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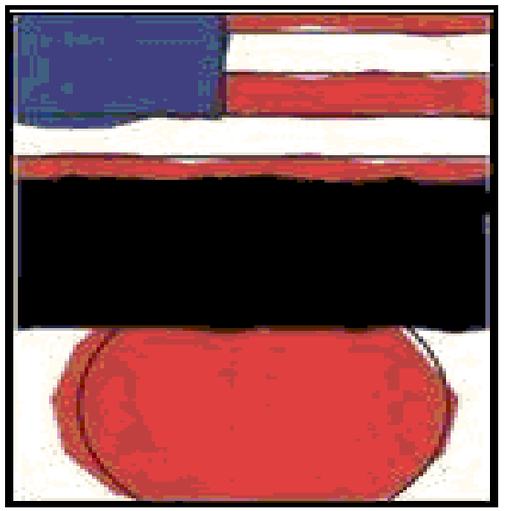

***A Comparative Study of the American & Japanese Citizenry***

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**Q1. In general, do you think that compared to twenty-five years ago there is less risk in the world today, more risk, or about the same amount of risk as then?**

- ☐ Less risk
- ☐ More risk
- ☐ About the same amount of risk

**Q2. Please indicate how concerned you are about the following...**

| | Very Concerned ▼ | Somewhat Concerned ▼ | A Little Concerned ▼ | Not Concerned ▼ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Being a victim of terrorism | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Being a victim of crime | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Being a victim of a natural disaster | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Losing your job to a lower paid worker | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Losing your job to an overseas competitor | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

**Q3. Please indicate *how much of a threat* you believe the following are to the United States.**

| | A Large Threat ▼ | Somewhat of a Threat ▼ | A Small Threat ▼ | Not a Threat ▼ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| A major economic crisis | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Immigration | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Government becoming too powerful | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| The US being attacked | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Crime | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Lack of respect for the law | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

**Q4. Please indicate *how much of a threat* you believe the following are to world stability.**

| | A Large Threat ▼ | Somewhat of a Threat ▼ | A Small Threat ▼ | Not a Threat ▼ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Global economic crisis | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Major wars | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Global warming | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Population growth | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Religious fanaticism | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Weapons of mass destruction | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

**Q5. Overall, would you say that science and technology do more good than harm, more harm than good, or about the same of each?**

- ☐ More good than harm
- ☐ More harm than good
- ☐ About the same of each



**Q52. Which income category does your household fall into *(net income, before taxes, and other deductions)*?**

- ☐ Less than $20,000
- ☐ $20,000 to $39,999
- ☐ $40,000 to $59,999
- ☐ $60,000 to $79,999
- ☐ $80,000 to $99,999
- ☐ $100,000 or more

**Q53. Are you currently....?**

- ☐ Employed full time
- ☐ Employed part time
- ☐ Homemaker
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Permanently Disabled
- ☐ Unemployed →

**Q53A. If so, how long have you been unemployed?_____**

**Q54. Which category best describes you main occupation?**

- ☐ Armed Forces
- ☐ Corporate or General Manager
- ☐ Professional
- ☐ Technician
- ☐ Clerk
- ☐ Service Worker
- ☐ Skilled Agricultural and Fishery worker
- ☐ Craft and Related Trade worker
- ☐ Plant and Machine operator

- ☐ Other _____

**Q55. As you know, there are significant differences between companies that have moved jobs overseas, those that are subject to intense competition, and those that are fairly sheltered from the effects of globalization. We believe industry makes a difference. It would greatly help our research if you could provide the name of the company, organization, or institution that employs you. (If you are unemployed, could you provide the name of your former place of work?)**

**Company, Organization, or Institution _____**

***(All of your answers are confidential and you will never be identified or identifiable. Moreover, we will never have any contact with an organization whose name you provide.)***

**Q45. In your life, would you say religion is....**

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not very important
- ☐ Not important at all

**Q46. Regardless of whether you now attend any religious services, do you ever think of yourself as a part of a particular faith or denomination?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**Q46A. If so, what faith or denomination is that?_____**

**Q47. What is your age?**

_____Years

**Q48. What is your gender?**

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male

**Q49. What was the last year of school you completed?**

- ☐ Eighth grade or less
- ☐ Some high school
- ☐ High school graduate
- ☐ Some college
- ☐ College graduate
- ☐ Post graduate

**Q50. Are you currently...?**

- ☐ Married
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Separated
- ☐ Never married
- ☐ Partnered, not married

