**The UTokyo-Asahi Survey (UTAS)**

**2009-2010 Voter Survey**

**Official Codebook**

# **SURVEY OVERVIEW**

**1. Survey period**

Wave1 was conducted by mail immediately after the 45th general election of the House of Representatives (held on August 30, 2009) to 3000 voters nationwide selected by a stratified two-stage random sampling method. The survey was sent out on August 29, the day before polling day, and 2085 valid responses were received by the end of October (69.5% response rate).[[1]](#footnote-1)

Wave2 was conducted immediately after the 22nd ordinary election of the House of Councillors (held on July 11, 2010) by mail to 2,077 valid respondents of Wave1, excluding those who had problems with the survey (strong refusal, etc.). The questionnaires were sent out on July 10, the day before voting day, and 1664 valid responses were obtained by the end of August (80.1% response rate).

**2. Details**

The data set to be released includes the data of 2085 valid respondents of Wave1. It does not contain any information that could identify the respondents, such as their names or detailed addresses (addresses are listed up to the municipality).

# **VARIABLES**

## **1. BASIC VARIABLES**

Sorting number (**ID**)

Prefecture (character) (**PREF**)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 86  22  28  38  20  24  31  37  36  32  114  94  209  147  46  19  19  14  16  42  37  72  117  33 |  | 1. Hokkaido  2. Aomori-ken  3. Iwate-ken  4. Miyagi-ken  5. Akita-ken  6. Yamagata-ken  7. Fukushima-ken  8. Ibaraki-ken  9. Tochigi-ken  10. Gunma-ken  11. Saitama-ken  12. Chiba-ken  13. Tokyo-to  14. Kanagawa-ken  15. Niigata-ken  16. Toyama-ken  17. Ishikawa-ken  18. Fukui-ken  19. Yamanashi-ken  20. Nagano-ken  21. Gifu-ken  22. Shizuoka-ken  23. Aichi-ken  24. Mie-ken | 27  46  135  88  21  21  12  15  31  41  29  14  15  19  13  83  8  26  24  21  18  28  17 |  | 25. Shiga-ken  26. Kyoto-fu  27. Osaka-fu  28. Hyogo-ken  29. Nara-ken  30. Wakayama-ken  31. Tottori-ken  32. Shimane-ken  33. Okayama-ken  34. Hiroshima-ken  35. Yamaguchi-ken  36. Tokushima-ken  37. Kagawa-ken  38. Ehime-ken  39. Kochi-ken  40. Fukuoka-ken  41. Saga-ken  42. Nagasaki-ken  43. Kumamoto-ken  44. Oita-ken  45. Miyazaki-ken  46. Kagoshima-ken  47. Okinawa-ken |

Municipalities (character) (**CITY**)

SMD (**HORDIST**)

## **2. QUESTIONNAIRE DATA (Wave1)**

### Q1

It is not uncommon for people to not go to the polls because they are not feeling well or just can't find the time. Did you vote in the House of Representatives election this time? (**Q010100**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 151  105  31  1790  8 |  | 1. I did not vote  2. I was going to vote this time, but I didn't end up going  3. I usually vote, but not this time  4. I voted  9. no answer |

*If you answered 4 in Q1, please answer Q2 to Q13.*

### Q2

This question is for those who answered "I voted" in Q1. Did you vote on the day of the election (August 30) or did you vote early or absentee? Please circle only one. (**Q010200**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 295  1423  326  41 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. voted on voting day  2. voted early or absentee  9. no answer |

### Q3

In the proportional representation bloc, for which party did you vote? (**Q010300**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 295  507  822  149  100  57  30  62  16  16  31 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Democratic Party of Japan  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Social Democratic Party  6. People's New Party  7. Your Party  8. another party  90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)  999. no answer |

### Q4

When did you decide to vote for that party in the proportional representation bloc? (**Q010400**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 295  904  176  160  327  191  32 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. before the House of Representatives was dissolved (before July 20)  2. from the time of dissolution to just before the public announcement (July 21 to August 17)  3. first half of the election period (August 18 to August 23)  4. second half of the election period (August 24 to August 29)  5. on the day of voting (August 30）  9. no answer |

### Q5

For which party's candidate did you vote in the Single Member District (SMD)? (**Q010500**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 295  656  907  26  49  16  24  16  11  22  30  33 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. official candidate of Liberal Democratic Party  2. official candidate of Democratic Party of Japan  3. official candidate of Komeito  4. official candidate of Komeito  5. official candidate of Japanese Communist Party  6. official candidate of Social Democratic Party  7. official candidate of Your Party  8. official candidate of another party  9. independent candidate  90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)  999. no answer |

