

## Background Information

**DIRECTIONS:** Please answer each question as accurately as possible by circling the correct answer or filling in the space provided.

1a. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_

1b. What is your ethnic background? \_\_\_\_\_

2a. What is your gender? Female    Male

2b. What is the gender of your preferred partner? Female    Male    Either

3a. What country were you born in? \_\_\_\_\_

3b. Where do you live now? \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you lived there for? \_\_\_\_\_

4a. What country was your mother born in? \_\_\_\_\_

4b. What country does your mother live in now? \_\_\_\_\_

5a. What country was your father born in? \_\_\_\_\_

5b. What country does your father live in now? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What was/is your religion? (Please specify both major religious grouping (e.g., Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, etc.) and denomination or sect (e.g., Methodist, Conservative Jew, Sunni Muslim):

religion in childhood: \_\_\_\_\_ denomination/sect in childhood: \_\_\_\_\_

religion now: \_\_\_\_\_ denomination/sect now: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Please choose one of the following that best describes your social class.

Lower    Working    Middle    Upper middle    Upper

8a. What is the highest level of education you have completed? \_\_\_\_\_

8b. Are you currently a student? \_\_\_\_ If yes, grad or undergrad? \_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Describe your employment status: \_\_\_\_\_

10. What is your marital status? \_\_\_\_\_

11. With which political party in your country do you identify most? \_\_\_\_\_

12a. Have you ever been in the military service? \_\_\_\_\_

12b. If yes: which service? \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you in it now? \_\_\_\_\_

Draft or volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you seen combat? \_\_\_\_\_

13a. Has any member of your family ever been in the military service? If so, please specify the relationship of the family member(s), the service to which he/she belonged/belongs, length of time in service, draft or volunteer, and whether or not he/she/they saw combat: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

14. Have you ever participated in any conflict resolution or peace education programs in a school or community setting? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please indicate when and where and describe the program \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

15. Have you ever been involved in any sort of protest against war and in favor of peace--e.g., by signing a petition, or participating in a march or vigil? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for completing this personal profile. Please respond to the attached survey as well.

## Opinions Survey

### Part A. Rights Questions

Rate each item below on a scale of 1 to 7 to indicate the extent to which you agree with it. Put your rating on the line in front of each item, and then explain your rating below the item. Please provide as much detail as possible concerning the reasoning behind your judgment that sometimes individuals or governments do (or do not) have the right to carry out the behavior specified in the item.

1= total disagreement

2=fairly strong disagreement

3=mild disagreement

4=neither agree nor disagree

5=mild agreement

6=fairly strong agreement

7=total agreement

\_\_\_\_1. Sometimes the police or military have the right to use violence against their own citizens.

Explanation of rating:

\_\_\_\_2. Sometimes a government has the right to execute one of its citizens.

Explanation of rating:

\_\_\_\_3. Sometimes one country has the right to invade another country.

Explanation of rating:

\_\_\_\_4. Sometimes a government has the right to conscript (draft) citizens and send them to fight in a foreign war (that is, a war outside its own borders).

Explanation of rating:

\_\_\_\_5. Sometimes a country has the right to ignore international treaties or international human rights agreements.

Explanation of rating:

\_\_\_\_6. Children have the right to grow up in a world of peace.

Explanation of rating:

\_\_\_\_7. All human beings have a basic right to peace.

Explanation of rating:

\_\_\_\_8. Individuals have the right to stage protests against war and in favor of peace.

Explanation of rating:

\_\_\_9. No one has the right to physically or psychologically torture, injure, much less kill, any other human being.

**Explanation of rating:**

\_\_\_10. The government has the right to order the torture of prisoners in time of war.

**Explanation of rating:**

\_\_\_11. Sometimes the heads of a government have the right to kill innocent civilians in order to fight international terrorism.

**Explanation of rating:**

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### Part B. **Governmental Beliefs Survey**

Rate each item below on a scale of 1 to 7 to indicate the extent to which you agree with it. Put your rating on the line in front of each item, and then explain your rating below the item. Please provide as much detail as possible concerning the reasoning behind your rating for each judgment.

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\_\_\_1. It is unpatriotic to disagree with your government on the decisions it makes.

**Explanation of rating:**

\_\_\_2. It is important to support the government in time of war.

**Explanation of rating:**

\_\_\_3. The United States' involvement in the Iraq war is a moral activity.

**Explanation of rating:**

\_\_\_4. In all the military actions taking place around the globe today, it is possible to identify which party (nation, ethnic group, religion) is in the right and which is wrong.

**Explanation of rating:**

*If your country is currently involved in armed conflict with another country, please respond to the following item (#5):*

\_\_\_5. My country's involvement in armed conflict is morally correct (morally defensible).

**Explanation of rating:**

\_\_\_\_ 6. If one country has in the past invaded, colonized, or exercised control over the governmental affairs of another country, an apology by the invading/colonizing/controlling country can improve the chances for reconciliation between the countries.

**Explanation of rating:**

What steps or factors are necessary to make an apology successful in achieving reconciliation between the countries?:

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Part C. **Emotional Responses Survey**

Instructions: Assume that you have **very direct and dramatic exposure** to each of the situations below—that is, either you witness them directly or you see them happening live on a TV show or documentary that exposes you to the event in the **most immediate and dramatic** way. Please indicate first how you would **feel** in the situation and then what you would **want** to do.

1. Another country is indiscriminately bombing a major city in your country, and women, children, the elderly, and civilian men are running around bloody and screaming.

**What you would feel?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What you would want to do?** \_\_\_\_\_

2. Your country is indiscriminately bombing a major city in another country, and women, children, the elderly, and civilian men are running around bloody and screaming.

**What you would feel?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What you would want to do?** \_\_\_\_\_

3. A person is being put to death in the electric chair several years after being convicted of murder.

**What you would feel?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What you would want to do?** \_\_\_\_\_

4. Military officials are torturing somebody suspected of having information about terrorists.

**What you would feel?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What you would want to do?** \_\_\_\_\_

5. Police are beating peaceful anti-war demonstrators.

**What you would feel?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What you would want to do?** \_\_\_\_\_

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Part D. **Definitions**

Please provide your personal definition and understanding of each of the following terms:

1. **War** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Torture** \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Terrorism** \_\_\_\_\_

4. Reconciliation \_\_\_\_\_

5. Peace \_\_\_\_\_

6. Rights \_\_\_\_\_

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Part E. **Views on Peace and Security**

Rate each item below on a scale of 1 to 7 to indicate the extent to which you agree with it. Put your rating on the line in front of each item, and then explain your rating below the item. Please provide as much detail as possible concerning the reasoning behind your rating for each judgment.

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6=fairly strong agreement

7=total agreement

\_\_\_\_1. I believe that world peace can be achieved.

**Explanation of rating:**

The best way to achieve world peace is:

\_\_\_\_2. National security is essential for individual and family security.

**Explanation of rating:**

The best way to achieve security for individuals and families throughout the world is: