Description of Cross-National Developmental Idealism Survey Measures

The purpose of this document is to describe developmental idealism survey measures that have been collected in several countries participating in large-scale studies of developmental idealism. This particular document includes the countries of Argentina, China, Egypt, Iran, and the United States. Developmental idealism measures were collected in Nepal as well, but since the question wording needed to be modified to fit the local context, documentation for those measures can be accessed via: http://developmentalidealism.org/projects/nepal/docs/nepalCrossNationalDISSurveyDescription.pdf

The developmental idealism question set, designed and written to be asked comparably across study site areas, appears in its entirety (minus the suggested demographic variables) within this document. Although each question is numbered sequentially, within its section it may not reflect the order in which a particular country asked it. In addition, the section ordering shown in this document, i.e. A, B, C, etc. may not reflect the order in which a country chose to place it within the questionnaire. Anyone desiring to ascertain exact individual country question or section ordering should refer directly to the country-specific questionnaire.

The document is arranged so that each developmental idealism survey question appears on the right hand side of the page, preceded by a check-box inventory indicating which country included it in their developmental idealism data collection. The first column of checkboxes refer to the Argentina data collection, the second to China, the third column of checkboxes refer to the Egypt data collection, the fourth column to Iran, and the fifth through seventh columns of checkboxes refer to the first, second, and third United States data collections. So for example, the first question in the developmental idealism series (Using this development scale, where would you put Japan?) was asked in Argentina, China, Egypt, Iran, and the 1st and 2nd USA data collections, but not in the 3rd USA data collection.

Note that while the original questionnaires asking the developmental idealism items included suggested demographic variables, the demographic variables are not shown here. Therefore, anyone wishing to familiarize themselves with the demographic measures collected in an individual country should refer to that country’s questionnaire.

The documentation below describes each of the questionnaire sections used in Argentina, China, Egypt, Iran, and the United States. The individual questions used are listed within these sections.
Section A: Rating Countries on Development

We would like you to think about development in countries around the world today. We’ll be talking about countries as varied as England and Mongolia. Think of a development scale that rates countries from zero to ten. The least developed places in the world are rated zero and the most developed places in the world are rated ten. You can use both of those numbers for rating countries plus all of the numbers in between.

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A1. Using this development scale, where would you put Japan?
A2. Even if you don’t know exactly, about where would you put Japan?
A3. Where would you put Nigeria?
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A11. Where would you put the Central African Republic?
A12. Even if you don’t know exactly, about where would you put the Central African Republic?
A13. Where would you put France?
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A15. Where would you put Brazil?
A16. Even if you don’t know exactly, about where would you put Brazil?
A17. Where would you put Pakistan?
### Section B: Are Specified Attributes More Common in Developed or Not Developed Places?

Now, please think about what life is like today in countries that are not developed and compare it to what life is like today in countries that are developed. Please tell us whether each of the following things, in general, is more common in countries that are not developed or more common in countries that are developed.

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- **A18.** Even if you don’t know exactly, about where would you put Pakistan?
- **A19.** Where would you put (STUDY SITE COUNTRY)?
- **A20.** Even if you don’t know exactly, about where would you put (STUDY SITE COUNTRY)?

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- **B1.** First, how about married children living with their parents or in-laws – in general, is this more common in countries that are not developed or more common in countries that are developed?
- **B2.** Females marrying before the age of 18 – in general, is this more common in countries that are not developed or more common in countries that are developed?
- **B3.** Family unity and loyalty?
- **B4.** Elderly parents living with their adult children?
- **B5.** Arranged marriages?
- **B6.** Couples having many children?
- **B7.** Marriages breaking up?
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- **B8.** What about equality between women and men?
- **B9.** Babies born to unmarried mothers?
- **B10.** Opposite sex couples living together without being married?
- **B11.** What about romantic love between a husband and wife?
- **B12.** Premarital sex?
- **B13.** Respect for elders?
- **B14.** How about children dying before their first birthday?
- **B15.** High standard of living?
- **B16.** People working on farms?
- **B17.** Being educated?
- **B18.** Families having television?
- **B19.** Sick people visiting a local healer rather than visiting a medical doctor?
- **B20.** Women giving birth in a hospital rather than giving birth at home?
- **B21.** The income difference between rich and poor people?

### Section C: Which Societal Attributes are Better

There are many different kinds of societies and living situations around the world today. I am going to ask you to compare a variety of societies and living situation. Please tell me overall which one you think is better for most people around the world today.
C1. Overall, which do you think is better for most people around the world today – a moderately developed society or a society that is highly developed?

C2. Yes, but if you had to choose, which do you think is better – a moderately developed society or a society that is highly developed?

C3. Societies in which most women give birth in a hospital or societies in which most women give birth at home?

C4. Yes, but if you had to choose, which do you think is better – societies in which most women give birth in a hospital or societies in which most women give birth at home?

C5. Culture in (the United States/and) Western Europe) or culture in (STUDY SITE COUNTRY/other places)?

C6. Yes, but if you had to choose, which do you think is better – culture in (the United States/(and) Western Europe) or culture in (STUDY SITE COUNTRY/other places)?

C7. Societies in which most people visit a local healer or societies in which most people visit a medical doctor?
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C8. Yes, but if you had to choose, which do you think is better – societies in which most people visit a local healer or societies in which most people visit a medical doctor?

C9. Societies in which most people receive education in schools or societies in which few people receive education in schools?

C10. Yes, but if you had to choose, which do you think is better?

C11. Societies in which most families do not have television in their homes or societies where most families do not have television in their homes?

C12. Yes, but if you had to choose, which do you think is better?

C13. Overall, which do you think is better for most people around the world today, a society in which decision are based on religious faith, or a society in which decisions are based on science?

C14. Yes, but if you had to choose which do you think is better?
Section D: Results of a Country Development Program

Now, please think about what life is like in a country where the standard of living is low, most people live in rural areas, and access to healthcare is poor. Suppose that country introduces a program to help make the country more developed. I will read a list of things this development program might change. For each one, please tell me whether it will increase in that country or decrease in that country once the development program has been successfully implemented.

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D1. In such a country where the standard of living is low, most people live in rural areas, and access to healthcare is poor, over time, will a successful implementation of a development program increase or decrease married children living with their parents?

D2. Females marrying before the age of eighteen – over time, will a successful implementation of a development program increase or decrease females marrying before the age of eighteen?

D3. Equality between women and men?

D4. Family unity and loyalty?

D5. Marriages breaking up?

D6. Arranged marriages?

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D10. Respect for elders?

D11. What about romantic love between a husband and wife?

D12. Premarital sex?
D13. The income differences between rich and poor people?

**Section E: Which Familial Attributes Are Better**

I would like you to think about the different kinds of social and family arrangements around the world today. I am going to ask you to compare a variety of social and family arrangements. Please tell me overall which one you think is better for most people around the world today.

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E9. Living together before getting married or getting married without living together first?

E10. Yes, but if you had to choose, which do you think is better?

E11. Elderly parents living alone or elderly parents living with their adult children?

E12. Yes, but if you had to choose, which do you think is better?

E13. Overall, which do you think is better for most females around the world today – marrying at the age of 22 or marrying at the age of 28?

E14. Yes, but if you had to choose, which do you think is better for most females?

E15. Overall, which do you think is better for most people around the world today – young people choosing their own spouses, or parents choosing their spouses for them?

E16. Yes, but if you had to choose, which do you think is better?

E17. Overall, which do you think is better for a woman – waiting until marriage to have sex or having sex before marriage?

E18. Yes, but if you had to choose, which do you think is better for a woman?
E19. Overall, which do you think is better for most people around the world today – a divorce or an unhappy marriage?
E20. Yes, but if you had to choose, which do you think is better?
E21. A society in which it is legal for a person to choose to marry someone of the same sex or a society in which it is not legal?
E22. Yes, but if you had to choose, which do you think is better?
E23. A society in which it is legal for two adult women to choose to be married to the same man at the same time or a society in which it is not legal?
E24. Yes, but if you had to choose, which do you think is better?

Section F: Reduce Family Size in a Country

Now, please think about what life is like today in a country where income is low, most people live in rural areas, access to healthcare is poor, and most couples give birth to at least six children. Suppose that a country introduces a smaller-family-size program to encourage couples to give birth to no more than three children. I will read a list of things this smaller-family-size program might change. For each one, please tell me whether it will increase in that country or decrease in that country once the smaller-family-size program has been implemented.
F1. In such a country where most couples give birth to at least six children, over time, will a successful implementation of a smaller-family-size program increase or decrease the overall standard of living?

F2. Families having television in their homes?

F3. The fraction of children dying before their first birthday?

F4. Being educated?

F5. Sick people visiting a local healer rather than visiting a medical doctor?

F6. The income difference between rich and poor people?

F7. Love and understanding between parents and children?

F8. The fraction of people working on farms?

F9. Respect for elders?

Section G: Results of a Country Older Age at Marriage Program

Now, please think about what life is like today in a country where income is low, most people live in rural areas, access to healthcare is poor, and most females are married by age sixteen. Suppose that country introduces an older-age-at-marriage program to encourage females to wait until at least the age of twenty to get married. I will read a list of things this older-age-at-marriage program might change. For each one, please tell me whether it will increase in that country or decrease in that country once an older-age-at-marriage program has been successfully implemented.
In such a country where most females are married by age sixteen, over time, will a successful implementation of an older-age-at-marriage program increase or decrease the overall standard of living?

Families having television in their homes?

The fraction of children dying before their first birthday?

Being educated?

Sick people visiting a local healer rather than visiting a medical doctor?

The income difference between rich and poor people?

Love and understanding between parents and children?

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Section H: Expectations and Evaluations of Future Trends

Now, please think about the next twenty years in (STUDY SITE COUNTRY).
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H1. Do you think that the fraction of couples living together before they get married will increase or decrease in (STUDY SITE COUNTRY) during the next twenty years?

H2. If the fraction of couples living together before getting married does (increase/decrease/stay about the same) overall, will that be a good thing, a bad thing, or won’t it matter?

H3. Do you think the average age for a woman to first get married will increase or decrease in (STUDY SITE COUNTRY) during the next twenty years?

H4. Overall, will that be a good thing, a bad thing, or won’t it matter?

H5. Do you think that the fraction of babies born to mothers who are not married will increase or decrease in (STUDY SITE COUNTRY) during the next twenty years?

H6. Overall, will that be a good thing, a bad thing, or won’t it matter?

H7. Do you think the fraction of married couples who live with their parents or in-laws will increase or decrease in (STUDY SITE COUNTRY) during the next twenty years?

H8. Overall, will that be a good thing, a bad thing, or won’t it matter?
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H9. Do you think the fraction of marriages ending in divorce will increase or decrease in (STUDY SITE COUNTRY) during the next twenty years?

H10. Overall, will that be a good thing, a bad thing, or won't it matter?

H11. Do you think that on average, the number of children a woman gives birth to will increase or decrease in (STUDY SITE COUNTRY) during the next twenty years?

H12. Overall, will that be a good thing, a bad thing, or won't it matter?

H13. Do you think the status of women will increase or decrease in (STUDY SITE COUNTRY) during the next twenty years?

H14. Overall, will that be a good thing, a bad thing, or won't it matter?

H15. Do you think the fraction of elderly parents who live with their adult children will increase or decrease in (STUDY SITE COUNTRY) during the next twenty years?

H16. Overall, will that be a good thing, a bad thing, or won't it matter?

H17. Do you think religiosity will increase or decrease in (STUDY SITE COUNTRY) during the next twenty years?
H18. If religiosity does (increase/decrease/stay about the same), overall, will that be a good thing, a bad thing, or won’t it matter?

NOTE: All demographics are country-specific, individual questionnaires should be referenced for further information on these sections.