Preliminary Information

*[Interviewer: the answers to these questions must remain **strictly confidential**. Only enter the respondent's number and primary sampling unit. Please **do not** identify the respondent by name or address anywhere on this form.]*

v1	Respondent number	_____
v2	Interviewer number	_____
v3	District	_____
v4	Date	_____
v5	Sex	_____

Background Information

v6	Before we get started, let me ask you if you or a member of your family has ever participated in a survey before. Some people have never taken one before, and other people have been contacted by the United Nations, or one of the aid agencies, or by journalists, or by a university. How about your family: how many surveys have you or a family member participated in before this one?	_____
v7	How old are you?	_____

v8 What is the highest level of education you have reached?

1: Illiterate	2: Finished primary school	3: Finished middle school
4: Finished secondary school	5: Some university	6: Bachelor's degree
7: Master's degree or higher	8: Vocational/Technical training	-99: *(No Answer)*

v10	Before the conflict broke out, how many family members lived with you in your home back in Syria?	_____
v11	And how many bedrooms were there in your home?	_____
v12	These days, how many family members live with you in your home here in [Lebanon/Jordan]?	_____
v13	How many bedrooms are there in your home here? *[Interviewer: if respondent lives in a one-room tent or caravan, do not ask this question and record the answer as "0"]*	_____

v15	What province in Syria are you from?			
1 Daraa	2 Quneitra	3 al-Suwayda	4 Dimashq	5 Rif Dimashq
6 Homs	7 Hama	8 Tartus	9 Latakia	10 Idlib
11 Halab	12 al-Raqqa	13 Deir al-Zour	14 al-Hasaka	-99 (No Answer)

What languages do you speak? Do you speak them comfortably, with difficulty, or not at all? *[Interviewer: mark answers like "just a few words" as "Not at All."]*

		Comfort-ably	With Difficulty	Not at All	*(Don't Know)*	*(No Answer)*
v19a	Arabic	3	2	1	-98	-99
...b	Kurdish	3	2	1	-98	-99
...c	Armenian	3	2	1	-98	-99
...d	A western language like English or French	3	2	1	-98	-99
...e	Another language I haven't mentioned	3	2	1	-98	-99

v20 What language do you normally speak at home with your family?

1: Arabic	2: Kurdish	3: Armenian	4: Other	-99: *(No Answer)*

v21 What is your religious denomination?

1: Sunni	2: Shia	3: Alawi	4: Druze
5: Ismaili	6: Orthodox Christian	7: Catholic Christian	8: Syriac Christian
9: Armenian Christian	10: Other Christian	11: Other	-99: *(No Answer)*

v22 How often do you pray?

5: Several times a day	4: Once or twice a day	3: Once a week
2: Only on religious holidays	1: Rarely/Never	-99: *(No Answer)*

v23 How often do you read the Quran/Bible?

5: Several times a day	4: Once or twice a day	3: Once a week
2: Only on religious holidays	1: Rarely/Never	-99: *(No Answer)*

In your judgment, how important a role should religion play in each of the following areas of public life?

		Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very important	Not important at all	*(Don't Know)*	*(No Answer)*
v24a	Economic and commercial affairs	4	3	2	1	-98	-99
...b	Political and administrative affairs	4	3	2	1	-98	-99
...c	Criminal proceedings and punishment	4	3	2	1	-98	-99
...d	Marriage and divorce	4	3	2	1	-98	-99

Interest in Public Affairs

v25	Generally speaking, how interested would you say you are in politics?		
	1: Very interested	2: Somewhat interested	3: A little interested
	4: Not interested	-98: *(Don't Know)*	-99: *(No Answer)*

v26	Let me ask you about how difficult you think it is for people like you to understand Syrian politics. I will read you two statements: please tell me which one you agree with more. Do you agree strongly or just somewhat?	Agree Strongly	Agree Somewhat
Political life is often difficult for someone like you to understand.		1	2
You usually have a good understanding of what's going on in Syrian politics.		5	4
	3: (Not agree with either statement) [Do not read]	-98: *(Don't Know)*	-99: *(No Answer)*

It is sometimes difficult for people to keep up with the changes in Syrian public affairs. Most people don't know the answers to all of these questions, but even if you're not sure what the answer is, just tell me your best guess.

