥5,999,999
11	¥6,000,000 - ¥6,999,999
12	¥7,000,000 - ¥7,999,999
13	¥8,000,000 - ¥8,999,999
14	¥9,000,000 - ¥9,999,999
15	¥10,000,000 - ¥14,999,999
16	¥15,000,000 - ¥19,999,999
17	¥20,000,000 - ¥29,999,999
18	More than ¥30,000,000
19	I don't know. / I'd rather not say.

Q27c. What was the approximate annual gross income (income before paying taxes and social insurance premiums) of your other family members' who shared finances with you last year? (SA)

	Total
1	None
2	Less than ¥299,999
3	¥300,000 - ¥499,999
4	¥500,000 - ¥999,999
5	¥1,000,000 - ¥1,499,999
6	¥1,500,000 - ¥1,999,999
7	¥2,000,000 - ¥2,999,999
8	¥3,000,000 - ¥3,999,999
9	¥4,000,000 - ¥4,999,999
10	¥5,000,000 - ¥5,999,999
11	¥6,000,000 - ¥6,999,999
12	¥7,000,000 - ¥7,999,999
13	¥8,000,000 - ¥8,999,999
14	¥9,000,000 - ¥9,999,999
15	¥10,000,000 - ¥14,999,999

16	¥15,000,000 - ¥19,999,999
17	¥20,000,000 - ¥29,999,999
18	More than ¥30,000,000
19	I don't know. / I'd rather not say.

Q28. Approximately how much does your household have in savings in total, including both the current account and the time deposit? Select one that applies. (SA)

	Total
1	None
2	Less than ¥100,000
3	¥100,000 - ¥299,999
4	¥300,000 - ¥499,999
5	¥500,000 - ¥999,999
6	¥1,000,000 - ¥1,999,999
7	¥2,000,000 - ¥2,999,999
8	¥3,000,000 - ¥3,999,999
9	¥4,000,000 - ¥4,999,999
10	¥5,000,000 - ¥5,999,999
11	¥6,000,000 - ¥6,999,999
12	¥7,000,000 - ¥7,999,999
13	¥8,000,000 - ¥8,999,999
14	¥9,000,000 - ¥9,999,999
15	¥10,000,000 - ¥19,999,999
16	¥20,000,000 - ¥29,999,999
17	¥30,000,000 - ¥39,999,999
18	More than ¥40,000,000
19	I don't know. / I'd rather not say.

Q29a. Do you have Employees' Pension Insurance or a Mutual Aid Pension Plan, in which the premiums are deducted from your monthly salary? (SA)

	Total
1	Yes, I have an Employees' Pension Insurance.
2	Yes, I have a Mutual Aid Pension plan for civil servants and teachers.
3	No
4	I don't know.

Q29b. If you have a spouse/partner, does he/she have Employees' Pension Insurance or a Mutual Aid Pension Plan, in which the premiums are deducted from your monthly salary? (SA)

	Total
1	Yes, my spouse/partner has an Employees' Pension Insurance.
2	Yes, my spouse/partner has a Mutual Aid Pension plan for civil servants and teachers.
3	No
4	I don't know.

Q31. Read the following information about the Medical Care System for People Aged 75 and over.

Purpose: The health insurance system for people aged 75 or older was introduced independently from the rest of the Medical Care System because the health care cost for this very old people's group is larger than other age groups.

Content: The system is funded by the premiums that the people aged 75 or older pay into this system; the premiums young working people pay for their health insurance plans, and taxes. Under this system, the patients are normally charged 10% of the entire medical cost, but they owe 30% of the cost if they have earnings that are as much as they used to earn before retirement.

Were you familiar with the information above? (SA)

	Total
1	I was familiar with both the purpose and the content of the system.
2	I was only familiar with the purpose of the system.
3	I was only familiar with the content of the system.
4	I have heard of it, but I was neither familiar with the purpose nor the content of the system.
5	I have never heard of it.

Q32. Does helping others make you happy? (SA)

	Total
1	Very much
2	A little
3	Not much
4	Not at all
5	I don't know.

