Introduction

Good morning/afternoon/evening. Qatar University's Social and Economic Survey Research Institute is conducting a study supported by the Qatar National Research Priorities Program on the topic of citizens' and residents' experiences with surveys and survey-taking in Qatar. You have been selected at random to be part of our study. Your assistance will help all residents of Qatar have a better understanding of trends and issues of concern. The information obtained here will be treated strictly confidentially, and your name will not be printed or used in any documents. The results from the analysis of these data will be presented in an aggregate format. …

I. Respondent Demographics

I'm going to begin by asking about some basic demographic information.

Q1. [INTERVIEWER: Enter the gender of the respondent. Do not ask for it.]

Q2. In what year were you born?

(Record year) [SKIP to Q4]

8. DON'T KNOW [go to Q3]
9. REFUSED [go to Q3]

Q3. Okay, let's try another way. Could you please tell me your approximate age?

(Record age)

Q4. Have you ever had any formal schooling?

1 Yes
2 No
8 DON'T KNOW
9 REFUSED

Q4A. Have you completed 12 years of schooling?

1 YES
2 NO
3 DON'T KNOW
4 REFUSED

Q4B. What is the highest year of schooling you have completed?
Q4C. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

1. High school or higher secondary school degree (12 years of education)
2. Less than 2 years long vocational/certificate/diploma program after high school

3. 2 to 3 year long degree/diploma program after high school
4. Bachelor's degree (4 year university program)
5. Master's degree or professional degree (J.D., M.D., etc)
6. Doctoral degree
7. Other (specify)

Q5. Are you a Qatari citizen?
1 YES, QATARI CITIZEN
2 NO, NOT QATARI CITIZEN
8 DON'T KNOW
9 REFUSED

Q6. [IF Q5 > 1] What is your nationality? [PROGRAMMER: USE NUMERIC LIST OF COUNTRIES] INTERVIEWER, ADD: Could you tell me the telephone country code number that you use to call that country?

[INTERVIEWER: ENTER NUMBER FROM YOUR COUNTRY CODE LIST. IF YOU CANNOT FIND IT ENTER '997' AND WRITE OUT THE COUNTRY NAME. CONFIRM SPELLING WITH RESPONDENT.]

9998 DON'T KNOW
9999 REFUSED

Q7. Is [Q6] also the same for your passport?
1 YES
2 NO

Q8. [IF Q6 == 2] Okay, then can you tell me the country of your passport?
ENTER NUMBER FROM YOUR COUNTRY CODE LIST.

Q9. Do you consider [Q6] to be your home country?
1 YES
2 NO

Q10. [IF Q9 == 2] Which country do you consider home?

[INTERVIEWER: ENTER NUMBER FROM YOUR COUNTRY CODE LIST. IF YOU CANNOT FIND IT ENTER '997' AND WRITE OUT THE COUNTRY NAME. CONFIRM SPELLING WITH RESPONDENT.]

II. Survey Attitude Scale (Modified)

"Now we'd like to ask you some questions about survey research. Could you please indicate to what extent you agree with the following statements. Please answer on a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 means that you totally disagree, and 7 means that you totally agree."

Q11. I really enjoy being interviewed for a survey. (E1)
Q12. Surveys are interesting in themselves. (E2)

Q13. Surveys are important for society. (V1)
Q14. A lot can be learned from information collected through surveys. (V2)

Q15. Completing a survey is a waste of time. (C1)
Q16. It is exhausting to answer so many questions in a survey. (C2)

III. Survey Participation Experiment

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: SPONSOR, MODE, TIMING, and TOPIC randomly assigned according to the following rules:

SPONSOR: 1. A university in Qatar, 2. A Qatari state institution, 3. A private company in Qatar, 4. An international agency

MODE: 1. in person at your home, 2. by telephone

TIMING: IF MODE ==1 { 1. about 60 minutes, 2. about 30 minutes }
IF MODE ==2 { 1. about 10 minutes, 2. about 20 minutes }

TOPIC: 1. cultural, 2. economic, 3. political]

Q17. Now I am going to describe a hypothetical survey that someone like you might be asked to participate in. Please tell me how likely you would be to agree to participate in such a survey if you were asked. Imagine that the survey was being conducted by {SPONSOR} and would take place {MODE}. It would last about {TIMING} and cover important {TOPIC} issues facing the country. How likely would you be to participate in such a survey? Would you be very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely to agree to take part?

1. Very likely
2. Somewhat likely
3. Somewhat unlikely
4. Very unlikely
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: REPEATED TWICE MORE in Q18 and Q19]

Q18. Now imagine that you were asked to participate in a different survey being conducted by {SPONSOR} that would take place {MODE}. It would last about {TIMING} and cover important {TOPIC} issues facing the country. How likely would you be to participate in such a survey? For this survey, would you be very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely to agree to take part?

1. Very likely
2. Somewhat likely
3. Somewhat unlikely
4. Very unlikely
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Q19. Finally, imagine that you were asked to participate in another survey being conducted by {SPONSOR} that would take place {MODE}. It would last about {TIMING} and cover important {TOPIC} issues facing the country. How likely would you be to participate in such a survey? For this survey, would you be very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely to agree to take part?

1. Very likely
2. Somewhat likely
3. Somewhat unlikely
4. Very unlikely
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

IV. MENA Survey Attitude Items

Now I am going to read you a series of statements about surveys. For each one, please say your level of agreement or disagreement. Do you strongly agree, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat, or strongly disagree with the statement?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q20-28]

Q20. Most institutions that conduct public opinion surveys work hard to make their surveys as accurate as possible (R1)
Q21. Participants in surveys do their best to give truthful answers to the questions they are asked (R2)
Q22. If a survey is well done, it will give very accurate information about the views of the people surveyed (R3)
Q23. Surveys tend to ask questions that are too personal (P1)
Q24. Surveys tend to ask about subjects that are too controversial or too sensitive (P2)
Q25. Survey research methods have been imported from Western countries and will not give accurate results in a country like Qatar (I1)
Q26. Many surveys in Qatar are conducted for the benefit of foreign interests (I2)

Q27. The results of public opinion studies are usually heavily influenced by the personal interests or political preferences of the people conducting the research (I3)
Q28. Surveys of public opinion frequently are used to manipulate or mislead people (I4)

V. Birthday Experiment

This is the final section of the survey, consisting of a number of questions that ask about important issues or problems in Qatar that could be studied either through surveys or through some different method. To reduce the time it takes to complete the survey, this section applies only to some respondents, and for simplicity respondents are randomly selected to participate on the basis of their birthday. Only those with a birthday occurring in the past 6 months will be asked to participate in this final section.

Q29. Therefore, could you please tell me, first, whether you have had your birthday in the past six months or no?

1. Yes [CONTINUE]
2. No [SKIP TO END]
8. DON'T KNOW [SKIP TO END]
9. REFUSE [SKIP TO END]