

BACKGROUND AND CODEBOOK
Pew Research Center
Religion and Spirituality in East Asian Societies
Dataset
Survey conducted June 2-Sept. 17, 2023

Pew Research Center conducted random probability-based surveys among a total of 10,390 adults (ages 18 and older) in five places: Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Vietnam. Interviewing in Japan, South Korea and Taiwan was carried out under the direction of Langer Research Associates, and interviewing in Hong Kong and Vietnam was carried out under the direction of D3 Systems. In Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan, interviews were conducted via computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI). In Vietnam, interviews were administered face-to-face using tablet devices, also known as computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI). All surveys were conducted between June 2 and Sept. 17, 2023.

The questionnaire was designed by Pew Research Center staff with efforts to ensure the questions would be culturally appropriate and respondents would understand their intended meaning. This included consultation with subject matter experts and project advisers. We conducted cognitive interviews in Japan and Taiwan. The full survey questionnaire also was pretested in all five locations prior to fieldwork.

The questionnaire was developed in English and translated into six other languages. Professional linguists with native proficiency independently checked the translations. In questions about belief in “god,” translators were instructed to choose the most generic possible [word for god in each language](#) and to avoid terms that refer exclusively to the god(s) or goddess(es) of a particular religion.

Respondents were selected using a probability-based sample design. Data was weighted to account for different probabilities of selection and to align with demographic benchmarks for the adult population. This ensures that the surveys are representative of the broader public in terms of age, gender and education.

For more information, refer to the report’s [Methodology section](#).

Geographic data that could potentially reveal a respondent's location has been withheld from this dataset. Variables that have been recoded have "rec" appended to the variable name.

The questionnaire with all response options is provided in a separate document for reference.

ADDITIONAL VARIABLES NOT LISTED IN QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW

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| QRID | Unique identification number for each respondent |
| WEIGHT | Weight variable. Data were weighted to account for differences in probability of selection and to match the demographic characteristics of the population. |
| SURVEYPUBLIC | Name of the public surveyed. |
| DEMONYM | Demonym of respondent. Used as an insert in various questions. |
| VietnamRegion | Vietnam Region (based on fieldwork location information) |
| LANGUAGE | Language in which interview was conducted |
| ISCED | ISCED education level as coded by Pew (using UNESCO 2011 standards) |
| GENDERrec | Combines QGEN and QGENb into one gender variable (see full questionnaire for exact skip patterns and question wordings) |
| UrbanVietnam | Urbanicity variable for Vietnam, based on fieldwork location information. |

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
SURVEY OF RELIGION AND SOCIAL LIFE
QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FIELDWORK 2023**

RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY IN EAST ASIAN SOCIETIES

ASK ALL

Q1 Overall, are you satisfied, dissatisfied, or neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with the way things are going in **[SURVEY PUBLIC]** today?

- 1 Satisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q2 In a family, who should be primarily responsible for the following activities? **[INTERVIEWER: BEFORE FOLLOW-UP ITEMS YOU CAN ASK, "What about ...?" OR "Next ...?" YOU CAN ALSO REREAD THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION AS NEEDED.] [RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS]**

- a. Earning money
- b. Taking care of children
- c. Making decisions about expenses
- d. Taking care of aging family members

[INTERVIEWER: READ OUT RESPONSE OPTIONS, REPEATING AS NEEDED.]

- 1 Men
- 2 Women [OR]
- 3 Both
- 4 **(DO NOT READ)** Depends/Other
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q3 Which of these statements comes closest to your opinion even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

[INTERVIEWER: READ OUT RESPONSE OPTIONS.]

- 1 Women have an obligation to society to bear children
- 2 Women should decide for themselves whether or not to bear children
- 3 **(DO NOT READ)** Other/Both/Neither/Depends on situation
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q4 Which of these three statements comes closest to your opinion? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

[INTERVIEWER: READ OUT RESPONSE OPTIONS.]

- 1 Men generally make better political leaders than women
- 2 Women generally make better political leaders than men
- 3 In general, women and men make equally good political leaders
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

QLEGAL Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

DO NOT ASK IN VIETNAM

Q5 I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for **[SURVEY PUBLIC]**. Do you think that each of the following is a major threat, a minor threat, or not a threat to **[SURVEY PUBLIC]**? **[INTERVIEWER: BEFORE FOLLOW-UP ITEMS YOU CAN ASK, "What about ...?" OR "Next ...?" YOU CAN ALSO REREAD THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION AS NEEDED.] [RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS. ALWAYS ASK ITEM d. LAST]**

- a. the United States' power and influence
- b. North Korea's nuclear weapons program
- c. Russia's power and influence
- d. China's power and influence **[ALWAYS ASK LAST]**

[INTERVIEWER: REPEAT RESPONSE OPTIONS AS NEEDED.]