### Q6

When did you decide to vote for that party in SMD? (**Q010600**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 295  812  192  224  331  190  41 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. before the House of Representatives was dissolved (before July 20)  2. from the time of dissolution to just before the public announcement (July 21 to August 17)  3. first half of the election period (August 18 to August 23)  4. second half of the election period (August 24 to August 29)  5. on the day of voting (August 30）  9. no answer |

### Q7

Which of the following policies is most important to you in this election? What is your second and third most important policy? Please write the number in parentheses. (**Q010700**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 295  35  142  568  74  47  91  249  153  70  10  7  179  10  17  70  68 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. diplomacy  2. fiscal reconstruction  3. economic measures  4. economic structural reform  5. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  6. education  7. pension  8. medical care  9. employment  10. public security  11. environmental policy  12. political and administrative reform  13. decentralization  14. Constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  15. other  999. no answer |

### Q8

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the policies and commitments of each party or candidate? (**Q010800**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 295  385  857  273  183  59  33 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  9. no answer |

### Q9

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the performance of the government (good or bad)? (**Q010900**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 295  515  726  277  177  54  41 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  9. no answer |

### Q10

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the ability and attractiveness of party leaders (or lack thereof)? (**Q011000**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 295  295  713  327  314  98  43 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  9. no answer |

### Q11

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the ability and attractiveness of individual candidates (or lack thereof)? (**Q011100**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 295  319  758  322  258  86  47 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  9. no answer |

### Q12

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider requests for votes or other encouragement from acquaintances? (**Q011200**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 295  92  223  105  274  420  630  46 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  6. received no such encouragement  9. no answer |

### Q13

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, what did you think about the following regime framework? (**Q011301** ~ **Q011303**)

(1) LDP-led government (**Q011301**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 295  262  306  707  515 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. desirable  2. not sure  3. not desirable  9. no answer |

(2) A coalition government between LDP and DPJ (a so-called "grand coalition") (**Q011302**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 295  289  400  579  522 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. desirable  2. not sure  3. not desirable  9. no answer |

(3) DPJ-led government (**Q011303**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 295  613  400  346  431 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. desirable  2. not sure  3. not desirable  9. no answer |

### Q14

For which party did you vote in the proportional representation bloc of the last HoR election (September 2005)? (**Q011400**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 946  464  117  86  49  5  4  7  118  35  5  221  28 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Democratic Party of Japan  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Social Democratic Party  6. People's New Party  7. New Party Nippon  8. New Party DAICHI  66. forgot  77. did not have the right to vote  90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)  99. did not vote (did not go to the polling place)  999. no answer |

### Q15

For which party did you vote in the proportional representation district of the last House of Councillors election (July 2007)? (**Q011400**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 873  511  120  81  44  7  7  3  104  21  8  274  32 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Democratic Party of Japan  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Social Democratic Party  6. People's New Party  7. New Party Nippon  8. New Party DAICHI  66. forgot  77. did not have the right to vote  90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)  99. did not vote (did not go to the polling place)  999. no answer |

### Q16

How many days in the past week did you read newspapers (excluding sports and evening newspapers)? (**Q011600**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 324  211  215  226  1079  30 |  | 0. did not read at all  1. 1 to 2 days  2. 3 to 4 days  3. 5 to 6 days  4. 7 days  9. no answer |

### Q17

How many days in the past week did you watch TV news programs? (**Q011700**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 31  96  217  296  1422  23 |  | 0. did not watch at all  1. 1 to 2 days  2. 3 to 4 days  3. 5 to 6 days  4. 7 days  9. no answer |

### Q18

How many days in the past week did you watch TV entertainment programs (including sports)? (**Q011800**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 81  304  428  328  913  31 |  | 0. did not watch at all  1. 1 to 2 days  2. 3 to 4 days  3. 5 to 6 days  4. 7 days  9. no answer |

### Q19

Recently, more and more politicians are appearing on TV programs that are highly entertaining. Which of the following opinions, A or B, is closer to yours regarding this? Please circle only one from 1 to 5 below. (**Q011900**)

A: It is good because it explains politics in a way that's easy to understand and feels approachable

B: It's not a good idea to go on too many entertainment shows because it lowers the dignity of politics.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 559  654  275  324  235  38 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  9. no answer |

