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Political and Social Transitions in the Arab World

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Section 1: General Topics

1. In general, how would you compare your living conditions with other people in your country?

1. Much worse
2. Worse
3. Similar
4. Better
5. Much better
98. Don't know (Do not read)
99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

2. Generally speaking, do you think most people are trustworthy or not?

1. Most people are trustworthy
2. Most people are not trustworthy
98. I don't know (Do not read)
99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

3. What are the most two important challenges your country is facing today?

1. Economic situation (poverty; unemployment, inflation)
2. Corruption of politicians
3. Corruption of public servants
4. Authoritarianism (abuse of power by political leaders)
5. Resolution of Palestinian cause (situation in Palestine)
6. Internal stability and security
7. Put an end to the external interference
8. Others:

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98. Don't know (Do not read)
 99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

4. Have you considered living abroad?

1. Yes, permanently (emigration)



- 2. Yes, for a period of time (mobility)
- 3. Yes, unsure for how long
- 4. No (Go to question 6)
- 98. Don't know (Do not read) (Go to question 6)
- 99. Refuse to answer (Do not read) (Go to question 6)

5. What would be the main reasons for living abroad?

- 1. For economic reasons
- 2. For political reasons
- 3. For educational reasons
- 4. For security reasons
- 5. For religious reasons
- 6. For family reasons
- 7. For other reasons

(specify) _____

- 98. Don't know (Do not read)
- 99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

Section 2: Economic Situation

6. Where on a 5-point scale would you put the NATIONAL ECONOMY if “1” is “very bad” and “5” – “very good”...?

		Very bad					Very good		DK	RA
6a	Five years ago	1	2	3	4	5	98	99		
6b	Present time	1	2	3	4	5	98	99		
6c	In five years' time	1	2	3	4	5	98	99		

7. Where on a 5-point scale would you put your HOUSEHOLD/FAMILY ECONOMIC SITUATION if “1” is “very bad” and “5” – “very good”...?

		Very bad					Very good		DK	RA
7a	Five years ago	1	2	3	4	5	98	99		
7b	Present time	1	2	3	4	5	98	99		
7c	In five years' time	1	2	3	4	5	98	99		



8. To what extent do you think that there is a corruption within state agencies and institutions in your country?

- 1. Not at all
- 2. To a small extent
- 3. To a medium extent
- 4. To a large extent
- 98. I don't know (Do not read)
- 99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

9. In your opinion, to what extent is the government working to crack down on corruption and root out bribes?

- 1. Not at all
- 2. To a medium extent
- 3. To a small extent
- 4. To a large extent
- 98. I don't know (Do not read)
- 99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

10. Some people say that nowadays it is impossible to get a job without *wasta* whilst others are persuaded that posts are attributed according to qualifications. Through the examples that you have personally encountered recently, do you see this as...

- 1. Getting a job by *wasta* is extremely wide-spread
- 2. Getting a job by *wasta* is quiet often
- 3. Getting a job by *wasta* happens sometimes
- 4. Jobs are obtained without *wasta*
- 98. I don't know (Do not read)
- 99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

Section 3: Security

11. Where on a 5-point scale would you put the SECURITY OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD/FAMILY if “1” is the lowest mark and “5” – the highest...?

		Lowest mark			Highest mark		DK	RA
11a	Five years ago	1	2	3	4	5	98	99
11b	Present time	1	2	3	4	5	98	99
11c	In five years' time	1	2	3	4	5	98	99



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12. Where on a 5-point scale would you put the SECURITY IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD if “1” is the lowest mark and “5” – the highest...?

		Lowest mark					Highest mark		DK	RA
12a	Five years ago	1	2	3	4	5	98	99		
12b	Present time	1	2	3	4	5	98	99		
12c	In five years' time	1	2	3	4	5	98	99		

13. Where on a 5-point scale would you put the SECURITY IN YOUR REGION/DISTRICT if “1” is the lowest mark and “5” – the highest...?

