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Title	Survey on the Legal Consciousness of Citizens, 2008

- Respondent's region

- 1) Seoul
- 2) Busan
- 3) Daegu
- 4) Incheon
- 5) Gwangju
- 6) Daejeon
- 7) Ulsan
- 8) Gyeonggi-do
- 9) Gangwon-do
- 10) Chungcheongbuk-do
- 11) Chungcheongnam-do
- 12) Jeollabuk-do
- 13) Jeollanam-do
- 14) Gyeongsangbuk-do
- 15) Gyeongsangnam-do
- 16) Jeju

- Size of residential place

- 1) Large city
- 2) Small or medium sized city
- 3) Eup or Myeon

- Gender

- 1) Male
- 2) Female

- Age

_____ years old

- Do you work in the legal field?

<p>* Working in the Legal Field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Those who work in the Judicial Branch · Legal scholars and law students · Legal professionals such as lawyers, accountants, judicial scriveners, etc. · All other workers in the legal field

- 1) Yes ⇒ Stop the interview with this Respondent
- 2) No ⇒ Go to question 1

1. In your family, who is the primary decision maker for the issues affecting all members of the family?

- 1) Father (husband)
- 2) Mother (wife)
- 3) Both parents (husband and wife)
- 4) All members of the family
- 5) Children
- 6) Other (Please specify: _____)

2. How disadvantageously do you feel the law treats women in our society?

- 1) Very disadvantageously
- 2) Somewhat disadvantageously
- 3) Not very disadvantageously ⇒ Go to question 3
- 4) Not disadvantageously at all ⇒ Go to question 3

2-1. (Only for Rs answered “1 or 2 ” in Q2) Then, what do you think is the biggest reason for the disadvantageous treatment of women by the law?

- 1) Scarcity or inadequacy of women-related laws
- 2) Women’s lack of rights consciousness or their lax legal life
- 3) Male-centered patriarchal culture
- 4) Men’s lack of consideration or their selfishness
- 5) Differences in socio-economic status between men and women
- 6) Other (Please specify: _____)

3. Reintroduction of the military preference points system, which was ruled unconstitutional by the Constitutional Court in 1999, is being discussed. How do you feel about the military preference points system?

* Military Preference Points System
refers to a system that provides a certain range of preference points to those who served in the military when they take various examinations for employment, such as civil service examination, after their service.

- 1) Completely agree
- 2) Somewhat agree
- 3) Somewhat disagree
- 4) Completely disagree

4. An increasing number of internationally-married women, foreign workers, and North Korean defectors (Saeteomin) are coming to live in this country. How do you feel about accepting these people as members of our society?

- 1) Completely agree
- 2) Somewhat agree
- 3) Somewhat disagree
- 4) Completely disagree

5. When you hear the word “law,” what is the first thing that comes to your mind?

- 1) Fair
- 2) Democratic
- 3) Unfair
- 4) Authoritarian
- 5) Other (Please specify:_____)

6. How much do you think we need law or don't need law?

- 1) We definitely need it
- 2) We need it
- 3) We don't need it ⇒ Go to question 7
- 4) We don't need it at all ⇒ Go to question 7

6-1. (Only for Rs answered “1 or 2 ” in Q6) Then, what do you think is the most important reason for us to need law?

- 1) For governing the country
- 2) For maintaining social order
- 3) For resolving conflicts
- 4) For protecting the underprivileged
- 5) Other (Please specify:_____)

7. How much do you agree with the statement, “A bad law is still a law, so one should obey it”?

- 1) Completely agree
- 2) Somewhat agree
- 3) Somewhat disagree
- 4) Completely disagree

8. How much do you agree with the statement, “Money, innocence; no money, guilt” in our society?

* Money, innocence; no money, guilt

means that if you have money, you are more likely to be innocent than guilty.
Likewise, if you don't have money, you are more likely to be guilty than innocent.

- 1) Completely agree
- 2) Somewhat agree
- 3) Somewhat disagree
- 4) Completely disagree

9. Where do you mainly get information related to practical laws? Please select two from the following choices in order.

First _____ Second _____

- 1) Media (Newspaper, TV, radio, etc.)
- 2) Internet
- 3) Books (code of laws) or magazines (informational booklets on laws and ordinances)
- 4) Government pamphlets
- 5) Acquaintances
- 6) School
- 7) Other (Please specify:_____)

10. How interested are you in court decisions reported in the news or newspaper articles?

- 1) Very interested
- 2) Somewhat interested
- 3) Not very interested
- 4) Not interested at all

11. Have you ever used any legal services such as legal consultation or assistance in filling out legal forms, when you had a legal problem?

