

## Natural Disaster Awareness in Japan and California: A Comparative Study

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# Natural Disaster Awareness in Japan and California Survey

Hello. We are Jennifer Xayavong and Nataly Zaragoza at California State University of Monterey Bay. For our senior capstone research project, we are conducting this survey to compare college students knowledge of natural disasters awareness between Japan and California. Thank you for taking your time to take our survey. This survey is intended EXCLUSIVELY for college students.

What is your academic standing? \*

- Freshmen
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Other...

What part of California are you from? (If you are not from California, please list what state you are from.) \*

- Northern California
- Southern California
- Central Valley (in California)
- Other...



- Male
- Female
- Other...

Have you ever been affected by any of the following natural disasters? (Mark that all apply) \*

- Earthquakes
- Wildfires/Forest Fire
- Hurricane
- Floods
- None of the above
- Other...

How prepared do you think you are for natural disasters? \*

- I'm well prepared
- I'm somewhat prepared
- I'm not prepared at all

In the case of a natural disaster, how aware are you of your nearest evacuation site? \*

- Aware
- Somewhat aware
- Unaware



- Field trip activities by the Fire Departments (ex. Earthquake simulation)
- Special guest lectures and seminars at your school
- Emergency drills
- Posters/pamphlets
- Other...

In your opinion, how effective are the following methods of disaster preparation? \*

Row 1. A. School Emergency Evacuation Practice

Row 2. B. Special Lectures and seminars

Row 3. C. Pamphlets on Evacuation sites

Row 4. D. Stock up on Emergency food and Medical kit

Column 1. Very effective

Column 2. Effective

Column 3. Not very effective

Column 4. Not effective at all

Column 5. No opinion

Which disaster preparation method do you think your college should offer? \*

Row 1. A. School Emergency Evacuation Practice

Row 2. B. Special Lectures and seminars

Row 3. C. Pamphlets on Evacuation sites



Column 2. Somewhat needed

Column 3. Not that needed

Column 4. Not needed at all

Column 5. No opinion

How difficult is it to find information about disaster preparation from your college? \*

- Very Difficult
- Difficult
- Easy
- Very Easy

Should schools make it a requirement for students to take a course on natural disaster preparation? \*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

If your community began offering classes on natural disasters and how to prepare for them, would you be interested in taking a course? \*

- Yes, I would be very interested
- Yes, somewhat interested
- No, but I think it is good to have it



NO, I would not be interested

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Choose one answer for each of the following questions: \*

Row 1. A. Where do you get latest news about natural disasters?

Row 2. B. Which resource do you think best prepares you for a natural disaster?

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Column 1. Online News Media

Column 2. Social Network (ex. Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, etc.)

Column 3. Text alerts

Column 4. Newspaper (printed)

Column 5. Television

Column 6. Radio

Column 7. None

Choose one answer for each of the following statements. \*

Row 1. A. Media provides enough INFORMATION about natural disasters.

Row 2. B. There is a sufficient amount of information from the media to PREPARE for a natural disaster.

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Column 1. Strongly agree

Column 2. Agree

Column 3. Disagree

Column 4. Strongly disagree

Column 5. I don't know

In your country, which of the following do you believe provides accurate disaster news coverage? \*



Row 2. B. Social Network (ex. Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, etc.)

Row 3. C. Text alerts

Row 4. D. Newspaper (printed)

Row 5. E. Television

Row 6. F. Radio

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Column 1. Accurately

Column 2. Somewhat accurately

Column 3. Somewhat inaccurate

Column 4. Inaccurately

Column 5. No opinion

### Please answer the following questions: \*

Row 1. A. Do you feel natural disasters have become a form of entertainment, instead of an event to learn from?

Row 2. B. How strongly do you agree with the following statement: "Global warming has a strong effect on natural disaster"

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Column 1. Strongly agree

Column 2. Agree

Column 3. Neutral

Column 4. Disagree

Column 5. Strongly disagree

### How often do these media outlets discuss global warming? \*

Row 1. A. Online News Media



Row 3. C. Text alerts

Row 4. D. Newspaper (printed)

Row 5. E. Television

Row 6. F. Radio

Column 1. Very often

Column 2. Often

Column 3. Sometimes

Column 4. Not often

Column 5. Never

Column 6. I do not know

The United States was a co-signer of the Paris Climate Agreement- an agreement to lower greenhouse gases by 2020. Do you agree that the government is doing everything in their power to uphold this agreement? \*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not Sure

What is the best method that the government should implement to help decrease the impact of global warming and natural disasters? \*

- Develop relocation plans in case of when a natural disaster hits
- Create policies to protect the environment

