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Abstract

This paper extends to the Republic of Korea the CSPP series of Barometer surveys of mass response to democratization in Eastern Europe. It reports in full, cross-tabulated by age, the responses of 1,117 Koreans interviewed in a nationwide sample survey, 20 May-3 June 1997. The questionnaire combines questions regularly included in interviews in Central and Eastern Europe and Russia. It also includes many questions asked in Shin's previous five Korean surveys. It is thus the sixth in the series of New Korea Barometer surveys. The questionnaire covers attitudes toward democracy, employment, social capital, trust and distrust, and expectations of fair and honest treatment by public officials.

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INTRODUCTION

Democratization is a global phenomenon and Korea is a major Asian example of abrupt yet successful transition to democracy from authoritarian rule. Economically, it is a major Asian tiger; its entry into the ranks of advanced industrial societies has been recognized by membership in OECD. However, politically Korea is very much in the process of consolidating newly established democratic institutions while removing the residues of an authoritarian past. In the process, the quality of democracy has been challenged by massive corruption linking some of Korea's largest conglomerates with the highest levels of government, and major street demonstrations and protests,

What do Koreans make of their new democracy? Insofar as economics determines politics, Koreans ought to be positive about their system of government, given the country's phenomenal rate of economic growth. But since the country's economic boom started well before the choice of a President by free elections, this implies that there should have been support for the authoritarian regime in power when the standard of living began to rise. Insofar as the worldwide move to democratization has reached Asia, then Koreans ought to be positive about the current regimeand want to improve the quality of their new democracy.

The best way to understand what people think is to ask them. Since 1988 Doh Shin has been conducting surveys on political culture and the quality of life in Korea. Since 1991 Richard Rose has been conducting surveys of mass response to transformation in 15 post-Communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Given the worldwide spread of democracy, it is natural for us to join forces in a collaborative study of Korea, with a questionnaire that permits comparison between how people respond to major political changes in post-Communist new democracies and in Korea. Given differences in culture and past history between continents, the resulting research should help us identify influences on popular support for democracy that are truly cross-cultural, those specific to Asia, and those specific to the legacy of Communism.

This SPP paper presents the first results of a nationwide representative survey in early summer, 1997; a report on the sample is in the appendix. Fieldwork came after a winter of protests against industrial relations laws enacted in haste and some secrecy, publicity concerning corruption in government, and the indictment of President Kim Young Sam's second son on corruption charges. Interviewing was six months before the date of the 1997 presidential election, in which the President is ineligible by law to succeed himself.

The pages that follow report answers to all questions in the survey. When indicators are derived by combining answers to several questions, the procedures for doing so are explained in footnotes. In addition to responses by the adult population as a whole, sub-totals are reported for three age groups. For Koreans under 30 democratization has been a fact of life during most of their political socialization; this group is also the most educated. Koreans age 30 to 59 have experienced the hard times of poverty and authoritarian rule. Koreans age 60 or over have lived through Japanese occupation, and prior to the introduction of democracy had reached a period in life when attitudes tend to become firm. In subsequent SPP papers we will analyze Korean responses in depth with particular reference to the quality of democracy issue and compare and contrast Korean outlooks with the responses of people in post-Communist societies.

9					
	18-29 %	30-59 %	60+ %	Total %	
	70	70	70	70	
A. HEALTH					
Q1) Over the past 12 months, would you say	your pl	hysical l	nealth l	has been	ι:
1. Very good	28	22	4	21	
2. Good	41	34	34	36	
3. Average	22	28	16	24	
4. Poor	8	15	43	17	
5. Very poor	0	1	3	1	
Q2) What about your emotional and menta	l health?	In the	past 12	2 month	S
would you say it has been :			-		
1. Very good	23	18	4	1 7	
2. Good	35	36	37	36	
3. Average	28	28	26	28	
4. Poor	13	16	30	17	
5. Very poor	0	2	3	2	
B. ECONOMIC CON	DITION	s			
Q3) How would you rate the overall econ- today?	omic co	ndition	of our	country	y
1. Very good.	-	0	_	0	
2. Fairly good	2	3	6	3	
3. Not very good	42	39	37	40	
4. Bad	55	58	56	57	
Q4a) How would you compare the curre	nt econ	omic co	nditio	n of ou	r
country with what it was 10 years ago?					
1. Much better	13	8	5	9	
2. A little better	30	26	29	28	
3. About the same	16	13	7	13	
4. A little worse	23	27	31	26	
5. Much worse	18	26	27	24	

Q4b) Since the inception of the Kim Young Sam government, would you say our national economy has become:

1. Much better	0	0	-	0
2. A little better	5	4	3	4
3. About the same	19	16	22	17
4. A little worse	38	38	38	38
5. Much worse	38	43	37	41

Q5) What do you think the economic situation of our country will be in five years?

1. Much better	7	4	4	5
2. A little better	51	53	68	54
3. About the same	32	31	20	30
4. A little worse	7	9	6	8
5. Much worse	3	2	2	2

Q6) As for your own family, how do you rate its economic situation today?