- 1) Yes ⇒ Go to question 11-1
- 2) No ⇒ Go to question 12

11-1. (Only for Rs answered “1 ” in Q11) Then, how easy do you think using legal services is?

- 1) Very easy ⇒ Go to question 12
- 2) Somewhat easy ⇒ Go to question 12
- 3) Somewhat difficult ⇒ Go to question 11-2
- 4) Very difficult ⇒ Go to question 11-2

11-2. (Only for Rs answered “3 or 4 ” in Q11-1) Then, what do you think is the most important reason for making it difficult to use legal service?

- 1) High cost
- 2) The content is too difficult to understand
- 3) Authoritarian attitude of legal professionals
- 4) It is hard to find related organizations or institutions around
- 5) Other (Please specify:_____)

12. How socially desirable do you think solving legal problems through lawsuits is?

- 1) Very desirable
- 2) Somewhat desirable
- 3) Not very desirable
- 4) Not desirable at all

13. How carefully do you read the terms and conditions of the contract agreement when you purchase an insurance policy or open an investment account?
- 1) I read it very carefully
 - 2) I skim it through
 - 3) I don't read it very much
 - 4) I don't read it at all
14. How well do you think legal education is currently taught in primary and secondary schools?
- 1) Very well
 - 2) Well
 - 3) Not very well
 - 4) Not well at all
15. What area do you think legal education should put the greatest emphasis on?
- 1) Knowledge of civil rights and civic duties
 - 2) Knowledge of government organizations
 - 3) Practical laws that one should obey while living social life
 - 4) Enhancing abilities to utilize laws
 - 5) Cultivating a law-abiding spirit
 - 6) Other (Please specify:_____)
16. How helpful do you think the legal knowledge that you learned, or are learning, from school is in your everyday life?
- 1) Very helpful
 - 2) Somewhat helpful
 - 3) Not very helpful
 - 4) Not helpful at all
17. If you have an opportunity to learn about laws, which of the following areas do you want to learn? Please select two in order.
- First _____ Second _____
- 1) Constitutional law (civil rights and civic duties, government organizations)
 - 2) Civil law (real estate, financial transactions)
 - 3) Criminal law (filing charges or indictment against various crimes)
 - 4) Social welfare (National Pension, health insurance, employment insurance)
 - 5) Construction-related
 - 6) Tax (income tax, inheritance tax)
 - 7) Internet-related (electronic commerce, online privacy protection)
 - 8) Family law (marriage, inheritance)
 - 9) Other (Please specify:_____)

18. What do you think is the best way to live a life without disadvantage?

- 1) All you have to do is to live based on common sense
- 2) All you have to do is to comply with law
- 3) If you can, you had better avoid anything related to the law
- 4) If you find a flaw in the law, you need to make active efforts to correct it
- 5) Depending on situations, you should break the law
- 6) Other (Please specify:_____)

19. How difficult do you think the law is?

- 1) Very difficult ⇒ Go to question 19-1
- 2) Somewhat difficult ⇒ Go to question 19-1
- 3) Not very difficult ⇒ Go to question 20
- 4) Not difficult at all ⇒ Go to question 20

19-1. (Only for Rs answered “1 or 2 ” in Q19) Then, what is the biggest reason that makes you think the law is difficult?

- 1) Legal clauses and terms are too stiff and unfamiliar to me
- 2) The content of laws is distant from the realities of life
- 3) I did not have a chance to learn about the law
- 4) I have no interest in the law
- 5) Other (Please specify:_____)

20. How well do you think you know about the law?

- 1) Very well
- 2) Somewhat well
- 3) Not very well
- 4) Not at all

21. How well do you think the law is obeyed in our society?

- 1) Very well obeyed ⇒ Go to question 22
- 2) Somewhat well obeyed ⇒ Go to question 22
- 3) Not very well obeyed
- 4) Not obeyed at all

21-1. (Only for Rs answered “3 or 4 ” in Q21) Then, what do you think is the biggest reason why law is not well obeyed?