		Lowest mark					Highest mark		DK	RA
13a	Five years ago	1	2	3	4	5	98	99		
13b	Present time	1	2	3	4	5	98	99		
13c	In five years' time	1	2	3	4	5	98	99		

14. Where on a 5-point scale would you put the OVERALL SECURITY OF OUR COUNTRY if “1” is the lowest mark and “5” – the highest...?

		Lowest mark					Highest mark		DK	RA
14a	Five years ago	1	2	3	4	5	98	99		
14b	Present time	1	2	3	4	5	98	99		
14c	In five years' time	1	2	3	4	5	98	99		

15. We would like to ask you about your area of residence and other people.

- 1 – Never
- 2 – Rarely
- 3 – Sometimes
- 4 – Mostly
- 5 – Always
- 98 – Don't know (Do not read)
- 99 – Refuse to answer (Do not read)

15a	Do you feel safe in your area of residence during the day?	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
15b	Do you feel safe in your area of residence during the night?	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
15c	Would your neighbors help you if you need it?	5	4	3	2	1	98	99



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16. To what degree are you worried about the following situations?

- 0 – Not applicable
- 1 – Not at all
- 2 – Not much
- 3 – Much
- 4 – Very much
- 98 – Don't know (Do not read)
- 99 – Refuse to answer (Do not read)

16a	Losing my (or spouse's) job or not finding a job	4	3	2	1	0	98	99
16b	No possibility to give children a good education	4	3	2	1	0	98	99
16c	A war involving my country	4	3	2	1	0	98	99
16d	A terrorist attack in my country	4	3	2	1	0	98	99
16e	A civil war in my country	4	3	2	1	0	98	99
16f	Increase in sectarian or ethnic violence	4	3	2	1	0	98	99
16g	Being harassed or threatened on the street	4	3	2	1	0	98	99
16h	Having things stolen from your house	4	3	2	1	0	98	99
16i	Being robbed on the street	4	3	2	1	0	98	99
16j	Being sexually molested	4	3	2	1	0	98	99

Section 4: Political system

17. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "A democratic system may have problems, yet it is better than other systems"?

- 1. I strongly disagree
- 2. I disagree
- 3. I agree
- 4. I strongly agree
- 98. Don't know (Do not read)
- 99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)



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18. People often differ in their views on the characteristics that are essential to democracy. If you have to choose only one thing, what would you choose as the most important characteristic, and what would be the second most important?

		18a. First	18b. Second
1	Opportunity to change the government through elections	1	1
2	Freedom to criticize the government/those in power	2	2
3	A small income gap between rich and poor	3	3
4	Basic necessities like food, clothing, shelter for everyone	4	4
5	Political equality among citizens	5	5
6	Getting rid of corruption	6	6
7	Getting a job	7	7
8	Other (specify) _____	8	8

19. How do you think according to an 11-point scale how democratic your country is if “0” is the complete dictatorship and “10” – complete democracy...? (SHOW CARD)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Complete dictatorship							Complete democracy			

98. Don't know (Do not read)

99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

20. How do you think according to an 11-point scale how much democracy is suitable for your country if “0” is very unsuitable and “10” – very suitable...? (SHOW CARD)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Very unsuitable							Very suitable			

98. Don't know (Do not read) 99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

21. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Citizens must support the government’s decisions even if they disagree with them”?

1. I strongly disagree
2. I disagree
3. I agree
4. I strongly agree



- 98. I don't know (Do not read)
- 99. Declined to answer (Do not read)

22. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: “Political reform should be introduced little by little instead of all at once”?

- 1. I strongly disagree
- 2. I disagree
- 3. I agree
- 4. I strongly agree
- 98. I don't know (Do not read).
- 99. Declined to answer (Do not read)

23. In general, where on a 5-point scale would you put the political system in your country if “1” is the lowest mark and “5” – the highest...?

		Lowest mark					Highest mark	DK	RA
23a	Five years ago	1	2	3	4	5	98	99	
23b	Present time	1	2	3	4	5	98	99	
23c	In five years' time	1	2	3	4	5	98	99	

24. I am going to ask a number of questions related to the current government's performance. How would you evaluate the performance of the current government in...?

