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?

In case of completing the survey in full, you will receive a reward of 100 som credited to your mobile phone account.

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

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

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 …**
2. Less than 5000 som
3. 5,001 – 10,000 som
4. 10,001 – 15,000 som
5. 15,001 – 20,000 som
6. 20,001 – 30,000 som
7. 30,001 – 40,000 som
8. 40,001 – 50,000 som
9. More than 50,000 som

98. Refusal to answer (Do not read)

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

1. How informed are you about politics in Tajikistan? (Read the options, choose one answer)
2. Very informed
3. Somewhat informed
4. Somewhat uninformed
5. Very uninformed
6. Don’t know
7. Refused to answer
8. **Do you discuss politics with friends and family?**
   1. Yes
   2. No

99. Don’t know

1. Refused to answer

10b. (If Q10a=1) 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 10b ≠ 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 |
| 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 |

12a. How much do you agree with the policies of the central government? (Show cards)

1. Completely agree
2. Rather agree
3. Neither agree or disagree
4. Rather disagree
5. Completely disagree

99. Don’t know

98. Refused to answer

12b. How much do you agree with the policies of the authorities of your village/city? (Show cards)

1. Completely agree
2. Rather agree
3. Neither agree or disagree
4. Rather disagree
5. Completely disagree

99. Don’t know

98. Refused to answer

1. **In your opinion, what are the most important problems 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 Tajikistan)

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 state is capable of solving the problems our country faces. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| B) I’m proud of our country. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| C) The state needs people’s support. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| D) I would rather live in my homeland than emigrate to another country. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| E) In our country, everyone can participate in the public activities of the 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 |
| C) Attended a political meeting on local or city level? | 1 | 2 | 99 | 98 |
| D) Volunteered or worked for payment in political programs? | 1 | 2 | 99 | 98 |
| E) Do you participate in addressing public issues (environmental problems, assistance to low-income families)? | 1 | 2 | 99 | 98 |
| F) Worked with fellow citizens to address public issues? | 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. **----**
2. 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 |

1. How much do you agree that the population should have more opportunities to participate in decision-making in our country?

1. Completely agree

2.\_\_\_\_\_\_

3.\_\_\_\_\_\_

4.\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Completely disagree

99. Don’t know

98. Refused to answer

1. **How strongly you agree 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 their leaders | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| E) Journalists can freely cover the events in the country. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |

1. How satisfied are you with the opportunities for the population of our country to participate in decision-making? [TO BE ASKED AFTER QUESTION #19]

1. Completely satisfied

2. Rather satisfied

3. Rather dissatisfied

4. Completely dissatisfied

99. Don’t know

98. Refused to answer

1. (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)"
2. (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 |

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

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

Your opinion of:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Neither favorable nor unfavorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| A) China is | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| B) Russia is | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| C) the United States is | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |  |

39b. Please tell us what was your opinion of these countries 2-3 years ago.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Neither favorable nor unfavorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | Don’t know | Refusal to answer |
| A) China | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| B) Russia | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 99 | 98 |
| C) the United States | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |  |