1. Very satisfactory	2	1	-	1
2. Fairly satisfactory	30	18	30	23
3. Not very satisfactory	59	67	52	63
4. Very unsatisfactory	9	13	1 7	12

Q7a) Compared to 10 years ago, would you say your household economic situation today is:

•					
1. Much better		13	10	-	10
2. A little better		41	38	42	40
3. About the same		28	25	17	25
4. A little worse		16	19	31	20
5. Much worse	· ·	1	7	9	6

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	18-29	30-59	60+	Total	
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	%	%	%	%	

Q7b) Since the inception of the Kim Young Sam government, would you say your household economic situation has become:

1. Much better	0	1	-	1
2. A little better	18	11	12	13
3. About the same	45	39	42	41
4. A little worse	27	31	33	30
5. Much worse	9	17	13	15

Q8) What do you think the economic situation of your family will be in five years?

1. Much better	15	10	1	10
2. A little better	58	56	52	56
3. About the same	24	27	37	27
4. A little worse	3	5	5	4
5. Much worse	0	2	5	2

Changing household situation¹:

Standards rising	18	13	12	14
Standards stable, satisfied	1 7	9	16	12
Standards stable, unsatisfied	28	29	25	28
Standards falling	37	49	47	45

^{&#}x27;Standards rising: Current household economic situation much better or somewhat better now than before the inception of the Kim Young Sam government (Q7b). Standards stable, satisfied: Current economic situation the same compared with that before the inception of the Kim Young Sam government AND respondent satisfied with current household economic situation (Q6). Standards stable, dissatisfied: Current economic situation the same compared with that before the inception of the Kim Young Sam government AND respondent not satisfied with current household economic situation. Standards falling: Current economic situation a lot worse or a little worse now than that before the inception of the Kim Young Sam government.

0				
	18-29	30-59	60+	Total
	%	%	%	%
Future prospects ² :				
Improving	73	66	54	67
Satisfactory	6	4	11	5
Deteriorating	1	1	-	1
Continuing poor	21	29	36	28
Q9) In the past year has your family:				
1. Saved money	56	44	22	44
2. Just got by	27	35	58	36
3. Spent some savings	9	9	9	9
4. Borrowed money	3	5	7	5
5. Spent savings				
and borrowed money	5	6	4	5

Q10) Some people have to do without things they need. In the past 12 months, has your family had to do without any of the following?

Q10a) Food				
1. Often	1	0	2	1
2. Sometimes	5	5	3	5
3. Rarely	13	21	16	18
4. Never	81	73	78	76

9				
	18-29	30-59	60+	Total
	%	%	%	%
Q10b) Heating, electricity				
1. Often	0	0	1	0
2. Sometimes	3	5	6	5
3. Rarely	15	19	14	17
4. Never	81	75	7 9	<i>7</i> 7
Q10c) Clothes				
1. Often	1	0	1	1
2. Sometimes	4	4	6	4
3. Rarely	18	22	14	20
4. Never	<i>7</i> 7	73	7 8	7 5
Destitution scale ³ :				
0 - Never deprived	<i>7</i> 5	68	75	7 1
1	4	4	3	4
2	4	4	3	4
3	10	17	11	14
4	4	4	2	4
5	2	1	2	1
6	1	1	3	1
7	1	0	-	0
9 - Often without all three	_0		1.	_0
Mean	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
St. deviation	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.6

Q11) If your family was very short of money, is there a friend or relative from whom you could borrow as much as one week's living expenses?

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1. Definitely	<i>7</i> 5	65	55	66	
2. Probably	20	27	19	24	

³<u>Destitution scale</u> assigns points ranging from three for often doing without to zero for never doing without food; heating, electricity; clothes, shoes that are really necessary (Qq 10a-c).

²Improving: Household economic situation in five years is a lot or a little better than now (Q8). <u>Satisfactory</u>: Standards rising or stable and satisfied (Changing household situation) AND economic situation in five years is much the same as now. <u>Deteriorating</u>: Standards rising or stable and satisfied (Changing household situation) AND economic situation in five years is a little or a lot worse than now. <u>Continuing poor</u>: Standards stable and dissatisfied or standards falling (Changing household situation) AND economic situation in five years is a little or a lot worse than now.

1. Definitely all right

2. Probably all right

4. Definitely not all right

3. Not so sure

	11				
		18-29	30-59	60+	Total
		%	%	%	%
Q13d) Large land plots					
1. Definitely all right		1	1	1	1
2. Probably all right		8	7	3	7
3. Not so sure		10	10	7	10
4. Definitely not all right		81	82	89	83

C. GENERAL POLITICS

Q14) Now I have a few questions about politics in our country. How much influence do you think the votes of people like yourself have on the way this country is governed?

1. A lot	24	24	11	22	
2. Some	40	44	64	4 6	
3. A little	27	23	10	22	
4. None	7	5	3	5	
8. Don't know	2	4	11	4	

Q15) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The best way of choosing our government is an election that gives every voter a choice of candidates and parties?

