Survey questions in English

Introduction

[Request for cooperation with research]

The purpose of this survey is to hear your opinions on Japanese institutions and customs. In total, we plan to have you answer [X Questions], which will take approximately 10 minutes.

This survey is being conducted by the Mori Laboratory (Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo), with the approval of the Research Ethics Committee of the Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo. The anonymity of your answers is guaranteed, and your personal information will not be provided to the University of Tokyo or to the research director.

This is an academic survey funded by the KAKENHI research grant (Project Number: 17H02478 “A Multi-Method Analysis of Voter Perception and Policy: Political Economy of Deflation”). It is not designed for commercial purposes, or to support a particular political party or organization. Your answers are essential for understanding Japan’s institutions and customs. Thank you for considering participating in the survey.

If you would like to participate in the survey, please select “Participate in survey” to continue. If you do not wish to participate, please select “Do not participate in survey” or close this page.

- Participate in the survey
- Do not participate in the survey

<Randomized questions: Treatment group 1 International law >
At present, Japan has various systems and customs, some of which are said to be in violation of international law.

The following questions ask what you would like to do if you are faced with these systems and customs, or what the Japanese system should be. There are no correct or wrong answers. Please tell us your honest opinion.

Q1 In Japan today, married couples must use the same surname. However, this system is said to be in violation of the "Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women" to which Japan is a member. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- You want to have the same family name as your husband or wife.
- Other married couples should use the same surname.
- Japan should maintain a system in which married couples use the same surname and prohibit married couples from using different surnames.

Q2 In Japan today, there is a wage gap between men and women. It is said that this situation violates the Charter of the "International Labour Organization" to which Japan is a member. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- I think that I am or women close to me are paid less than men because they are women.
- The government should take measures to correct the wage gap between men and women

Q3 Japan has a culture and history of whaling and whaling is still practiced in some areas. However, Japanese whaling is said to violate the "International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling". Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- Japan should stop whaling.
- Japan should regulate the sale of whale meat.

Q4 Hate speech is a problem in Japan now. Hate speech is a unilateral act that seeks to expel or harm a person from Japanese society solely because the person is from or is a descendant of a particular country. It is said that the current situation in Japan violates the "International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination" that Japan is a member of.

Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- The government should regulate hate speech with penalties.

Q5 Japan currently has the death penalty. However, it is said that the death penalty in Japan violates the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- Japan should keep the death penalty.

<Randomized questions: Treatment group 2 International law + Constitution>
At present, Japan has various systems and customs, some of which are said to be in violation of international law.

Japan is a party to various international laws, and Article 98 of the Constitution of Japan says, "The treaties concluded by Japan and established laws of nations shall be faithfully observed.".

The following questions ask what you would like to do if you are faced with these systems and customs, or what the Japanese system should be. There are no correct answers or mistakes. Please let me know your honest opinion.

Q1 In Japan today, married couples must use the same surname. However, this system is said to be in violation of Japan's Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- You want to have the same family name as your husband or wife.
- Other married couples should use the same surname
- Japan should maintain a system in which married couples use the same surname and prohibit married couples from using different surnames.

Q2 In Japan today, there is a wage gap between men and women. This situation is said to be in violation of the Constitution of the International Labor Organization, to which Japan is a member. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- I think that I am or women close to me are paid less than men because they are women.
- The government should take measures to correct the wage gap between men and women.

Q3 Japan has a culture and history of whaling and whaling is still practiced in some areas. However, it is said that Japan's whaling violates the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- Japan should stop whaling
- Japan should regulate the sale of whale meat.

Q4 Hate speech is a problem in Japan now. Hate speech is a unilateral act that seeks to expel or harm a person from Japanese society solely because the person is from or is a descendant of a particular country. And it is said that the current situation in Japan is in violation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, to which Japan is a party. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- The government should regulate hate speech with penalties.

Q5 Japan currently has the death penalty. However, it is said that Japan's capital punishment system violates the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- Japan should keep the death penalty.

<Randomized questions: Treatment group 3 NGO>

At present, Japan has various systems and customs, some of which have been criticized by international non-governmental organizations (NGO).

The following questions ask what you would like to do if you are faced with these systems and customs, or what the Japanese system should be. There are no correct or wrong answers. Please let me know your honest opinion.

