

Survey Questionnaire: Democracy under Lockdown

Q.1 Please select your preferred language for the questionnaire.

- 1 English
- 2 Arabic
- 3 French
- 4 Portuguese
- 5 Russian
- 6 Spanish

(ref:LANGUAGE)

Q.2 This survey will ask you a few questions concerning issues in your country and the world. This survey adheres to strict standards of confidentiality. Your individual responses will not be reported on an individual or country level, and your name, email address and identifying information will not be shared with any other organization.

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(ref:WEBINTRO)

Q.3 In the following survey we will ask you for your opinions, primarily about the country where you have the most, and most current, expertise about democracy and/or human rights issues. We will refer to that as "your main country of focus." If you have focused on or worked in multiple countries, please select the country for which you have the MOST and MOST CURRENT experience related to democracy and/or human rights issues. In answering questions about "your main country of focus" in the survey you should only refer to that one country.

Which country do you have the most and most current expertise about issues related to democracy and/or human rights - the country that you consider "your main country of focus"?

- 1 (DROP DOWN MENU)

(ref:COUNTRY)

Q.4 (**ROTATE DEMOCY/ECON**) Overall, is the condition of democracy and human rights in your main country of focus today mostly strong or weak?

- 1 Very strong
- 2 Somewhat strong
- 3 Somewhat weak
- 4 Very weak
- 5 Not sure (**ONLY SHOW IF SKIPPED**)

(ref:DEMOCY)

Q.5 (**ROTATE DEMOCY/ECON**) Overall, is the economy in your main country of focus today mostly strong or weak?

- 1 Very strong
- 2 Somewhat strong
- 3 Somewhat weak
- 4 Very weak
- 5 Not sure (**ONLY SHOW IF SKIPPED**)

(ref:ECON)

Q.6 (**ROTATE DEMYEAR/ECONYEAR**) Overall, since early this year, when the coronavirus breakout began, has the condition of democracy and human rights in your main country of focus become stronger, weaker, or stayed about the same?

- 1 Much stronger
- 2 Somewhat stronger
- 3 About the same
- 4 Somewhat weaker
- 5 Much weaker
- 6 Not sure (**ONLY SHOW IF SKIPPED**)

(ref:DEMYEAR)

Q.7 (**ROTATE DEMYEAR/ECONYEAR**) Overall, since early this year, when the coronavirus breakout began, has the condition of the economy in your main country of focus become stronger, weaker, or stayed about the same?

- 1 Much stronger
- 2 Somewhat stronger
- 3 About the same
- 4 Somewhat weaker
- 5 Much weaker
- 6 Not sure (**ONLY SHOW IF SKIPPED**)

(ref:ECONYEAR)

Q.8 In your main country of focus, over recent months, has the coronavirus outbreak been the top story in the news, or just one of the major stories in the news?

- 1 Top story
- 2 One of the major stories
- 3 Neither
- 4 Not sure (**ONLY SHOW IF SKIPPED**)

(ref:COVNEWS)

Q.9 (**OPEN END**) In your own words, what have been the biggest changes for democracy and human rights in your main country of focus since the coronavirus outbreak began. They can be positive or negative changes or both.

(ref:COVCHNG)

Q.10 (**OPEN END**) In terms of democracy and human rights, what is the most inspiring or encouraging thing you have seen in your main country of focus since the coronavirus outbreak began?

(ref:COVENC)

Q.11 **(OPEN END)** In terms of democracy and human rights, what is the most disturbing thing you have seen in your main country of focus since the coronavirus outbreak began?

(ref:COVDIST)

Q.12 Understanding that you may work on specific issues listed below, in your opinion, which THREE of the following have been most affected by COVID-19 in your main country of focus over the past few months?

(RANDOMIZE) (ALLOW UP TO 3 RESPONSES)

- 1 Problems of electoral freedom and fairness
- 2 Government monitoring and violations of privacy
- 3 Restrictions on freedoms of speech
- 4 Lack of protection for minorities and vulnerable populations
- 5 Press restrictions
- 6 Limits to free movement
- 7 Disinformation and conspiracy theories
- 8 Government abuse of power
- 9 Corruption and money in politics
- 10 Partisan polarization
- 11 Abuse by the police
- 12 Restrictions and unequal rights for women and girls
- 13 Restrictions on freedom of assembly
- 14 Lack of government transparency and information about coronavirus
- 15 Abuse or unfair treatment by the judicial system
- 16 Other, please specify _____
- 17 None of the above **(ONLY IF SKIPPED)**
- 18 Not sure **(ONLY IF SKIPPED)**

(ref:CONCERNS)

Q.13 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job each of the following is doing in your main country of focus.