Q33. How credible do you consider each of the following opinions or information? Tick (√) the most applicable box for each source. (SA)

	Credible	Somewhat credible	Not very credible	Not credible	I don't know.
Information / opinions from your family members (e.g. spouse, parents, and siblings)					
Information / opinions from your relatives					
Coverage on major Newspapers (Yomiuri, Asahi, Mainichi, Sankei, or Nikkei)					
Coverage on local newspapers					
Coverage on TV news					
Coverage on foreign news media (e.g. CNN, BCC, and the New York Times)					

Information from friends					
Information from colleagues or business partners					
Professors' comments/information					
TV news commentators' comments/information					
Economic analysts' comments/information					
Community activists' comments/information					
Cabinet announcements					
Local representatives or chief's opinions					
Court verdict					
Judgment made by police officers and prosecutors					
Information from big corporations					
Information on weekly / monthly magazines					
Opinions/information posted on the online blog you visit often					
Social networking services (e.g. Facebook, Mixi)					
Your favorite celebrity's comments					
Doctors' opinions					
Ministers', priests', monks' lectures/opinions					
Information from your neighbors					
Announcements/information from international organizations					

Q34. How strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? Tick (√) the most applicable box for each statement. (SA)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Most people are honest in general.					
I tend to trust other people.					

Most people are good and kind in general.				
Most people trust other people.				
Most people are trustworthy.				

Q35. How often did each of the following people help you when you were in school? Tick (√) the most applicable box for each party. (SA)

	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Parents, brothers, and sisters				
Friends				
Teachers				
Relatives				
Strangers				
Neighbors				

Q36. Which one of the following statements best describes what you would like to do with your inheritance? (SA)
Note: If you currently don't have any children, select one that seems the most realistic to you.

	Total
1	I want to leave an inheritance to my children no matter what.
2	I want to leave an inheritance to my children if they take care of me when I get old.
3	I want to leave an inheritance to my children if they take over the family business.
4	I will not do anything in particular to leave an inheritance to my children, but if I end up with something to leave, I want to give it to them.
5	I don't want my children to rely on my inheritance, so I am not planning on leaving any inheritance to my children.
6	I want to enjoy my life as much as possible, so I want to use up all the assets I have (I might end up having some left).
7	I want to leave my inheritance for people and the society that need it.
8	I don't think I will have any inheritance for my children to bequeath.

Q37. Individualists are more interested in meeting their own goals rather than those of their family, company, school, or their community. Collectivists are more interested in meeting the goals of their family, company, school, or community rather than their own. Which of the two philosophies is closer to your own philosophy? Rate your philosophy on a scale of 1 to 11, with 1 being an individualist and 11 being a collectivist. Tick (√) the most applicable box. (SA)

1 (Individualist)	2	3	4	5	6 (neither individualist	7	8	9	10	11 (collectivist)

				nor collectivist)					

Q38. How strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding people's income in Japan? Tick (√) the most applicable box for each statement. (SA)

	Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	I don't know.
Individual's income level depends on the degree of his/her effort.					
Individual's income level depends on luck or coincidence.					
Individual's income level depends on his/her innate talent.					
Individual's income level depends on his/her educational background.					
Individual's income level depends on his/her family environment in which they grew up.					
There is gender discrimination when it comes to income.					
The income disparities are being mitigated by government policies.					
People are given equal opportunities to prosper.					
Hard work doesn't guarantee enough income to lead a basic life.					
The government provides enough aids for very poor people.					
The primary reason why some people are very poor is because they don't get a job although there are jobs out there.					
There are many opportunities for very poor people to improve					

their situations.					

Q39. How strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding your income? Tick (√) the most applicable box for each statement. (SA)

	Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	I don't know.
My income level depends on the degree of my own effort.					
My income level depends on luck or coincidence.					
My income level depends on my innate talent.					
My income level depends on my educational background.					
My income level depends on my family environment in which I grew up.					
The gender gap in the income level favors me.					
The gender gap in the income level disfavors me.					
I had a plenty of opportunities to find a job that I wanted.					
My salary is appropriate for my abilities.					
The social security system provides enough support for me.					
My income level is so low I have a difficulty leading a basic life.					

Q40. How strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding peoples' income, work situation, and the social security system? Tick (√) the most applicable box for each statement. (SA)

	Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	I don't know.
An individual's income level should depend on					

the degree of his/her own efforts.				
An individual's income level should depend on his/her abilities.				
It is reasonable that there is an income gap due to one's educational background.				
An individual's income level should be determined as a result of competition.				
An individual's income level should not be determined by the kind of connections he/she has in the company.				
Companies should guarantee long-term employment to their employees.				
Low income is acceptable for young employees, but they should get paid more as they get older.				
An individual's income should not be determined by the family environment in which he/she grew up.				
Men and women should be given equal opportunities to work.				
The income inequality between genders should be mitigated.				
Full-time employees should be guaranteed an income level that is at least enough to lead a basic life.				
The social security system should intervene when it comes to				

people's income.					
Parenting should be supported by as many public day care services as possible.					
Family members should be the primary care provider for elderly people.					
Redistributing income is not a good idea.					
A social security system that is too good is not ideal because it lessens the motivation for people to work.					
People with a high-income should pay more taxes and people with a lower income should pay less.					
I support the environmental tax to preserve the environment even if we end up inhibiting the economic growth.					

Q41. How important is it for the government to focus on each of the following issues? (SA)

	I don't know.	Not important at all	Not very important	Somewhat important	Very important
Economic growth					
Currency stability					
Stock price stability					
Employment stability					
Poverty					
Public pension/health insurance system					
Education					
Environment					

preservation					
Public safety					
Human rights					
Freedom of broadcasting					
Disaster prevention					

Q42. Do you think each of the following public social insurance fees/taxes is high or low in Japan? (SA)

	High	Somewhat high	Just right	Somewhat low	Low	I don't know.
Pension premiums						
Health insurance premiums						
Income tax						
Corporate income tax						
Sales tax						
Environmental tax						
Inheritance tax						

Q43. How strongly do you agree with each of the following statements regarding civil servants in Japan compared with other developed countries? (SA)

	Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	I don't know.
There are too many civil servants.					
Civil servants are well paid.					
Civil servants have an easy life.					
Civil servants are competent.					

Q44. The figure below shows a comparison of fiscal deficits among different countries (the debt to GDP ratio). The debt in Japan has dramatically gone up and is the worst among the developed countries. Do you agree that the government should raise the sales tax? (SA)

Total

1	Agree
2	Somewhat agree
3	Somewhat disagree
4	disagree
5	I don't know.

Q45. The figure below shows the total amount of social benefits (e.g. social security benefits, government services) each age group receives and the total amount of premiums (e.g. taxes, social security premiums) each age group pays over their lifetime. As is shown in the figure, the current system is projected to put a bigger financial burden on younger age groups, who will be paying more and receiving less. The sales tax puts a financial burden not only on young people, but also on retired people. Do you agree that the government should raise the sales tax? (SA)

Total	
1	Agree
2	Somewhat agree
3	Somewhat disagree
4	disagree
5	I don't know.

Q46. According to an opinion poll (Upper House election: first ongoing national opinion poll sponsored by Yomiuri Shimbun), 66% of the Japanese people believe that the government should raise the sales tax in order to restore the economy and maintain the social security system. Do you agree that the government should raise the sales tax? (SA)

Total	
1	Agree
2	Somewhat agree
3	Somewhat disagree
4	disagree
5	I don't know.

Q47. The Great East Japan Earthquake caused tremendous damage, and an enormous amount of money is needed for the restoration. Do you agree that the government should raise the sales tax? (SA)

Total	
1	Agree
2	Somewhat agree
3	Somewhat disagree
4	disagree
5	I don't know.

Q48. Do you agree that the government should raise the sales tax? (SA)

Total	
1	Agree
2	Somewhat agree
3	Somewhat disagree

| 4 | disagree |
| 5 | I don't know. |