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This survey is studying public opinion towards global treats, terrorism, and recent events related to the Middle East and Africa. As part of this study, we cordially request your participation. Would you please fill out this questionnaire pertaining to international stability?

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Directions: Please tick or place an "x" in the space provided next to questions

1. Which TWO of the following counties do you think are the greatest threats to international stability? (PLEASE CHOOSE UP TO TWO RESPONSES)

- United States (1= yes, 2= no)
- China (1= yes, 2= no)
- North Korea (1= yes, 2= no)
- Russia (1= yes, 2= no)
- Israel (1= yes, 2= no)
- Iran (1= yes, 2= no)
- Syria (1= yes, 2= no)
- Iraq (1= yes, 2= no)
- Afghanistan (1= yes, 2= no)
- Pakistan (1= yes, 2= no)
- Other (please specify) _____ (1= yes, 2= no)
- Not sure (1= yes, 2= no)

2. If actions by the United Nations or others are not successful in reducing ethnic violence in the Middle East region, would you favor sending United States military troops?

- Definitely (1= yes)
- Probability (2= yes)
- Probability not (3= yes)
- Definitely not (4 = yes)
- Not sure (5 = yes)

3. If actions by the United Nations or others are not successful in reducing ethnic violence in the Africa, would you favor sending United States military troops?

- Definitely (1= yes)
- Probability (2= yes)
- Probability not (3= yes)
- Definitely not (4= yes)
- Not sure (5= yes)

4. Please mark how much you agree or disagree with the idea of United States establishing permanent military bases in Africa to fight its war on global terrorism

- Agree strongly (1 = yes)
- Agree (2 = yes)
- Disagree (3 = yes)
- Disagree strongly (4 = yes)
- Not sure (5 = yes)

5. Which TWO of the following do you believe are most responsible for the growth of Islamic militancy, place a 1 for your first choice and 2 for your second choice? (PLEASE CHOOSE UP TO TWO RESPONSES)

- Political corruption (1 = yes)
- Islamic religion itself (2 = yes)
- The global spread of democracy (3 = yes)
- The global spread of Western culture (4 = yes)
- United States policies in the Middle East (5 = yes)
- Not sure (6 = yes)

6. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about political beliefs and principles.

	Agree Strongly (1 = yes)	Agree (2=yes)	Disagree (3=yes)	Disagree Strongly (4=yes)	Not Sure (5=yes)
The support of Institutions like the International Court of Justice is the right policy even if it would limit America's military options.					
Torture should not be allowed in interrogations, even if information obtained could save many lives					
If there is probable evidence the United States violated international law in the use of military force against Iraq then the United states should be brought before an international court					

7. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about political beliefs and values.

	Agree Strongly (1=yes)	Agree (2=yes)	Disagree (3=yes)	Disagree Strongly (4=yes)	Not Sure (5=yes)
It would be an excellent strategy if Muslims in the world community were more organized so that their views could be better represented in public policy.					
Although capitalism helped bring some prosperity to the western world, it is not well suited to accomplish the same thing today in most developing nations.					
Although democracy helped bring some prosperity to the western world, it is not well suited to accomplish the same thing today in most developing countries					
Each society or nation has a right to its own cultural and religious practices – for example, defining its state’s religious orientation.					
There are no correct values that can be applied across all cultures, societies, and nations.					

8. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about political beliefs and values.

	Agree Strongly (1=yes)	Agree (2=yes)	Disagree (3=yes)	Disagree Strongly (4=yes)	Not Sure (5=yes)
If other nations are unwilling to support America in its war against terrorism around the world, then America has the right do it alone					
Many of the problems that now exist in the Middle East can be traced to misguided and flawed American foreign policies					

9. Please mark how much you agree or disagree with the following statement about United States. In recent months there have been reports the United States has set up and used torture centers in foreign countries as part of a strategy in its war on terrorism

- Agree strongly (1 =yes)
- Agree (2 = yes)
- Disagree (3 = yes)
- Disagree strongly (4 = yes)
- Not sure (5 = yes)

10. Please indicate how supportive you are of the United States in terms of the following statement. United States has the right to illegally abduct suspected persons associated with terrorist groups and interrogated them as part of a strategy in its war on terrorism.