### Q20

When the political party in power is replaced, it is called a change of government. Do you think it would be better if there were frequent changes of government, or if the same party were in power for a long time? (**Q012000**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1294  679  112 |  | 1. it is better that there are frequent changes of government  2. it is better that the same party is in power for a long time  9. no answer |

### Q21

Which political party do you think has the ability to govern? Whether you like them or not, please circle all the parties you think are capable of taking power. (**Q012101** ~ **Q012107**)

(1) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q012101**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 611  1474 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(2) Democratic Party of Japan (**Q012102**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 792  1293 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(3) Komeito (**Q012103**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1933  152 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(4) Japanese Communist Party (**Q012104**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1982  103 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(5) Social Democratic Party (**Q012105**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 994  91 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(6) People's New Party (**Q012106**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2005  80 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(7) Your Party (**Q012107**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1949  136 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

### Q22

Do you have favorable or unfavorable feelings toward the following parties and politicians? If you have neither favorable nor unfavorable feelings for a party or a politician, please use the "Emotional Thermometer" below to set the temperature at 50 degrees. If you have favorable feelings, please answer with a number between 51 and 100 degrees, depending on the intensity of your feelings, and if you have unfavorable feelings, please answer with a number anywhere between 49 and 0 degrees. (**Q012201** to **Q012211**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (MEAN) |  |  |
| 46.3  57.8  31.8  32.5  35.2  36  40.5  33  52  44  51.3 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party (**Q012201**)  2. Democratic Party of Japan (**Q012202**)  3. Komeito (**Q012203**)  4. Japanese Communist Party (**Q012204**)  5. Social Democratic Party (**Q012205**)  6. People's New Party (**Q012206**)  7. Your Party (**Q012207**)  8. Taro Aso (**Q012208**)  9. Yukio Hatoyama (**Q012209**)  10. LDP candidate in your constituency (**Q012210**)  11. DPJ candidate in your constituency (**Q012211**) |
| 999. no answer | | |

### Q23

How would you describe your current lifestyle compared to one year ago? (**Q012300**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 6  65  842  724  431  17 |  | 1. getting very good  2. getting somewhat good  3. unchanged  4. getting somewhat bad  5. getting very bad  9. no answer |

### Q24

What do you think is the current state of the economy? (**Q012400**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4  24  213  835  990  19 |  | 1. very good  2. somewhat good  3. not sure  4. somewhat bad  5. very bad  9. no answer |

### Q25

There are people who are always paying attention to political developments, regardless of whether there is an election or not, while there are people who are not so interested. How much do you usually pay attention to political developments? (**Q012500**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 649  974  393  50  19 |  | 1. always pay attention  2. sometimes pay attention  3. pay attention very occasionally  4. do not pay attention at all  9. no answer |

### Q26

Do you think Prime Minister Aso is doing a good job? (**Q012600**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 572  1416  97 |  | 1. yes  2. no  9. no answer |

### Q27

Which party do you usually support? (**Q012700**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 764  464  75  59  29  4  17  9  624  40 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Democratic Party of Japan  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Social Democratic Party  6. People's New Party  7. Your Party  8. another party  9. no party in particular  999. no answer |

*If you answered 1 to 8 in Q27, please answer SQ27\_1.*

### SQ27\_1

Are you a faithful supporter or not a faithful supporter of the political party you support? (**Q012701**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 664  309  1082  30 |  | 0. not applicable  1. a faithful supporter  2. not a faithful supporter  9. no answer |

*If you answered 9 in Q27, please answer SQ27\_2.*

### SQ27\_2

Are there any political parties that you usually prefer, even if you do not support them? Please circle one party that applies to you. (**Q012702**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1461  81  139  13  26  15  7  21  7  300  15 |  | 0. not applicable  1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Democratic Party of Japan  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Social Democratic Party  6. People's New Party  7. Your Party  8. another party  9. no party  999. no answer |

### Q28

What exactly does "supporting Party X" mean to you? Please circle all that apply to you. (**Q012801** ~ **Q012810**)

(1) I am a member or friend of Party X (**Q012801**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1857  228 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(2) I am a member of the supporters' group of Party X (**Q012802**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1811  274 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(3) I donate to Party X or help with an election (**Q012803**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1878  207 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(4) I will vote for Party X in this election (**Q012804**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1180  905 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(5) Currently, I agree with the policies and arguments of Party X the most (**Q012805**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1325  760 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(6) Currently, I like Party X best (**Q012806**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1691  394 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(7) I've voted for Party X in most elections so far (**Q012807**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1350  735 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(8) Even though I may vote for another party in the short term, in the long run, I think I'll lean towards Party X (**Q012808**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1521  564 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(9) When people say bad things about other supporters of Party X, I feel as if they are saying bad things about me. (**Q012809**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1963  122 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(10) I think and act the same way as the other supporters of Party X (**Q0128010**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1970  115 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