1. Definitely agree	33	33	19	31
2. Somewhat agree	45	4 5	61	47
3. Somewhat disagree	13	15	8	14
4. Definitely disagree	4	2	1	2
8. Don't know	4	4	11	5

16) As you know, Korea has been governed by different kinds of political systems in the past 15 years⁴. Here is a scale ranging from a low of 0 to a high of 100. On this scale, 0 means the worst and 100 means the best.

⁴Chun became President in 1980 after the assasination of President Park, protests, strikes, arrests and martial law. In 1987 Roh won a competitive election. In 1992 Kim Young Sam became the first president chosen in three decades to win election as President without military backing.

4-				
	18-29	30-59	60+	Total
	%	%	%	%

Q16a) Where on this scale would you place the system of government under the presidency of Chun Doo Whan?

0 (Worst)	4	5	17	7
10	3	3	6	3
20	3	3	10	4
30	7	7	5	7
40	11	8	4	8
50	25	25	23	25
60	17	15	13	15
70	13	15	8	13
80	14	11	8	12
90	3	4	4	4
100 (Best)	_1	_3	_1	_2
Mean	53	54	42	52
St. deviation	21	23	28	24

Q16b) Where on this scale, would you place the system of government under the presidency of Roh Tae Woo?

0 (Worst)	5	7	23	8	
10	6	5	6	6	
20	7	9	9	9	
30	13	13	9	13	
40	16	17	16	17	
50	27	26	19	25	
60	17	13	10	13	
70	8	5	4	6	
80	0	3	2	2	
90	- •	1	1	1	
100 (Best)		_0	_=	_0	
Mean	42	41	33	40	
St. deviation	19	20	24	21	

18-29	30-59	60+	Total
%	%	%	%

Q16c) Where on this scale, would you place the system of government under the presidency of Kim Young Sam?

0 (Worst)	8	11	18	11	
10	6	9	10	8	
20	8	8	6	8	
30	14	17	14	16	
40	15	11	11	12	
50	22	24	26	24	
60	14	8	5	10	
70	11	7	7	8	
80	2	3	2	3	
90	-	0	-	0	
100 (Best)		_0		_0	
Mean	41	37	34	38	
St. deviation	21	22	23	22	

Q16d) Where would you place the government our country will have in five years?

ive years?					
0 (Worst)	2	3	2	3	
10	1	1	6	2	
20	2	2	4	2	
30	3	3	5	3	
40	2	2	2	2	
50	18	26	22	23	
60	22	20	12	20	
70	21	20	20	20 7	-
80	21	16	18	18	
90	5	4	4	5	
100 (Best)	_2	_3	_3	_3	
Mean	62	61	57	61	
St. deviation	20	20	24	20	

following: Q17a) The army should govern the country 4. Disagree strongly 72 65 Q17b) Better to get rid of Parliament and elections and have a strong leader

decide everything 1. Agree strongly 5 2. Agree somewhat 12 16 15 18 3. Disagree somewhat 27 27 30 4. Disagree strongly 51 31 51

13				
	18-29	30-59	60+	Total
	0%	0/_	0%	0%

Q17c) The most important decisions about the economy should be made by experts and not the government and Parliament

1. Agree strongly	24	28	26	27
2. Agree somewhat	49	48	54	49
3. Disagree somewhat	18	17	14	1 7
4. Disagree strongly	9	6	5	7

Q18) Thinking about the national government in Seoul, how much effect do you think its activities have on your day-to-day life? Do they have:

1. A great effect	9	12	13	11
2. Some effect	42	4 3	63	45
3. Little effect	41	37	18	36
4. No effect at all	8	8	6	8

Q19) How much effect do you think the local government has on your day-to-day life. Do its activities have:

1. A great effect	11	12	8	11
2. Some effect	44	47	70	49
3. Little effect	39	34	17	33
4. No effect at all	6	6	5	6

Q20) Under the present Kim Young Sam government, how much influence do you feel ordinary people like you have on what the government does?

1. A lot	9	10	8	9	
2. Some	30	34	54	35	
3. A little	51	44	28	44	
4. None	11	12	10	11	

Q21) To what extent do you think governors take the interests of people like yourself into account when making important decisions?