**Q51. What race(s) do you consider yourself to be? *(Please check all that apply.)***

- ☐ White
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native American or American Indian
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Some other race _____



**Q6. Some people believe protection of the environment should be given priority, even at the risk of curbing economic growth. Others believe economic growth should be given priority, even if the environment suffers to some extent. With which one of these statements do you most agree?**

- ☐ Protection of the environment should be given priority.
- ☐ Economic growth should be given priority.
- ☐ No opinion

**Q7. Which statement comes closer to your opinion?**

- ☐ "In times of war or crisis the U.S. news media have an obligation to be supportive of our nation's leaders."
- ☐ "In times of war or crisis the U.S. news media have an obligation to raise tough questions about the challenges facing the nation."
- ☐ No opinion

**Q8. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statement...**

**"In times of war or crisis, we should support our nation's leaders even if we don't agree with their policies."**

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

**Q9. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statement...**

**"In times of war or crisis, citizens should be willing to give up some freedoms so that our nation's leaders can provide better security for our country."**

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

**Q10. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statement...**

**"Schools should teach children to respect the national flag."**

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

**Q11. In general, how justified is a country going to war under the following circumstances?**

| | Very Justified ▼ | Somewhat Justified ▼ | Not Very Justified ▼ | Not at all Justified ▼ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| To prevent human rights abuses in other countries | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| To prevent genocide in another country | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| To acquire scarce resources vital to one's country | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| When threatened by a hostile power | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| When attacked | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| When another country is suspected of harboring terrorists | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

**Q12. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree that the following would result in more peace in the world today.**

| | Strongly Agree ▼ | Somewhat Agree ▼ | Somewhat Disagree ▼ | Strongly Disagree ▼ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Promoting democracy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Reducing global inequality | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Countries putting aside national interests to cooperate | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Promoting cultural understanding | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Pursuing disarmament | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Countries having strong defense capabilities | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Promoting free trade | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

**Q13. Given human nature, which one of the following statements most closely represents your view of war?**

☐ "Wars are inevitable."

☐ "Wars can be avoided through more cooperation and understanding."

**Q14. Would you say that any of the political parties in the U.S. represent your views reasonably well?**

☐ Yes
☐ No

**Q14A. Which party best represents your views?** _____

**Q15. In politics people sometimes talk of left and right. Where would you place yourself on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means the left and ten means the right? *(Please circle.)***

LEFT RIGHT
0----------1----------2----------3----------4----------5----------6----------7----------8----------9----------10



**Q39. Please circle the number of organizations or groups you are a member of.**

| | Number of Organizations ▼ | Number of Organizations ▼ | Number of Organizations ▼ | Number of Organizations ▼ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Church or religious organization | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 or more |
| Sport or recreation organization | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 or more |
| Art, music, or educational organization | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 or more |
| Labor union | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 or more |
| Environmental organization | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 or more |
| Professional association | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 or more |
| Charitable organization | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 or more |
| Peace organization | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 or more |
| Any other voluntary organization | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 or more |

**Q40. Have you ever lived, worked, studied, or served in the U.S. military in another country *(please check all that apply)*?**

☐ Lived in another country
☐ Worked in another country
☐ Studied in another country
☐ U.S. military service in another country

☐ None of the above

**Q41. Do you have a current passport?**

☐ Yes
☐ No

**Q42. How long have you been outside the United States in the last five years *(please provide your best estimate)*?**

☐ Not outside country in last 5 years

☐ 1-10 days
☐ More than 10 days but less than 5 weeks
☐ More than 5 weeks, but less than 6 months
☐ More than 6 months, but less than 2 years
☐ More than 2 years

**Q43. Do you have close personal friends whose first language is something other than English?**

☐ Yes
☐ No

**Q44. Do you have co-workers or acquaintances whose first language is something other than English?**

☐ Yes
☐ No

**Q34. From your point of view, how desirable is it that the United States exert strong leadership in world affairs?**

- ☐ Very desirable
- ☐ Somewhat desirable
- ☐ Somewhat undesirable
- ☐ Very undesirable

**Q35. Which two of the following are the *most* effective ways the United States can deal with international terrorism? *(Please indicate both your first and second choice.)***

| | 1st choice | 2nd choice |
|---|---|---|
| Military intervention in other countries | _____ | _____ |
| Economic intervention in other countries | _____ | _____ |
| Creating new alliances using diplomacy | _____ | _____ |
| Working through the United Nations | _____ | _____ |