### Q29

What kind of impression do you have of Mr. Taro Aso? Please circle all that apply to you. (**Q012901** to **Q012908**)

(1) Being a man of good conduct (**Q012901**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1941  144 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(2) Having strong leadership (**Q012902**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1987  98 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(3) Caring about people like you (**Q012903**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2020  65 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(4) Knowing a lot of things (**Q012904**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2022  63 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(5) Having good capacity to understand/comprehension (**Q012905**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1983  102 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(6) Being dishonest (**Q012906**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1811  274 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(7) Not being decisive enough (**Q012907**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1172  913 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(8) None of the above apply (**Q012908**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1300  785 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

### Q30

What kind of impression do you have of Mr. Yukio Hatoyama? Please circle all that apply to you. (**Q013001** to **Q013008**)

(1) Being a man of good conduct (**Q013001**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1565  520 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(2) Having strong leadership (**Q013002**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1804  281 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(3) Caring about people like you (**Q013003**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1927  158 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(4) Knowing a lot of things (**Q013004**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1819  266 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(5) Having good capacity to understand/comprehension (**Q013005**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1657  428 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(6) Being dishonest (**Q013006**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1965  120 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(7) Not being decisive enough (**Q013007**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1901  184 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(8) None of the above apply (**Q013008**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1327  758 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

### Q31

How much do you trust national politics? (**Q013100**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 55  531  996  464  39 |  | 1. always trust  2. trust most of time  3. sometimes trust  4. do not trust at all  9. no answer |

### Q32

Do you think that national politics is controlled by the interests of large corporations, unions, or other large organizations, or do you think that it is run for the benefit of the people as a whole? (**Q013200**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1666  328  91 |  | 1. controlled by the interests of controlled by the interests of large corporations, unions, or other large organizations  2. run for the benefit of the people as a whole  9. no answer |

### Q33

Do you think that the national government is wasting a lot of our tax money, some of it, or not so much? (**Q013300**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1549  468  41  27 |  | 1. wasting a lot of our tax money  2. wasting some of our tax money  3. not wasting our tax money so much  9. no answer |

### Q34

Do you think that there are a lot of dishonest people running the country's politics, or do you think that there are not that many such people, or do you think that people who are dishonest are rare? (**Q013400**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1346  658  38  43 |  | 1. there are a lot of dishonest people  2. there are not that many such people  3. people who are dishonest are rare  9. no answer |

### Q35

Do you think the government listens well, a little, or not so much to the people when it decides what to do? (**Q013500**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 108  1001  947  29 |  | 1. listens well  2. listens a little  3. listens not so much  9. no answer |

### Q36

As long as you are not a politician or a pundit, it is quite normal for some people to know a lot about politics and others not so much. What do you think about yourself? Please circle only one. (**Q013600**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 43  309  731  639  336  27 |  | 1. know a lot  2. know something  3. not sure  4. do not know much  5. know very little  9. no answer |

### Q37

Do you think that elections allow people's voices to be reflected in government policies to a great extent, a little, or not much? (**Q013700**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 293  1219  480  93 |  | 1. to a great extent  2. a little  3. not much  9. no answer |

### Q38

For the following opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q013801** ~ **Q013820**)