1. A lot	2	2	3	2
2. Some	23	26	29	26

16							17				
	·18-29 %	30-59 %	60+ %	Total %			17	18-29 %	30-59 %	60+ %	Total %
3. A little	55	48	42	49		Q24c) Democratic reforms					
4. Not at all	20	23	26	23	}	1. A lot		25	30	24	28
					1	2. Somewhat		49	51	61	52
Q22) To what extent do you think governo	rs take int	to accou	nt the	interests		3. Not much		21	17	13	18
and opinions of private organizations out	side gove	rnment	before	making	ĦĴ	4. Not at all		4	2	3	3
decisions?					1,						
1. A lot	6	6	2	6		Q24d) Chaebols					
2. Some	40	4 0	39	40		1. A lot		59	54	45	54
3. Not much	47	42	46	44		2. Somewhat		35	4 0	49	4 0
4. Not at all	7	11	13	10		3. Not much		4	5	4	4
						4. Not at all		1	1	2	1
Q23) How would you describe the level o	f political	corrup	tion of	the Kim							
Young Sam government?						Q24e) Labor unions					
1. Very high	30	39	33	36		1. A lot		13	14	13	14
2. High	52	46	52	49		2. Somewhat		49	53	56	52
3. Not so high	18	13	13	15		3. Not much		31	29	24	29
4. Very little	1	1	1	1		4. Not at all		7	5	6	5
Q24) Who is to be blamed for our count	ry's politi	ical prob	olems	and how		Q24f) Japanese					
much?						1. A lot		13	13	12	13
Q24a) North Korea						2. Somewhat		55	54	53	54
1. A lot	11	16	12	14		3. Not much		26	26	24	26
2. Somewhat	54	49	42	49		4. Not at all		6	6	11	7
3. Not much	27	24	20	24		11 1 10 t Wt W11		ŭ	Ū		•
4. Not at all	8	12	26	12	• %	Q24g) Americans					
00.00						1. A lot		33	31	22	30
Q24b) President Kim Young Sam					*	2. Somewhat		48	51	58	51
1. A lot	60	66	57	63	1,	3. Not much		15	14	12	14
2. Somewhat	35	29	42	33		4. Not at all		4	4	8	4
3. Not much	4	3	1	3							
4. Not at all	1	1	-	1							

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1 (Complete dissatisfaction)	10	15	12	13
2	14	13	8	13
3	29	22	19	23
4	19	19	25	20
5	19	17	21	18
6	6	8	11	8
7	2	4	1	3
8	1	1	2	1
9	-	0	-	0
10 (Complete satisfaction)		_0		_0
Mean	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.6
St. deviation	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.7

Q25b) On the same scale, where would you place the way democracy works in our country.

1 (Complete dissatisfaction)	5	4	4	4
2	7	5	1	5
3	12	12	6	11
4	18	14	16	15
5	22	28	36	27
6	17	16	26	18
7	11	12	7	11
8	8	6	1	5
9	0	1	1	1
10 (Complete satisfaction)	<u>-</u>	_1	<u>-</u>	_0
Mean	4.8	4.9	5.0	4.9
St. deviation	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.8

18-29	30-59	60+	Total
0%	%	%	%

Q26) Some people say that it will take years for government to deal with the problems inherited from the days of undemocratic governance. Others say that our democratic regime ought to be able to deal with problems right now. With which view do you agree? And how strongly?

1. Definitely agree take years	33	27	21	28
2. Somewhat agree take years	43	4 5	54	45
3. Somewhat agree deal now	19	20	17	19
4. Definitely agree deal now	5	8	7	7

Q27) If Parliament was suspended and parties abolished, would you:

3	6	6	5
15	15	6	14
39	37	56	4 0
43	4 3	31	41
	39	15 15 39 37	15 15 6 39 37 56

Q28) How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Q28a) Our political system is democratized enough; we should not expect too much.

1. Agree strongly	4	7	7	6
2. Agree somewhat	30	38	31	35
3. Disagree somewhat	45	39	49	42
4. Disagree strongly	21	16	13	17

Q28b) If a government is often restrained by an assembly, it will be unable to achieve great things.

1. Agree strongly	10	12	14	12
2. Agree somewhat	49	50	43	49
3. Disagree somewhat	30	31	36	31
4. Disagree strongly	11	7	7	8

	18-29 %	30-59 %	60+ %	Total %	
	70	70	70	70	
Q28c) We can leave things to morally uprig	ht lead	ers.			
1. Agree strongly	12	22	33	20	
2. Agree somewhat	40	40	42	40	
3. Disagree somewhat	37	30	16	30	
4. Disagree strongly	11	9	9	9	
Q28d) Too many competing groups would	undern	nine soc	ial haı	rmony.	
1. Agree strongly	14	14	20	15	
2. Agree somewhat	49	55	42	52	
3. Disagree somewhat	28	26	36	28	
4. Disagree strongly	9	5	2	6	
Q28e) Too many diverse opinions would u	ndermi	ne socia	l orde:	r.	
1. Agree strongly	12	14	22	15	
2. Agree somewhat	47	53	42	50	
3. Disagree somewhat	28	25	31	26	
4. Disagree strongly	12	8	5	9	
D. REUNIFICATI	ON				
Q29) Here are four statements we often hear	about p	oeople ii	n Nort	th Kore	a.
With which statement do you agree most?	-	-			
1. They are just like us	9	12	7	11	
While circumstances have created some differences,					
at heart they are just like us	41	41	53	42	
3. They have a somewhat different					
way of life	44	4 5	37	43	
4. They are foreigners	6	2	3	3	
Q30) What do you think of reunifying I principle, would you say that it is:	North a	ınd Sou	th Ko	orea? I	ĺ n
1. Highly desirable	37	46	<i>7</i> 0	47	
2. Somewhat desirable	36	33	20	32	