- 4 – Very good
- 3 – Good
- 2 – Bad
- 1 – Very bad
- 0 – This is not the government's responsibility (Do not read)
- 98 – Don't know (Do not read)
- 99 – Refuse to answer (Do not read)

24a	Creating employment opportunities	4	3	2	1	0	98	99
24b	Narrowing the gap between rich and poor	4	3	2	1	0	98	99
24c	Controlling prices	4	3	2	1	0	98	99
24d	Provision of utilities (fuel, water, electricity, gas, sanitation)	4	3	2	1	0	98	99
24e	Providing security in the country	4	3	2	1	0	98	99

25. Did you vote in the last national/parliamentary election that took place on _____ (day, month, year):



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1. Yes
2. No
98. Don't know (Do not read)
99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)



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26. How satisfied are you with the following?

- 4 – Definitely satisfied
- 3 – Quite satisfied
- 2 – Rather dissatisfied
- 1 – Definitely dissatisfied
- 98 – Don't know (Do not read)
- 99 – Refuse to answer (Do not read)

26a	Your life in general	4	3	2	1	98	99
26b	The way democracy is developing in our country	4	3	2	1	98	99
26c	The way the economy is developing in our country	4	3	2	1	98	99
26d	The educational system in our country	4	3	2	1	98	99
26e	The healthcare system in our country	4	3	2	1	98	99
26f	The way the government performs its duties in national office	4	3	2	1	98	99
26g	The way the local authorities are solving the region's affairs	4	3	2	1	98	99
26h	The system of social security (health insurance, pension system, labour exchange for the unemployed) in our country	4	3	2	1	98	99

27. I'm going to describe various types of political systems that exist in the Middle East and the Maghreb and ask what you think about each as a way of governing for your country. For each one, would you say it is a very suitable, suitable, somewhat suitable or not suitable at all way of governing your country?

- 4 – Very suitable
- 3 – Suitable
- 2 – Somewhat suitable
- 1 – Not suitable at all
- 98 – Don't know (Do not read)
- 99 – Refuse to answer (Do not read)

27a	A parliamentary system in which nationalist, left wing, right wing, and Islamic political parties compete in parliamentary elections.	4	3	2	1	98	99
27b	A system in which only Islamic political parties compete in parliamentary elections.	4	3	2	1	98	99
27c	A system with a strong authority that takes decisions regardless of elections outcomes or the opposition standpoints.	4	3	2	1	98	99
27d	A system governed by Islamic law in which there are no political parties or elections	4	3	2	1	98	99

28. If you were been asked to identify yourself, with which of the following



would you most closely identify?

1. Your country of origin
2. Arab (Ethnicity)
3. Muslim (Religion)
4. Region
5. Local community, city where I live
6. Others
98. Don't know (Do not read)
99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

29. I'm going to name a number of institutions. For each one, please tell me how much trust you have in them.

- 4 – A great deal of trust
- 3 – Quite a lot of trust
- 2 – Not very much trust
- 1 – No trust at all
- 98 – Don't know (Do not read)
- 99 – Refuse to answer (Do not read)

29a	Government (Council of Ministers)	4	3	2	1	98	99
29b	The elected council of representatives (the parliament).	4	3	2	1	98	99
29c	Courts and legal system	4	3	2	1	98	99
29d	The armed forces (the army).	4	3	2	1	98	99
29e	Police	4	3	2	1	98	99
29f	Political Parties	4	3	2	1	98	99
29g	Media	4	3	2	1	98	99
29h	Civil Society	4	3	2	1	98	99
29i	local government	4	3	2	1	98	99
29j	Religious leaders	4	3	2	1	98	99

30. How would you estimate the influence of these countries on the development of democracy in your country?

- 5 – Very positive
- 4 – Somewhat positive
- 3 – Neither positive nor negative
- 2 – Somewhat negative
- 1 – Very negative
- 98 – Don't know (Do not read)
- 99 – Refuse to answer (Do not read)

