

# Survey on The Political, Economic, and Social Effects of the United States' Overseas Military Presence Data Users' Manual

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# 1 Introduction

This document serves as the codebook for the survey portion of the Minerva Research Initiative funded project, “The Political, Economic, and Social Effects of the United States’ Overseas Military Presence.” This survey contains nationally represented online surveys annually from 2018 to 2020 across 14 countries. The aim of the project is to understand how individuals view a variety of subjects in the context of United States military deployments within their country. The project uses two firms for conducting the survey, the Schmiedl group firm did the surveys for the countries of Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, and the United Kingdom; Qualtrics conducted surveys of the Australia, Belgium, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Spain, and Turkey. We have approximately 14,091 respondents for approximately nationally representative populations based on gender, age (over 18), and income.

The survey contained 50 questions and was available in each country’s major languages. Wave 1 of the survey started in September 2018 and concluded November 2018.

## **2 Data, Questions and Variables**

### **2.1 Demographic and informational variables**

These variables represent either data coded automatically by our survey services or questions we asked the respondents.

#### **2.1.1 Respondent Data**

##### **1 - UID (unique id)**

Unique identifier of the respondent. Every respondent is unique per year and there is no temporal tracking.

##### **2 - Country Code (ccode)**

Uses the Correlates of War Country Code.

##### **Values:**

- 900 - Australia
- 211 - Belgium
- 255 - Germany
- 325 - Italy
- 740 - Japan
- 690 - Kuwait
- 210 - Netherlands
- 840 - Philippines
- 290 - Poland
- 235 - Portugal
- 732 - South Korea
- 230 - Spain
- 640 - Turkey
- 200 - United Kingdom

##### **3 - Country Abbreviation (iso3c)**

Uses the Correlates of War Abbreviation.

##### **Values:**

- AUS - Australia
- BEL - Belgium
- GMY - Germany
- ITA - Italy
- JPN - Japan
- KUW - Kuwait
- NTH - Netherlands
- PHI - Philippines
- POL - Poland

POR - Portugal  
ROK - South Korea  
SPN - Spain  
TUR - Turkey  
UKG - United Kingdom

#### **4 - Latitude (latitude)**

The central point of latitude for the smallest aggregation of data we have for the respondent. In this data set, it is the center of their identified geographic province. Y-coordinate.

**Value range:** From -90 to 90

#### **5 - Longitude (longitude)**

The central point of longitude for the smallest aggregation of data we have for the respondent. X-coordinate. In this data set, it is the center of their identified geographic province.

**Value range:** From -90 to 90

### **2.1.2 Survey Questions**

#### **6 - Question: Gender (gender)**

What is your gender?

**Values:**

- 1 - Male
- 2 - Female
- 3 - Non-binary
- 4 - None of the above

#### **7 - Question: Minority**

Do you identify as a racial, ethnic, or religious minority? (minority)

**Values:**

- 1 - Yes
- 2 - No
- 3 - Decline to Answer

#### **8 - Question: Education (educ)**

How many years of formal education have you completed?

**Values:**

**Values:** 0-99999

#### **9 - Question: Age (age)**

What is your age?

**Values:**

**Values:** 0-99999

**10 - Question: Country province (province)**

**Values:**Automatically filled text values by Schmiedl. User filled in values for 2018 Qualtrics survey.

**11 - Question: Income - Schmeidl (income)**

What is your total household income during the past 12 months?

This had a range for each of the six countries, which is the following. All categories are combined as 1-6 in the data. We recommend combining scores 5 and 6 to represent the upper income bracket to match the quintile distributions from the Qualtrics survey.

**Values:**

- 1 - Bottom Bracket
- 2 - 2nd Bracket
- 3 - 3rd Bracket
- 4 - 4th Bracket
- 5 - 5th Bracket
- 6 - Top Bracket

United Kingdom:

- 1 - less than £20,000
- 2 - £20,000 - less than £35,000
- 3 - £35,000 - less than £50,000
- 4 - £50,000 - less than £75,000
- 5 - £75,000 - less than £100,000
- 6 - £100,000 and more

Germany:

- 1 - less than 20.000€
- 2 - 20.000€ - 29.999€
- 3 - 30.000€ - 39.999€
- 4 - 40.000€ - 49.999€
- 5 - 50.000€ - 59.000€
- 6 - 60.000€ +

Italy:

- 1 - <20.000€
- 2 - 20.000€ - 29.999€
- 3 - 30.000€ - 39.999€
- 4 - 40.000€ - 49.999€
- 5 - 50.000€ - 59.000€
- 6 - 60.000€ +

Kuwait:

