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How are you? I am (), an interviewer working for the Korea Survey Gallup Ltd. Our research institute is currently collecting citizen opinion regarding political views and life in general. The questions that I am going to ask you, do not have any right or wrong answers. Your opinions will be combined with others so we can determine how many people share your views. Your answers will only be used for this purpose. We sincerely hope that you will feel free to express yourself.

We intend to use this survey and compare it with similar surveys currently being conducted in other Countries. Your participation is important to this project, so we, once again, earnestly ask you to tell us how you feel.

We sincerely thank you.

⁶⁻⁷ Region:

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| 1. Seoul | 2. Pusan | 3. Daegu | 4. Incheon |
| 5. Kwangju | 6. Taejon | 7. Kyongi | 8. Kangwon |
| 9. Choonbook | 10. Choognam | 11. Chunbook | 12. Chunnam |
| 13. Kyungbook | 14. Kyungnam | | |

⁸ Community Size: 1. Large city 2. medium or small city 3. town/village

⁹ SQ 1) Sex: 1. Male, 2. Female

¹⁰⁻¹¹ SQ 2) How old are you?

¹² Q1a) How many days per week do you watch the news on TV?
_____ days

¹³ b) How many days per week do you listen to the news on the radio?
_____ days

¹⁴ c) How many days per week do you read about political things in the daily newspaper?
_____ days

¹⁵ Q2) How interested are you in politics these days?

1. A lot
2. Some
3. Not much
4. Not at all.

¹⁶⁻²⁸ Q3) Please tell me whether or not you have engaged in any of the following activities during the past seven years since the beginning of the Sixth Republic.

	Have	Have Not
¹⁶ 1. To Vote in presidential or National Assembly elections	1	2
¹⁷ 2. To vote in local government elections.	1	2
¹⁸ 3. To persuade other voters to vote for the candidates I support.	1	2
¹⁹ 4. To discuss politics with others.	1	2
²⁰ 5. To campaign for the election of a certain political party or a candidate.	1	2
²¹ 6. To participate in campaign rallies.	1	2
²² 7. To participate in a political party or rally.	1	2
²³ 8. To contact a civil servant or a politician.	1	2
²⁴ 9. To work together with others for community social problems.	1	2
²⁵ 10. To contribute money to a political party or a politician.	1	2
²⁶ 11. To file a petition to a government agency.	1	2
²⁷ 12. To take part in a demonstration.	1	2
²⁸ 13. To take part in a strike.	1	2

²⁹ Q4) How much influence do you think you have on what the government does these days? Or do you think you have no influence at all?

1. Can influence a lot
2. Can influence to some extent
3. Cannot influence much
4. Cannot influence at all

³⁰ Q5) Compared to the Fifth Republic period when Chun Doo Hwan was the president, do you think you now have more influence or less influence on what the government does?

1. Much more
2. Somewhat more

- 3. Similar/no change
- 4. Somewhat less
- 5. Much less

³¹ Q6) Do you think or not think the government responds to what you want?

- 1. Responds a lot
- 2. Responds somewhat
- 3. Doesn't respond much
- 4. Doesn't respond at all

³² Q7) Compared to the Fifth Republic period, do you think the government responds to what you request to a greater or lesser extent?

- 1. Much greater extent
- 2. Somewhat greater extent
- 3. Changed little
- 4. Somewhat lesser extent
- 5. Much lesser extent

³³ Q8) With which of the following statements do you agree most?

- 1. Democracy is always better than other political systems.
- 2. Depending on the situation, a dictatorship is better than democracy.
- 3. To a person like me, it does not matter whether we have a democratic or non-democratic government
- 8. DK (Do not know)

³⁷⁻³⁷ Q9) Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	agree strongly	agree Somewhat	Do not agree much	do not agree at all	DK
³⁴ 1. If we have trustworthy and capable leaders, ordinary citizens do not need to participate in politics	1	2	3	4	5
³⁵ 2. When various political parties compete freely, the political system can become stronger	1	2	3	4	5
³⁶ 3. Compromising with opponents is dangerous because it means changing one's original position	1	2	3	4	5
³⁷ 4. In our country these days, We need a	1	2	3	4	5

powerful leader more
than a democracy

38-43 10) [Show Card 1] Even in democracies, there are several different types. Please tell me all the types on this card that you have heard of.

	Have heard of	Have not heard of
38 1. Social democracy	1	2
39 2. People's democracy	1	2
40 3. Corporatist democracy	1	2
41 4. Participatory democracy	1	2
42 5. Guided democracy	1	2
43 6. Liberal democracy	1	2

10. [Show Card 2] Please tell me, with a number on this scale, how suitable or unsuitable democracy is for the situation in which our country is. The closer to 10 the number is, the more "suitable" democracy is; the closer to 1 the number is, the more "unsuitable" democracy is for our country.