- 1) People do not know much about the law
- 2) Obeying law is cumbersome and inconvenient
- 3) Law-abiding makes you a loser
- 4) People think that other people do not know if they broke the law
- 5) People think that they would not get punished for breaking the law
- 6) There are more people who break the law than those who don't
- 7) Other (Please specify:_____)

22. Whom do you think is least likely to obey the law in our society? Please select two in order from the following.

First _____ Second _____

- 1) Politicians
- 2) Public servants
- 3) Legal professionals
- 4) Educators
- 5) Business people
- 6) Workers
- 7) Clergies
- 8) Students
- 9) Farmers and fishermen
- 10) Other (Please specify:_____)

23. How well do you think you obey the law?

- 1) Very well ⇒ Go to question 24
- 2) Well ⇒ Go to question 24
- 3) Not well ⇒ Go to question 23-1
- 4) Not at all ⇒ Go to question 23-1

23-1. (Only for Rs answered “3 or 4 ” in Q23) Then, what is the biggest reason why you don't obey the law?

- 1) I don't know much about the law
- 2) Obeying law is cumbersome and inconvenient
- 3) Law-abiding makes me a loser
- 4) I think that other people do not know if I broke the law
- 5) I think that I wouldn't get punished for breaking the law
- 6) There are more people who break the law than those who don't
- 7) Other (Please specify:_____)

24. What do you think is the crime that needs to be most urgently eradicated? Please select two in order from the following.

First _____ Second _____

- 1) Corruption
- 2) Tax evasion
- 3) Real-estate speculation (flipping)
- 4) Environmental crimes
- 5) Sex crimes
- 6) Organized crime
- 7) Drug use and trafficking
- 8) Illegal gambling
- 9) Robbery, theft, and burglary

- 10) Driving under influence
 - 11) Crimes against children
 - 12) Domestic violence
 - 13) Other (Please specify:_____)
25. What do you think should be a top priority in making a society without crime?
- 1) Victims' and citizens' strong willingness to report crimes
 - 2) Thorough protection of the confidentiality of those who report crimes
 - 3) Rigorous law enforcement and harsher punishment by all the authorities concerned
 - 4) Good civic education fostered at home and community
 - 5) Leading role of mass media such as TV and newspapers
 - 6) Other (Please specify:_____)
26. What would you do if you witnessed a hit and run?
- 1) I would call the police without a second thought
 - 2) Depending on the situation, I would call the police
 - 3) I would not call the police because I would be afraid
 - 4) I would not call the police because I would not want to bother
 - 5) Other (Please specify:_____)
27. What would you do if you bought a defective product or food?
- 1) Nothing I could do about it because I already bought it
 - 2) Get an exchange even if it takes disputing
 - 3) Report it to Consumer Affairs Center
 - 4) Get compensation
 - 5) Other (Please specify:_____)
28. What would you do if you had a car accident while crossing the street at a crosswalk and you got injured?
- 1) Be satisfied with whatever the driver who hit me would do
 - 2) Get compensation for the injury only
 - 3) Get compensation for the injury as well as monetary consolation
 - 4) File a lawsuit against the driver to handle it according to law
 - 5) Other (Please specify:_____)
29. School bullying is observed more frequently these days. What do you think is the most effective solution if your child is bullied?
(INTERVIEWER: If R doesn't have a child or his/her child has grown up, ask R to answer this question in a pretence)
- 1) Encourage the students to handle situations themselves
 - 2) Handle it by meeting the parents of bullies in person
 - 3) Ask the school to solve the problem
 - 4) Seek out a legal solution such as reporting it to the police
 - 5) Other (Please specify:_____)

30. From the viewpoint of the general public, how fair do you think each of the following is?

	Very fair	Somewhat fair	Not very fair	Not fair at all
30a. When the National Assembly or the government makes a law	1	2	3	4
30b. When administrative offices execute laws	1	2	3	4
30c. When police departments enforce laws	1	2	3	4
30d. When the prosecutors' office enforces laws	1	2	3	4
30e. When the court gives a decision	1	2	3	4

31. How much do you trust each of following organizations?

	A lot of trust	Quite a bit of trust	Little trust	No trust at all
31a. National Assembly	1	2	3	4
31b. Government	1	2	3	4
31c. Prosecutors' Office	1	2	3	4
31d. Police	1	2	3	4
31e. Court	1	2	3	4
31f. Constitutional Court	1	2	3	4

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31-1. (Only for Rs who answered either 3 or 4 for at least one of Q31e to Q31f)
 Then, what do you think is the most compelling reason for distrust in the Judiciary?