30a	The United States	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
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30b	The European Union	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
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31. What policy do you think would be the most positive thing that the EU could do in your country? [Only one option may be chosen]

1. Promoting democracy
2. Promoting economic development
3. Resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict
4. Promoting women's rights
5. The EU should not get involved
98. Don't know (Do not read)
99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

32. Do you think any of these countries (or institutions) poses factor of stability or instability to your country?

		Factor of instability	Does not affect my country	Factor of stability	Don't know (don't read)
32a	USA	1	2	3	98
32b	Israel	1	2	3	98
32c	Iran	1	2	3	98
32d	China	1	2	3	98
32e	Russia	1	2	3	98
32f	Turkey	1	2	3	98
32g	EU	1	2	3	98
32h	Arab League	1	2	3	98

33. Do you know (heard, read, knew) about development/cooperation programs implemented by European institutions or countries?

1. Yes
2. No –Go to Q35
98. Don't know (Do not read)– Go to Q35
99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)– Go to Q35

34. How would you rate their impact?

1. Very negative
2. Negative
3. There is no impact
4. Positive
5. Very positive
98. Don't know (Do not read)
99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)



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35. Which country would you like your country to have more relations with in general?

Country Name: _____

36. With which European state do you think your country should strengthen its relations in order to improve the current conditions?

Country Name: _____

Section 5: Religion

37. In general, you would describe yourself as...

- 1. Religious
- 2. Religious to some extent
- 3. Not religious
- 98. Don't know (Do not read)
- 99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

38. Today as in the past, Muslim scholars and jurists sometimes disagree about the proper interpretation of Islam in response to present-day issues. For each of the statements listed below, please indicate whether you agree strongly, agree, disagree, or disagree strongly with the interpretation of Islam that is presented.

- 4 – Strongly agree
- 3 – Agree
- 2 – Disagree
- 1 – Strongly disagree
- 98 – Don't know (Do not read)
- 99 – Refuse to answer (Do not read)

38a	Democracy is a Western form of government that is not compatible with teachings of Islam	4	3	2	1	98	99
38b	In a Muslim country the political rights of non-Muslims should be less to those of Muslims	4	3	2	1	98	99
38c	Banks in Muslim countries must be forbidden from charging even modest interest on loans because this is forbidden by Islam	4	3	2	1	98	99
38d	It is acceptable in Islam for male and female university students to attend classes together	4	3	2	1	98	99
38e	If a Muslim converts to another religion, s/he	4	3	2	1	98	99



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	must be punished by execution						
38f	In Islam a woman should dress modestly, but Islam does not require that she wear a hijab.	4	3	2	1	98	99
38g	I prefer a religious political party over a non-religious based political party	4	3	2	1	98	99



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39. In your opinion, how important is each of the following principles as a guide for making the laws of our country? How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- 4 – Strongly agree
- 3 – Agree
- 2 – Disagree
- 1 – Strongly disagree
- 98 – Don't know (Do not read)
- 99 – Refuse to answer (Do not read)

39a	The government and parliament should make laws according to the wishes of the people	4	3	2	1	98	99
39b	The government should implement only the laws derived from the sharia	4	3	2	1	98	99
39c	The government and parliament should make laws according to the wishes of the people in some spheres and implement sharia in others	4	3	2	1	98	99
39d	The government and parliament should make criminal law according to sharia	4	3	2	1	98	99
39e	The government and parliament should make personal status/family law according to sharia	4	3	2	1	98	99

40. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

- 4 – Strongly agree
- 3 – Agree
- 2 – Disagree
- 1 – Strongly disagree
- 98 – Don't know (Do not read)
- 99 – Refuse to answer (Do not read)

40a	Religious clerics (Imams, Preachers, Priests) should not influence how people vote in elections	4	3	2	1	98	99
40b	Religious clerics (Imams, Preachers, Priests) should have influence over the decisions of government	4	3	2	1	98	99
40c	Religious practice is a private matter and should be separated from socio-economic	4	3	2	1	98	99



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Section 6: Causes of Revolution

41. What do you prefer to call the recent social and political events and changes that happened in some Arab countries during the last 5 years?