21					
	18-29	30-59	60+	Total	
	%	%	%	%	
3. Somewhat undesirable	24	17	6	18	
4. Highly undesirable	4	3	3	3	
Q31) If it cost a lot of money to people like	yourself	to reun	ify Ko	rea, hov	v
would you feel about it?	•		·		
1. Welcome re-unification				me	
regardless of its costs	18	29	44	28 "	
2. Accept re-unification as an act				1.	. 1
that cannot be refused	32	27	13	26 Can	\J(
3. Support re-unification as long				0	a,
as costs were not too much	32	31	35	32	
4. Not support re-unification if					
costs were too much	17	14	8	14 &	W
E. DEMOCRATIZ	ATION				
Q32) Let us consider the idea of democrac		practic	e. In r	orinciple	۵.
how much are you for or against the idea			I	/P	-,
1. Very much for	56	53	52	54	
2. Somewhat for	36	39	35	38	
3. Against somewhat	6	7	12	7	
4. Against very much	1	1	1	1	
Q33) With which of the following do you	agree m	ost?			
1. Democracy is preferable to any	O	•			
other kind of government	67	68	76	69	
2. Under certain situations, a					
dictatorship is preferable	23	21	10	20	
3. For people like me it doesn't			,		
matter if we have a democratic					
or non-democratic government	9	11	13	11	
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	18-29	30-59	60+	Total
	%	%	%	%

Q34) How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy works in Korea these days? Are you:

1. Very satisfied	2	4	2	3
2. Fairly satisfied	44	47	45	46
3. Not very satisfied	39	39	44	40
4. Not at all satisfied	14	9	9	11

Q35) How much do you agree or disagree with the statement that our political system should be made a lot more democratic than what it is now?

1. Strongly agree	58	46	30	47
2. Somewhat agree	36	43	54	42
3. Somewhat disagree	6	8	15	8
4. Strongly disagree	1	3	1	2

Q36) How much do you agree with the statement that the dictatorial rule like that of a strong leader like Park Chung Hee would be much better than a democracy to handle the serious problems facing the country these days.

1. Strongly agree	1 7	29	47	28
2. Somewhat agree	41	39	34	39
3. Somewhat disagree	27	21	16	22
4. Strongly disagree	15	11	3	11

Q37) Between the two national goals of democratization and economic development, which do you think is more important?

1. Economic development	50	52	70	54
2. Democratization	10	9	6	9
3. Equally important	40	39	24	37

Q38) Here is a scale ranging from a low of 1 to a high 10. On this scale, 1 means COMPLETE DICTATORSHIP and 10 means COMPLETE DEMOCRACY. The closer to 1 the score is, the more dictatorial our country is; the closer to 10 the score is, the more democratic our country is.

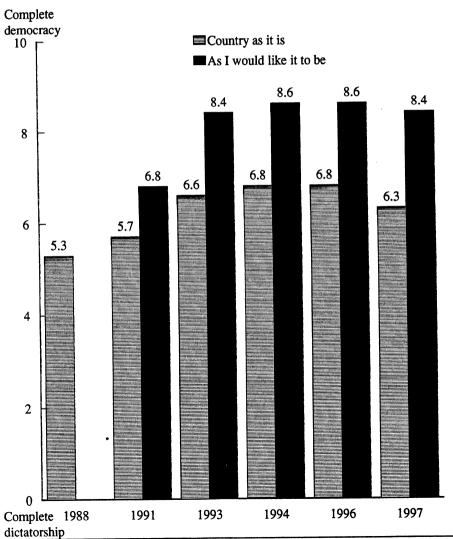
18-29	30-59	60+	Total	
%	%	%	%	

Q38a) On this scale, where would you place our country under the Chun Doo Whan government?

1 (Complete dictatorship)	7	7	9	8
2	15	11	9	12
3	25	22	31	24
4	19	19	18	19
5	18	22	17	21
6	8	10	11	10
7	5	5	4	5
8	2	2	1	2
9	-	0	-	0
10 (Complete democracy)	_0	_0		_0
Mean	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.9
St. deviation	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7

Q38b) Where would you place our country at the present time?

1 (Complete dictatorship)	1	0	-	1
2	1	0	-	0
3	3	3	-	3
4	6	4	3	4
5	22	20	25	21
6	23	24	31	24
7	27	27	30	27
8	15	17	8	15
9	1	3	3	3
10 (Complete democracy)	_0	_1		_1
Mean	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.2
St. deviation	1.5	1.4	1.1	1.4



Source: Doh C. Shin, New Korea Barometer, nationwide representative sample surveys.

18-29 30-59 60+ Total % % % %

Q38c) To what extent would you personally desire our country to be democratized?

1 (Complete dictatorship)	-	0	1	0
3	0	1	-	0
4	1	1	-	1
5	2	4	3	4
6	1	3	8	3
7	14	10	20	12
8	28	28	35	29
9	27	24	14	23
10 (Complete democracy)	26	29	<u> 19</u>	27
Mean	8.5	8.4	8.0	8.4
St. deviation	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.4

Q39) Here is another scale measuring the extent to which people think democracy is suitable for our country. On this scale, 1 means complete unsuitability while 10 means complete suitability.