- 1) Discontent with the court's decisions
- 2) Authoritarian attitude of judges during trials
- 3) Corruptions in the justice system such as courts' convention that gives preferential treatment to defense attorneys who were formerly judges during trials
- 4) News or newspaper articles
- 5) Other (Please specify: _____)

32. How influential do you think the power or money is on court decisions?

- 1) Very influential
- 2) Somewhat influential
- 3) Not very influential
- 4) Not influential at all

33. How socially desirable do you think it is to have public opinion influence on judicial decision making?

- 1) Very desirable
- 2) Somewhat desirable
- 3) Not very desirable
- 4) Not desirable at all

34. The “law school (professional school of law) system” is scheduled to become effective in March 2009. Have you ever heard about or seen the “law school system” before?

* The Law School System

refers to a system through which individuals get licenses to practice law through law school, instead of training legal professionals through the current judiciary exam.

- 1) Yes
- 2) No

35. What do you think is the biggest impact that one can expect from the implementation of the law school system?

- 1) Lowering attorney fees
- 2) Improvement in quality of legal service by nurturing qualified legal professionals
- 3) Reducing graft and corruption in legal circles
- 4) Other (Please specify:_____)

36. The citizen participation trial system was introduced on the 1st of January, 2008. Have you ever heard about or seen “the citizen participation trial system” before?

* Citizen Participation Trial system

refers to a system that allows citizens to participate in a certain scope of criminal trials as jurors

- 1) Yes
- 2) No

37. What do you think is most primarily needed for effective implementation of the citizen participation trial system?

- 1) Enhancing public awareness of the citizen participation trial system
- 2) Legal educations for citizens
- 3) Incorporating and rearrangement of related systems
- 4) Change of the mindset in legal circles
- 5) Other (Please specify:_____)

38. How necessary do you think the “online real-name system” is?

* Online Real-Name System

refers to a system that requires the real names and resident registration numbers of internet users to be verified in order to make postings on internet bulletin boards

- 1) Very necessary
- 2) Somewhat necessary
- 3) Not very necessary
- 4) Not necessary at all

39. How do you feel about allowing euthanasia?

* Euthanasia
refers to the act or practice of ending a life as a way to relieve pain and suffering of a hopelessly sick person

- 1) Strongly agree
- 2) Somewhat agree
- 3) Somewhat disagree
- 4) Strongly disagree

40. Our country is classified as a "country which was abolished the death penalty in practice," because no capital punishment has been executed in the last 10 years, while the death penalty is still retained in law. How much do you agree or disagree with death penalty?

- 1) Strongly agree
- 2) Somewhat agree
- 3) Somewhat disagree
- 4) Strongly disagree

41. The following are opinions on the Constitution. How do you feel about each of the following?

	Very agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
41a. A political tool serving ruler's convenience	1	2	3	4
41b. A law guaranteeing basic civil rights	1	2	3	4
41c. The highest law for maintaining the continuity of the community	1	2	3	4
41d. A law protecting the underprivileged	1	2	3	4

42. What do you think should be most emphasized in our Constitution?

- 1) Individual freedom and equality
- 2) Cooperation and solidarity among members of the society
- 3) Duties and responsibilities of citizens (individuals) toward the country
- 4) Responsibilities of the country toward its citizens (individuals) or society
- 5) Other (Please specify:_____)

43. What do you think should be most primarily improved to reduce persistent political corruption in our society and to achieve political progress and transparency?

- 1) Pre-election campaigns
- 2) Money in politics and campaign finance
- 3) Parties' primary election and nomination
- 4) Other (Please specify:_____)

44. How well do you think the election law is observed in our society?

- 1) Very well observed ⇒ Go to question 45
- 2) Somewhat well observed ⇒ Go to question 45
- 3) Not very well observed ⇒ Go to question 44-1
- 4) Not observed at all ⇒ Go to question 44-1

44-1. (Only for Rs answered “3 or 4 ” in Q44) Then, what do you think is the biggest reason why the election law is not well observed?