1. Arab Spring
2. Arab uprising
3. Revolution
4. Democratic Spring
5. Arab destruction
6. Civil war
7. Conspiracy against Arabs
8. Other. Please, specify:

98. Don't know (Do not read)

99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

42. According to your opinion, Arab Revolution (Arab Spring) is the result from...

1. Conspiracy from outside. Please specify who: _____
 2. Popular revolution against existing regime
98. Don't know (Do not read)
99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

43. Did you support the Arab Revolution (Arab Spring)?

1. Yes
 2. No
98. Don't know (Do not read)
99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

44. Did you participate in any protests within Arab Revolution (Arab Spring)?

1. Yes
 2. No
98. Don't know (Do not read)
99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

45A. Would you go to a political demonstration now?

1. Yes
 2. No
98. Don't know (Do not read)
99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)



45B. If yes, please, explain, why? (name 2 most important reasons)

45C. If no, please, explain why? (name 2 most important reasons)

46. Why do you think people went to the streets? [choose 2 options]

1. To demand more political freedom
2. To promote foreign interest
3. To oppose authoritarian leaders
4. To protest against corruption
5. Because of lack of basic services
6. Because of economic grievances/problems
7. Other:

98. Don't know (Do not read)

99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

47. Which were the actors which sparked the Arab Spring? [choose 2 options]

1. Elite/state institutions in conflict
2. Islamist movements
3. NGOs
4. Spontaneous popular demonstrations
5. Young activists
6. Members of the civil society
7. Foreign actors

98. Don't know (Do not read)

99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

Section 7: Perception of Arab Spring

48. Where on a 10-point scale would you put the GENERAL SITUATION OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD/FAMILY if "1" is very bad and "5" very good...?



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		Very bad						Very	DK	RA
		good								
48a	Five years ago	1	2	3	4	5	98	99		
48b	Present time	1	2	3	4	5	98	99		
48c	In five years' time	1	2	3	4	5	98	99		



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49. Where on a 10-point scale would you put the GENERAL SITUATION IN YOUR COUNTRY if “1” is very bad and “5” very good...?

		Very bad good					Very	DK	RA
		1	2	3	4	5			
49a	Five years ago	1	2	3	4	5	98	99	
49b	Present time	1	2	3	4	5	98	99	
49c	In five years' time	1	2	3	4	5	98	99	

50. In the past three years, so many changes have happened in your country. Compared to the era before these changes took place, please, tell me for each of the following points, do you think the current political system is much better, somewhat better, equal, somewhat worse, much worse than before?

- 5 – Much better
- 4 – Somewhat better
- 3 – Equal
- 2 – Somewhat worse
- 1 – Much worse
- 98 – Don't know (Do not read)
- 99 – Refuse to answer (Do not read)

50a	Everybody is free to say what he or she thinks	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
50b	People can join any organization they want	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
50c	Ordinary people can influence what government does	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
50d	People can live without fear of unlawful arrest	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
50e	Each person can decide whether or not take an interest in politics	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
50f	Everybody is treated equally and fairly by the government	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
50g	Everybody is free to decide whether or not to practice a religion	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
50h	Everybody is free to have access to information	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
50i	Everybody is free to take part in demonstrations	5	4	3	2	1	98	99



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51. How would you assess the EU programs in response to the Arab Spring?

1. Positive
2. Negative
3. No effect
4. I never heard of it
98. Don't know (Do not read)
99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

52. What kind of support do you think the European Union should provide to your country? [Choose 2 options]

1. Financial for schools, education, health
2. Financial in job creation and investments
3. Financial as loans and financial aid
4. Training, education
5. Women empowerment
6. In migration.
7. In military sphere (security)
8. Should stop their support to Israel
9. Should not provide any support (Do not read)
98. Don't know (Do not read)
99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

53. From your point of view, which Arab countries have been affected in the most positive way by the Arab Spring? [Choose 3 options] (Do not read options)