- 1 Major threat
- 2 Minor threat
- 3 Not a threat
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

QCURREL **[INSERT IN VIETNAM "Regardless of how the government records your religion,"]** What is your religion, if any?

[INTERVIEWER: DO NOT GUESS THE RESPONDENT'S RELIGION. READ EVERY OPTION LISTED.]

- 1 Buddhist
- 2 Catholic, Protestant or other Christian
- 3 Muslim
- 4 Shinto **[ASK IN JAPAN]**
- 5 Daoist
- 6 Confucian
- 7 Local religions/indigenous religions
- 8 No religion [OR]
- 9 Some other religion **[SPECIFY IN QCURRELb]**
- 10 **(DO NOT READ)** Combination of religions
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q6 Do you feel a personal connection to each of the following ways of life, or not?
[INTERVIEWER: BEFORE FOLLOW-UP ITEMS YOU CAN ASK, "What about ...?" OR "Next ...?" YOU CAN ALSO REREAD THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION AS NEEDED.]
[RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS]

- a. The Buddhist way of life
- b. The Christian way of life
- c. The Shinto way of life **[ASK IN JAPAN]**
- d. The Daoist way of life
- e. The Confucian way of life
- f. Local religions'/indigenous religions' way of life

- 1 Yes, I do
- 2 No, I do not
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK IF CHRISTIAN OR HAS PERSONAL CONNECTION TO CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE
(QCURREL=2 OR Q6b=1)

QBORN Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q7 Just based on what you know, do you think each of the following descriptions fits Buddhism, or not? **[INTERVIEWER: BEFORE FOLLOW-UP ITEMS YOU CAN ASK, "What about ...?" OR "Next ...?" YOU CAN ALSO REREAD THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION AS NEEDED.]** **[RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS. ALWAYS ASK ITEM e. LAST]**

- a. Buddhism is a family tradition one must follow
- b. Buddhism is an ethnicity one is born into
- c. Buddhism is a culture one is part of
- d. Buddhism is a set of ethical teachings to guide actions
- e. Buddhism is a religion one chooses to follow **[ALWAYS ASK LAST]**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK IF BUDDHIST (QCURREL=1)

Q8 In your opinion, can a person be truly Buddhist if they do each of the following things?
[INTERVIEWER: BEFORE FOLLOW-UP ITEMS YOU CAN ASK, "What about ...?" OR "Next ...?" YOU CAN ALSO REREAD THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION AS NEEDED.]
[RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS]

- a. do not respect elders
- b. do not respect **[SURVEY PUBLIC]**
- c. do not respect deities or spirits
- d. never go to temple or pagoda
- e. do not pray
- f. drink alcohol
- g. celebrate the Christian festival of Christmas
- h. celebrate the Muslim festival of Eid
- i. make offerings to or worship ancestors
- j. do not believe in the afterlife
- k. do not have a Buddhist funeral

[INTERVIEWER: READ OUT RESPONSE OPTIONS.]

- 1 Yes, can be
- 2 No, cannot be
- 97 **(DO NOT READ)** Other/Both/Neither/Depends on situation
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q9 How important is religion in your life, if at all?

[INTERVIEWER: READ OUT RESPONSE OPTIONS.]

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not very important [OR]
- 4 Not at all important
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q10 Do you believe in god, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q11 Do you think that there are unseen beings in the world, like deities or spirits?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q12 Which statement comes closer to your view even if neither is exactly right? [**RANDOMIZE ANSWER OPTIONS 1 AND 2**]

[INTERVIEWER: READ OUT RESPONSE OPTIONS.]

- 1 There is only ONE true religion
- 2 Many religions can be true
- 3 **(DO NOT READ)** Other/Neither/Depends on situation
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

QCHREL Thinking about when you were a child, in what religion were you raised, if any?