- ___ 1 = Strongly approve
- ___ 2 = Somewhat approve
- ___ 3 = Somewhat disapprove
- ___ 4 = Strongly disapprove
- ___ 5 = Not sure (**ONLY IF SKIPPED**)

(RANDOMIZE)

- ___ 13 National government's handling of the coronavirus outbreak
- ___ 14 Local government's handling of the coronavirus outbreak
- ___ 15 National government's job on democracy and human rights
- ___ 16 National government's handling of the economy
- ___ 17 National health departments and ministries
- ___ 18 Local health departments
- ___ 19 Civil society organizations
- ___ 20 Religious organizations

(ref:GOVBATT)

Q.21 (**OPEN END**) Are there any non-governmental organizations that have been particularly helpful in dealing with the coronavirus outbreak in your main country of focus? Please list up to three organizations that you think have been the most helpful.

(ref:NONGOV)

Q.22 Below are some pairs of statements. For each pair, please choose which statement comes closer to your own point of view, even if neither statement is exactly right.

(ROTATE ORDER OF STATEMENT PAIRS)

- ___ 1 = FIRST statement MUCH CLOSER to my own view
- ___ 2 = FIRST statement SOMEWHAT CLOSER to my own view
- ___ 3 = SECOND statement SOMEWHAT CLOSER to my own view
- ___ 4 = SECOND statement MUCH CLOSER to my own view
- ___ 5 = Both **(ONLY IF SKIPPED)**
- ___ 6 = Neither **(ONLY IF SKIPPED)**
- ___ 7 = Not sure **(ONLY IF SKIPPED)**

___ 22 I expect that over the medium term, say the next 3 to 5 years, the coronavirus outbreak's impact on democracy and human rights in my main country of focus will be mostly positive or neutral.

I expect that over the medium term, say the next 3 to 5 years, the coronavirus outbreak's impact on democracy and human rights in my main country of focus will be mostly negative.

___ 23 I expect that over the medium term, say the next 3 to 5 years, my main country of focus will cooperate more or the same with other countries as a result of the coronavirus

I expect that over the medium term, say the next 3 to 5 years, my main country of focus will cooperate less with other countries as a result of the coronavirus.

___ 24 The main governing party in my main country of focus is likely in a stronger political position now than they were before the coronavirus crisis.

The main governing party in my main country of focus is likely in a weaker political position now than they were before the coronavirus crisis.

___ 25 Overall, the coronavirus outbreak has been a setback for democracy and human rights in my main country of focus.

Overall, the coronavirus outbreak has not negatively affected democracy and human rights in my main country of focus.

___ 26 Overall, since early this year, when the coronavirus breakout began, democracy and human rights has become stronger globally.

Overall, since early this year, when the coronavirus breakout began, democracy and human rights has become weaker globally.

(ref:PAIRS)

Q.27 Below is a list of actions your main country of focus may have taken in response to the coronavirus outbreak. For each, please indicate whether it is your impression that it has happened in your main country of focus specifically as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

___ 1 = Yes

___ 2 = No

___ 3 = Not sure (**ONLY IF SKIPPED**)

(RANDOMIZE)

___ 27 Moved election date

___ 28 Cancelled elections

___ 29 Cancelled national meetings of the national legislature

___ 30 Changed election rules that make voting more difficult

___ 31 Alternative ways to vote to minimize infection risk

___ 32 Physical or digital surveillance to enforce curfews or quarantines

___ 33 New or increased restrictions on ethnic or religious minorities

___ 34 New or increased government restrictions on free speech and criticism of the government

___ 35 New or increased restrictions on protests

___ 36 New or increased restrictions on large gatherings which have restricted political rallies

___ 37 New or increased restrictions on the news media

___ 38 Curfews

___ 39 Police violence against citizens

___ 40 Phone app or other digital tool required to gain access to certain commercial spaces or public services

___ 41 Proliferation of disinformation from the government

___ 42 Unjustified jailing of citizens

___ 43 National leader declared emergency powers

(ref:COVBATT)

Q.44 (ROTATE SURVEIL/FREEPRES/MINORITY/ELCTPRO) (OPEN END) What have been the main changes, if any, to government surveillance either digital or physical in your main country of focus in order to enforce curfews or quarantines related to the coronavirus outbreak?

If no changes on this issue, please write "none."

(ref:SURVEIL)

Q.45 (ROTATE SURVEIL/FREEPRES/MINORITY/ELCTPRO) (OPEN END) What have been the main changes, if any, to freedom of the press in your main country of focus as a result of the coronavirus outbreak?

If no changes on this issue, please write "none."

(ref:FREEPRES)

Q.46 **(ROTATE SURVEIL/FREEPRES/MINORITY/ELCTPRO) (OPEN END)** What have been the main changes, if any, to the ways ethnic or religious minorities are treated in your main country of focus as a result of the coronavirus outbreak?

If no changes on this issue, please write "none."

(ref:MINORITY)

Q.47 **(ROTATE SURVEIL/FREEPRES/MINORITY/ELCTPRO) (OPEN END)** What have been the main changes to election rules and processes in your main country of focus, if any, as a result of the coronavirus outbreak?

If no changes on this issue, please write "none."