(1) The constitution should be revised (**Q013801**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 357  448  700  206  231  143 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(2) Japan's defensive power should be increased (**Q013802**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 308  440  696  285  211  145 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(3) The Three Non-Nuclear Principles should be maintained (**Q013803**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 945  367  438  87  71  177 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(4) Japan should have the right to preemptive defense when it feels there is a legitimate threat to its safety (**Q013804**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 270  349  739  299  271  157 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(5) Japan should become a permanent member of the UN Security Council and fulfill its international responsibilities (**Q013805**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 713  581  533  52  45  161 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(6) Japan should apply pressure to North Korea rather than have a dialogue with it (**Q013806**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 493  495  599  219  126  153 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(7) Japan should exercise the right to collective defense (**Q013807**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303  392  946  139  108  197 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(8) Japan should deploy the Self-Defense Forces overseas in support of the UN operations (**Q013808**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 249  448  762  304  170  152 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(9) Even if government social services suffer, Japan should strive to have small government (**Q013809**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 103  197  732  565  324  164 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(10) Japanese companies should keep the lifetime employment system (**Q013810**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 425  573  654  203  74  156 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(11) Provincial/rural employment should be boosted by public works (**Q013811**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 374  695  644  136  64  172 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(12) Instead of focusing on fiscal austerity, Japan needs to boost its economy through increased spending (**Q013812**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 375  580  676  217  72  165 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(13) The budget for road maintenance needs to be kept stable (**Q013813**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 125  248  645  585  307  175 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(14) The consumption tax has to be increased in the next 5 years (**Q013814**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 211  455  526  391  362  140 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(15) The basic pension fund should be paid for through the treasury only (**Q013815**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 272  357  848  294  152  162 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(16) Permanent foreign residents should be given the right to vote in local elections (**Q013816**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 54  576  673  156  159  167 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(17) Japan needs to attract immigrant workers, and should take steps to do so (**Q013817**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 118  340  888  379  189  171 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(18) Individual freedoms and privacy should be restricted for greater public safety (**Q013818**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 388  565  617  222  137  156 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(19) Education should emphasize tradition more than fostering individuality (**Q013819**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 177  331  843  390  202  142 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(20) The death penalty should be abolished (**Q013820**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 89  103  511  479  774  129 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

### Q39

For the following two opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q013901** ~ **Q013902**)

(1) Politicians have little regard for people like me (**Q013901**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 314  523  855  133  72  188 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(2) People like me have no power to influence the government (**Q013902**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 289  389  798  275  138  196 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

### Q40

For each of the following issues, is your opinion closer to A or B? For each item, please circle the number that applies. (**Q014001** ~ **Q014003**)

(1) (**Q014001**)

A: The children of politicians should not be allowed to run for office and create a dynasty

B: The children of politicians should have freedom of choice in employment

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 367  295  374  572  368  109 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  9. no answer |

(2) (**Q014002**)

A: Corporations and organizations should have the freedom of political action

B: Corporations should be forbidden from making political donations

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 164  284  426  508  585  118 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  9. no answer |

(3) (**Q014003**)

A: In order to provide for the aging population, the burden on our current workforce will have to increase

B: It is inevitable that social services for the aging population are reduced so as not to increase the burden on our current workforce

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 319  467  505  413  273  108 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  9. no answer |

### Q41

Many people seem to think that “in the long run, I lean toward the party X.” Although it is possible that you will vote for another party in the short term, in the long run, which party would you say you lean toward? (**Q014100**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 814  508  75  66  38  7  25  10  459  83 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Democratic Party of Japan  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Social Democratic Party  6. People's New Party  7. Your Party  8. another party  9. no party in particular  999. no answer |

*If you answered 9 in Q41, please answer SQ41\_1.*

### SQ41\_1

Why no party in particular? Please circle one. (**Q014101**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 173  125  154  1626  7 |  | 1. because there is no suitable party right now  2. because I usually don't want to be close to any party  3. because I'm not sure about any party  0. not applicable (did not answer " no party in particular" in Q41)  99. no answer |

### Q42

When you were a child, which party did your parents lean toward? (**Q014200**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1261  51  47  40  156  18  139  285  88 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Democratic Party of Japan  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Social Democratic Party (Japan Socialist Party)  6. another party  7. no party in particular  8. do not remember  999. no answer |

### Q43

Which party do you think the majority of the people in the groups that are most important to your daily life, such as your workplace, business relationships, neighbors, and close friends, lean toward? (**Q014300**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 911  478  95  16  14  1  0  51  409  110 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Democratic Party of Japan  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Social Democratic Party  6. People's New Party  7. Your Party  8. another party  9. no party in particular  999. no answer |

### Q44

If the next election were to be held tomorrow, for which political party would you vote? Please circle only one. (**Q014400**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 566  877  73  69  38  15  57  83  179  128 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Democratic Party of Japan  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Social Democratic Party  6. People's New Party  7. Your Party  8. another party  99. I would not vote  999. no answer |

### Q45

Is there a political party that you would never want to vote for in the future? If so, which party is it? Please circle all that apply. (**Q014501** ~ **Q014509**)

(1) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q014501**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1871  214 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(2) Democratic Party of Japan (**Q014501**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1963  122 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(3) Komeito (**Q014503**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1332  753 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(4) Japanese Communist Party (**Q014504**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1337  748 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(5) Social Democratic Party (**Q014505**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1675  410 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(6) People's New Party (**Q014506**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1818  267 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(7) Your Party (**Q014507**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1901  184 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(8) Other parties (**Q014508**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1976  109 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(9) No party in particular (**Q014509**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1535  550 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