1. Tunisia
2. Algeria
3. Libya
4. Egypt
5. Iraq
6. Jordan
7. Morocco
8. Yemen
9. Bahrain
10. Syria
11. Other: _____
00. None
98. Don't know
99. Refuse to answer



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Section 8: Political Participation and Gender

54. Generally speaking, how interested would you say you are in politics?

- 1. Very interested
- 2. Interested
- 3. Somewhat interested
- 4. Not interested at all
- 98. Don't know (Do not read)
- 99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

55. How often do you follow news about politics and government in your country?

- 1. Very often
- 2. Often
- 3. Sometimes/ rarely
- 4. Never
- 98. Don't know (Do not read)
- 99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

56. I'm going to read some different forms of political action that people can take, and I'd like you to tell me, for each one, whether you have actually done any of these things, whether you might do it or would never, under any circumstances, do it.

		Have done	Might do	Would never do	DK	NA
56a	Signing a petition	1	2	3	98	99
56b	Joining boycotts	1	2	3	98	99
56c	Attending demonstrations	1	2	3	98	99
56d	Joining unofficial strikes	1	2	3	98	99
56e	Occupying building or factories	1	2	3	98	99

57. Are you a member of any of these organizations?

		Yes	No	DK	RA
57a	A charitable society	1	2	98	99
57b	A professional association/trade union	1	2	98	99
57c	A youth / cultural / sports organization	1	2	98	99
57d	A political party	1	2	98	99
57e	A civil society organization that was not mentioned above	1	2	98	99



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58. The following questions are your personal opinions about the principles that should determine the behavior and situation of women in our society. For each of the statements listed below, please indicate whether you agree strongly, agree, disagree, or disagree strongly with it.

4 – Strongly agree

3 – Agree

2 – Disagree

1 – Strongly disagree

98 – Don't know (Do not read)

99 – Refuse to answer (Do not read)

58a	A married woman can work outside the home if she wishes	4	3	2	1	98	99
58b	A university education is more important for a boy than a girl	4	3	2	1	98	99
58c	A woman can travel abroad by herself if she wishes.	4	3	2	1	98	99
58d	Women should have equal inheritance rights.	4	3	2	1	98	99
58e	Women can assume judicial office.	4	3	2	1	98	99
58f	The first wife's consent is a prerequisite to allow the man to marry another woman.	4	3	2	1	98	99
58g	Women can refuse to marry someone chosen by her parents without their consent.	4	3	2	1	98	99
58h	Men and women should have equal rights when making the decision to divorce.	4	3	2	1	98	99
58i	The law should not allow a man to marry more than one woman	4	3	2	1	98	99
58j	In Islam woman can stipulate to divorce her husband in the marriage contract	4	3	2	1	98	99
58k	A woman can be President or Prime Minister of a Muslim country	4	3	2	1	98	99
58l	On the whole, men make better political leaders than women do	4	3	2	1	98	99



Section 9: Role of Media

59a. Please, tell me, what are the main sources of political information for you? [several options are possible]

59b. And which sources of information do you trust most? [several options are possible]

		59a. Main Sources (4)	59b. Trusted sources (4)
1	Government newspapers	1	1
2	Private national newspapers	2	2
3	International newspapers	3	3
4	Government TV	4	4
5	Private national TV	5	5
6	International TV	6	6
7	Government radio	7	7
8	Private national radio	8	8
9	International radio	9	9
10	Internet	10	10
11	E-mail	11	11
12	Text messages	12	12
13	Social media	13	13
14	Friends and colleagues	14	14
15	Public places (mosque, market)	15	15
16	Word of mouth (gossip, rumors)	16	16
17	Other (specify)	17	17
98	Don't know (Do not read)	98	98
99	Refuse to answer (Do not read)	99	99

60. In general, you would say that now you trust the national media...

- 1. More than you did in 2010
- 2. The same as you did in 2010
- 3. Less than you did in 2010
- 98. Don't know (Do not read)
- 99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

61. In your opinion, how free is the media in your country?

- 1. Not free at all
- 2. Not very free
- 3. Somewhat free
- 4. Completely free



98. Don't know (Do not read)

99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

62. Some people think that the Internet will change the way people influence politics, others think that this is not the case. How much do you agree or disagree with the statement that “Through the use of the Internet...?”

