Survey: The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Introduction:

Thank you for taking the time to consider the statements below. The survey is designed to test the familiarity of child advocates and child welfare practitioners and policymakers with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). The assessment will also measure the degree to which respondents believe such an instrument could contribute to improving outcomes for vulnerable children and youth, especially those involved with the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

Please answer by highlighting the number which best represents your views in response to each statement:

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Don't Know	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5

1. **America's children have Constitutionally guaranteed inalienable rights independent of their parents.**

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Don't Know Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree
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**2. The United States is doing a good job in protecting the rights of all children and youth to:**

***a) a family***

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Don't Know Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree
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***b) shelter***

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Don't Know Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree
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***c) quality child care***

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Don't Know Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree
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***d) education,***

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Don't Know Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree
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***e) quality health care***

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Don't Know Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree
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***f) freedom from abuse and neglect***

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Don't Know Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree
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***g) freedom from cruel and unusual punishment in criminal matters.***

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Don't Know Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree
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3 **The rights listed above in Question 2 are among the basic rights included in United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC).**

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Don't Know Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree

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**4 After President Clinton signed the CRC in 1995, he sent it on to Congress for action.**

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Don't Know Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree
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5. **Congress has considered ratification of the CRC.**

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Don't Know Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree
1 2 3 4 5

6**. The CRC is both relevant and important to the well being of children in the United States**.

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Don't Know Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree
1 2 3 4 5

7. **By ratifying the CRC, a nation makes a strong statement regarding its commitment to children and youth.**

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Don't Know Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree
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8. **The CRC could be a threat to US sovereignty.**

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Don't Know Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree
1 2 3 4 5

9. **The American public is sufficiently informed about the CRC.**

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Don't Know Somewhat Agree Strongly agree
1 2 3 4 5

10. **Most Members of Congress support the CRC.**

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Don't Know Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree
1 2 3 4 5