(ref:ELCTPRO)

Q.48 In your main country of focus, has a significant protest taken place since coronavirus restrictions were implemented?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not sure

(ref:PROTESTS)

Q.49 Since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, have there been more, less, or a similar number of protests in your main country of focus compared to the year before the coronavirus.

If protests were not common over the past few years, please say so.

- 1 More
- 2 Similar amount
- 3 Less
- 4 Protests not common over past few years
- 5 Not sure

(ref:AVGPROT)

Q.50 **(OPEN END)** What are the ways - either positive or negative - that the coronavirus outbreak has directly affected your own work on democracy and human rights in your main country of focus? Please use several sentences to explain your answer.

(ref:PERSWRK)

Q.51 **(OPEN END)** Thinking specifically of your work or the work of your organization in your main country of focus, what new needs have been created during the outbreak of the coronavirus? Please use several sentences to explain your answer.

(ref:NEWNEEDS)

Q.52 **(OPEN END)** What are the most important things the international community, including international NGOs, could be doing right now to help support democracy and human rights in your main country of focus? Please use several sentences to explain your answer.

(ref:INTLAID)

Q.53 Overall, do you trust or distrust information from your main country of focus's media related to the coronavirus?

- 1 Completely trust
- 2 Somewhat trust
- 3 Somewhat distrust
- 4 Completely distrust
- 5 Not sure **(ONLY SHOW IF SKIPPED)**

(ref:MEDINFO)

Q.54 Overall, do you trust or distrust information from your main country of focus's national government related to the coronavirus?

- 1 Completely trust
- 2 Somewhat trust
- 3 Somewhat distrust
- 4 Completely distrust
- 5 Not sure **(ONLY SHOW IF SKIPPED)**

(ref:GOVINFO)

Q.55 Overall, do you trust or distrust information from your main country of focus's local government related to the coronavirus?

- 1 Completely trust
- 2 Somewhat trust
- 3 Somewhat distrust
- 4 Completely distrust
- 5 Not sure **(ONLY SHOW IF SKIPPED)**

(ref:LOCNEWS)

Q.56 And now just a few questions for statistical purposes. In what year were you born?

(MUST ENTER 4 DIGITS)

(DON'T KNOW/REFUSED = 0000)

(TERMINATE IF UNDER 18, BORN AFTER TODAY'S DATE IN 2002 OR LATER)

____ 56 Year

(ref:AGE)

Q.57 What is your gender?

- 1 Male
- 2 Female
- 3 Transgender, male to female
- 4 Transgender, female to male
- 5 Intersex
- 6 Gender Non-Conforming
- 7 Other
- 8 Decline to answer

(ref:GENDER)

Q.58 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

- 1 No formal education
- 2 Incomplete primary
- 3 Complete primary/incomplete secondary
- 4 Complete secondary/incomplete tertiary
- 5 University graduate
- 6 Post-graduate school
- 7 Decline to answer

(ref:EDUC)

Q.59 How many years have you been working on democracy and human rights issues?

- 1 5 years or less
- 2 6-10 years
- 3 11-15 years
- 4 16-20 years
- 5 21-25 years
- 6 26-30 years
- 7 More than 30 years
- 8 Not Sure **(ONLY SHOW IF SKIPPED)**

(ref:YEARS)

Q.60 How many years have you been working on democracy and human rights issues in your main country of focus?

- 1 5 years or less
- 2 6-10 years
- 3 11-15 years
- 4 16-20 years
- 5 21-25 years
- 6 26-30 years
- 7 More than 30 years
- 8 Not Sure (**ONLY SHOW IF SKIPPED**)

(ref:CTRYYRS)

Q.61 What is your profession?

- 1 Journalist
- 2 Academic
- 3 Civil society activist
- 4 Government employee
- 5 Political party employee
- 6 Private sector
- 7 Other, Please Specify: _____
- 8 Decline to answer

(ref:PROF)

Q.62 Do you mostly concentrate on democracy and human rights in your main country of focus, or is your focus more regional/global?

- 1 In my main country of focus
- 2 Regional/global
- 3 Both
- 4 Not sure (**ONLY SHOW IF SKIPPED**)

(ref:GEOFOC)

Q.63 What is the main aspect of democracy and human rights you focus on in your work? Please select all that apply.

(ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

- 1 Media reliability and disinformation
- 2 Justice and judicial systems
- 3 Minority rights and empowerment
- 4 Women's rights and empowerment
- 5 Youth rights and empowerment
- 6 Political parties and campaigns
- 7 Elections
- 8 Economic stability or opportunity
- 9 Governance
- 10 Technical solutions to democracy
- 11 Research
- 12 Peace and conflict resolution
- 13 Corruption
- 14 Terrorism and political violence
- 15 Freedom of speech
- 16 Immigration
- 17 Climate change and the environment
- 18 Labor rights
- 19 Religious freedoms
- 20 Government surveillance
- 21 Other, Please specify
- 22 Decline to answer

(ref:DEMFOC)

Q.64 Thank you for your time.

- 1 **(CLICK TO END)**

(ref:COMPLETE)
