Good morning / afternoon / evening, my name is [INTERVIEWER NAME]. I'm calling

from [LOCAL RESEARCH PARTNER] conducting research on media and politics for the Central Asian Barometer. I would like to request your participation in the survey. There are no right or wrong answers, we are interested only in your opinions. Participation in the survey and responses will be strictly

confidential in accordance with our professional standards. Do you have about 20

minutes to answer my questions?

**QUESTION DETERMINES IN WHICH LANGUAGE SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED**

1. Which language would you prefer to use to take this survey?
   1. Russian
   2. Kazakh

99. Don’t know

98. Refused to answer

THIS QUESTION IS ASKED OF ALL RESPONDENTS AND THEN USED AS FILTER FOR MANY OF THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW

1. Do you use the internet either on your phone, computer, or tablet?
   1. Yes
   2. No

99. Don’t know

98. Refused to answer

1. **What is your current age?**
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Write down)

99. Don’t know

98. Refused to answer

3a. (If 3 = 98, 99) To which age group do you belong?

(DO NOT READ, match the respondent's age to the age group; read in case of the respondent's refusal to specify the exact age)

1. Younger than 18 years old (End the interview)
2. 18 - 24
3. 25 - 34
4. 35 – 44
5. 45 – 54
6. 55 – 64
7. 65+

98. Refusal to answer (Do not read)

99. Do not know/Unable to answer (Do not read)

1. With which ethnic group do you think of yourself as?
   1. Kazakh
   2. Russian
   3. Uzbek
   4. Tajik
   5. Kyrgyz
   6. Other (WRITE\_DOWN)\_\_\_

99. Don’t know

98. Refused to answer

1. Do you live in a city or a village?
   1. In a city
   2. In a village

98. Refusal to answer (Do not read)

99. Do not know/Unable to answer (Do not read)

5a) (If 5=1) In which city do you live?

1.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Write down) – Далее отсортировать по City of regional significance/City of republican significance)

1. Gender (determined by the interviewer)
   1. Female
   2. Male

99. Don’t know

98. Refused to answer

1. What is the highest level of education that you have obtained?

1. No education

2. Primary education (4 years)

3. Basic secondary education (9 years)

4. General secondary education (11-12 years)

5. Complete vocational education (professional lyceum, technical school, college)

6. Incomplete higher education (3 courses or more)

7. Complete higher education (completed bachelor's, master's, etc.)

99. Don’t know

98. Refused to answer

1. **What is the average monthly income earned or received by all members of your household?**

1. Less than 70,001 tenge

2. 70,001 - 150,000 tenge

3. 150,001 – 200,000 tenge

4. 200,001 –250,000 tenge

5. 250,001 – 300,000 tenge

6. 300,001 – 350,000 tenge

7. 350,001 – 400,000 tenge

8. 400,001 – 450,000 tenge

9. 450,001 – 500,000 tenge

10. 500,001 – 550,000 tenge

11. 550,001 – 600,000 tenge

12. More than 600,000 tenge

98. Refusal to answer (Do not read)

99. Do not know/Unable to answer (Do not read)

1. **How interested are you in politics?**
2. Very interested
3. Somewhat interested
4. Somewhat uninterested
5. Very uninterested
6. Don’t know
7. Refused to answer
8. **(If 9 ≠ 4) How often do you discuss politics with friends and family?**
   1. A few times a day
   2. Once a day
   3. Three to five days a week
   4. Once a week
   5. Less often than once a week
   6. Never

99. Don’t know

1. Refused to answer
2. **(If 9 ≠ 4) (If 10 ≠ 6) How often do you disagree with friends and family when you have political discussions?**
   1. Most of the time
   2. Some of the time
   3. Rarely
   4. Never
3. Don’t know
4. Refused to answer
5. **How much trust do you have in the following institutions?**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A Great Deal | Quite a Lot of Trust | Not Very Much Trust | None at all | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| A) Central Government | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| B) Authorities of your village/city | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| C) The Russian Government | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| D) The US Government | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| E) The Chinese Government | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| F) European Union | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |

1. **In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing our country today? (OPEN-ENDED WITH PRE-CODES. DO NOT READ LIST. Accept up to TWO mentions.)**

**13a.First Mention: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**13b. Second Mention: \_\_\_\_\_**

* 1. Political instability
  2. Unemployment
  3. Inflation / Prices
  4. Wages / pensions
  5. Taxes
  6. Access to basic needs (food, electricity, medicine, etc.)
  7. General economic situation
  8. Deterioration of the quality and access to education
  9. Construction of houses/residential premises
  10. Terrorism
  11. War /conflict in other countries
  12. Increase in crime / violence / concerns about personal safety
  13. Corruption
  14. Lack of opportunities
  15. Discrimination / ethnic or religious tensions
  16. Infrastructure
  17. Deterioration of the environment
  18. Unresolved territorial conflicts
  19. Emigration (people leave Kyrgyzstan)