[INTERVIEWER: READ RESPONSE OPTIONS]

- 1 Buddhist
- 2 Catholic, Protestant or other Christian
- 3 Muslim
- 4 Shinto [**ASK IN JAPAN**]
- 5 Daoist
- 6 Confucian
- 7 Local religions/indigenous religions
- 8 No religion [OR]
- 9 Some other religion [**SPECIFY IN QCHRELb**]
- 10 **(DO NOT READ)** Combination of religions
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL IN TAIWAN

Q13 Do you think of yourself as primarily Taiwanese, primarily Chinese, or both Taiwanese and Chinese?

- 1 Primarily Taiwanese
- 2 Primarily Chinese [OR]
- 3 Both Taiwanese and Chinese
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL IN HONG KONG

Q14 Do you think of yourself as primarily a Hong Konger, primarily Chinese, or both a Hong Konger and Chinese?

- 1 Primarily a Hong Konger
- 2 Primarily Chinese [OR]
- 3 Both a Hong Konger and Chinese
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q15 Thinking about your life overall, would you say you generally go to the following places, or not? **[INTERVIEWER: BEFORE FOLLOW-UP ITEMS YOU CAN ASK, "What about ...?" OR "Next ...?" YOU CAN ALSO REREAD THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION AS NEEDED.]**
[RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS]

- a. Shrines
 - b. Temple or pagodas
 - c. Churches
 - d. Monasteries or places for meditation
- 1 Yes
 - 2 No
 - 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
 - 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

QFIGURES

Do you currently pray or offer your respects to each of the following figures, or not?

[INTERVIEWER: BEFORE FOLLOW-UP ITEMS YOU CAN ASK, "What about ...?" OR "Next ...?" YOU CAN ALSO REREAD THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION AS NEEDED.] [RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS]

- a. Confucius
- b. Buddha
- c. Mother Mary
- d. Guandi or Guangong
- e. Jesus Christ
- f. Guanyin, Guanyi Bodhisattva, or Bodhisattva Avalokiteshvara
- g. Mazu, Goddess of the Sea **[ASK IN HONG KONG, TAIWAN, VIETNAM]**
- h. The Kami **[ASK IN JAPAN]**
- i. Dalai Lama

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q16 People have different ways of taking care of deceased family members. Which of the following practices does your family do? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2. OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

[INTERVIEWER: READ OUT RESPONSE OPTIONS. SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.]

- 1 Cremate your deceased family members
- 2 Bury your deceased family members
- 3 [OR] Follow some other method
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK IF CREMATES (Q16=1)

Q17 Does your family scatter the ashes of deceased family members OR do you keep them at a particular location, like someone's home, a temple or pagoda, or a gravesite?

- 1 Scatter the ashes
- 2 Keep them at a particular location
- 3 **(DO NOT READ)** Some other method/Both
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q18 If you were planning the funeral for a family member or a loved one, how important would it be for you to follow traditional funeral rites and rituals?

[INTERVIEWER: READ OUT RESPONSE OPTIONS.]

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not very important [OR]
- 4 Not at all important
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q19 Do you have a family gravesite where the ashes or remains of deceased family members reside? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT ASKS HOW MANY PEOPLE NEED TO BE BURIED THERE FOR IT TO BE A "FAMILY GRAVESITE," SAY "ALL OR MOST" FAMILY MEMBERS. IF RESPONDENT ASKS WHAT A FAMILY GRAVESITE IS, YOU CAN SAY, "This is a grave or location reserved for all or most deceased family members. It may or may not be within a graveyard or cemetery."]**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK IF HAS A FAMILY GRAVESITE (Q19=1)

Q20a Do you or someone in your household pay money to maintain the family gravesite, or not? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT ASKS WHAT PAYING MONEY MEANS, CLARIFY IT INCLUDES PAYING ANNUAL FEES, RENT, LANDSCAPING, MAINTENANCE FEES, OR ANY DONATION OFFERED BY THE RESPONDENT OR ANOTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBER.]**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK IF HAS A FAMILY GRAVESITE (Q19=1)

Q20b Do you or someone in your household look after the family gravesite by sweeping or cleaning it? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: THIS REFERS TO THE RESPONDENT OR ANOTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBER DOING THE SWEEPING AND CLEANING THEMSELVES. IF THEY PAY FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO DO THE CLEANING, IT IS COVERED UNDER THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.]**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK IF HAS A FAMILY GRAVESITE (Q19=1)

Q21 How often do you visit the family gravesite, if at all?

[INTERVIEWER: READ OUT RESPONSE OPTIONS.]

