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Title	Survey on the Causes and State of Low Birthrate in Daegu

I. We would first like to ask about your general background

■ Please tick the number which most closely describes your opinion or write your answer in parentheses.

1	Gender	(1) Male	(2) Female
2	Age	() years old	
3	Marital status	(1) Married	(2) Not married
4	Education	(1) Middle school and under (3) Two-year college (5) Graduate school	(2) High school (4) Four-year college
5	Residential area	(1) Jung-gu (4) Nam-gu (7) Dalseo-gu	(2) Dong-gu (5) Buk-gu (8) Dalseong-gun (3) Seo-gu (6) Suseong-gu
6	Occupation	(1) Agriculture/fishery (4) Clerical (7) Student ⑩ Other	(2) Self-employed (5) Production/Technical (8) Sales/service (3) Professional (6) Housewife ⑨ Not working
7	Monthly household income (※ Total monthly household income of all of the household members combined)	(1) 100 Man won or below (3) 150 - under 200 Man won (5) 250 - under 300 Man won (7) 350 - under 400 Man won (9) 450 - under 500 Man won	(2) 100 - under 150 Man won (4) 200 - under 250 Man won (6) 300 - under 350 Man won (8) 400 - under 450 Man won (10) 500Man won or above

II. Now, we would like to ask your opinion about marriage and childbirth

- What is your opinion about marriage?
 - People should marry
 - It is better to marry
 - It does not matter whether one marries or not
 - It is better not to marry
 - It is much better not to marry
 - Don't know

2. Do you think there is a best age for marriage?

(1) Yes (\Rightarrow Go to Q2-1)

(2) No (\Rightarrow Go to Q3)

2-1. If you think there is a best age for marriage, how old would that be?

For men: _____ years old, For women: _____ years old

3. How strongly do you agree or disagree about the following opinions about marriage?

	Strongly agree	Agree	So so	Disagree	Strongly disagree
(1) Marriage provides economic stability	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(2) Marriage provides emotional satisfaction	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(3) Having and raising children through marriage is a valuable thing in life	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(4) If married, one's social life gets restricted	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(5) If married, one's personal activities and freedom get restricted	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(6) Marriage system is disadvantageous against women in Korean society	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

4. Please tell us your opinion about having a child

(1) One should have a child (\Rightarrow Go to Q4-1)

(2) It is better to have a child (\Rightarrow Go to Q4-1)

(3) It does not matter whether one has a child or not

(4) It is better not to have a child (\Rightarrow Go to Q4-2)

(5) It is much better not to have a child (\Rightarrow Go to Q4-2)

(6) Don't know

4-1. If you think one should have a child, why do you think so?

(1) Becoming a parent is a valuable thing in life

(2) So that one is not lonely in old age

(3) It is natural to have a child in marriage

(4) To continue the family line

(5) To experience the joy of raising a child

(6) Having a child makes the true family

(7) Other _____

4-2. If you think it is not necessary to have a child, why do you think so?

(1) Conjugal love is sufficient in family

(2) Due to economic burden

(3) Feeling restricted in maintaining social life

(4) Due to the difficulty of raising and educating children

- (5) I don't like children
- (6) Due to the fear of pain in delivering a child
- (7) Other _____

5. What do you think about having a son?

- (1) One should have a son (\Rightarrow Go to Q5-1)
- (2) It is better to have a son (\Rightarrow Go to Q5-1)
- (3) It does not matter whether one has a son or not
- (4) It is better not to have a son
- (5) It is much better not to have a son
- (6) Don't know

5-1. If you think one should have a son, why do you think so?

- (1) To continue the family line
- (2) To depend on in old age
- (3) So that he would serve ancestral rites for me
- (4) One feels secure when s/he has a son
- (5) He will be of help to family economy
- (6) Other _____

6. Who do you think is most influential over having a child or deciding the time of childbirth?

- (1) Wife
- (2) Husband
- (3) Wife and husband equally
- (4) Husband's parents
- (5) Wife's parents
- (6) Other _____

7. What would you consider most when you plan to have a child? Please choose two in the order of importance.

First: _____ Second: _____

- (1) Who will take care of the child
- (2) What kind of child-care facility to choose
- (3) How to manage the cost of child-care
- (4) How to manage the cost of education such as the private education fees
- (5) Economic stability including the affordability of housing
- (6) Whether to continue work or not
- (7) Concerns about the age of the mother (too old, or too risky for pregnancy)
- (8) Whether the timing is appropriate in terms of my life plans
- (9) Age gap with other children
- (10) Concerns about interruptions in conjugal relationship
- (11) Other
- (12) Not concerned about anything

