

Correlation between Job-Hunting and Suicide: Similarities and Differences between Japanese and American University Students

Hello. My name is Kanako Miyake and I am an exchange student studying at California State University Monterey Bay. I am giving this survey about suicide from failing to get a job to university students in America and Japan. I would greatly appreciate anyone who can take the time to fill out this survey to help me with my thesis. Your responses will be kept confidential. Thank you so much for your participation.

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Background Information

1. **1) What is your gender? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Male
- Female

2. **2) What is your academic year? ***

If you already graduated, please choose 'Other' and write specifically like 'Graduated on fall 2013'

Mark only one oval.

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate student
- Other:

3. **3) What is your Nationality? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Japanese
- American
- Multi-national

4. **4) What is your Ethnicity? ***

Mark only one oval.

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other:

5. **5) What is your Religion? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Buddhism
- Christianity
- Hindunism
- Islam
- Judaism
- Shintoism
- Non religious
- Other:

General Suicide

6. **6) In general, how strongly do you feel the following factors contribute to suicide? ***

Choose the most appropriate answer for the each question.

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly contribute	Somewhat contribute	Does not really contribute	Does not contribute at all	Not sure
Family pressure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Academics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bullying	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drug-related issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Media	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Peer pressure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Self-esteem	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Learning disability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Physical handicap	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Love relationship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Weather	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Losing hope for the future	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Places where people commit suicide (Golden Gate Bridge in the U.S. and Fuji no jyukai in Japan)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. **Other (Please specify)**

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8. **7) Do you think that committing suicide is a sin? ***

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

9. **8) Do you agree that one should not commit suicide under any circumstance? ***

Mark only one oval.

Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree *Skip to question 11.*

Strongly disagree *Skip to question 11.*

Not sure *Skip to question 11.*

10. **8-a) If you answered strongly agree or agree, what is your reasoning? Check all that apply.**

Check all that apply.

- Because of my religion
- Because it would devastate my friends and family
- Other:

11. **9) Do you agree with the statement that it is okay to commit suicide under certain circumstances? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No *Skip to question 13.*

12. **9-a) If you answered yes, what circumstances? ***

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Job Hunting

13. **10) What is your current employment situation? ***

Mark only one oval.

- I am currently employed.
- I am applying to get a job.
- I have searched for jobs, but have not applied.
- I have not started searching for a job.

14. **11) Are you, were you, worried about getting a job before you university graduation? ***

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Very worried	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Not worried at all

15. **12) How many companies do you plan on applying to? ***

If you already got a job, please answer according to when you were applying for a job.

Mark only one oval.

- Less than 5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- 21-50
- 51-100
- 101-150
- 150-200
- Over 200

16. **13) When is the most appropriate time to start job hunting? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Other:

17. **14) When is the most appropriate time to finish job hunting? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Before sophomore year
- Before junior year
- Before senior year
- Before graduation
- Other:

18. **15) How important are the following actions for job hunting? ***

Choose the most appropriate answer for the each question.

Mark only one oval per row.

	Very important	Important	Is not really important	Is not important at all	Not sure
Collect as much information as possible	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use the Career Center ON campus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use the Career Center OFF campus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Receive tips from upper classmen	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attend seminars and career fairs ON campus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attend seminar and career fairs OFF campus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. **Other (please specify)**

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20. **16) What kind of career would you like to have? Check all that apply. ***

Check all that apply.

- Government official worker
- Law
- Service, hospitality
- Office worker
- Art, talent and design
- Educator
- Banker/financial
- Manual labor (e.g. factory and construction)
- Business (e.g. salesperson)
- Media industry
- Medical field (e.g. doctor, nurse, dentist and pharmacist)
- Architecture
- Computer, IT
- Scientist
- Logistics (e.g. courier, truck driver and delivery person)
- Other:

21. **17) Do you agree with the statement that failing a job is the biggest concern for senior students? ***

Mark only one oval.

1	2	3	4	5		
Strongly agree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly disagree

22. **18) What is your perspective about job hunting? ***

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
Even if I fail getting the job I want to get, I will continuously pursue a job in the same field.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job hunting requires good luck.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job hunting is just a part of life, so I do not care too much about failing to get a job.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

23. **Other (Please Specify)**

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24. **19) What do you think about committing suicide due to failing to get a job? ***

Choose the most appropriate answer for the each question.

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
It is not my business.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is a stupid thing to do.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

25. **Other (Please specify)**

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26. **20) Have you ever heard about someone around you committing suicide because they failed to get a job? ***

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Keep Going!

The Relationship between Media and Suicide from Failing to Get a Job

27. **21) What media factors do you think contribute to suicide from failing to get a job among university students? ***

Choose the most appropriate answer for the each question.

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly contribute	Somewhat contribute	Does not really contribute	Does not contribute at all	Not sure
Internet blogs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social Network Services (e.g. Facebook, LINE and Twitter)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
TV news	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
TV dramas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Movies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Magazines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

28. **Other (Please specify)**

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29. **22) Have you ever seen website or blog about group suicide from failing to get a job? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No *Skip to question 32.*

30. **23-a) If you answer Yes, how did you feel about the website or blogs? ***

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
The visual impression of the site was strong.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The content was interesting so it drew me to read it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The site encouraged suicide.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It was not worth reading.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

31. **Other (Please specify)**

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Almost Done!

Universities' Effort for Student Who Failed to Get a Job to Prevent Suicide

32. **24) What efforts does your university do to prevent suicide from failing to get a job? Check all that apply. ***

Check all that apply.

- Special lectures
- Events for awareness
- Flyers
- Counseling
- Do not know
- Other:

33. **25) Have you attended or used the following service to prevent suicide from failing to get a job at your university? Check all that apply. ***

Check all that apply.

- Special lectures
- Events for awareness
- Flyers
- Counseling
- No, I have not.
- Other:

34. **26) Do you agree with the statement that your university puts effort towards the prevention of suicide from failing to get a job? ***

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly agree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly disagree

35. **27) Do you agree with the statement that committing suicide is one of the ways to be free from the pain and stress of life? ***

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly agree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly disagree

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Case Studies

36. **28) You failed to get a job before university graduation. You already applied to 200 companies, but you still cannot get a job. How do you feel in this situation? ***

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Not sure
I do not feel needed by society.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel like I am unlucky person.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am not the only person in this situation, so I do not mind.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All my efforts to get a job are in vain.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It encourages me to apply even more.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

37. **Other (Please specify)**

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38. **29) In the same situation as question 29, who do you blame? ***

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
Myself	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The companies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Society	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The economic situation of the country	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nothing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

39. **Other (Please specify)**

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Thank you for your participation!! I do appreciate it.