- 1 - Less than 3000 KWD
- 2 - 3 000 - less than 6 000 KWD
- 3 - 6 000 - less than 12 000 KWD
- 4 - 12 000 - less than 18 000 KWD
- 5 - 18 000 - less than 24000 KWD
- 6 - More than 24000 KWD

Japan:

- 1 - Less than 2 million yen
- 2 - 2 million yen - less than 4 million yen
- 3 - 4 million yen - less than 7 million yen
- 4 - 7 million yen - less than 10 million yen
- 5 - 10 million yen - less than 15 million yen
- 6 - More than 15 million yen

South Korea

- 1 - Less than 25 million KRW
- 2 - 25 million - less than 35 million KRW
- 3 - 35 million - less than 45 million KRW
- 4 - 45 million - less than 60 million KRW
- 5 - 60 million - less than 80 million KRW
- 6 - More than 80 million KRW

**12 - Question: Religion (relig)**

What is your religion, if any?

**Values:**

- 1 - Christianity (Protestant)
- 2 - Catholicism
- 3 - Islam
- 4 - Agnostic/Atheist
- 5 - Hinduism
- 6 - Buddhism
- 7 - Shinto
- 8 - Judaism
- 9 - Mormonism
- 10 - Local religion
- 11 - Other:
- 12 - Decline to Answer

**13 - Question: Religion Other (relig\_other )**

Open text responses for the Other bracket option in the previous question.

**Value Range:** Free-form text.

## **2.2 Survey Questions: Political and Economic Views**

**14 - Question: Political Views (ideology)**

“People often talk about political issues and views in terms of a “left” and “right” spectrum. Using the following scale, where would you place yourself in terms of political views?”

**Values:**

- 1 - 1 - LEFT
- 2 - 2
- 3 - 3
- 4 - 4
- 5 - 5
- 6 - 6
- 7 - 7
- 8 - 8
- 9 - 9
- 10 - 10 - RIGHT

**15 - Question: Political Views No Answer (ideology\_na)**

“People often talk about political issues and views in terms of a “left” and “right” spectrum. Using the following scale, where would you place yourself in terms of political views?”

**Values:**

- 0 - Unchecked
- 1 - Checked

**16 - Question: Ideology Other (ideology\_other )**

Open text responses for the Other bracket option in the previous question.

**Value Range:** Free-form text.

**17 - Question: Favor Democracy (demgov)**

“In general, how important is it to you that you live under a democratic government?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very important
- 2 - Somewhat important
- 3 - Neutral
- 4 - Not important
- 5 - Don't know/decline to answer

**18 - Question: Security promotion (cooperate)**

“ In general, how important do you think it is for the countries to work together to promote peace



and security?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very important
- 2 - Somewhat important
- 3 - Neutral
- 4 - Not important
- 5 - Don't know/decline to answer

**19 - Question: Economic Growth (coop\_econ)**

“In general, how important do you think it is for the countries to work together to promote economic growth and development?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very important
- 2 - Somewhat important
- 3 - Neutral
- 4 - Not important
- 5 - Don't know/decline to answer

**20 - Question: Security reliance (self\_sufficient)**

“In general, countries are better off depending on their own strength and not relying on other countries for security or economic prosperity. Do you...”

**Values:**

- 1 - Strongly agree
- 2 - Somewhat agree
- 3 - Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 - Somewhat disagree
- 5 - Strongly disagree
- 6 - Don't know/decline to answer

**21 - Question: Neighboring countries (relations\_neighbor)**

“In general, what is your opinion of relations between (respondent's country) and neighboring countries? Are relations ...”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very peaceful
- 2 - Somewhat peaceful
- 3 - Neutral
- 4 - Somewhat hostile
- 5 - Very hostile
- 6 - Don't know/decline to answer

**22 - Question: American Government (american\_gov)**

“In general, what is your opinion of the American government?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very favorable
- 2 - Somewhat favorable
- 3 - Neutral
- 4 - Somewhat unfavorable
- 5 - Very unfavorable
- 6 - Don't know/decline to answer

**23 - Question: American People (american\_people)**

“In general, what is your opinion of the American people?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very favorable
- 2 - Somewhat favorable
- 3 - Neutral
- 4 - Somewhat unfavorable
- 5 - Very unfavorable
- 6 - Don't know/decline to answer

**24 - Question: US Influence (american\_inf\_1)**

“In your opinion, how much influence does the United States have in (respondent's country)?”