44-45 a) How suitable do you think democracy is for our country's current situation?

46-47 b) Then, how suitable do you think democracy was for the situation in which our country was during the President Rho Tae-Woo government period, which was five years ago?

48-49 c) Then, how suitable was it during the President Chun Doo-hwan period, which was ten years ago?

11. [Show Card 3] Please tell me your views on democracy by picking a number on this scale. The closer to 10 the number is, the more democratic our country is; the closer to 1 the number is, the more dictatorial our country is.

50-51 a) To what extent do you think our country was democratized during the Fifth Republic period of President Chun Doo-Whan?

⁵²⁻⁵³ b) Then, to what extent did you want our country to be democratized during the Fifth Republic period?

⁵⁴⁻⁵⁵ c) To what extent do you think our country was democratized during the Sixth Republic period of President Rho Tae-woo?

⁵⁶⁻⁵⁷ d) To what extent did you want our country to be democratized during the Six-Republic period?

⁵⁸⁻⁵⁹ e) How democratic do you think our country is at the present time?

⁶⁰⁻⁶¹ f) To what extent do you personally desire our country to be democratized now?

⁶² Q13) Some people support the transformation of our country into a democratic state, and others oppose it. How much do you support or oppose it.

1. Actively support.
2. Somewhat support.
3. Neutral (neither support nor oppose).
4. Somewhat oppose.
5. Actively oppose.

Q14) [Show Card 4] As you can see on this card, political attitudes are often divided into the right and the left. Where would you place your own political attitudes on this scale? Choose a number on this card. The closer to 1 the score is, the more strongly political attitudes are oriented to the left; the close to 10 the score is, the more strongly they are oriented to the left.

⁶⁵ Q15) How well do you think political democracy is working in our country at the present time? (Read to the interviewee)

1. Is working very well
2. Is working all right in spite of many shortcomings.
3. Isn't working well

⁶⁶⁻⁶⁷ Q16) [Show Card 5] Please tell me how much you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way democracy works in our country at the present time? Pick a number on this card. The closer to 10 the score is, the higher the level of satisfaction is; the closer to 1 the score is, higher the level of dissatisfaction is.

⁶⁸ Q17) How much do you think our political situation has improved or deteriorated since 1988 when the Sixth Republic began?

- 1. Improved a lot.
- 2. Improved somewhat.
- 3. Similar/no change.
- 4. Deteriorated somewhat.
- 5. Deteriorated a lot
- 8. DK

⁶⁹ Q18) How much better or worse do you think our political situation will become five years from now?

- 1. Become much better.
- 2. Become somewhat better
- 3. Remain unchanged
- 4. Become somewhat worse
- 5. Become much worse
- 8. DK

⁷⁰⁻⁷⁷ Q19) As compared to the Fifth Republic of President Chun Doo Hwan, do you think the following aspects of political life have improved or worsened under the current Kim Young Sam government?

	improved a lot	improved somewhat	Similar	worsen somewhat	Worsen a lot
⁷⁰ 1. Speaking freely what one thinks.	1	2	3	4	5
⁷¹ 2. Joining organizations of one's choice.	1	2	3	4	5
⁷² 3. Living in or traveling to the place of one's choice.	1	2	3	4	5
⁷³ 4. Influencing governmental affairs	1	2	3	4	5
⁷⁴ 5. Living without the fear of being arrested Illegally	1	2	3	4	5
⁷⁵ 6. Deciding to participate in politics	1	2	3	4	5
⁷⁶ 7. Being treated equally by the government	1	2	3	4	5
⁷⁷ 8. Choosing a religion of their choice	1	2	3	4	5

Q20) [Show Card 6] With a number on this card, please indicate the degree to which you are satisfied or dissatisfied with each government listed on it. The closer to 10 the number is, the higher the level of

satisfaction is; the closer to 1 is, the higher the level of dissatisfaction is.

78-79 a) To what extent were you satisfied or dissatisfied with the Chun Doo Hwan government?

B6-7 b) How about the Roh Tae Woo government?

B8-9 c) Next, how about the Kim Young Sam government?

¹⁰ Q21) Some people say that "politics in our country should be democratized much more than what it is now." How much do you agree with this statement? Or, how much do you not disagree with it?

1. Agree strongly.
2. Agree somewhat
3. Do not agree much
4. Do not agree at all

¹¹ Q22) Other people, on the other hand, claim that "it is better to abolish the National Assembly and let a strong leader decide everything." How much do you agree with this?

1. Agree strongly.
2. Agree somewhat
3. Do not agree much
4. Do not agree at all

¹² Q23) Should the activities of the National Assembly be suspended in the future, how strongly do you oppose this; Or do you not oppose it?

1. Oppose strongly.
2. Oppose somewhat
3. Do not oppose much
4. Do not oppose at all

¹³ Q24) How well do you think the National Assembly is doing its job at the present time or is it not doing its job?

1. Doing very well.
2. Doing fairly well.
3. Rather not doing well.
4. Not doing well at all.

¹⁴ Q25) Compared to the National Assembly during the Fifth Republic period, do you think the current National Assembly is doing its job? Or do you think it is not doing its job?

1. Much better
2. Somewhat better.
3. About the same
4. Somewhat poorly
5. Much more poorly

¹⁵ Q26) Do you believe that our National Assembly will do what it is supposed to do better than what it is doing now five years from now? Or do you believe it will do its job worse?

1. Much better.
2. Somewhat better.
3. Similarly.
4. Somewhat worse.
5. Much worse.

¹⁶ Q27) How well or poorly do you think the incumbent National Assemblyman from your district is performing his or her role?

1. Very well.
2. Rather well.
3. Rather poorly.
4. Very poorly.

¹⁷ Q28) Compared to the National Assemblyman during the Fifth Republic period, how well or poorly do you think the incumbent National Assemblyman from your district is performing?

1. Much better.
2. Somewhat better.
3. Similarly.
4. Somewhat worse.
5. Much worse.

¹⁸⁻²⁰ Q29) To what extent do you think or do you not think that the following legislative institutions are needed?

	Absolutely	Generally	Rarely	Not at all	DK
¹⁸ 1. National Assembly	1	2	3	4	8
¹⁹ 2. Special City					
/ Medium City	1	2	3	4	8
/ Provincial					
legislative councils					
²⁰ 3. Small City/County					
/ Ward legislative	1	2	3	4	8
councils					

²¹ Q30) How well do you think our president is doing his job at the present time.

1. Very well.
2. Rather well.
3. Rather poorly.
4. Very poorly.

22-28 Q31) During the past three months, the Kim Young Sam regime has been conducting the campaign to "correct history" by rectifying the various ills of the authoritarian past. How much do you support or oppose each of the following measures?

	Support actively	Support somewhat	Neutral	Oppose somewhat	Oppose actively
22 1. Arrest of former President Rho Tae-woo	1	2	3	4	5
23 2. Arrest of former President Chun Doo-hwan	1	2	3	4	5
24 3. Arrest of 1979 coup d'etat plotters	1	2	3	4	5
25 4. Prosecution of the principal leaders of the 1980 Kwangju massacre	1	2	3	4	5
26 5. Prosecution of Businessmen who provided slush funds	1	2	3	4	5
27 6. Prosecution of politicians who managed the secret funds.	1	2	3	4	5
28 7. Exclusion of the Fifth and Sixth Republic leaders from public offices	1	2	3	4	5

29 Q32) How much do you think the rectification campaign would help or harm the maturing of democracy in our country?

1. Helps a lot
2. Helps some
3. Neither helps nor harms.
4. Harms some
5. Harms a lot

30-33 Q33) [Show Card 7] In the next year's presidential elections, what characteristics of candidates do you think most important? Choose two characteristics listed on this card.

	More Important	Less Important
30 1. Character/personality	1	2
31 2. Policy and ideology	1	2
32 3. Place of birth	1	2
33 4. Political party affiliation	1	2

34-37 Q34) [Show Card 8] Of late, the various qualifications of the National Assembly candidates are often discussed in newspapers, radios, and other new media. Of the following categories of people, which ones do you think should not be allowed to run as a candidate.

	Should not run	Does not matter
³⁴ 1. Draft dodgers	1	2
³⁵ 2. Those who illegally amassed fortunes	1	2
³⁶ 3. Those who participated in the December 1979 coup d'etat	1	2
³⁷ 4. Those who were involved in the May 1980 Kwangju massacre	1	2

³⁸ Q35) How well or poorly do you think political parties in our country are performing their roles as a representative institution of the people?

1. Quite well.
2. Rather well.
3. Rather poorly.
4. Very poorly.

³⁹ Q36) Do you have a political party that you feel close to? If so, which political party is it

1. New Korea Party
2. National Congress for New Politics
3. Democratic Party
4. New League for Liberal Democracy
5. Others (please enter the name)
0. None

⁴⁰ Q37) Which political party do you want to vote for in the forthcoming National Assembly elections in April?

1. New Korea Party
2. National Congress for New Politics
3. Democratic Party
4. New League for Liberal Democracy
5. Others (please enter the name)
0. none

⁴¹ Q38) Next, which political party do you want to win in next year's presidential elections?

1. New Korea Party
2. National Congress for New Politics
3. Democratic Party
4. New League for Liberal Democracy
5. Others (please enter the name)
0. None

⁴² Q39) Which political party do you think should not become the ruling party as the result of the presidential elections next year?

(Selection only one)

1. New Korea Party
2. National Congress for New Politics
3. Democratic Party
4. New League for Liberal Democracy
5. Others (please enter the name)
0. None

Q40) How do you feel about the following activities? Please tell me whether you feel very bad, somewhat bad, not much bad, or not at all bad.

	Extremely bad	somewhat bad	not so bad	not bad at all	DK
⁴³ 1.To receive a gift at election time.	1	2	3	4	8
⁴⁴ 2.To be treated to a meal at election time.	1	2	3	4	8
⁴⁵ 3.To be compensated for the work performed at election time.	1	2	3	4	8
⁴⁶ 4.To give a gift to a public official.	1	2	3	4	8
⁴⁷ 5.To give pocket money to a public official for holidays.	1	2	3	4	8
⁴⁷ 6.To treat a public official to a meal for one's business	1	2	3	4	8
⁴⁸ 7.To contribute money to politicians for own business.	1	2	3	4	8

⁵⁰⁻⁵¹ Q41) a. Out of 10 current politicians in our country, how many do you think are corrupt these days?

⁵²⁻⁵³ b. Next, out of 10 civil servants, how many do you think are corrupt?

⁵⁴ Q42) Since the inauguration of President Kim Young Sam, do you think corruption has decreased a lot, decreased a little, changed little, increased a little, or increased a lot?

1. Decreased a lot
2. Decreased somewhat

- 3. Hasn't changed to a significant degree
- 4. Increased somewhat
- 5. Increased a lot

⁵⁵ Q43) Compared to what it was during the Fifth Republic period, do you think your family's economic life has improved or deteriorated?

- 1. Improved a lot
- 2. Improved somewhat.
- 3. Changed little
- 4. Deteriorated somewhat.
- 5. Deteriorated a lot

⁵⁶ Q44) How much do you think your family's economic life will improve or deteriorate five years from now?

- 1.Improve a lot
- 2.Improve somewhat.
- 3.Change little
- 4.Deteriorate somewhat.
- 5.Deteriorate a lot

⁵⁷ Q45) Compared to what it was during the Fifth Republic period, how much do you think the economic conditions of our country have improved or deteriorated?

- 1**,Improved a lot
- 2.Improved somewhat.
- 3.Changed little
- 4.Deteriorated somewhat.
- 5.Deteriorated a lot

⁵⁸ Q46) Next, how much do you expect the economic condition of our country will improve or deteriorate five years from now?

- 1.Improve a lot
- 2.Improve somewhat.
- 3.Change little
- 4.Deteriorate somewhat.
- 5.Deteriorate a lot

⁵⁹⁻⁶² Q47) [Card 9]. Here is a list of four national development goals. Which two goals on the list do you think are more important?

	More Important	Less Important
⁵⁹ 1. Maintaining the order of the nation	1	2
⁶⁰ 2. Stabilizing prices	1	2
⁶¹ 3. Guaranteeing the freedom	1	2

of the press

⁶² 4. Reflecting public opinion more on government policies 1 2

⁶³ Q48) Should a problem occur out in your community and should it require immediate action, which of the following actions would you choose?

1. Contact the concerned authorities and have them solve the problem.
2. First, discuss it with neighbors.

⁶⁴ Q49) In case the government authorities decide to handle that problem, how do you want them to handle it?

1. To handle the problem promptly without any consultation with community residents
2. To have the authorities consult with the residents before they take any action.

⁶⁵⁻⁷⁹ Q50) How much do you and the people around you trust each of the following institutions? (ask one by one)

	Trust Much	Trust somewhat	Do not trust much	Do not trust at all
⁶⁵ 1. courts	1	2	3	4
⁶⁶ 2. The police	1	2	3	4
⁶⁷ 3. The military	1	2	3	4
⁶⁸ 4. Public employees	1	2	3	4
⁶⁹ 5. Prosecutors	1	2	3	4
⁷⁰ 6. The executive branch	1	2	3	4
⁷¹ 7. The president	1	2	3	4
⁷² 8. The National Assembly	1	2	3	4

⁷³ 9. Local legislatures	1	2	3	4
⁷⁴ 10. Political parties	1	2	3	4
⁷⁵ 11. Religious institutions, such as churches and temples	1	2	3	4
⁷⁶ 12. Mass media such as TV and newspapers	1	2	3	4
⁷⁷ 13. Major corporations	1	2	3	4
⁷⁸ 14. Farmers' organizations	1	2	3	4
⁷⁹ 15. Labor unions	1	2	3	4

⁸⁰ Q51) a) Generally speaking, how much can you trust the majority of the people in our country?