Q39a) During the present Kim Young Sam government, to what extent is democracy suitable for our country?

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1 (Complete unsuitability)	0	1	-	1
2	1	1	1	1
3	3	4	6	4
4	9	11	12	10
5	16	21	26	20
6	17	16	18	16
7	27	20	24	23
8	18	17	6	16
9	6	5	3	5
10 (Complete suitability)	_2	_4	_3	_3
Mean	6.4	6.2	5.9	6.2
St. deviation	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.8

18-20 30-50 60+ Total

23

34

.0				
	18-29	30-59	60+	Total
	0%	0%	0%	07,

Q39b) During the period of the Chun Doo Whan government, to what extent was democracy suitable for our country?

1 (Complete unsuitability)	3	5	3	4
2	9	6	3	7
3	14	11	26	14
4	19	19	15	19
5	25	26	25	26
6	12	12	11	12
7	10	10	10	10
8	3	6	7	6
9	4	2	1	2
10 (Complete suitability)	_1	_1	_	_1
Mean	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.8
St. deviation	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.9

F. NEGATIVE SOCIAL CAPITAL

People often have problems about getting organizations to do what they would like. What do you think a person should do if they had the following problems:

Q40) A military draftee is told that he will be sent to a remote part of the country. How could he try to avoid this assignment?

1. Offer a bribe	3	2	-	2
2. Use connections	11	11	3	10
3. Make up an excuse to rescind				
the assignment	10	4	2	6
4. Submit a petition to delay it	24	17	8	18
5. Nothing can be done, accept	52	66	86	65

Q41) What should a parent do for a high school student whose grades aren't good enough to be admitted to a university?

1. Offer a bribe	1	1	2	1
2. Use connections	2	2	2	2

	10-29 %	30-33 %	%	10iui %	
	70	70	70	/0	
3. Make up an excuse to					
discount poor grades	3	2	1	2	
4. Pay a tutor, take exams again					
to do better	49	34	22	37	
5. Nothing can be done, accept	44	60	73	57	
Q42) What should a person who needs a	governr	nental p	ermit	do if	an
official says: just be patient, wait?					
1. Offer a bribe	5	3	1	4	
2. Use connections	21	16	9	17	
3. Write to the head office	33	21	8	22	

Q43) What should a family do to get a government-subsidized apartment, even if not entitled to it by the regulations?

4. Don't worry; check will turn up

5. Nothing can be done, just accept

, ,				
1. Offer a bribe	1	1	-	1
2. Use connections	8	7	4	7
3. Tell a story to make the				
household appear eligible	21	11	5	13
4. Save money to buy a private				
apartment, house	63	69	45	64
5. Nothing can be done	8	11	46	15

G. VALUE ORIENTATIONS

Q44) On this card you will find five pairs of contrasting statements. For each pair, please choose one statement which comes closest to your view and say whether you definitely agree or somewhat agree.

Q44a) Incomes should be made more equal so there are no big differences in standard of living.

Definitely	17	14	6	14
Somewhat	17	19	15	18

- /				
	18-29	30-59	60+	Total
	%	%	%	%
OR Unemployment is the biggest three	eat for my fa	mily.		
Definitely	20	21	28	22
Somewhat	14	10	19	12

Q45) Some people feel they have completely free choice and control over their lives, while other people feel that what they do has no real effect on what happens to them. How about you? Where would you place yourself on this scale, where 1 means none at all and 10 means a great deal of free choice and control?

1 (None at all)	-	1	-	0
2	1	1	3	1
3	6	5	1	5
4	4	7	5	6
5	14	15	12	14
6	1 <i>7</i>	15	20	16
7	26	23	25	24
8	21	23	27	23
9	10	7	5	7
10 (A great deal)	_2	<u>4</u>	_2	_3
Mean	6.7	6.5	6.7	6.6
St. deviation	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.7

Q46) Here is another scale measuring political attitudes from 1 (extreme left) to 10 (extreme right).

Q46a) Where on this scale would you put yourself?

1 (Extreme left)	0	0	-	0
2	2	1	2	2
3	6	3	1	4
4	8	5	2	5
5	28	28	17	26
6	18	17	22	18
7	20	18	30	20

St. deviation

31					
	18-29	30-59	60+	Total	
	%	%	%	%	
Q46d)Where would you put North Korean	leader	Kim Jon	ıg Il?		
1 (Extreme left)	61	69	66	67	
2	15	13	26	15	
3	5	5	4	- 5	
4	3	3	1	2	
5	5	3	2	4	
6	1	1	-	1	
7	3	1	1	2	
8	2	1	-	1	
9	3	1	-	1	
10 (Extreme right)	_3	_2		_2	
Mean	2.4	1.9	1.5	2.0	
St. deviation	2.5	1.9	0.9	2.0	
H. POSITIVE SOCIAL	CAPIT	AL			
Q47) When you have problems, on whom			rst of a	all? (Two	0
answers permitted).	,	,			
Q47a) FIRST ANSWER					
1. Myself	45	47	39	46	
2. Friends	11	4	-	5	
3. Family, relatives	41	42	57	44	
6. Government	-	0	-	0	
7. Church, charities	3	5	4	4	
8. Other	0	1	-	0	
Q47b) SECOND ANSWER					
1. Myself	25	31	41	31	
1. 141 9 5 5 11		-			