### Q46

Are you a man or a woman? (**Q014600**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 975  1091  19 |  | 1. man  2. woman  9. no answer |

### Q47

How old are you as of August 30? (**Q014700**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 187  315  350  331  452  435  15 |  | 1. 20's  2. 30's  3. 40's  4. 50's  5. 60's  6. 70's or over  9. no answer |

### Q48

What is the highest level of school you have completed? (**Q014800**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 318  836  275  162  388  39  40  27 |  | 1. elementary school or junior high school  2. high school  3. vocational school  4. short-term college  5. university  6. graduate school  7. other  9. no answer |

### Q49

Do you have any children between the ages of 0 and 15? (**Q014900**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 440  1614  31 |  | 1. yes  2. no  9. no answer |

### Q50

Are you a member of any of the following organizations, groups, or associations? Please circle all that apply. (**Q015001** ~ **Q015005**)

(1) Political organizations such as supporters' associations of politicians and political parties (**Q015001**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2008  77 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(2) Labor union (**Q015002**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1929  156 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(3) Trade associations, trade unions, and other occupation-related organizations (**Q015003**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2005  80 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(4) Groups and organizations related to religion (**Q015004**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2002  83 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(5) Not a member of any of them (**Q015005**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 424  1661 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

### Q51

I would like to ask you about your occupation. Please circle one from 1 to 9. If you don't know which one, please circle "9" and write your occupation in the "Other" box. (**Q015100**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 558  83  224  93  257  367  22  344  108  29 |  | 1. company employee  2. public servant  3. self-employed or free enterprise  4. agricultural, forestry, or fishing industries  5. temporary work or part-time work  6. homemaker  7. student  8. without a job  9. other  999. no answer |

## **3. FREE ANSWERS (Wave1)**

**Q0151FA**: the free answer of "Other" in Q51

## **4. QUESTIONNAIRE DATA (Wave2)**

Dummy variable for respondent of Wave2 (**ANSWER2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 413  1664 |  | 0. no response to Wave2  1. response to Wave2 |

### Q1

It is not uncommon for people to not go to the polls because they are not feeling well or just can't find the time. Did you vote in the HoC election this time? (**Q020100**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 291  1361  12 |  | 1. did not vote  2. voted  9. no answer |

*If you answered "voted" in Q1, please answerQ2 to Q13.*

### Q2

In the proportional representation district, for which party did you vote? (**Q020200**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303  443  414  97  66  31  18  224  30  17  9  5  7 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. Democratic Party of Japan  2. Liberal Democratic Party  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Social Democratic Party  6. People's New Party  7. Your Party  8. New Renaissance Party (Masuzoe’s New Party)  9. Sunrise Party of Japan (Hiranuma and Yosano’s New Party)  10. another party  90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)  999. no answer |

### Q3

In the proportional representation district, did you vote for the name of the candidate or the name of the party? Please circle only one. (**Q020300**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303  392  952  17 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. voted for the name of the candidate  2. voted for the name of the party  9. no answer |

### Q4

When did you decide to vote for that party (candidate) in the proportional representation district? (**Q020400**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303  506  144  203  303  182  23 |  | 1. from a long time ago (~June 1)  2. from the resignation statement of former Prime Minister Hatoyama to just before the public announcement date (June 2 to June 23)  3. first half of the election period (June 24 to July 1)  4. second half of the election period (July 2 to July 10)  5. on the day of voting (July 11）  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

### Q5

For which party's candidate did you vote in Single Non-Transferable Vote/First Past the Post (SNTV/FPTP)? (**Q020500**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303  513  495  50  74  16  2  152  14  7  6  12  14  6 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. Democratic Party of Japan  2. Liberal Democratic Party  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Social Democratic Party  6. People's New Party  7. Your Party  8. New Renaissance Party (Masuzoe’s New Party)  9. Sunrise Party of Japan (Hiranuma and Yosano’s New Party)  10. another party  11. independent  90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)  999. no answer |

### Q6

Which of the following policies is most important to you in this election? What is your second and third most important policy? Please write the number in parentheses. (**Q020601** ~ **Q020603**)

The most important policy (**Q020601**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303  70  387  179  25  16  78  296  86  2  3  57  67  8  5  31  51 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. diplomacy and security  2. finance and taxes  3. economic growth strategy  4. social capital preparation (public works)  5. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  6. education and parenting  7. pensions and medical care  8. employment  9. public security  10. environmental policy  11. politics and money  12. administrative and civil service reform  13. decentralization (regional sovereignty)  14. Constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  15. other  999. no answer |

