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### 2015 U.S.-Japan Relations Final Questionnaire

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**Q1** What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of Japan? **[OPEN END. RECORD FIRST MENTION. PROBE ONCE ONLY IF RESPONDENT SAYS “DON’T KNOW”]**

1 [**ANSWER GIVEN]**

98 Don’t know (DO NOT READ)

99 Refused (DO NOT READ)

ASK ALL

**Q2** Generally speaking, how much do you think **[JAPAN: Japan / U.S.: the U.S**.] can trust **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE] –** a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? Would you say that the **[JAPAN: Japan / U.S.: the U.S**.] can trust **[ITEM]** a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all? And how about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY]**

1. [**JAPAN:** the United States / **U.S.:** Japan]
2. China
3. Australia
4. South Korea

1 A great deal

2 A fair amount

3 Not too much

4 Not at all

8 Don’t know (DO NOT READ)

9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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**Q3** Thinking of the overall U.S. relationship with Japan, in the future, would you like the U.S. to be closer to Japan, about as close to Japan or less close to Japan than it has been in recent years?

1 Closer to Japan

2 About as close to Japan

3 Less close to Japan

8 Don’t know (DO NOT READ)

9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

ASK ALL

**Q4** Which of these characteristics do you associate with **[JAPAN: the American people / U.S.: the Japanese people]**? The first is **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**. Do you associate this with **[JAPAN: the American people / U.S.: the Japanese people]** people or not? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY; IF RESPONDENT SAYS “IT DEPENDS” OR “SOME ARE,” PROBE ONCE WITH:** “Overall, do you associate this with the Japanese people or not?]

**a.** Honest

**b.** Inventive

**c.** Hardworking

**d.** Selfish

**e.** Aggressive

**f.** Intolerant

1 Yes, associate

2 No, do not associate

8 Don’t know (DO NOT READ)

9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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**Q5** I’m going to name some major companies, brands and people from Japan. The first is **[INSERT ITEM]**. Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable or very unfavorable? How about **[INSERT ITEM]**? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE.”]**

**a.** Toyota

**b.** Sony

**c.** Pokémon **[PRONOUNCED:** “PO-ke-mon”**]**

**d.** Ichiro Suzuki **[PRONOUNCED:** “Eh-CHEER-o Suh-ZOO-ki”**]**

**e. S**hinzo Abe **[PRONOUNCED:** “SHIN-zo Ah-BAY”**]**

**f.** Haruki Murakami **[PRONOUNCED:** “Hah-ROO-kee Mur-ah-KA-mee”**]**

**g.** Junichiro Koizumi **[PRONOUNCED:** “June-eh-CHEER-o Koi-ZOOM-ee”**]**

1 Very favorable

2 Mostly favorable

3 Mostly unfavorable

4 Very unfavorable

5 Never heard of (DO NOT READ)

6 Can’t rate (DO NOT READ)

9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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**Q6** I'm going to read a list of some countries where people might go on vacation. For each one, please tell me whether you, personally, would be very interested, somewhat interested or not at all interested in going there on vacation. The first is **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE A THROUGH C, ALWAYS ASK D LAST]**? Would you be very interested, somewhat interested or not at all interested in going to **[INSERT ITEM]**? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY]**

**RANDOMIZE A THROUGH C, ALWAYS ASK D LAST**

**a.** China

**b.** South Korea

**c.** Singapore

**d.** Japan

1 Very interested

2 Somewhat interested

3 Not at all interested

4 Already went to this country (DO NOT READ)

8 Don’t know (DO NOT READ)

9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

ASK ALL

**Q7** How do you get most of your news about international issues concerning **[JAPAN: the U.S. / U.S.: Japan**]? From **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

1 Television

2 Newspapers

3 Radio

4 Magazines

5 The internet

6 Other (DO NOT READ)

8 Don’t know (DO NOT READ)

9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

ASK ALL

**Q8** Is it more important for **[JAPAN: Japan / U.S.: the United States]** to have strong economic ties **[RANDOMIZE]** with China or with **[JAPAN: the United States / U.S.: Japan]**?

1 China

2 [JAPAN: the United States / U.S.: Japan]

3 Both (DO NOT READ)

4 Neither (DO NOT READ)

8 Don’t know (DO NOT READ)

9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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**Q9** Do you think Japan is a rising economic power, a declining economic power or is Japan’s economic power staying about the same relative to other countries?

1 Rising economic power

2 Declining economic power

3 Staying about the same

8 Don’t know (DO NOT READ)

9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

RANDOMIZE Q10 AND Q11.

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Q10 Do you think Japan has a fair trade policy or an unfair trade policy with the United States?

1 Fair

2 Unfair

3 Both (DO NOT READ)

4 U.S. unfair (DO NOT READ)

8 Don’t know (DO NOT READ)

9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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Q11 Do you think China has a fair trade policy or an unfair trade policy with the United States?

1 Fair

2 Unfair

3 Both (DO NOT READ)

4 U.S. unfair (DO NOT READ)

8 Don’t know (DO NOT READ)

9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

ASK ALL

**Q12** Some people say that Japan should play a more active military role in helping to maintain peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region. Other people say that, given its history, Japan should limit its military role in regional affairs. Which view is closer to your own?

1 Play a more active military role

2 Limit its military role

8 Don’t know (DO NOT READ)

9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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**Q13** Do you think that the rise of China as a military and economic power makes relations between the U.S. and Japan more important, less important or does it not make a difference?

1 More important

2 Less important

3 Makes no difference

8 Don’t know (DO NOT READ)

9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

ASK ALL

**Q14** As you think about relations between the United States and Japan over the last 75 years, which one of these events is most important in your opinion? **[READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]** World War II, the U.S.-Japan military alliance since World War II, the U.S.-Japan “trade wars” of the 1980s and early 1990s or the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan?

1 World War II

2 U.S.-Japan military alliance since World War II

3 U.S.-Japan “trade wars” of the 1980s and early 1990s

4 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan

5 None of the above (DO NOT READ)

8 Don’t know (DO NOT READ)

9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

ASK ALL

**Q15**  As you may know, the United States dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945 near the end of World War II. Looking back, would you say using the atomic bomb on Japanese cities in 1945 was justified or was it not justified?

1 Justified

2 Not justified

8 Don’t know (DO NOT READ)

9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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**Q16** Overall, do you think that **[INSERT ITEM]** has apologized sufficiently for its actions during World War II, that **[INSERT ITEM]** has not apologized sufficiently or do you think no apology is necessary?

1. Germany
2. Japan

1 Yes, has apologized sufficiently

2 No, has not apologized sufficiently

3 No apology necessary

8 Don’t know (DO NOT READ)

9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

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**Q17** How much, if anything, have you heard about **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE A THROUGH B, ALWAYS ASK C LAST]**? A lot, a little or nothing at all? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY**: How much have you heard about **[ITEM]**? A lot, a little or nothing at all?]

**RANDOMIZE A THROUGH B, ALWAYS ASK C LAST**

1. Territorial disputes between China and neighboring countries
2. North Korea's nuclear program
3. Tensions between Japan and South Korea over the issue of “comfort women” during World War II

1 A lot

2 A little

3 Nothing at all

8 Don’t know (DO NOT READ)

9 Refused (DO NOT READ)

**NOTE: See full dataset for demographic questions and response categories.**