1 –Strongly disagree

2 –Disagree

3 – Neither agree, nor disagree

4 – Agree

5 – Strongly agree

98 – Don't know (Do not read)

99 – Refuse to answer (Do not read)

62a	People can have more political power	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
62b	People will have more say about what the government does	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
62c	People can know more about what government does	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
62d	Public officials will know more about what people have to say	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
62e	Politicians are trying to influence people	5	4	3	2	1	98	99

63. On average, how often do you use the Internet?

0. I do not use the Internet – Go to Question 70

1. Less than once a week

2. Once a week

3. Several times a week

4. Daily

5. Several times a day

98. Don't know (Do not read)

99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

64. Where do you have internet access? [choose all those that apply]

1. At home

2. At school/university

3. At work

4. In public places

5. At friend's home

6. At relative's home

7. On mobile device

8. Other, please, specify: _____



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99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

65. On average, how often do you use the following online web-sites?

- 6 – Several times a day
- 5 – Daily
- 4 – Several times a week
- 3 – Once a week
- 2 – Less than once a week
- 1 – Never
- 98 – Don't know (Do not read)
- 99 – Refuse to answer (Do not read)

65a	Online newspapers	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
65b	Online magazines	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
65c	Blogs	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
65d	Newsletters	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
65e	Other, _____ please specify: _____	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99

66. On average, how often do you use the following communication tools?

- 6 – Several times a day
- 5 – Daily
- 4 – Several times a week
- 3 – Once a week
- 2 – Less than once a week
- 1 – Never
- 98 – Don't know (Do not read)
- 99 – Refuse to answer (Do not read)

66a	Email	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
66b	SMS	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
66c	WhatsApp	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
66d	Skype	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
66e	ICQ	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
66f	Yahoo Messenger	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
66g	Viber	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
66h	Other, _____ please specify: _____	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99



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67. On average, how often do you use the following social media tools?

- 6 – Several times a day
- 5 – Daily
- 4 – Several times a week
- 3 – Once a week
- 2 – Less than once a week
- 1 – Never
- 98 – Don't know (Do not read)
- 99 – Refuse to answer (Do not read)

67a	Twitter	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
67b	Forums	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
67c	Instagram	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
67d	Youtube	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
67e	Social networking sites such as Facebook	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
67f	Other, please specify: _____	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99

IF 'NEVER' FOR ALL ITEMS – GO TO QUESTION 69

68. Please list up to 3 specific social networking sites that you use the most:
[Do not read options].

- 1. Facebook
- 2. MySpace
- 3. Google+
- 4. Netlog
- 5. Tagged
- 6. Hi5
- 7. Badoo
- 8. LinkedIn
- 9. Other(s): specify: _____
- 98 – Don't know (Do not read)
- 99 – Refuse to answer (Do not read)



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69. How often have you used social media tools such as forums, Twitter, Facebook, etc. ...

- 6 – Several times a day
- 5 – Daily
- 4 – Several times a week
- 3 – Once a week
- 2 – Less than once a week
- 1 – Never
- 98 – Don't know (Do not read)
- 99 – Refuse to answer (Do not read)

69a	For connecting with family and friends	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
69b	For meeting new people	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
69c	To hear about social and cultural events	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
69d	To hear about gossip	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
69e	For getting information about general politics and political events								
69f	For commenting on political issues	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
69g	For taking part in political events such as demonstrations	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
69h	For organizing political activities	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99
69i	When you are bored	6	5	4	3	2	1	98	99

Section 10: Living conditions and way of life

70. In general, would you say your health is....

- 1. Very poor
- 2. Poor
- 3. Fair
- 4. Good
- 5. Very good
- 98. Don't know (Do not read)
- 99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)



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71. In the past twelve months did your household have to do without things that you need, such as:

