

TABLE 1.8 SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY

(Percent of respondents)

DEMOCRACY IS...	CHINA	HONG KONG	TAIWAN	KOREA	MONGOLIA	THAILAND	PHILIPPINES	JAPAN
Desirable for our country now ^a	72.3	87.6	72.2	95.4	91.6	93.0	88.1	87.1
Suitable for our country now ^a	67.0	66.8	59.0	84.2	86.3	88.1	80.2	76.3
Effective in solving the problems of society ^b	60.5	39.0	46.8	71.7	78.4	89.6	60.7	61.4
Preferable to all other kinds of government ^c	53.8	40.3	40.4	49.4	57.1	82.6	63.6	67.2
Equally or more important than economic development ^d	40.3	19.6	23.5	30.1	48.6	51.3	21.8	44.0
None of the above	13.6	7.2	13.0	0.7	1.4	0.5	1.5	5.7
All of the above	17.8	7.0	7.4	15.7	25.9	35.6	6.7	23.4
Mean number of items supported	2.9	2.5	2.4	3.3	3.6	4.0	3.1	3.4

^a Six or above on a 10-point dictatorship-democracy scale of where the country should or could be now.

^b Dichotomous variable.

^c Trichotomous variable recoded into a dichotomous variable.

^d Five-way variable recoded into dichotomous variable.