- 1) The election law is too strict
- 2) The election law has changed too often
- 3) Those who violate the election law are not properly punished
- 4) Low voter awareness
- 5) Other (Please specify:_____)

45. How well do you think the labor-management relations law is observed these days?

* Labor-Management Relations Law
includes the Labor Standards Act, the Labor Union Act, the Labor Dispute Adjustment Act, etc.

- 1) Very well observed ⇒ Go to question 46
- 2) Somewhat well observed ⇒ Go to question 46
- 3) Not very well observed
- 4) Not observed at all

45-1. (Only for Rs answered “3 or 4 ” in Q45) Then, who do you think is most responsible for it?

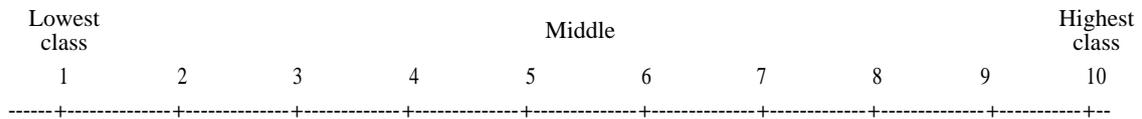
- 1) Business owners
- 2) Workers
- 3) Government
- 4) Other (Please specify:_____)

46. What type of sanctions do you think is needed most against companies causing environmental contamination?

- 1) Placing full responsibilities on the company for restoring damages and preventing further contamination
- 2) Inflicting punishment that is harsher than monetary penalties
- 3) Rather than imposing a sanction, we should focus on strengthen the competitiveness of enterprises
- 4) Other (Please specify:_____)

47. What is the highest level of education you have completed? (Please do not count dropping-out as completed.)
- 1) Completed elementary school or below
 - 2) Completed middle school
 - 3) Completed high school
 - 4) Completed two-year college/junior college
 - 5) Completed four-year college/university or above
 - 6) Other (Please specify:_____)
48. What is your current occupation?
- 1) Farming/Fishing/Livestock and Dairy industry (including family worker)
 - 2) Self-employed (small business owner with 9 or less employees, family worker, pharmacy owner, taxi driver working independently)
 - 3) Sales/Service (cashier, sales person, insurance agent, etc.)
 - 4) Technical/Skilled worker (heavy machinery operator/truck driver, electric/home appliance technician, etc.)
 - 5) General labor (construction worker, sanitation, security guard, manual laborer, etc.)
 - 6) Office/Clerical/Technical occupations (office worker, technical worker, kindergarten/Elementary school/Middle school/High school teacher, corporate web designer, corporate computer programmer, etc.)
 - 7) Management/administration (high rank government official (Grade 5 or above), school principal, large company manager, etc.)
 - 8) Professional/Freelancer (college professor, medical doctor, lawyer, artist, religious professional, journalist, high-income freelancing designer/programmer, etc.)
 - 9) Homemaker
 - 10) Student (high school/college/graduate school)
 - 11) Unemployed
 - 12) Other (Please specify:_____)
49. What is your marital status?
- 1) Currently married
 - 2) Cohabiting
 - 3) Divorced
 - 4) Separated
 - 5) Widowed
 - 6) Never married
 - 7) Other (Please specify:_____)
50. On average, what is the total monthly income earned by all members of your family?
- 1) 990,000 won or below
 - 2) 1,000,000-1,990,000 won
 - 3) 2,000,000-2,990,000 won
 - 4) 3,000,000-3,990,000 won
 - 5) 4,000,000-4,990,000 won
 - 6) 5,000,000-5,990,000 won
 - 7) 6,000,000-6,990,000 won
 - 8) 7,000,000-7,990,000 won
 - 9) 10,000,000 won or above

51. If we assign the number 1 to the lowest class in Korean society and the number 10 to the highest, where do you feel you belong to? Please select a number between 1 and 10.



52. Which of the following best describes your ideological disposition?

- 1) Very progressive
- 2) Progressive
- 3) Neutral
- 4) Conservative
- 5) Very conservative

53. Do you have a religion? If so, what is it?

- 1) Buddhist
- 2) Protestant (Protestant Church)
- 3) Catholic (Catholic Church)
- 4) Other (Please specify: _____)
- 98) I do not have a religion