The second most important policy (**Q020602**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303  60  224  119  23  26  117  277  126  7  14  84  93  12  9  3  167 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. diplomacy  2. finance and taxes  3. economic growth strategy  4. social capital preparation (public works)  5. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  6. education and parenting  7. pensions and medical care  8. employment  9. public security  10. environmental policy  11. politics and money  12. administrative and civil service reform  13. decentralization (regional sovereignty)  14. Constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  15. other  999. no answer |

The third most important policy (**Q020603**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303  84  133  96  32  18  103  173  160  28  35  140  113  33  11  9  193 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. diplomacy  2. finance and taxes  3. economic growth strategy  4. social capital preparation (public works)  5. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  6. education and parenting  7. pensions and medical care  8. employment  9. public security  10. environmental policy  11. politics and money  12. administrative and civil service reform  13. decentralization (regional sovereignty)  14. Constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  15. other  999. no answer |

### Q7

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, what did you think about the following regime framework? (**Q020701** ~ **Q020703**)

(1) DPJ-led government (**Q020701**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303  333  393  425  210 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. desirable  2. not sure  3. not desirable  9. no answer |

(2) A coalition government between DPJ and LDP (a so-called "grand coalition") (**Q020702**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303  191  357  543  270 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. desirable  2. not sure  3. not desirable  9. no answer |

(3) LDP-led government (**Q020703**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303  226  348  520  267 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. desirable  2. not sure  3. not desirable  9. no answer |

### Q8

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the election situation as reported by the mass media (which party and which candidate is ahead or behind)? (**Q020800**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303  112  390  192  398  218  34  17 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  6. did not see any reports of that  9. no answer |

### Q9

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the policies and commitments of each party or candidate? (**Q020900**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303  192  721  204  184  36  24 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  9. no answer |

### Q10

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the performance of the Hatoyama and Kan’s government (good or bad)? (**Q021000**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303  288  530  209  244  69  21 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  9. no answer |

### Q11

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the ability and attractiveness of party leaders (or lack thereof)? (**Q021100**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303  250  616  240  184  49  22 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  9. no answer |

### Q12

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the ability and attractiveness of individual candidates (or lack thereof)? (**Q021200**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303  224  613  248  195  55  26 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  9. no answer |

### Q13

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider requests for votes or other encouragement from acquaintances? (**Q021300**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303  60  191  103  221  340  425  21 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)  1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  6. received no such encouragement  99. no answer |

### Q14

How much do you trust national politics? (**Q021400**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 53  498  796  298  19 |  | 1. always trust it  2. trust it most of time  3. sometimes trust it  4. do not trust it at all  9. no answer |

### Q15

Do you think that elections can greatly, somewhat, or little reflect the voice of the people in government policies? (**Q021500**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 153  895  592  24 |  | 1. can greatly reflect  2. can somewhat reflect  3. can little reflect  9. no answer |

### Q16

As a result of last year's general election in the House of Representatives, the government was replaced by a new one led by the Democratic Party of Japan. Do you think the change of government was a good thing or a bad thing? (**Q021600**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 480  459  386  179  141  19 |  | 1. good thing  2. somewhat good thing  3. not sure  4. somewhat bad thing  5. bad thing  9. no answer |

### Q17

In the following policy areas, do you think a government led by the Democratic Party of Japan or a government led by the Liberal Democratic Party will be more effective? Please circle one number that applies to each of the following items. (**Q021701** to **Q021704**)

(1) Economic management (**Q012701**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 187  828  405  146  98 |  | 1. a government led by the Democratic Party of Japan  2. not sure  3. a government led by the Liberal Democratic Party  4. do not know  9. no answer |

(2) Diplomacy (**Q012702**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 73  602  710  171  108 |  | 1. a government led by the Democratic Party of Japan  2. not sure  3. a government led by the Liberal Democratic Party  4. do not know  9. no answer |

(3) Pension system reform (**Q012703**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 537  703  186  145  93 |  | 1. a government led by the Democratic Party of Japan  2. not sure  3. a government led by the Liberal Democratic Party  4. do not know  9. no answer |

(4) Administrative reform (**Q012704**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 562  692  149  154  107 |  | 1. a government led by the Democratic Party of Japan  2. not sure  3. a government led by the Liberal Democratic Party  4. do not know  9. no answer |