2. Friends

4. Employer

5. Co-workers

6. Government

3. Family, relatives

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32						33				
32	18-29	30-59	60+	Total			18-29 %	30-59	60+ ~	Total %
	%	%	%	%			%	%	%	%
7. Church, charities	1	4	4	3	Q50a) Post office					
8. Other	1	0	2	1	1. Definitely		35	38	25	35
or o tales	•	ŭ	_	•	2. Probably		50	49	59	50
Q48) If you became seriously ill and need	ded some	e help i	n the	house.	3. Not likely		14	12	15	13
there anyone outside your family househ		-			4. Definitely not		2	1	1	1
help?		,								
1. Definitely	55	42	46	46	Q50b) Bank					
2. Probably	31	36	26	33	1. Definitely		36	36	27	35
3. Probably not	8	14	15	12	2. Probably		47	4 6	55	47
4. Definitely not	4	5	11	6	3. Not likely		15	16	18	16
5. Don't know	1	2	3	2	4. Definitely not		2	1	1	1
O40 K				1	Q50c) Local grocery shop					
Q49) If something went wrong with the		-			1. Definitely		50	54	39	51
live, what would you do to get it fixed? (i wo ansi	wers pe	rmitte	a).	2. Probably		40	39	51	41
Q49.1) FIRST ANSWER			40		3. Not likely		9	6	9	7
1. Our family would deal with it	55	55	49	54	4. Definitely not		1	0	1	1
2. Ask a friend to fix it	2	2	-	1	,					
3. Complain to person reponsible					Q50d) Doctor's office					
for collecting rent	29	20	17	22	1. Definitely		1 7	19	18	18
4. Pay someone to fix it	14	23	31	21	2. Probably		38	37	51	39
5. Nothing I could do	0	-	3	1	3. Not likely		38	38	29	37
					4. Definitely not		7	6	1	6
Q49.2) SECOND ANSWER									-	
1. Our family would deal with it	-	0	-	0	Q50e) Local government o	ffice				
2. Ask a friend to fix it	2	1	2	1	1. Definitely		11	19	20	17
3. Complain to person responsible					2. Probably		39	41	49	41
for collecting rent	22	21	9	20	3. Not likely		41	33	29	35
4. Pay someone to fix it	74	7 8	88	78	4. Definitely not		10	7	2	7
5. Nothing I could do	1	-	2	1	4. Definitely not		10	,		,
OEO) If you want to do compething in the	a fallar:-	ina1-	aoa -:-	دارري	Q50f) Police					
Q50) If you went to do something in the	e ionow	nig bia	ces, w	ouia y	1. Definitely		11	14	17	14
expect fair treatment from:					2. Probably		29	29	43	31

Q51d) Churches, temples
1. Trust much

2. Trust somewhat

D1) Do you or anyone else in your family	have a job	in ord	er to ea	rn son	ne
money?					
1. Self	15	35	17	27	
2. Other family members	49	33	44	39	

36				
	18-29	30-59	60+	Total
	%	%	%	%
3. Self and others	36	30	28	32
4. No one	-	1	11	2
D2) [IF IN THE LABOUR MARKET] V	Vhat kind o	f job do	you h	ave?
1. Agriculture/fishery	2	12	28	11
2. Self-employed and owners of b	usiness			
with less than 10 workers	7	16	7	12
3. Sales/services	10	6	1	6
4. Technical/skilled	7	10	-	7
5. Blue-collar	2	5	7	4
6. White-collar and engineers	24	15	1	16
7. Administrative and managerial	-	1	-	0
8. Professional and free-lance	0	1	-	0
9. Housewife, student	41	32	39	35
11. Unemployed	8	2	15	5
D3) Do you get enough money from really need?	your regula	ır job to	buy v	what you
1. Definitely enough	3	2	-	2
2. Just enough	35	23	16	25
3. Not quite enough	59	66	73	65
4. Definitely not enough	3	9	10	8
Coping ⁵ :				
With own job	37	25	16	27
With portfolio	51	55	61	55
Not coping	12	20	23	18

37						
	18-29	30-59	60+	Total		
	%	%	%	%		
D4) Do you or anyone in your family hav	e a secor	nd job to	earn	money?		
1. Self	6	6	8	6		
2. Other family member does	8	9	11	9		
3. Self and others	-	1	3	1		
4. No one does	86	83	<i>7</i> 8	83		
D5) Have you or anyone in your family beey year?	en unem	ployed	during	the past		
1. Self	3	1	-	2		
2. Other family members	4	3	8	4		
3. Self and others	1	0	-	0		
4. No one	92	95	92	94		
J. DEMOGRAPI	HICS					
D6) Where were you born?						
1. South Korea	99	99	92	98		
2. North Korea	0	1	7	1		
3. China	-	0	-	0		
4. Japan	0	0	1	0		
D7) How long have you lived in this area	(city/co	unty)?				
Under 6 years	33	24	8	24		
6-10 years	14	18	10	16		
11-15 years	9	12	3	10		
16-20 years	12	10	13	11		
21-25 years	16	5	3	8		
26-30 years	16	9	11	11		
More than 30 years	-	22	53	20		
D8) With which of the following do you most closely identify yourself? [SHOW CARD]						
1. Local community, city, eg Seoul	50	55	42	52		
2. Region	20	17	33	20		