***The next three questions ask you about political leaders and international issues. Many people are unsure of the correct answers. Please just answer these questions off the top of your head.***

**Q36. The headquarters of the United Nations is in which country?**

- ☐ Belgium
- ☐ United States
- ☐ France
- ☐ Austria

☐ Don't Know

**Q37. The Prime Minister of Great Britain is....?**

- ☐ Paul Martin
- ☐ Gordon Brown
- ☐ Tony Blair
- ☐ Peter Soulsby

☐ Don't Know

**Q38. The Secretary General of the United Nations is....?**

- ☐ Jacques Chirac
- ☐ Kofi Annan
- ☐ Butros Butros Ghali
- ☐ Marek Belka

☐ Don't Know



**Q16. How many days in the past week did you watch the national network news (ABC, CBS, NBC) on TV?**

_____ Days last week

**Q17. How many days in the past week did you watch local TV news shows such as "Eyewitness News" or "Action News"?**

_____ Days last week

**Q18. How many days in the past week did you watch news on cable TV (CNN, FOX News, MSNBC)?**

_____ Days last week

**Q19. How many days in the past week did you read a daily newspaper?**

_____ Days last week

**Q20. How many days in the past week did you read news on the internet?**

_____ Days last week

**Q21. How many days in the past week did you listen to news on the radio?**

_____ Days last week

**Q22. How much attention do you pay to news about the following things?**

| | A Great Deal ▼ | Some ▼ | Very Little ▼ | None ▼ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sports | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Politics in your country | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Entertainment/movies/television | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Events in other countries | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Economic/ business news | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

**Q23. Some people feel that immigration enriches our society through cultural diversity. Suppose these people are at one end of the scale, at point 1. Others feel that immigration threatens to undermine our national identity. Suppose these people are at the other end, at point 7.**

**Which is closer to the way you feel?....*(Please circle the number on the scale below.)***

1----------2----------3----------4----------5----------6----------7

Immigration enriches our society

Immigration threatens our national identity

**Q24. Some people believe that we should spend much less money for defense. Suppose these people are at one end of a scale, at point 1. Others feel that defense spending should be greatly increased. Suppose these people are at the other end, at point 7.**

**Which is closer to the way you feel?....*(Please circle the number on the scale below.)***

1----------2----------3----------4----------5----------6----------7

Greatly Decrease Defense Spending — Greatly Increase Defense Spending

**Q25. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right?**

- ☐ Just about always
- ☐ Most of the time
- ☐ Some of the time
- ☐ Hardly ever

**Q26. The next set of questions ask you about your opinion of some different institutions. Please tell us how much confidence you have in each.**

| | A Great Deal ▼ | Some ▼ | Very Little ▼ | None ▼ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Church or organized religion | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Public schools | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| The Supreme Court | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Congress | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Organized labor | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Major companies | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| The military | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Medicine | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| The media | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| The scientific community | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| The United Nations | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Other international organizations | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

**Q27. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?**

- ☐ Most people can be trusted
- ☐ You can't be too careful

**Q28. Please indicate how much you agree with the following statement...**

**"I am interested in the cultures of other countries."**

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree



**Q29. How patriotic are you?**

- ☐ Extremely patriotic
- ☐ Very patriotic
- ☐ Somewhat patriotic
- ☐ Not very patriotic

**Q30. There is a lot of talk these days about the most important goals for the nation over the next ten to fifteen years. Listed below are some of the goals that people say should be given top priority. Which two of the following things would you say are *most* important? *(Please indicate both your first and second choice.)***

| | 1st choice | 2nd choice |
|---|---|---|
| Maintaining order in the nation | _____ | _____ |
| Giving people more say in important government decisions | _____ | _____ |
| Fighting rising prices | _____ | _____ |
| Protecting freedom of speech | _____ | _____ |

**Q31. Some people believe that we should spend much less money for development aid to other countries. Suppose these people are at one end of a scale, at point 1. Others feel that development aid should be greatly increased. Suppose these people are at the other end, at point 7.**

**Which is closer to the way you feel?....*(Please circle the number on the scale below.)***

1----------2----------3----------4----------5----------6----------7

Greatly Decrease Development Aid — Greatly Increase Development Aid

**Q32. Please indicate how satisfied you are with the foreign policy of the United States?**

- ☐ Very Satisfied
- ☐ Somewhat Satisfied
- ☐ Somewhat Unsatisfied
- ☐ Very Unsatisfied

**Q33. In dealing with international problems or crises, some people argue that the United States should take a more active role in the coming years. How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?**

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree