

Comparison of Japanese and American University Students' Views on Aging Societies

Hello. We are Adelia Hornick and Melvin Mason. We are seniors at California State University Monterey Bay. For our research we are conducting a survey regarding the university students' views on an aging society on poverty and long-term care. For the purpose of our research, it is important that we ask for your current level of knowledge. The following responses will be strictly confidential.

1. 1. What is your gender?

Mark only one oval.

- Male
- Female
- Other: _____

2. 2. Which category below includes your age?

Mark only one oval.

- Under 17
- 18-20
- 21-30
- 31-39
- 40 and over

3. 3. What is your academic year?

Mark only one oval.

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Other: _____

4. 4. What is your racial identity?

Check all that apply.

- Asian
- Black (non-Hispanic)
- Hispanic
- Native American
- Pacific Islander
- White
- Other: _____

What are the perceptions of Japanese and American university students on the aging population's effects on poverty?

5. How severe do you believe the issue of elderly poverty is in the U.S.?

Mark only one oval.

- Very Severe
- Severe
- Not That Severe
- Not At All Severe
- Don't Know

6. What is the major reason of poverty that many elderly people suffer from?

Mark only one oval.

- Low Pensions
- Lack of Support From Family
- Lack of Financial Planning
- Investing Into Other Family Members (marriage, education, etc.)
- I don't know

7. Are you worried about the amount of money you need to save in order to live comfortably after you retire?

Mark only one oval.

- I am very anxious
- I am somewhat anxious
- I am not that anxious
- I am not at all anxious

8. 7a. Does your family have elderly family members?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes (If "yes", then go to 7b)
- No (If "No", then Skip to 8)

9. 7b. If Yes, does your family currently support them financially?

Mark only one oval.

- Always
- Often
- Sometimes
- Seldom
- Never
- I don't know

10. 8. The MOST important way that the U.S. should try to solve the problem of poverty for the elderly is...(choose 1)

Mark only one oval.

- Provide higher pensions
- Make family monetary transfers mandatory/recommended
- Provide incentives for employers to hire seniors
- Raise the retirement age so they still have income
- Decrease taxes for people over 65 years old
- Provide Senior Disocunts
- Provide affordable insurance for long-term care
- I don't know

11. 9. Do you think that, with the government's help, the elderly in poverty can recover in the future?

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

12. 10-13. The solution for solving the effects of poverty on an aging society is...

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Increasing foreign immigration to maintain workforce	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Having more children per family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promoting part-time jobs for older people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing government subsidies for housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. 14. What do you think about the statement below? Please choose one. "The problem of poverty caused by an aging society will be solved before I turn 65 years old."

Mark only one oval.

- Definitely Will
- Probably Will
- Probably Will Not
- Definitely Will Not
- I Don't Know

2. What are the perceptions of Japanese and American university students on effects on long-term care?

14. **15. What do you think about the statement below? Please choose one for each row. "How important is it to have a health care plan for myself and my elderly family members to _____."**

Mark only one oval per row.

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Not That Important	Not At All Important
Prevent Severe Debt	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintain Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Keep Healthcare Affordable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Receive High Quality Medical Care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. **16. "The growing elderly population will negatively affect the amount of government pension that I will be able to receive in the future."**

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neutral
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree

16. **17. "My children or close family members should take care of me when I become an elderly person."**

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neutral
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree

17. **18. "Taking care of an elderly family member is _____."**

Mark only one oval.

- Very Important
 Important
 Neutral
 Not That Important
 Not Important At All

18. 19. I believe that the best place for my elderly parents to live is...*Mark only one oval.*

- Nursing care
- Assisted living
- At home with care taker
- At home with family
- Other: _____

19. 20. I believe that the best place for myself to live when I become elderly is...*Mark only one oval.*

- Nursing care
- Assisted living
- At home with care taker
- At home with family
- Hospice
- Other: _____

20. 21. I am already thinking about how I would take care of myself when I become 65 years or older.*Mark only one oval.*

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Not Sure
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

21. 22. If I take care of an elderly family member, I would...*Mark only one oval.*

- enjoy spending my time with them
- have less freedom and personal time
- have to quit my job or leave school to take care of my elderly family member
- have a financial hardship on me
- Other: _____

22. 23. If I had to be taken care of by my family in my old age, I would...*Mark only one oval.*

- Be happy that my family is helping me
- Accept help, but would prefer to live independently
- Only accept help if I could still contribute to family expenses
- Not accept help because I want to maintain my independence
- Other: _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey.

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