8. If an unmarried woman becomes pregnant, what do you think she ought to do?
- (1) She must have that child as the life of a child is precious
 - (2) She must have that child as long as she could manage to raise the child
 - (3) She should not have that child as it is not desirable to become a single mother
 - (4) Don't know
 - (5) Other _____

9. Have you ever considered adopting a child?
- (1) Yes (\Rightarrow Go to Q9-1)
 - (2) No (\Rightarrow Go to Q10)

- 9-1. If you were to adopt a child, what would you consider most in the adoptive child?
- (1) Child's appearance
 - (2) Child's age
 - (3) Child's sex
 - (4) Child's health
 - (5) Other

- 9-2. If you were to adopt a child, which would you prefer between a son and a daughter?
- (1) Son
 - (2) Daughter
 - (3) Does not matter

- 9-3. What was the reason for not having adopted a child despite the fact that you had considered an adoption?
- (1) Not feeling confident about raising the child well
 - (2) Due to economic circumstances
 - (3) Not qualified for adoption
 - (4) Worries about the influence on biological children
 - (5) Due to societal prejudices against adoption
 - (6) Lack of knowledge about adoption procedures and methods
 - (7) Other _____

10. How strongly do you agree or disagree about the following opinions about balancing work and life?

	Strongly agree	Agree	So so	Disagree	Strongly disagree
(1) Having a child affects women's employment or promotions a lot	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(2) Women tend to change or give up their life plans when there is a child	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(3) Employed women face a lot of difficulties concerning child-care issues	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(4) Employed women face a lot of difficulties concerning the issues of children's education	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(5) Women still have the primary responsibility in housework even if they are employed	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(6) Men have barely enough time for childcare or housework due to work overload	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

11. What do you think is the appropriate number of children per family?

- (1) 0
- (2) 1
- (3) 2
- (4) 3
- (5) Other _____

III. The following questions are about the problem of low fertility and low fertility policies

1. What do you think about the problem of low fertility in our society?

- (1) Very serious
- (2) Somewhat serious
- (3) So so
- (4) Not very problematic
- (5) Not at all problematic
- (6) Don't know

2. Currently, Korea is showing the lowest level of fertility rates in the world. In your opinion, what is the most important factor for causing such a low fertility? Choose two in the order of importance.

First: _____ Second: _____

- (1) Financial difficulties due to the instability of economy and employment
- (2) Lack of child-care providers or infrastructure

- (3) Due to the burden of cost in raising and educating children
- (4) Because marriage or childbirth can be obstacles for one's employment or self-development (career or promotions)
- (5) Because people want to have a few children and raise them well
- (6) Because the responsibility of child-care is entirely left on women
- (7) Because of strong desire for individual development and achievement
- (8) Because of the increase of infertile couples due to environmental problems, etc
- (9) Other _____

3. The following are some of the childbirth support policies currently being implemented in Daegu-city. Please tell us whether you know about each of these policies as well as if you have ever received any of those supports.

(※ If you are not married, answer only about awareness. If you are married, please answer both)

	Awareness		Support experience	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1) Information and counseling service about childbirth and child-care	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
(2) Health check-ups for pregnant women and infants	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
(3) Financial support for test-tube baby for infertile couples	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
(4) Caretaker service for postpartum women and infants	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
(5) Disability prevention examination of infants	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
(6) Childbirth grants	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
(7) Child-care expenditure support for a third child or beyond	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
(8) Child-care and education expenditure support for families of average monthly household income of 369Man won or below(based on 4-person household)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
(9) Exemption of patient sharing of the medical cost in hospitalization of a child under age six	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
(10) Infant vaccination and development screening services at public health centers	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
(11) Support for families with adopted or disabled children	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
(12) Exemption of electric charges for families with 3 children or more	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)

4. The following are diverse policies for supporting childbirth. What would be the most effective policy for promoting childbirth? Choose two in the order of effectiveness.

