FIXER STUDY SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1a – How do you identify yourself? ☐ Journalist who has hired the services of a fixer ☐ Fixer who has been employed by a journalist ☐ Both
J1b' – If J> In what countries have you worked with a fixer(s)?
J1b' – If F> Do you work with domestic journalists, foreign journalists or both?
Q2a – How many years of experience do you have?
A - 0 - 2 B - 3 - 5 C - 6 - 10 D - 11 - 15 E - 16 - 24 F - 25 - 35 G - More than 35
Q2b – How old are you?
A - 18 - 25 C - 26 - 30 D - 31 - 40 E - 41 - 50 F - Over 50 G - Prefer not to say
Q2c – What is your gender?
A - Male B - Female C - Other
Q 2d – What is the place you call home (Village/Town/City, State/Province, Country)?
(WRITTEN RESPONSE)
What language(s) do you work in?

(WRITTEN RESPONSE)

Q 2e - What form(s) of media do you work in (Choose all that apply)?

A - Print

B - Radio/audio

C - TV/video

D - Web/multimedia

E - Other (SPECIFY)

Q 2f – Do you financially support someone other than yourself?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

	QJ (journalist)	QF (fixer)
3	How do you locate your fixers (choose all that apply)?	How do journalist clients find you?
	A - Referrals from other journalists B - Assigned by editor C - Through online/social media forums D - By advertising the opportunity E - By answering a fixer's advertisement F - Through local journalist organization/club G - Other platforms (please specify)	A - Referrals from other journalists B - Assigned by their editor C - Through online/social media forums D - Through advertising my services E - Through answering journalist's ads F - Through journalist organization/club G - Other platforms (please specify)
4	How often do you rely on fixers for logistical guidance during your reporting? 1 – Never 2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always	How often do your reporting clients rely on you for logistical guidance during their reporting? 1 – Never 2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always
5	Have you worked on an assignment without knowledge of the local language	

	and need to rely on a fixer to be your interpreter Yes No	
6	How often do you consult on fixers for translation and interpretation during your reporting? 1 – Never 2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always	How often do your reporting clients consult you for translation and interpretation during their reporting? 1 – Never 2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always
7	How often do you rely on fixers for editorial judgment during your reporting? 1 – Never 2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always	How often do your reporting clients rely on you for editorial judgment during their reporting? 1 – Never 2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always
8	Have fixers challenged or questioned the editorial focus of your reporting Yes	Have you challenged or questioned the editorial focus of your journalistic clients Yes No
9	Have you ever been corrected by a fixer? DROP DOWN: Yes No	Have you ever corrected a journalist client? DROP DOWN: Yes No
	If yes, how did you react? (WRITTEN RESPONSE)	If yes, how did they react? (WRITTEN RESPONSE)

10	Have you ever felt that your trust was violated in terms of logistics, translation and/or editorial content?	Have you ever felt that your trust was violated in terms of logistics, translation and/or editorial content?
	Yes No If yes which one:	Yes No If yes which one:
	a) logistics b) interpretation/translation c) editorial content d) financial e) all f) other	a) logistics b) interpretation/translation c) editorial content d) financial e) all f) other
11	Do you feel that you have ever put a fixer working with/for you in immediate physical danger?	Do you feel that you have ever been put in immediate physical danger by working as a fixer for a reporting client?
	1 – Never 2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always	1 – Never 2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always
	Would you like to explain/give examples? (WRITTEN RESPONSE)	Would you like to explain/give examples? (WRITTEN RESPONSE)
12	Do you feel that you have ever put a fixer or their immediate family in future danger or harm?	Do you feel that a journalistic client has ever put you or your immediate family in future danger or harm?
	1 – Never 2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always	1 – Never 2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always
	Would you like to explain/give examples? (WRITTEN RESPONSE)	Would you like to explain/give examples? (WRITTEN RESPONSE)
13	How often do fixers get public credit	How often do you get credit (by line or

	(byline or tag line) in the stories you have reported? 1 – Never 2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always Does your news agency have a written policy on providing fixers credit? 1 - Yes 2 - No 3 - I don't know	tag line) for the stories you have helped report on as a fixer? 1 – Never 2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always Do you want public credit? 1 - Yes 2 - No 3 - Sometimes
14	On average, how much is your daily rate for fixers? (in US Dollars) 1 - \$0 - \$50 2 - \$51 - \$150 3 - \$150 - \$250 4 - \$250 - \$400 5 - More than \$400 Do you have the power to negotiate a fixer's rate? 1 - Yes 2 - No	On average, how much is your daily rate as a fixer? (in US Dollars) 1 - \$0 - \$50 2 - \$51 - \$150 3 - \$150 - \$250 4 - \$250 - \$400 5 - More than \$400 What is the minimum you have charged? (WRITTEN RESPONSE) What is the maximum you have charged? (WRITTEN RESPONSE) How is your rate usually set? A - I negotiate directly with the client B - Rate is set by agency(ies) I work for C - Journalist clients set the rate
14 b		What portion of your income depends on working as a "fixer"?

		1 - A very minor portion of my income 2 - A moderate portion of my income 3 - About half of my income 4 - The majority of my income 4 - All of my income Do you have another profession? 1 - Yes 2 - No If so, what? (WRITTEN RESPONSE)
15	Has a fixer ever urged you to cover or not cover a story? Yes No	Have you ever urged a journalist client to cover or not cover a story? Yes No
	If yes, how many times has this happened? a) Once b) More than once less than five times c) More than five times less than ten d) More than ten	If yes, how many times has this happened? a) Once b) More than once less than five times c) More than five times less than ten d) More than ten
16	Do you ask your fixers about their political affiliation before hiring them? 1 – Never 2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always	Do you mention your political affiliations to a (potential) journalistic client looking to hire you? 1 – Never 2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always 6 – I have no political affiliation
17	Do you ask your fixers about their familial affiliations/connections before hiring them?	Do you mention your familial affiliations/connections to a (potential) journalistic client looking to hire you?
	1 – Never	1 – Never

	2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always	2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always 6 – I have no political affiliation
18	Have you ever refused to hire a particular fixer because of their political affiliation? 1 – Never 2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always	Have you ever chosen to not take an assignment based on its content, focus, or angle? 1 – Never 2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always
19	How often do you maintain contact with your fixer after the story assignment is over? 1 – Never 2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always	How often do you maintain contact with your journalistic contacts after the story is over? 1 – Never 2 – Rarely 3 – Sometimes 4 – Often 5 – Always