- 1 At least once a month
- 2 A few times a year
- 3 Once a year
- 4 Less often than that [OR]
- 5 Never
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q22 In the past 12 months, have you done each of the following activities or rituals to honor or take care of your ancestors, or not? **[INTERVIEWER: BEFORE FOLLOW-UP ITEMS YOU CAN ASK, "What about ...?" OR "Next ...?" YOU CAN ALSO REREAD THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION AS NEEDED.] [RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS]**

- a. Offered food, water or drinks
- b. Offered flowers or lit candles
- c. Burned incense
- d. Offered money or other things they may need in the afterlife **[ALWAYS ASK LAST]**

1 Yes
 2 No
 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q23 In the past 12 months, have you told your ancestors about events in your life?

1 Yes
 2 No
 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q24 Have you ever felt that the spirit of an ancestor has done each of the following, or not? **[INTERVIEWER: BEFORE FOLLOW-UP ITEMS YOU CAN ASK, "What about ...?" OR "Next ...?" YOU CAN ALSO REREAD THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION AS NEEDED.]**

- a. Helped you
- b. Punished you
- c. Come to visit you in a dream
- d. Come to be with you in any other form

1 Yes
 2 No
 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q25 Do you think each of the following things have their own spirits, or not? **[INTERVIEWER: BEFORE FOLLOW-UP ITEMS YOU CAN ASK, "What about ...?" OR "Next ...?" YOU CAN ALSO REREAD THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION AS NEEDED.] [RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS]**

- a. Mountains, rivers or trees
- b. Certain objects, like crystals, jewels or stones
- c. Houses or other buildings

1 Yes
 2 No
 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q26 Thinking about some different kinds of experiences, how often do you have the following experiences? **[RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS]**

- a. Feeling a deep sense of wonder about the universe
- b. Thinking about the meaning and purpose of life

[INTERVIEWER: READ OUT RESPONSE OPTIONS, REPEATING AS NEEDED.]

- 1 At least once a week
- 2 Once or twice a month
- 3 Several times a year
- 4 Seldom [OR]
- 5 Never
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q27 Do you think each of the following things exists, or not? **[INTERVIEWER: BEFORE FOLLOW-UP ITEMS YOU CAN ASK, "What about ...?" OR "Next ...?" YOU CAN ALSO REREAD THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION AS NEEDED.] [RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS]**

- a. Rebirth
- b. Fate
- c. Karma
- d. Nirvana
- e. Angels or helpful deities
- f. Demons or evil deities
- g. Miracles
- h. Heaven
- i. Hell

- 1 Yes, exists
- 2 No, does not exist
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q28 How often do you pray, if at all? **[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT ASKS FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE MEANING OF PRAYER, PLEASE ASK THE RESPONDENT TO USE THEIR OWN JUDGEMENT.]**

[INTERVIEWER: READ OUT RESPONSE OPTIONS.]

- 1 Several times a day
- 2 Once a day
- 3 A few times a week
- 4 Once a week
- 5 A few times a month
- 6 Less often than that [OR]
- 7 Never
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q29 Is there an altar in your home, or not? **[INTERVIEWER: ANY FORM OF AN ALTAR IS FINE, INCLUDING AN ALTAR CABINET.]**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q30 Do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable for a person to try to persuade others to join his or her religion?

- 1 Acceptable
- 2 Unacceptable
- 3 **(DO NOT READ)** Other/Both/Neither/Depends on situation
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q31 Do you ever practice meditation, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q33 In the past 12 months, have you had your fortune told, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q35 And now on a different subject...

Which of these two statements is closest to your opinion even if neither is exactly right?
[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]

[INTERVIEWER: READ OUT RESPONSE OPTIONS.]

- 1 **[SURVEY PUBLIC]** will be better off in the future if it sticks to its traditions and way of life
- 2 **[SURVEY PUBLIC]** will be better off in the future if it is open to changes regarding its traditions and way of life
- 3 **(DO NOT READ)** Other/Both/Neither/Depends on situation
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q36 Which of these two statements is closest to your opinion even if neither is exactly right?
[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]

[INTERVIEWER: READ OUT RESPONSE OPTIONS.]

- 1 People should be allowed to speak their opinions publicly even if they upset other people
- 2 Harmony with others is more important than the right to speak one's opinion
- 3 **(DO NOT READ)** Other/Both/Neither/Depends on situation
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

DO NOT ASK IN VIETNAM

Q37 Do you think people who disagree with our government's actions should or should not be able to publicly criticize the government?