First: _____ Second: _____

- (1) Expansion of child-care infrastructure
- (2) Quality improvement of child-care infrastructure
- (3) Flexible work-hours(part-time, home-working)
- (4) Assurance of reinstatement after maternity or child-care leave
- (5) Tax-reduction benefits
- (6) Vitalization of public education
- (7) Development of child-friendly environment(housing, public library, parks, etc)

- (8) Expansion of child-care-leave policy
- (9) Institutionalization of pregnancy/maternity/stillbirth/abortion leave
- (10) Provision of diverse child-care service(infant care, 24-hour care, etc)
- (11) Support for child-care expenditure
- (12) Development of gender equality in family culture
- (13) Expansion of support for infertile couples
- (14) Other _____

5. Please feel free to write if you have any suggestion or comments regarding the problem of low fertility and related policies in Daegu-city. [Data value is not provided in English]

IV. The following questions are about your marriage and childbirth status

※ Are you currently married?

- (1) Yes (⇒ Go to Q1)
- (2) No (⇒ You may end the survey)

1. How many children do you currently have?

- (1) None
- (2) One
- (3) Two
- (4) Three
- (5) Other _____

2. Have you ever been agonized over whether to have the child or not after finding about being pregnant? Please answer up to your third pregnancy.

(1) First pregnancy	(1) Yes	(2) No	(3) Not applicable (no child, etc.)
(2) Second pregnancy	(1) Yes	(2) No	(3) Not applicable (no child, etc.)
(3) Third pregnancy	(1) Yes	(2) No	(3) Not applicable (no child, etc.)

3. Have you ever had an abortion?

- (1) Yes (⇒ Go to Q3-1)
- (2) No (⇒ Go to Q4)

3-1. If you have had an abortion, what was the reason?

- (1) Unplanned pregnancy
- (2) Economic problems
- (3) Health issues of both the fetus and the mother
- (4) Sex of the child
- (5) Absence of someone to take care of the child
- (6) Other _____

4. Are you considering having more children?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No (\Rightarrow Go to Q4-1)
- (3) Don't know

4-1. If you are not considering having more children, what is the most important reason?
Please choose two in the order of importance.

First: _____ Second: _____

- (1) No desire for any more children
- (2) To raise those children whom I already have well
- (3) Lack of infrastructure or people for child-care
- (4) Due to the burden of cost for raising and educating children
- (5) Due to the interruptions in work life
- (6) Because I am the sole provider for raising and educating children
- (7) Due to the lack of time for self-development
- (8) Due to the opposition of husband and other families
- (9) Due to health issues such as infertility
- (10) Old age
- (11) Other _____

5. Not including sleep hours, who usually spends the time most with your children?

- (1) Usually mother
- (2) Usually father
- (3) Both mother and father
- (4) Child-care helper
- (5) Usually maternal grandparent(s)
- (6) Usually paternal grandparent(s)
- (7) Other _____
- (8) Not applicable (no child, etc.)

6. Who is usually responsible for housework in your home?

- (1) Usually wife
- (2) Usually husband
- (3) Wife and husband together
- (4) Housekeeper
- (5) Other _____

7. How much does your husband participate in child-care?

- (1) Very actively
- (2) Somewhat actively
- (3) Average
- (3) Not much
- (5) Not at all
- (6) Not applicable (no child, etc.)

8. During the weekdays, what time does your husband usually come home? Tell us the arriving time.

- (1) Before 6 PM
- (2) Between 6 PM and 7 PM
- (3) Between 7 PM and 8 PM
- (4) Between 8 PM and 9 PM
- (5) Between 9 PM and 10 PM
- (6) Between 10 PM and 11 PM
- (7) Between 11 PM and 12 PM
- (8) After 12 AM
- (9) Other _____

9. During non-work days, how many hours does your husband usually spend time with your children?

- (1) Yes (_____ hours _____ minutes)
- (2) Other (no child, etc.)

10. While raising your children, have you ever participated in clubs or meetings, including online meetings, in order to gather information about child-rearing?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Not applicable (no child, etc.)

※ Have you been a dual-earner for more than a year, or are you currently a dual-earner?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Not applicable (no child, etc.)

11. What do you think is the biggest difficulty in balancing work and family?

- (1) Child-care responsibility
- (2) Housework responsibility
- (3) Lack of family time
- (4) Caring for aged parents
- (5) Work overload
- (6) Discrimination at work regarding employment, promotion, etc.
- (7) Lack of personal time
- (8) Other _____

12. Have you ever considered giving up work because of the problem of child-care?

- (1) Never
- (2) Sometimes
- (3) Often
- (4) Always
- (5) Not applicable (no child, etc.)