v27a	Who is the government's foreign minister?	1: Faysal Muqdad	2: Walid al-Mouallem	3: Buthayna Sha'aban	-98: *(Don't Know)*	-99: *(No Answer)*
...c	According to the current constitution, how long are Syria's presidential terms?	5 years	6 years	7 years	-98: *(Don't Know)*	-99: *(No Answer)*
...d	How many seats are there in the Syrian parliament?	200	250	300	*Don't w)*	-99: *(No Answer)*
...e	Where did the first revolution of the Arab Spring happen?	1: Egypt	2: Tunisia	3: Syria	-98: *(Don't Know)*	-99: *(No Answer)*

Political Preferences

I'm going to read you a list of some of the groups fighting in the conflict right now. In general, with which one do you sympathize most? How about second-most? And how about third-most? *[Interviewer: read the full list and then mark the rank order of the top three]*

v28a	Free Syrian Army	_____	-97: *(Not Mentioned)*	-98: *(Don't Know)*	-99: *(No Answer)*
...b	Syrian government	_____	-97: *(Not Mentioned)*	-98: *(Don't Know)*	-99: *(No Answer)*
...c	Syrian Islamist groups	_____	-97: *(Not Mentioned)*	-98: *(Don't Know)*	-99: *(No Answer)*
...d	Foreign Islamist groups	_____	-97: *(Not Mentioned)*	-98: *(Don't Know)*	-99: *(No Answer)*
...e	Kurdish groups	_____	-97: *(Not Mentioned)*	-98: *(Don't Know)*	-99: *(No Answer)*
...f	Hizballah	_____	-97: *(Not Mentioned)*	-98: *(Don't Know)*	-99: *(No Answer)*

Experiment Module 1: Description of the Conflict

*[Interviewer: Respondents are **randomly assigned** to different question prompts. Please consult your list of random numbers to determine which prompt to read to each respondent.]*

v30	Treatment group (use random number table)										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

If group 1, read:	People have explained the Syrian conflict to us in a number of different ways.
If group 2, read:	People have explained the Syrian conflict to us in a number of different ways. For example, many people have described it as a conflict between Sunnis and Alawis.
If group 3, read:	People have explained the Syrian conflict to us in a number of different ways. For example, a few people have described it as a conflict between Sunnis and Alawis.
If group 4, read:	People have explained the Syrian conflict to us in a number of different ways. For example, many people have described it as a conflict between democracy and dictatorship.
If group 5, read:	People have explained the Syrian conflict to us in a number of different ways. For example, many people have described it as a conflict between religion and secularism.
If group 6, read:	People have explained the Syrian conflict to us in a number of different ways. For example, many people have described it as a conflict between foreign forces fought on Syrian soil.
If group 7, read:	People have explained the Syrian conflict to us in a number of different ways. For example, many people have described it as a conflict between Sunnis and Alawis, and a few people have described it as a conflict between democracy and dictatorship.
If group 8, read:	People have explained the Syrian conflict to us in a number of different ways. For example, many people have described it as a conflict between Sunnis and Alawis, and a few people have described it as a conflict between religion and secularism.
If group 9, read:	People have explained the Syrian conflict to us in a number of different ways. For example, many people have described it as a conflict between Sunnis and Alawis, and a few people have described it as a conflict between foreign forces fought on Syrian soil.
If group 10, read:	People have explained the Syrian conflict to us in a number of different ways. For example, many people have described it as a conflict between democracy and dictatorship, and a few people have described it as a conflict between Sunnis and Alawis.
If group 11, read:	People have explained the Syrian conflict to us in a number of different ways. For example, many people have described it as a conflict between religion and secularism, and

	a few people have described it as a conflict between Sunnis and Alawis.
If group 12, read:	People have explained the Syrian conflict to us in a number of different ways. For example, many people have described it as a conflict between foreign forces fought on Syrian soil, and a few people have described it as a conflict between Sunnis and Alawis.

v32	We have spoken to many Syrians and they have all described themselves in different ways. Some people describe themselves in terms of their origins, such as being Arab or Kurdish, their religion, such as being Christian or Druze, or in economic terms, such as being from the middle class or a farmer. *Besides being a citizen of Syria*, which specific group do you feel you belong to first and foremost? *[Interviewer: record the respondent's answer and, if it fits into one of the categories, mark it as well]*				
...a	*[Record respondent's answer]:*				
...b	*[Mark answer category]:*				
1: Only Syrian	2: Race/Ethnicity (Arab, Kurd, Armenian, etc.)	3: Religion (Muslim or Christian)	4: Sect (Sunni, Alawi, Orthodox, etc.)	5: Tribe	

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6: Class (Working Class, Middle Class, etc.)	7: Job (Farmer, Doctor, etc.)	8: Other	-98: *(Don't Know)*	-99: *(No Answer)*