**Values:**

- 1 - A lot
- 2 - Some
- 3 - A little
- 4 - None
- 5 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**25 - Question: US Influence Effect (american\_inf\_2)**

“In your opinion, the influence that the United States has in (respondent's country) is...”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very positive
- 2 - Positive
- 3 - Neither Positive nor Negative
- 4 - Negative
- 5 - Very Negative
- 6 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**26 - Question: Democratic Party (party\_dems)**

“What is your opinion of the Democratic Party in the United States? ”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very positive
- 2 - Positive

- 3 - Neither Positive nor Negative
- 4 - Negative
- 5 - Very Negative
- 6 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**27 - Question: Republican Party (party\_reps)**

“What is your opinion of the Republican Party in the United States? ”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very positive
- 2 - Positive
- 3 - Neither Positive nor Negative
- 4 - Negative
- 5 - Very Negative
- 6 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**28 - Question: Chinese Government (chinese\_gov)**

“In general, what is your opinion of the Chinese government? ”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very favorable
- 2 - Somewhat favorable
- 3 - Neutral
- 4 - Somewhat unfavorable
- 5 - Very unfavorable
- 6 - Don't know/decline to answer

**29 - Question: Chinese People (chinese\_people)**

“In general, what is your opinion of the Chinese people?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very favorable
- 2 - Somewhat favorable
- 3 - Neutral
- 4 - Somewhat unfavorable
- 5 - Very unfavorable
- 6 - Don't know/decline to answer

**30 - Question: China's Influence (chinese\_inf\_1)**

“In your opinion, how much influence does China have in (respondent's country)?”

**Values:**

- 1 - A lot
- 2 - Some
- 3 - A little
- 4 - None

5 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**31 - Question: China's Influence Effect (chinese\_inf\_2)**

“In your opinion, the influence that China has in (respondent's country) is . . .”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very positive
- 2 - Positive
- 3 - Neither Positive nor Negative
- 4 - Negative
- 5 - Very Negative
- 6 - Don't know/Decline to answer

## **2.3 Survey Questions: Military Presence**

**32 - Question: US Military Presence (troops\_1)**

“ In general, what is your opinion of the presence of American military forces in (respondent's country)?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very positive
- 2 - Positive
- 3 - Neither Positive nor Negative
- 4 - Negative
- 5 - Very Negative
- 6 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**33 - Question: US Military Presence on Economy (troops\_econ\_nat)**

“ In your opinion, what sort of influence does the presence of American military forces have on the economy of (respondent's country)?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very positive
- 2 - Positive
- 3 - Neither Positive nor Negative
- 4 - Negative
- 5 - Very Negative
- 6 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**34 - Question: US Military Presence on Local Economy (troops\_econ\_local)**

“In your opinion, what sort of influence does the presence of American military forces have on the economy of your local area?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very positive

- 2 - Positive
- 3 - Neither Positive nor Negative
- 4 - Negative
- 5 - Very Negative
- 6 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**35 - Question: US Military Presence on Crime (troops\_crime)**

“In your opinion, how has the presence of American military forces affected crime and public safety in (respondent's country)?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very positive
- 2 - Positive
- 3 - Neither Positive nor Negative
- 4 - Negative
- 5 - Very Negative
- 6 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**36 - Question: US Military Presence on foreign threats (troops\_security)**

“In your opinion, how has the presence of American military forces in (respondent's country) affected (respondent's country)'s security from foreign threats?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very helpful
- 2 - Somewhat helpful
- 3 - Neutral
- 4 - Somewhat unhelpful
- 5 - Very unhelpful
- 6 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**37 - Question: US Military Divisive (troops\_divisive)**

“In your opinion, is the presence of American military forces in (respondent's country) . . .”

**Values:**

- 1 - Not a divisive issue
- 2 - A somewhat divisive issue
- 3 - A very divisive issue
- 4 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**38 - Question: US Military on Quality of Democracy (troops\_democ)**

“In your opinion, how has the presence of American military forces affected the quality of democracy in (respondent's country)?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very helpful
- 2 - Somewhat helpful

- 3 - Neutral
- 4 - Somewhat unhelpful
- 5 - Very unhelpful
- 6 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**39 - Question: US Military on Human Rights (troops\_hr)**

“In your opinion, how has the presence of American military forces affected your government’s respect for human rights?”

**Values:**

- 1 - The presence of American military forces has greatly improved the government’s respect for human rights
- 2 - The presence of American military forces has somewhat improved the government’s respect for human rights
- 3 - Neutral / No change
- 4 - The presence of American military forces has somewhat worsened the government’s respect for human rights
- 5 - The presence of American military forces has greatly worsened the government’s respect for human rights

**40 - Question: Direct Contact with US Military (contact\_pers)**

“Have you personally had direct contact with a member of the American military in (respondent’s country)?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Yes
- 2 - No
- 3 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**41 - Question: Family Contact with US Military (contact\_nonpers)**

“Has a member of your family or close friend had direct contact with a member of the American military stationed in (respondent’s country)?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Yes
- 2 - No
- 3 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**42 - Question: Economic benefit US Military (benefit\_pers)**

“Have you personally received a direct economic benefit from the American military presence in (respondent’s country)? Examples include employment by the US military, employment by a contractor that does business with the US military, or ownership/employment at a business that frequently serves US military personnel.”

**Values:**

- 1 - Yes

- 2 - No
- 3 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**43 - Question: Reliance on Economic Benefit (benefit\_pers\_rely)**

“How reliant are you on these economic benefits?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very reliant
- 2 - Somewhat reliant
- 3 - Not reliant at all
- 4 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**44 - Question: Family Economic Benefit US Military (benefit\_nonpers)**

“Has a member of your family or close friend received a direct economic benefit from the American military presence in (respondent's country)? Examples include employment by the US military, employment by a contractor that does business with the US military, or ownership/employment at a business that frequently serves US military personnel.”

**Values:**

- 1 - Yes
- 2 - No
- 3 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**45 - Question: Reliance on Economic Benefit (benefit\_nonpers\_rely)**

“How reliant are you on these economic benefits?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very reliant
- 2 - Somewhat reliant
- 3 - Not reliant at all
- 4 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**46 - Question: Safety (troops\_safe)**

“Do you feel safer in your daily life because of the presence of US military personnel?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Yes
- 2 - No
- 3 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**47 - Question: Victim of Crime (troops\_crime\_pers)**

“Have you personally been the victim of a crime committed by a member of the US military?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Yes
- 2 - No

3 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**48 - Victim of Robbery? (robbery)**

“What type of crime?” Did the respondent check the robbery box?

**Values:**

0 - Unchecked

1 - Checked

**49 - Victim of Theft? (theft)**

“What type of crime?” Did the respondent check the theft box?

**Values:**

0 - Unchecked

1 - Checked

**50 - Victim of Burglary? (burglary)**

“What type of crime?” Did the respondent check the burglary box?

**Values:**

0 - Unchecked

1 - Checked

**51 - Victim of Assault? (assault)**

“What type of crime?” Did the respondent check the assault box?

**Values:**

0 - Unchecked

1 - Checked

**52 - Victim of Sexual Assault? (sexualassault)**

“What type of crime?” Did the respondent check the sexual assault box?

**Values:**

0 - Unchecked

1 - Checked

**53 - Victim of Drug Related crime? (drugrelated)**

“What type of crime?” Did the respondent check the drug related box?

**Values:**

0 - Unchecked

1 - Checked

**54 - Victim of Don't know/Decline to answer? (crimedk)**

“What type of crime?” Did the respondent check the don't know/decline to answer box?

**Values:**



- 0 - Unchecked
- 1 - Checked

**55 - Question: Know a Victim (troops\_crime\_nonpers)**

“Do you know someone who has been the victim of a crime committed by a member of the US military?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Yes
- 2 - No
- 3 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**56 - Question: Type of Crime (knowcrimetype)**

“What type of crime?” Did the respondent check any of the boxes?

**Values:**

- 0 - Unchecked
- 1 - Checked

**57 - Victim of Robbery? (knowrobbery)**

“What type of crime?” Did the respondent check the robbery box?

**Values:**

- 0 - Unchecked
- 1 - Checked

**58 - Victim of Theft? (knowtheft)**

“What type of crime?” Did the respondent check the theft box?

**Values:**

- 0 - Unchecked
- 1 - Checked

**59 - Victim of Burglary? (knowburglary)**

“What type of crime?” Did the respondent check the burglary box?

**Values:**

- 0 - Unchecked
- 1 - Checked

**60 - Victim of Assault? (knowassault)**

“What type of crime?” Did the respondent check the assault box?

**Values:**

- 0 - Unchecked
- 1 - Checked

**61 - Victim of Sexual Assault? (knowsexualassault)**

“What type of crime?” Did the respondent check the sexual assault box?

**Values:**

- 0 - Unchecked
- 1 - Checked

**62 - Victim of Drug Related crime? (knowdrugrelated)**

“What type of crime?” Did the respondent check the drug related box?

**Values:**

- 0 - Unchecked
- 1 - Checked

**63 - Victim of Don't know/Decline to answer? (knowcrimedk)**

“What type of crime?” Did the respondent check the don't know/decline to answer box?

**Values:**

- 0 - Unchecked
- 1 - Checked

**64 - Question: Troop Presence (troops\_estimate)**

“To the best of your knowledge, how many American military personnel are currently stationed in (respondent's country):”

**Value Range:** Any number

**65 - Question: Greatest Benefit of Military Presence (troops\_benefit)**

“In your opinion, what is the greatest benefit of hosting American military personnel in (respondent's country)?” Did the respondent check any of the boxes?

**Values:**

- 0 - Unchecked
- 1 - Checked

**66 - Question: Greatest Benefit of Military Presence (greatestbenefit)**

“In your opinion, what is the greatest benefit of hosting American military personnel in (respondent's country)?” Did the respondent check the greater security from foreign threats box?

**Values:**

- 0 - Unchecked
- 1 - Checked

**67 - Question: Greatest Benefit Reduced Crime (benefitcrime)**

“In your opinion, what is the greatest benefit of hosting American military personnel in (respondent's country)?” Did the respondent check the reduced crime box?

**Values:**

0 - Unchecked

1 - Checked

**68 - Question: Greatest Benefit Human Rights (benefithr)**

“In your opinion, what is the greatest benefit of hosting American military personnel in (respondent’s country)?” Did the respondent check the human rights box?

**Values:**

0 - Unchecked

1 - Checked

**69 - Question: Greatest Benefit Economic Activity (benefitecon)**

“In your opinion, what is the greatest benefit of hosting American military personnel in (respondent’s country)?” Did the respondent check the increased economic activity box?

**Values:**

0 - Unchecked

1 - Checked

**70 - Question: Greatest Benefit Political Impacts (benefitpolitics)**

“In your opinion, what is the greatest benefit of hosting American military personnel in (respondent’s country)?” Did the respondent check any the political impacts box?

**Values:**

0 - Unchecked

1 - Checked

**71 - Question: Greatest Benefit Support Democracy (benefitdemo)**

“In your opinion, what is the greatest benefit of hosting American military personnel in (respondent’s country)?” Did the respondent check the support for democracy box?

**Values:**

0 - Unchecked

1 - Checked

**72 - Question: Greatest Benefit Other (benefitother)**

“In your opinion, what is the greatest benefit of hosting American military personnel in (respondent’s country)?” Did the respondent check any of the other box?

**Values:**

0 - Unchecked

1 - Checked

**73 - Question: Greatest Benefit No benefits benefitnone)**

“In your opinion, what is the greatest benefit of hosting American military personnel in (respon-

dent's country)?" Did the respondent check the no benefits box?

**Values:**

- 0 - Unchecked
- 1 - Checked

**74 - Question: Greatest Benefit Don't Know / Decline to Answer (benefitdkda)**

"In your opinion, what is the greatest benefit of hosting American military personnel in (respondent's country)?" Did the respondent check the Don't know / Decline to answer box?

**Values:**

- 0 - Unchecked
- 1 - Checked

**75 - Greatest Benefit of Military Presence Free-Form cell (greatestbenefitother)**

**Values:**

Other option from previous question

**76 - Question: Greatest Benefit of Military Presence (troops\_drawback)**

"In your opinion, what is the greatest drawback of hosting American military forces in (respondent's country)?"

**Values:**

- 1 - Decreased security
- 2 - Greater problems with public safety at home
- 3 - Negative economic consequences
- 4 - Changing the behavior and/or policies of the government of (respondent's country)
- 5 - No/lower support for democracy
- 6 - Other:
- 7 - No drawback
- 8 - Don't know / Decline to answer

**77 - Greatest Drawback of Military Presence Free-Form cell (greatestdrawbackother)**

**Values:**

Other option from previous question.

**78 - Question: Duration of Presence (troops\_stay)**

"In your opinion, how long should the American military remain in (respondent's country)?"

**Values:**

- 1 - 0-6 months
- 2 - 6-12 months
- 3 - 1-3 years
- 4 - Longer than 3 years
- 5 - As long as needed

- 6 - No preference
- 7 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**79 - Question: US Military-Government Relationship (troops\_gov)**

“What is your opinion of the relationship between the US military and the government of (respondent's country)?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Very positive
- 2 - Somewhat positive
- 3 - Neutral
- 4 - Somewhat negative
- 5 - Very negative
- 6 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**80 - Question: Attended Protest (protest)**

“Have you ever attended a protest event against a US military base?”

**Values:**

- 1 - Never
- 2 - One time
- 3 - Two times
- 4 - Three times
- 5 - More than three times
- 6 - Don't know/Decline to answer

**81 - Survey Source**

**Values:**

- Schmiedl
- Qualtrics