Q1 In Japan today, couples must use the same surname. The system has been criticized by international human rights groups. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- You want to have the same family name as your husband or wife.
- Other married couples should use the same surname.
- Japan should maintain a system in which married couples use the same surname and prohibit married couples from using different surnames.

Q2 In Japan today, there is a wage gap between men and women. This situation has been criticized by international human rights groups. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- I think that I am or women close to me are paid less than men because they are women.
- The government should take measures to correct the wage gap between men and women

Q3 Japan has a culture and history of whaling and whaling is still practiced in some areas. However, Japan's whaling has been criticized by international environmental groups. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- Japan should stop whaling
- Japan should regulate the sale of whale meat.

Q4 Hate speech is a problem in Japan now. Hate speech is a unilateral act that seeks to expel or harm a person from Japanese society solely because the person is from or is a descendant

of a particular country. And the current situation in Japan has been criticized by international human rights organizations. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- The government should regulate hate speech with penalties.

Q5 Japan currently has the death penalty. However, Japan's capital punishment system has been criticized by international human rights groups. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- Japan should keep the death penalty.

<Randomized questions: Treatment group 4 Control>

There are various systems and customs in Japan now.

The following questions ask what you would like to do if you are faced with these systems and customs, or what the Japanese system should be. There are no correct answers or mistakes. Please let me know your honest opinion.

Q1 In Japan today, married couples must use the same surname. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- You want to have the same family name as your husband or wife
- Other married couples should use the same surname
- Japan should maintain a system in which married couples use the same surname and prohibit married couples from using different surnames

Q2 In Japan today, there is a wage gap between men and women. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- I think that I am or women close to me are paid less than men because they are women.
- The government should take measures to correct the wage gap between men and women

Q3 Japan has a culture and history of whaling and whaling is still practiced in some areas. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- Japan should stop whaling.
- Japan should regulate the sale of whale meat.

Q4 Hate speech is a problem in Japan now. Hate speech is a unilateral act that seeks to expel or harm a person from Japanese society solely because the person is from or is a descendant of a particular country. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- The government should regulate hate speech with penalties

Q5 Japan currently has the death penalty. Do you agree or disagree with the following opinion? Please choose one of the following options.
<Choose one from Strongly disagree, Disagree, Somewhat disagree, Somewhat agree, Agree, Strongly agree>

- Japan should keep the death penalty

<Demographics>
I would like to ask you about yourself in order to statistically analyze your answers.

Q1 What year were you born?

Q2 Please tell me your gender.

- Male
- Female
- Other
- Do not want to answer

<Debriefing>

Please read this statement carefully.
There is a final consent statement at the bottom.

A survey of Japanese institutions and customs: Debriefing (Explanation of research content to respondents)

Thank you for your cooperation in the survey.

Some Japanese systems and customs have been criticized internationally. Although the impact of international criticism on public opinion has been debated for many years, few studies have explored the cause scientifically. The purpose of this study is to clarify what kind of international criticism affects people's opinions. To this end, we have adopted a research method called "survey experiment".

Respondents were randomly assigned to one of five groups A, B, C, D, and E. All respondents were asked to read statements about Japanese institutions and customs and international criticism of them, but the amount of information varied by group.

Group A: Background Statement
Group B: Background + information on international law
Group C: Background + information on international law + constitution
Group D: Background + information on international human rights organizations and NGOs
Group E: Background + information on other governments

By comparing responses between groups, it is possible to analyze the relationship between different types of information and respondents' opinions.

Your answers are essential for understanding Japanese institutions and customs, as well as international relations. Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey. The data from this survey will be analyzed statistically and published in academic journals. In order to ensure the transparency of research, the survey data will be made available to other researchers, but it will not contain any information that identifies the individual respondent, and anonymity will be completely maintained for all researchers. Your personal information, maintained by the survey company, will not be provided to the University of Tokyo or any research director.

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If you have any comments or questions regarding this survey, please write them in the text box below. From the viewpoint of protecting personal information, the research team does not know the contact information of the respondent, so we cannot reply individually even if you fill in this form.

- I understand the above content.

If you have any opinions regarding this questionnaire, please feel free to write them.

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