^{*}Coping: With own job: Respondent earns enough from regular job to buy the things needed (D3). With portfolio: Respondent does not earn enough from regular job but saved money or got by in the past year (Q9). Not coping: household spent savings, borrowed money, sold household goods (Q9).

30-59

3. Monthly rent

4. Other arrangements

60+

%

Total

%

40				
	18-29	30-59	60+	Total
	%	%	%	%
Region of residence				
1. Seoul	30	20	32	24
2. Pusan	8	9	4	8
3. Taegu	5	6	1	5
4. Inchon	4	6	-	5
5. Kwangju	2	3	2	3
6. Daejon	3	3	1	3
7. Kyonggi	18	16	12	16
8. Kangwon	3	4	3	3
9. Chongbuk	4	3	4	3
10. Chongnam	2	5	7	4
11. Chonbuk	4	5	7	5
12. Chonnam	2	6	6	5
13. Kyongbuk	5	7	6	6
14. Kyongnam	10	8	14	9
SQ1) Size of Community				
1. Capital	30	20	32	24
2. Large city	23	28	9	24
3. Medium/small city	33	28	20	29
4. Urban town	7	6	8	7
5. Rural area	7	17	31	16
SQ2) Gender				
1. Male	51	51	40	49
2. Female	49	49	60	51

SAMPLE REPORT

The 1997 New Korea Barometer survey was directed by Professor Doh C. Shin and Professor Richard Rose as part of their ongoing programme of research into mass response to democratization. Fieldwork was undertaken by Gallup Korea. The questionnaire was the primary responsibility of Shin, a native-speaking Korean; Rose was primarily responsible for comparative questions. The questionnaire was pre-tested by Gallup Korea and revised in the light of the pre-test.

The sample was designed to represent the population of the Republic of Korea age 20 and over. The advance report of the 1995 Population and Housing Census of the National Statistical Office was used first to stratify the population by region (Do) and the eight large cities on a basis proportionate to their share of the national population. The island of Cheju-Do, with 1.2 percent of the total population, was excluded. Secondly, each region or large city was stratified by administrative subdivisions (Dong, Eup, Myun) on a basis proportionate to population. At the third stage, the primary sampling units (ban or village) were randomly selected, with 6 to 8 households in a ban and 12 to 15 in a village. At the household level, the interviewer was instructed to select for interview the person whose birthday came next.

Fieldwork was undertaken by regularly employed interviewers of Gallup Korea. Each interviewer participated in a one-day orientation session and completed three trial interviews. A random selection of 20 percent of questionnaires was independently validated. All interviews were face to face. Fieldwork commenced on 20 May and concluded on 3 June 1997. If no one was at home at a household or if the adult selected for interview was not at home, the interviewer was instructed to call back three times. A total of 3,260 addresses were selected; of these, 105 were non-residential units. At 906 addresses there was no one at home after three callbacks, so that the household residents could not be enumerated and a respondent selected. Of the 2,249 households where an individual name could be selected by the birthday method, 453 individuals were not interviewed because they were too old or infirm or absent from the household; 604 refused; and 75 interviews were not completed because of

the respondent's impatience, for which Koreans are notorious. A total of 1,117 interviews were satisfactorily completed. The mean length of interview was 35 minutes; the range was from 20 to 50 minutes.

The representativeness of the respondents was established by comparing their distribution on age, gender, town size, region and education with data from the Republic of Korea census. Differences were within the expected range of sampling fluctuations. To match the sample with the census, the results were marginally weighted by gender within age groups as follows:

	Respondents				
	Census	Original	Weighted		
	%	%	%		
Women	50.7	50.8	50. <i>7</i>		
Men	49.3	49.2	49.3		
Age 20-29	27.7	27.7	27.8		
30-39	27.5	29.9	27.4		
40-49	18.2	19.6	18.3		
50-59	13.1	13.2	13.2		
60 plus	13.5	9.7	13.4		
Seoul	23.5	24.0	24.5		
Other large cities	24.5	24.6	23.9		
Small, medium size cities	29.5	29.4	28.8		
Rural towns	7.8	6.5	6.7		
Villages	14.7	15.5	16.2		
No education	7.3	4.6	6.0		
Primary	15.2	13.0	14.4		
Middle school .	13.8	11.7	11.3		
High school	39.0	44.5	42.7		
College	24.5	26.2	25.6		

The questionnaires were then coded in ASCII and SPSS format in Seoul, for subsequent analysis as reported here.

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