- 1 Yes, should be able to publicly criticize the government
- 2 No, should not be able to publicly criticize the government
- 3 **(DO NOT READ)** Other/Both/Neither/Depends on situation
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q38 Should religious leaders do each of the following things, or not? **[INTERVIEWER: BEFORE FOLLOW-UP ITEMS YOU CAN ASK, "What about ...?" OR "Next ...?" YOU CAN ALSO REREAD THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION AS NEEDED.] [RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS]**

- a. Talk publicly about what politicians or political parties they support
- b. Be politicians
- c. Participate in political protests **[ASK IF NOT IN VIETNAM]**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

Q39 How well do the following statements describe your views? **[INTERVIEWER: BEFORE FOLLOW-UP ITEMS YOU CAN ASK, "What about ...?" OR "Next ...?" YOU CAN ALSO REREAD THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION AS NEEDED.] [RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS]**

- a. Religion helps society by giving people meaning and purpose in their lives
- b. Religion encourages superstition and illogical thinking in society
- c. Religion gives people guidance so that they do the right thing and treat other people well
- d. Religion encourages violent and extremist thinking among people

[INTERVIEWER: READ OUT RESPONSE OPTIONS, REPEATING AS NEEDED.]

- 1 Very well
- 2 Somewhat well
- 3 Not too well [OR]
- 4 Not at all well
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

QABORT Do you think having an abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases?

- 1 Legal in all cases
- 2 Legal in most cases
- 3 Illegal in most cases
- 4 Illegal in all cases
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

DO NOT ASK IN VIETNAM

Q40 I'm going to describe various types of political systems and ask what you think about each as a way of governing **[SURVEY PUBLIC]**. For each one, would it be a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad way of governing **[SURVEY PUBLIC]**? **[INTERVIEWER: BEFORE FOLLOW-UP ITEMS YOU CAN ASK, "What about ...?" OR "Next ...?" YOU CAN ALSO REREAD THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION AS NEEDED.]**

- a. A system in which two or more political parties contest elections
- b. A system in which elections are held with only one party participating
- c. A system in which a strong leader can make decisions without interference from parliament or the courts
- d. A system in which experts, not elected officials, make decisions according to what they think is best for **[SURVEY PUBLIC]**
- e. A system in which the military rules **[SURVEY PUBLIC]**

[INTERVIEWER: REPEAT RESPONSE OPTIONS AS NEEDED.]

- 1 Very good
- 2 Somewhat good
- 3 Somewhat bad
- 4 Very bad
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK IF CHRISTIAN (QCURREL=2)

QATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often, if at all, do you go to church?

[INTERVIEWER: READ OUT RESPONSE OPTIONS.]

- 1 Every day
- 2 More than once a week
- 3 Once a week
- 4 Once or twice a month
- 5 A few times a year
- 6 Less often than that [OR]
- 7 Never
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

QAGE How old are you? **[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT PROVIDE A SPECIFIC AGE NUMBER, GENTLY PROBE, "If you had to estimate it, about what age would you be?"]**

[RECORD AGE IN YEARS]

97 97 or older
998 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
999 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE (QAGE=998,999)

QAGE_NR__ Which of the following age ranges does your age fit? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT KNOW OR IS UNCOMFORTABLE, GENTLY PROBE ONCE, "If you had to estimate your age range, would it be...?"]**

[Response options differ by location, which are specified in the appendices]

98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

DO NOT ASK IN JAPAN OR SOUTH KOREA

QETH____ What is your ethnicity?

[Response options differ by location, which are specified in the appendices]98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused**ASK ALL**

QFERT How many children have you had, if any? Please count all children born at any time in your life. **[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT ASKS WHETHER ADOPTED CHILDREN OR STEPCHILDREN SHOULD BE INCLUDED, SAY: "No, please do not include adopted children or stepchildren, we're asking you only to count all children born at any time in your life."]**

[RECORD NUMBER]98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused**ASK ALL**

QHH1 How many people, including yourself, live in your household?

INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT ASKS, HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS INCLUDE:**Infants, children and adults****People who normally live at this address but are away for less than 10 weeks****People away at work for whom this is the main address****Boarders and lodgers****Domestic servants who live at this address****EXCLUDE:****People away for 10 weeks or more****People who live elsewhere due to work/study****Spouses who are separated and no longer resident****Domestic servants whose main residence is at another address****[RECORD NUMBER]**98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

QHH2 How many people who live in your household, including yourself, are adults, age 18 and older?

INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT ASKS, HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS INCLUDE:

People who normally live at this address but are away for less than 10 weeks

People away at work for whom this is the main address

Boarders and lodgers

Domestic servants who live at this address

EXCLUDE:

People away for 10 weeks or more

People who live elsewhere due to work/study

Spouses who are separated and no longer resident

Domestic servants whose main residence is at another address

[RECORD NUMBER]

98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL IN HONG KONG OR TAIWAN

Q41 How emotionally attached, if at all, do you feel to the country of China?

[INTERVIEWER: READ OUT RESPONSE OPTIONS.]

1 Very emotionally attached

2 Somewhat emotionally attached

3 Not very emotionally attached [OR]

4 Not at all emotionally attached

98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

QMARRIED What is your current marital status?

[INTERVIEWER: READ OUT RESPONSE OPTIONS.]

1 Married

2 Divorced

3 Separated

4 Unmarried/Single [OR]

5 Widow/Widower

6 **(DO NOT READ)** Living with a partner

98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

QEDU_ What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? **[INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ RESPONSE OPTIONS. IF THE RESPONDENT INDICATES "Still in school" OR STATES THEY HAVE STARTED BUT NOT COMPLETED A LEVEL OF EDUCATION, ASK: "What is the highest level of education completed?" AND RECORD RESPONSE.]**

[Response options differ by location, which are specified in the appendices]

98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ALL

CHURCHEDU At any point during your education, did you attend a school associated with each of the following?

- a. A Christian or Catholic church
- b. A Buddhist organization

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK IN Japan

QPTYJPN Regardless of which party you voted for in the last national election, which political party, if any, do you feel closest to?

[INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ ANY RESPONSE OPTIONS]

- 1 **(DO NOT READ)** Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
- 2 **(DO NOT READ)** Komeito (NKP)
- 3 **(DO NOT READ)** Constitutional Democratic Party (CDP)
- 4 **(DO NOT READ)** Social Democratic Party (SDP)
- 5 **(DO NOT READ)** Japan Innovation Party (Ishin)
- 6 **(DO NOT READ)** Democratic Party for the People (DPP)
- 7 **(DO NOT READ)** Japanese Communist Party (JCP)
- 8 **(DO NOT READ)** Sanseito (DIY)
- 9 **(DO NOT READ)** Reiwa Shinsengumi
- 10 **(DO NOT READ)** NHK Party (NHK)
- 96 **(DO NOT READ)** I do not feel close to any party
- 97 **(DO NOT READ)** Some other party
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK IN TAIWAN

QPTYTWN Regardless of which party you voted for in the last national election, which political party, if any, do you feel closest to?

[INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ ANY RESPONSE OPTIONS]

- 1 **(DO NOT READ)** Democratic Progressive Party (DPP)
- 2 **(DO NOT READ)** The Kuomintang (KMT)
- 3 **(DO NOT READ)** Taiwan People's Party (TPP)
- 96 **(DO NOT READ)** I do not feel close to any party
- 97 **(DO NOT READ)** Some other party
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK CELL SAMPLE IN HONG KONG, JAPAN, AND TAIWAN

Q50 Now thinking about your telephone use, is there at least one telephone INSIDE your home that is currently working and is not a mobile phone?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK LANDLINE SAMPLE IN HONG KONG, JAPAN, AND TAIWAN

Q51 Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working mobile phone?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK IN HONG KONG

QZIPHKG Please tell me the district you live in.

[INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ ANY RESPONSE OPTIONS.]

- 1 **(DO NOT READ)** Central and Western
- 2 **(DO NOT READ)** Wan Chai
- 3 **(DO NOT READ)** Eastern
- 4 **(DO NOT READ)** Southern
- 5 **(DO NOT READ)** Yau Tsim Mong
- 6 **(DO NOT READ)** Sham Shui Po
- 7 **(DO NOT READ)** Kowloon City
- 8 **(DO NOT READ)** Wong Tai Sin
- 9 **(DO NOT READ)** Kwun Tong
- 10 **(DO NOT READ)** Kwai Tsing
- 11 **(DO NOT READ)** Tsuen Wan
- 12 **(DO NOT READ)** Tuen Mun
- 13 **(DO NOT READ)** Yuen Long
- 14 **(DO NOT READ)** North
- 15 **(DO NOT READ)** Tai Po
- 16 **(DO NOT READ)** Sha Tin
- 17 **(DO NOT READ)** Sai Kung
- 18 **(DO NOT READ)** Islands
- 19 **(DO NOT READ)** Marine
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK IN HONG KONG AND IF DK/ REF DISTRICT (QZIPHKG=98,99)

QZIPHKG2 What region do you live in?

[INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ ANY RESPONSE OPTIONS.]

- 1 **(DO NOT READ)** Hong Kong Island (HK)
- 2 **(DO NOT READ)** Kowloon (KLN)
- 3 **(DO NOT READ)** New Territories (NT)
- 4 **(DO NOT READ)** Marine
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't Know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK ¹IN JAPAN AND IF DK/ REF PREFECTURE (QZIPJPN=98,99)

QZIPJPN2 What region do you live in?

[INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ ANY RESPONSE OPTIONS.]

- 1 **(DO NOT READ)** Hokkaido
- 2 **(DO NOT READ)** Tohoku
- 3 **(DO NOT READ)** Kanto
- 4 **(DO NOT READ)** Chubu
- 5 **(DO NOT READ)** Kansai
- 6 **(DO NOT READ)** Chugoku
- 7 **(DO NOT READ)** Shikoku
- 8 **(DO NOT READ)** Kyushu (including Okinawa)
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't Know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ASK IN SOUTH KOREA

QZIPKOR What province do you live in?

[INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ ANY RESPONSE OPTIONS.]

- 1 **(DO NOT READ)** Seoul
- 2 **(DO NOT READ)** Busan
- 3 **(DO NOT READ)** Daegu
- 4 **(DO NOT READ)** Incheon
- 5 **(DO NOT READ)** Gwangju
- 6 **(DO NOT READ)** Daejeon
- 7 **(DO NOT READ)** Ulsan
- 8 **(DO NOT READ)** Gyeonggi-do
- 9 **(DO NOT READ)** Gangwo-do
- 10 **(DO NOT READ)** Chungcheongbuk-do
- 11 **(DO NOT READ)** Chungcheongnam-do
- 12 **(DO NOT READ)** Jeollabuk-do
- 13 **(DO NOT READ)** Jeollanam-do
- 14 **(DO NOT READ)** Gyeongsangbuk-do
- 15 **(DO NOT READ)** Gyeongsangnam-do
- 16 **(DO NOT READ)** Jeju-do
- 17 **(DO NOT READ)** Sejong
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't Know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

¹ While QZIPJPN2 was not read to all respondents, regional data is available for all Japan respondents from recoding of prefecture data.

ASK IN TAIWAN

QZIPTWN Please tell me the city or county you live in.

[INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ ANY RESPONSE OPTIONS.]

- 1 **(DO NOT READ)** Chiayi City
- 2 **(DO NOT READ)** Chiayi County
- 3 **(DO NOT READ)** Chunghwa County
- 4 **(DO NOT READ)** Hsinchu City
- 5 **(DO NOT READ)** Hsinchu County
- 6 **(DO NOT READ)** Hualien County
- 7 **(DO NOT READ)** Kaohsiung City
- 8 **(DO NOT READ)** Keelung City
- 9 **(DO NOT READ)** Kinmen County
- 10 **(DO NOT READ)** Lienchiang County
- 11 **(DO NOT READ)** Miaoli County
- 12 **(DO NOT READ)** Nantou County
- 13 **(DO NOT READ)** New Taipei City
- 14 **(DO NOT READ)** Penghu County
- 15 **(DO NOT READ)** Pingtung County
- 16 **(DO NOT READ)** Taichung City
- 17 **(DO NOT READ)** Tainan City
- 18 **(DO NOT READ)** Taipei City
- 19 **(DO NOT READ)** Taitung County
- 20 **(DO NOT READ)** Taoyuan City
- 21 **(DO NOT READ)** Yilan County
- 22 **(DO NOT READ)** Yunlin County
- 98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

APPENDIX
SPECIFIC ANSWER OPTIONS FOR EACH SURVEY PUBLIC

ETHNICITY: QETH____

HONG KONG

QETHHKG

- | | |
|----|----------------------|
| 1 | Chinese |
| 97 | Some other ethnicity |