93. (For Q13b) No second mention

94. Other (specify: \_\_)

98. Refused (vol.)

99. Don’t Know (vol.)

1. **How strongly you agree or disagree using the following statements**?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree | Somewhat agree | Neither disagree nor agree | Somewhat disagree | Strongly disagree | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| A) In general, our system of government is capable of solving the problems our country faces. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| B) I’m proud of our system of government. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| C) A system like ours, even if it runs into problems, deserves the people’s support. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| D) I would rather live under our system of government than any other that I can think of. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| E) There are too many rules against participating in political activities in INSERT COUNTRY. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |

1. Could you please tell me which of the following you have done in the past 12 months?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| A) Attended a political rally or speech? | 1 | 2 | 99 | 98 |
| B) Attended an organized protest of any kind? | 1 | 2 | 99 | 98 |
| C) Attended a political meeting on local or city level? | 1 | 2 | 99 | 98 |
| D) Worked or volunteered for a political leader? | 1 | 2 | 99 | 98 |
| E) Been an active member of any group that tries to influence public policy or government (for example, been a member of local and/or public organization, not including a political party)? | 1 | 2 | 99 | 98 |
| F) Worked with fellow citizens to solve a problem in your community? | 1 | 2 | 99 | 98 |
| G) Contacted or written to local officials? | 1 | 2 | 99 | 98 |

1. **Did you vote in the most recent election (any election of members of local or central government)?**
2. Yes
3. No

99. Don’t know

98. Refused to answer

1. If we assume that the following institutions may track your online activity and possess personal data about you, how comfortable would you be with this idea? Please rate on a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means "not comfortable at all," and 5 means "very comfortable."

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 1 not comfortable at all | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 **'very comfortable'** | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| A) Central Government |  |  |  |  |  | 99 | 98 |
| B) Local Government |  |  |  |  |  | 99 | 98 |
| C) Private Companies |  |  |  |  |  | 99 | 98 |

2. **How strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements about our country?**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree | Somewhat agree | Neither disagree nor agree | Somewhat disagree | Strongly disagree | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| A) People get to choose government leaders in free and fair elections. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| B) People are free to express their political views openly. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| C) The parliament has oversight over the government. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| D) People are free to organize political groups. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| E) Media is free to criticize the things government does. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| F) Multiple parties compete fairly in the election. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| G) People have the freedom to take part in protests and demonstrations. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| H) The court protects the ordinary people from the officials abusing government power. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |

1. **~~----~~**
2. (if 2=1) Do you use social media or messengers?  
     
   1. Yes  
   2. No  
   98. Refusal to answer (Do not read)  
   99. Do not know/Unable to answer (Do not read)"
3. (if 22=1) Could you please tell me if you use the following social media? If yes - how many hours a day do you spend using them?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Don’t use this social media (do not read out) | 0-1 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-4 | 4-5 | 5-6 | 6-7 | 7-8 | 8-9 | More than 9 | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| A) Facebook |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 99 | 98 |
| B) VKontakte |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 99 | 98 |
| C) Instagram |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 99 | 98 |
| D) TikTok |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 99 | 98 |
| E) Twitter |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 99 | 98 |
| F) YouTube |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 99 | 98 |
| G) WhatsApp |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 99 | 98 |
| H) Telegram |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 99 | 98 |

1. Please tell me how often you get news about political events from the following sources?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A few times a day | Once a day | Three to five days a week | Once a week | Less often than once a week | Never | Don’t use/watch this source | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| A) Television |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 99 | 98 |
| B) Facebook (/If 22  = 1 and 23А≠1/) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 99 | 98 |
| C) VKontakte (/If 22  = 1 and 23B≠1/) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 99 | 98 |
| D) TikTok (/If 22  = 1 and 23D≠1/) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 99 | 98 |
| E) Twitter (/If 22  = 1 and 23E≠1/) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 99 | 98 |
| F) Odnoklassniki (/If 22 = 1/) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 99 | 98 |

HALF OF THE RESPONDENTS SHOULD BE RANDOMLY ASSIGNED THIS FIRST BLOCK OF QUESTIONS AND THE OTHER HALF RANDOMLY ASSIGNED TO THE SECOND BLOCK BELOW.

1. I'll read out a list of news sources. For each, please tell me how trustworthy you think they are:

First Block for Random Assignment

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very trustworthy | Somewhat trustworthy | Somewhat untrustworthy | Very untrustworthy | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| A) VKontakte (/If 22  = 1 and 23B≠1/) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| B) Russian state television channels | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| C) [Country name]’s state television channels | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| D) Western Media | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| E) Facebook (/If 22  = 1 and 23А≠1/) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| F) Internet in General | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |

Second Block for Random Assignment

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very trustworthy | Somewhat trustworthy | Somewhat untrustworthy | Very untrustworthy | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| A) Internet in General | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| B) Facebook (/If 22  = 1 and 23А≠1/) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| C) Western Media | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| D) [Country name]’s state television channels | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| E) Russian state television channels | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| F) VKontakte (/If 22 = 1 and 23B≠1/) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |

1. Which sources do you get news from?
   1. Only from traditional sources like television/newspapers/radio.
   2. Mostly from television/newspapers/radio but some from the internet/social media.
   3. From an equal balance of television/newspapers/radio and the internet/social media.
   4. Mostly from social media but some from television/newspapers/radio.
   5. Only from the internet/social media.