1. Trust a lot
2. Trust somewhat.
3. Do not trust much
4. Do not trust at all

^{c6} b) Compared to the Fifth Republic period, how much more or less do you think you can trust the majority of the people?

1. A lot more.
2. Somewhat more.
3. Some less
4. Much less

⁷⁻²⁰ Q52) [Show Card 10] Of the associations and meetings listed on this card, with which ones are you affiliated?

	Participate	Do not participate
⁷ 1. Fraternal associations or meetings (alumni, clan, hometown associations, etc)	1	2
⁸ 2. Neighborhood/village associations or meetings	1	2
⁹ 3. Religious organizations /gatherings (churches, temples, etc.)	1	2
¹⁰ 4. hobbies, sports, and leisure clubs	1	2

¹¹ 5. Arts, musical, and educational associations/gatherings	1	2
¹² 6. Labor unions	1	2
¹³ 7. Agricultural or other business organization/gatherings	1	2
¹⁴ 8. Professional organizations/ Gatherings (medical associations, Academic associations, etc.)	1	2
¹⁵ 9. Political parties, or other Political organizations/gatherings	1	2
¹⁶ 10. Charity or social Service organizations/gatherings	1	2
¹⁷ 11. Environmental organizations/ gatherings.	1	2
¹⁸ 12. Consumer protection organizations /gatherings.	1	2
¹⁹ 13. Citizen crime prevention organizations	1	2
²⁰ 14. Others (enter the name)	1	2

- ²¹ F1) Are you married?
1. Not married.
 2. Married.
 3. Divorced.
 4. Spouse passed on.

²²⁻²³ F2) How long have you been living in this area (city/county)?
 _____ years

- ²⁴⁻²⁵ F3) Where is your hometown?
1. Seoul
 2. Incheon/Kyonggi Province
 3. Kangwon Province
 4. North Chungchong Province
 5. Taejon/South Chungchong Province
 6. North Cholla Province
 7. Kwangju/South Cholla Province
 8. Taegu/North Kyongsang Province
 9. Pusan/South Kyongsang Province
 10. Chechu Province
 11. North Korea
 12. Foreign country

- ²⁶ F4) How far did you go in school?
1. No formal education
 2. Primary school
 3. Middle school
 4. High school
 5. College
 6. Graduate School and higher

²⁷ F5) What standard of living do you think your family enjoys? Is it the upper, upper middle, middle, lower middle, or lower level? **(27)**

1. Upper
2. Upper-middle
3. Middle
4. Lower-middle
5. Lower

²⁸ F6) What is your average monthly total household income? Please include the incomes of all your family members.

1. 490,000 Won and less
2. 500,000-900,000 Won
3. 1 million-1.49 million Won
4. 1.5 million-1.99 million Won
5. 2 million-2.49 million Won
6. 2.5 million-2.99 million Won
7. 3 million-3.49 million Won
8. 3.5 million-3.99 million Won
9. 4 million Won and over

²⁹⁻³⁰ F7) What is your occupation?

1. Agriculture, fishery, forestry (including family members)
2. Self-employed (small-scale business with less than nine employees and family member employees, carpentry shop owner, individual tax drive, etc.)
3. Sales/services (store employee, salesman, etc.)
4. Technical/skilled worker (driver, lathe operator, carpenter, and other skilled worker)
5. General works (such as civil engineering work in the field, cleaner, security guard, etc.)
6. Office-technical worker (general office worker, technical worker, primary, middle and high school teacher, navigator, etc.)
7. Administrative/management position (such as Class 5 and higher public employee, business division manager and higher position, school principal, etc.)
8. Professional (college professor, medical doctor, lawyer, artist)
9. Housewife (housewife mainly engaged in household work)
10. Student
11. No occupation
12. Others (describe)

³¹ F8) Do you belong to any religion? If so, which religion?

1. Buddhism
2. Protestantism

3. Catholicism
4. Others
8. No religion

³² F9) Do you own a house or an apartment

1. Own house
2. Lease/rent
3. Others