TAIWAN

QETHTWN

- | | |
|----|----------------------|
| 1 | Han |
| 2 | Indigenous peoples |
| 97 | Some other ethnicity |

VIETNAM

QETHVNM

- | | |
|----|----------------------|
| 1 | Vietnamese/Kinh |
| 97 | Some other ethnicity |

EDUCATION: QEDU____

HONG KONG

QEDUHKG

- 1 No formal schooling (Kindergarten)
- 2 Primary Education (Primary 1 to 6/Grade 1 to 6)
- 3 Lower secondary education (GCE N Level (Form 3))
- 4 Upper secondary education (GCE O Level (Form 5), GCE A Level (Form 7 in old structure), DSE Level (Form 6 in new structure), Diploma Yi Jin)
- 5 Diploma/Advanced certificate/ advanced diploma/DVE (non-tertiary)
- 6 Associate degree or equivalent vocational degree
- 7 University Degree (Bachelor's degree)
- 8 University Postgraduate Degree (Master's degree)
- 9 University Postgraduate Degree (Doctor's degree)

JAPAN

QEDUJPN

- 1 No formal schooling (Preschool or Kindergarten)
- 2 Elementary school
- 3 Lower secondary school
- 4 Upper secondary school
- 5 College of technology
- 6 Junior college (associate degree), special training college (diploma or advanced diploma)
- 7 Bachelor's degree
- 8 Master's degree or Juris Doctor
- 9 Doctor's degree

SOUTH KOREA

QEDUKOR

- 1 No formal schooling/kindergarten
- 2 Incomplete elementary education
- 3 Elementary school
- 4 Middle school
- 5 Vocational high school/Trade high school
- 6 General high school
- 7 Junior college, polytechnic college / associate's degree, college of taxation (2-3 years)
- 8 Bachelor's degree or Korean army (4-6 years)
- 9 Master's degree
- 10 Doctor's degree

TAIWAN

QEDUTWN

- 1 No formal education (Preschool or Kindergarten)
- 2 Incomplete primary education
- 3 Complete primary school
- 4 Lower secondary school (junior secondary school)
- 5 Secondary vocational school/technical secondary school
- 6 Senior high school
- 7 Junior college/Higher technical & vocational school
- 8 Bachelor (undergraduate)
- 9 Master
- 10 Doctor

VIETNAM

QEDUVNM

- 1 No formal schooling
- 2 Incomplete primary
- 3 Primary
- 4 Lower secondary education (Lower secondary education certificate)
- 5 Upper secondary, vocational (Vocational education certificate)
- 6 Upper secondary, general (Upper secondary education certificate)
- 7 Professional vocational secondary education diploma)
- 8 Diploma in vocational education
- 9 College diploma (in general education)
- 10 Bachelor's degree
- 11 Master's degree, Graduate diploma
- 12 Doctor's degree (Ph.D.)

AGE FOLLOW UP: QAGE_NR____

HONG KONG

QAGE_NRHKG

| | |
|---|-------|
| 1 | 18-24 |
| 2 | 25-34 |
| 3 | 35-44 |
| 4 | 45-54 |
| 5 | 55-64 |
| 6 | 65+ |

JAPAN

QAGE_NRJPN

| | |
|---|-------|
| 1 | 18-29 |
| 2 | 30-44 |
| 3 | 45-59 |
| 4 | 60-74 |
| 5 | 75+ |

SOUTH KOREA

QAGE_NRKOR

| | |
|---|-------|
| 1 | 18-24 |
| 2 | 25-34 |
| 3 | 35-44 |
| 4 | 45-54 |
| 5 | 55-64 |
| 6 | 65+ |

TAIWAN

QAGE_NRTWNrec

| | |
|---|-------|
| 1 | 18-29 |
| 2 | 30-44 |
| 3 | 45-59 |
| 4 | 60-74 |
| 5 | 75+ |

VIETNAM

QAGE_NRVNM

| | |
|---|-------|
| 1 | 18-24 |
| 2 | 25-34 |
| 3 | 35-44 |
| 4 | 45-54 |
| 5 | 55-64 |
| 6 | 65+ |

Vietnam Region Codes

VIETNAM

VietnamRegion

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Central Highlands |
| 2 | Mekong River Delta |
| 3 | Northern Central Area and Central Coastal Areas |
| 4 | Northern Midland and Mountain Areas |
| 5 | Red River Delta |
| 6 | Southeast |