99. Don’t know

98. Refused to answer

1. (If 22=1) How often do you see the following stories on social media?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very often | Rather often | Occasionally | Never | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| A) That are critical of local government or local government officials? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| B) That are critical of the central government or central government officials? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| C) That are positive about local government or local government officials? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| D) That are positive about the central government or central government officials? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |

1. How often do you see the following stories on television?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very often | Rather often | Occasionally | Never | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| A) That are critical of local government or local government officials? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| B) That are critical of the central government or central government officials? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |

1. (If 22=1) How often do you see (clickable) links on social media to:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Almost everyday | About once a week | A few times a month | About once a month | Never | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| A) news stories of state media? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| B) news stories from Russian news outlets/media? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |

1. How would you say the increased use of artificial intelligence computer programs in daily life makes you feel?
2. More excited than concerned
3. Equally concerned and excited
4. More concerned than excited
5. I don’t know what artificial intelligence is (Do not read out)
6. Don’t know
7. Refused to answer
8. (If 22=1) ) **If you had to guess, what hat percentage of your friends on social media shares your political opinions?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 0-100 (Write down)

99. Don’t know

98. Refused to answer

1. (If 2=1) **Have you ever heard of or seen posts on social media from paid online government posters?**
   1. I never heard of them
   2. I’ve heard of them, but I haven’t seen any posts from them
   3. I think I’ve seen posts from them

99. Don’t know

98. Refused to answer

1. **/If 2=1, 32≠ 1, 98, 99/ Regarding online posts, what percentage of comments would you estimate are posted by users paid by the government to post their views?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Percentage(Write down)

99. Don’t know

98. Refused to answer

1. **(If 2=1) Do you ever use a proxy or VPN (virtual private network) to access blocked websites or other blocked internet services?**
   1. Yes
   2. No

99. Don’t know

98. Refused to answer

1. **(IF 22=1) Please tell me how frequently you've performed the following actions on your most used social media account in the past 6 months?**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Often | Sometimes | Very rarely | Never | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| A) Hiding or blocking someone’s comments or posts on social media because of his or her political viewpoints? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| B) Unfriending or unfollowing some friends because of political viewpoints? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| C) Leaving or opting out from an online group for political reasons? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| D) Unsubscribing from public social media pages because of their political viewpoints? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |

1. **(IF 22=1) How frequently do you encounter disagreement about the following topics on your most used social media?**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Often | Sometimes | Very rarely | Never | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| A) Politics? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| B) News or current events? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |
| C) Public or community issues? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 |

1. **(IF 22=1) What’s your best guess of how many people you regularly read political posts from on social media?**
   1. 1-2
   2. 3-5
   3. 6-8
   4. 8-12
   5. More than 12
   6. No one’s posts (do not read out)

99. Don’t know

98. Refused to answer

1. **(IF 22=1)** How often do you perform the following actions on social media?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A few times a day | Once a day | Several times a week | Once a week | Less often | Never | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| A) Engage with political posts on social media from the people you see the most political posts from? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |  |  | 99 | 98 |
| B) Engage with political posts on social media from groups or organizations? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |  |  | 99 | 98 |
| C) Post about politics on social media? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 | 1 | 2 |
| D) Post political comments or news that is critical of the state? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 | 1 | 2 |
| E) Post political comments or news that is supportive of the state? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 | 1 | 2 |
| F) Talk to friends and family offline about the political information you see on social media? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 99 | 98 | 1 | 2 |

1. **I'll read out a list of countries. For each, please tell me how your opinion of them changed after the conflict in Ukraine began using the following options:**

Your opinion of:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Significantly more favorable | Somewhat more favorable | Unchanged | Somewhat more unfavorable | Significantly more unfavorable | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| A) China has become | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| B) Russia has become | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| C) the United States has become | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |  |

1. I'll read out a series of statements about the conflict in Ukraine. Please tell me how strongly you agree or disagree with each of them.

(If asked, the West should be explained as NATO countries, European Union (do not read out)).

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree | Somewhat agree | Neither disagree nor agree | Somewhat disagree | Strongly disagree | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| B) I pay close attention to the conflict in Ukraine. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| C) Russia is responsible for the conflict Ukraine. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| D) Ukraine is responsible for the conflict Ukraine. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| E) The US and the West are responsible for the conflict in Ukraine. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |

**Conclusion**  
  
The survey is complete, thank you very much for your participation.  
Wishing you a good day/evening. Goodbye!