- 4 – Constantly
- 3 – Sometimes
- 2 – Never
- 1 – Do not use it
- 98. Don't know (Do not read)
- 99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

a. Basic foods (bread, sugar, milk)	4	3	2	1	98	99
b. Heating	4	3	2	1	98	99
c. Clothes, shoes that are really necessary	4	3	2	1	98	99
d. Electricity	4	3	2	1	98	99
e. Water indoors	4	3	2	1	98	99
f. Fuel for car	4	3	2	1	98	99
g. Visiting a doctor (Medical care)	4	3	2	1	98	99
h. Medicine	4	3	2	1	98	99
i. Home repair	4	3	2	1	98	99
j. Credit for the mobile phone	4	3	2	1	98	99
k. Entertainment (café, restaurants, theatres, cinemas etc.)	4	3	2	1	98	99

72. How often did you travel outside your own country in the last 5 years?

- 1. Never
- 2. Less often
- 3. Once per year
- 4. More than once per year
- 98. Don't know (Do not read)
- 99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

73. Have you ever been to Haj /Omra?

- 1. Never
- 2. Once
- 3. Twice
- 4. Three times or more
- 98. Don't know (Do not read)
- 99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)



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74. Have you ever worked or studied outside your country?

1. Yes, I worked in: _____
2. Yes, I studied in: _____
3. No
99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

75. Taking all things together, would you say these days you are...?

1. Unhappy
2. Somewhat unhappy
3. Somewhat happy
4. Happy
98. Don't know (Do not read)
99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

Section 11: Demographic Characteristics

76. What is your year of birth?

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- 98. Don't know (Do not read)
- 99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

77. Respondent's sex: 1. Male 2. Female

78. Respondent's marital status:

1. Single
2. Married
3. Divorced
4. Widow (Widower)
99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

79. What is your level of obtained education?

1. Illiterate/Literate
2. Elementary
3. Preparatory/Basic.
4. Secondary
5. Mid-level diploma/professional or technical
6. BA
7. MA and above



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80. How many people including you currently live in this household?

_____ people

99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

81. In which country were you born?

1. In the same country where you live now

2. In another country. Please, specify: _____

98. Don't know (Do not read)

99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

82. What best describes your housing situation?

1. I am registered as an owner of my house

2. My spouse is registered as the only owner of the house

3. Another member of the family is the registered owner of the house

4. We rent our house

5. Other, specify: _____

98. Don't know (Do not read)

99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

83. What religious denomination do you use to refer to yourself?[don't read the options]

1. None

2. Buddhist

3. Jewish

4. Muslim (Sunni)

5. Muslim (Shiite)

6. Orthodox

7. Protestant (Lutherans, Baptism, Evangelism, Adventism, Pentecost's etc.)

8. Catholic

9. Other (specify): _____

99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

84. I will read you some statements related to your household income. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your household income?

1. Our household income covers our expenses well and we are able to save

2. Our household income covers our expenses without notable difficulties

3. Our household income does not cover our expenses and we face some difficulties in meeting our needs



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4. Our household income does not cover our expenses and we face significant difficulties in meeting our needs

98. Don't know (Do not read)

99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)

85. Which of the following best described your current professional situation?

1. Employer/director of an institution with 10 employees or more

2. Employer/director of an institution with less than 10 employees

3. Professional such as lawyer, accountant, teacher, doctor, etc.

4. Manual laborer

5. Agricultural worker/Owner of a farm

6. Member of the armed forces/public security

7. Owner of a shop/grocery store

8. Government employee

9. Private sector employee

10. Craftsperson

11. Housewife

12. Does not work

13. Retired

14. Student

15. Other (specify): _____

98. Don't know (Do not read)

99. Refuse to answer (Do not read)



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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

Interviewer! Write the local time of the interview finish.

Local time of the interview finish: _____ (hour, minute)

INTERVIEWER'S GUARANTEE:

I guarantee that the questionnaire has been conducted by me in accordance with the instruction, by the method of personal interview with the selected accordingly to the instruction respondent.

Name & Surname. _____

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S GUARANTEE:

I have checked the correctness and completeness of the questionnaire filling in.

Name & Surname _____