- Very supportive (1= yes)
- Moderately supportive (2 = yes)
- Not supportive (3 = yes)
- Not sure (4 = yes)

11. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

	Agree Strongly (1=yes)	Agree (2=yes)	Disagree (3=yes)	Disagree Strongly (4=yes)	Not Sure (5=yes)
Even if the most other countries support a particular international agreement which the United States disagrees with, the United States must do what is in its own interest despite the consequences of the position of the international community					
Would you rather see a United Nations with additional authority over resolving international disputes including disputes involving the United States?					

12. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

	Agree Strongly (1=yes)	Agree (2=yes)	Disagree (3=yes)	Disagree Strongly (4=yes)	Not Sure (5=yes)
To a great extent, United States history involved the oppression of non-white people.					
The attacks against United States during the past decade by Islamic fundamentalist are justified by legitimate grievances against U.S. policies and practices.					
The United States is a racially prejudiced country					

13. Prior to the 2003 invasion of Iraq by US and coalition forces, in your opinion did Iraq have weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and was a threat to the United States?

- Iraq had WMD and was a treat to the US (1 = yes)
 Iraq did have WMD and was not a threat to the US (2 = yes)
 Not sure (3 = yes)

14. In 2003 of the Iraq invasion, did you think the US and coalition forces were liberators or occupiers?

- Mostly liberators (1 = yes)
 Mostly occupiers (2 = yes)
 Both as liberators and occupiers (3 = yes)
 Not sure (4 = yes)

15. Thinking about the hardship and suffering some people might have endured since the US and British invasion of Iraq, do you think the overthrow of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was worth it or not worth it?

- Worth it (1 = yes)
 Not worth it (2 = yes)
 Not sure (3 = yes)

16. Is Iraq much better off today, somewhat better off or, somewhat worst off?

- Better off (1 = Better off)
 Somewhat better off (2 = Somewhat better off)
 Somewhat worst off (3 = Some worst off)
 Worst Off (4 = Worst off)
 Not sure (5 = Not sure)

17. Should the US and British military forces leave Iraq immediately, next few months, or should they stay longer?

- Immediately (1 = Immediately)
- Next few Months (2 = Next few months)
- Stay longer (3 = Stay longer)
- Not sure (4 = Not sure)

18. Considering idea the US has not found Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) , do you think the US should be brought before an international court for war crime against the Iraqi people?

- Should be brought before an international court (1 = should be brought)
- Should not be brought before an international court (2 = should not be brought)
- Not sure (3 = Not sure)

19. Do you think Islam is resistant to modernity?

- Resistant to modernity (1 = Resistant to modernity)
- Not resistant to modernity (2 = Not resistant to modernity)
- Not sure (3 = Not sure)

20. Do you think Islam is supportive of democratic ideals?

- Supportive (1 = supportive)
- Not supportive (2 = Not supportive)
- Not sure (3 = Not sure)

21. Do you think the disagreement between Islam, democracy, and capitalism is related to a clash of cultures or ideology and history?

- Clash of cultures (1 = Clash of cultures)
- Ideology and history (2 = Ideology and history)
- Not sure (3 = Not sure)

22. Do you think US President George W. Bush's administration has a policy of democratizing the region of the Muslim world?

- Has a policy to democratize (1 = Has a policy to democratize)
- Does not have a policy to democratize (2 = Does not have a policy to democratize)
- Not sure (3 = Not sure)

23. Do you think a United States Policy of democratization of the region of the Muslim world will increase or decrease violent aggression against western interests?

- Increase violent hostility (1 = Increase violent hostility)
- Remain basically the same (2 = Remain basically the same)
- Decrease violent hostility (3 = Decrease violent hostility)
- Not sure (4 = Not sure)

24. Please mark how much you agree or disagree with the following statement about Israel and the Palestinians.

Given the situation of unequal power, Palestinian attacks on Israeli civilians are a legitimate way of pressuring Israel.

- Agree strongly (1 = Agree Strongly)
 Agree (2 = Agree)
 Disagree (3 = Disagree)
 Disagree strongly (4 = Disagree strongly)
 Not sure (5 = Not sure)

25. Please mark how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about Iraqi resistance and the United States.

When considering the situation of unequal military power, Iraqi resistance and attacks on U.S. military and coalitional forces are legitimate ways of pressuring the United States.

