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Questionnaire

Affective risk perception

Recently, the number of MERS patients, suffering from Middle East respiratory syndrome is increasing in Korea.

"How much worried are you that you could get MERS?"

- 1. Very much worried
- 2. Somewhat worried
- 3. Not that worried
- 4. Not worried at all

Cognitive risk perception

"Do you think MERS epidemic will settle down in the next few days or spread further?"

- 1. Will settle down
- 2. Will spread further

Trust in government (presidential job approval rating)

"Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Park Geun-hye is handling her job as president?"

- 1. Approval
- 2. Disapproval

Party identification

These days, there are Saenuri Party, New Politics Alliance for Democracy, and Justice party in South Korea. "Which party do you support?"

- 1. Saenuri Party
- 2. New Politics Alliance for Democracy
- 3. Justice party
- 4. Other parties

Occupation

"What is your occupation?"

- 1. farming/forestry/fishery
- 2. Self-employed

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- 3. Blue collar (Sales/services, Functional/skilled workers, general workers)
- 4. White collar (office/technical position, management, professional/freelancer)
- Homemaker
- 6. Student
- 7. Unemployed
- 8. Retired
- 9. Other

Self-reported household economic status

"If you divide the standards of living of Korean people into five levels: Upper, Upper middle, Middle, Lower middle, and Lower, which level do you think your household's living standard belongs to?"

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

Educational attainment

"What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?"

- 1. Middle school or below
- 2. High school
- 3. University
- 4. Graduate school

Area

Which region do you live in? Please tell me based on your address.

*We don't have your location information because we've randomly generated your telephone number.

- 1. Seoul
- 2. Busan
- 3. Daegu
- 4. Incheon
- 5. Gwangju

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- 6. Daejeon
- 7. Ulsan
- 8. Sejong
- 9. Gyeonggi
- 10. Gangwon
- 11. Chungbuk
- 12. Chungnam
- 13. Jeonbuk
- 14. Jeonnam
- 15. Gyeongbuk
- 16. Gyeongnam
- 17. Jeju

Age

What is your age?

Gender

What is your gender?

- 1. Male
- 2. Female