- Agree strongly (1 = Agree Strongly)
 Agree (2 = Agree)
 Disagree (3 = Disagree)
 Disagree strongly (4 = Disagree strongly)
 Not sure (5 = Not sure)

26. Please mark how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about Iraqi resistance and the interim Iraqi government.

When considering the situation of unequal military power, Iraqi resistance and attacks on U.S. backed Iraqi government forces are legitimate ways of pressuring the interim Iraqi government.

- Agree strongly (1 = Agree Strongly)
 Agree (2 = Agree)
 Disagree (3 = Disagree)
 Disagree strongly (4 = Disagree strongly)
 Not sure (5 = Not sure)

27. How often, if at all, do you perceive that close friends or associates are hesitant to express their opinions because they might be contrary to “popular” positions?

- Often (1 = Often)
 Fairly often (2 = Fairly often)
 Occasionally (3 = Occasionally)
 Never or almost never (4 = Never or almost never)
 Not sure (5 = not sure)

28. How often, if at all, do you perceive that ethnic or religious minority co-workers or friends are hesitant to express their views because they might be contrary to “popular” positions?

- Often (1 = Often)
 Fairly often (2 = Fairly often)\
 Occasionally (3 = Occasionally)
 Never or almost never (4 = Never or almost never)
 Not sure (5 = Not sure)

Please tick or check the following demographic questions that best describe you. This information will help the researcher(s) to understand who participated in the survey.

29. What is your age? ____ (1= 18-27, 2= 28-36, 3= 37-46, 4= 47-56, 5= 57-66, 6= 67-76, and 7= 77-86 years of age.)

30. What is your Gender? Male or Female (1 = Male and 2 = Female)

31. What is your marital status? Single (never married) (1 = single)

Married (2 = Married)

Separated (3 = Separated)

Divorced (4 = Divorced)

Widow(er) (5 = Widower)

32. How would you describe yourself? European Origin (1 = European origin) or non-European Origin (2 = non-European origin)

33. What is your country of birth? _____ (1 = Ghana) (2 = Other)

34. How would classify your religious orientation?

Christian (1 = Christian)

Muslim (2 = Muslim)

Jewish (3 = Jewish)

Hindu (4 = Hindu)

Buddhist (5 = Buddhist)

Agnostic (6 = Agnostic)

Other (please specify) _____ (7 = Other)

No specific religious orientation (8 = No specific religion)

35. What is the highest level of formal education you have completed?

Have you completed elementary or primary school education Yes No
(1=yes) (2=no)

Have you completed Junior high school or Junior Secondary School? Yes No
(1=yes) (2=no)

Have you completed High School or Senior Secondary School? Yes No
(1=yes) (2=no)

Have you completed college or university? Yes No
(1=yes) (2=no)

36. If you have attended college or university what is the highest degree you have obtained?

Diploma (1=Diploma) Certificate (2=Certificate)

Bachelor's degree (3=Bachelors degree) Master's degree (4=Masters degree)

Ph.D. (5=Ph.D.)

Not Applicable (99 = not applicable)

37. What is your current employment status?

Unemployed (1 = Unemployed)

Employed full-time (work 35 hours or more per week) (2 = Employed Full-time)

Employed Part-time (work 34 hours or less per week) (3 = Employed Part-time)

38. If you can classify your political view that would it be?

Progressive (1=Progressive) Liberal (2=Liberal)

Moderate (3=Moderate) Conservative (4=conservative)

Reactionary (5=Reactionary) Not sure (6=Not sure)

39. Please identify the regions of the world you have visited:

Europe (1 = Europe)

North America (2 = North America)

South America (3 = South America)

Caribbean (4 = Caribbean)

Middle East (5 = Middle East)

South East Asia (6 = South East Asia)

Asia (7 = Asia)

40. Please identify the regions of the world where you have lived or worked:

Europe (1 = Europe)

North America (2 = North America)

South America (3 = South America)

Caribbean (4 = Caribbean)

Middle East (5 = Middle East)

South East Asia (6 = South East Asia)

Asia (7 = Asia)

41. Please rank which **three sources** of news information are most important with 1 being the most important, 2 being the next most important and, 3 the least important.

Hearsay (1 = Hearsay)

Friends (2 = Friends)

Family members (3 = Family members)

Newspapers (4 = Newspapers)

Radio (5 = Radio)

Television (6 = Television)

Internet (7 = Internet)

No response (8 = No response)

The researcher would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to participate in the survey.