### Q18

Before this election, several new political parties were formed. Which of the following opinions, A or B, do you agree with? Please circle only one number from 1 to 5 below that applies to you. (**Q021800**)

A: The two major party forces, mainly DPJ and LDP, should take turns running the political system

B: It is good to have a large third party that can compete with the DPJ and LDP

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 264  345  370  376  278  31 |  | 1. agree with A  2. agree with A, if anything  3. not sure  4. agree with B, if anything  5. agree with B  9. no answer |

### Q19

Do you have favorable or unfavorable feelings for or against the following parties and politicians? If you have neither favorable nor unfavorable feelings for a party or a politician, please use the "Emotional Thermometer" below to set the temperature at 50 degrees. If you have favorable feelings, please answer with a number between 51 and 100 degrees, depending on the intensity of your feelings, and if you have unfavorable feelings, please answer with a number anywhere between 49 and 0 degrees. Please use an integer between 0 and 100, not a decimal point. (**Q021901** to **Q021912**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (MEAN) |  |  |
| 50.5  47.5  31.9  30.1  30.4  29.6  50.4  38.7  33.1  45.1  33.5  40.7 |  | 1. Democratic Party of Japan (**Q021901**)  2. Liberal Democratic Party (**Q021902**)  3. Komeito (**Q021903**)  4. Japanese Communist Party (**Q021904**)  5. Social Democratic Party (**Q021905**)  6. People's New Party (**Q021906**)  7. Your Party (**Q021907**)  8. New Renaissance Party (Masuzoe’s New Party) (**Q021908**)  9. Sunrise Party of Japan (Hiranuma and Yosano’s New Party) (**Q021909**)  10. Naoto Kan (Democratic Party of Japan) (**Q021910**)  11. Yukio Hatoyama (Democratic Party of Japan) (**Q021911**)  12. Sadakazu Tanigaki (Liberal Democratic Party) (**Q021912**) |
| 999. no answer | | |

### Q20

How would you describe your current lifestyle compared to one year ago? (**Q022000**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5  80  829  527  213  10 |  | 1. getting very good  2. getting somewhat good  3. unchanged  4. getting somewhat bad  5. getting very bad  9. no answer |

### Q21

What do you think is the current state of the economy? (**Q022100**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 7  32  247  830  532  16 |  | 1. very good  2. somewhat good  3. not sure  4. somewhat bad  5. very bad  9. no answer |

### Q22

Do you think Prime Minister Kan is doing a good job? (**Q022200**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 455  1138  71 |  | 1. yes  2. no  9. no answer |

### Q23

What kind of impression do you have of Mr. Yukio Hatoyama? Please circle all that apply to you. (**Q022301** to **Q022308**)

(1) Being a man of good conduct (**Q022301**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1326  338 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(2) Having strong leadership (**Q022302**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1643  21 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(3) Caring about people like you (**Q022303**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1584  80 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(4) Knowing a lot of things (**Q022304**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1570  94 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(5) Having good capacity to understand/comprehension (**Q022305**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1561  103 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(6) Being dishonest (**Q022306**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1332  332 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(7) Not being decisive enough (**Q022307**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 374  1290 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(8) None of the above apply (**Q022308**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1491  173 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

### Q24

What kind of impression do you have of Mr. Naoto Kan? Please circle all that apply to you. (**Q022401** to **Q022408**)

(1) Being a man of good conduct (**Q022401**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1398  266 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(2) Having strong leadership (**Q022402**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1465  199 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(3) Caring about people like you (**Q022403**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1562  102 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(4) Knowing a lot of things (**Q022404**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1551  113 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(5) Having good capacity to understand/comprehension (**Q022405**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1414  250 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(6) Being dishonest (**Q022406**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1472  192 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(7) Not being decisive enough (**Q022407**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1373  291 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(8) None of the above apply (**Q022408**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 976  688 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

### Q25

Which party do you usually support? (**Q022500**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 435  514  49  52  22  5  96  21  7  3  427  33 |  | 1. Democratic Party of Japan  2. Liberal Democratic Party  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Social Democratic Party  6. People's New Party  7. Your Party  8. New Renaissance Party (Masuzoe’s New Party)  9. Sunrise Party of Japan (Hiranuma and Yosano’s New Party)  10. another party  11 no party in particular  999. no answer |

*If you answered 1 to 10 in Q25, please answer SQ25\_1.*

### SQ25\_1

Are you a faithful supporter or not a faithful supporter of the political party you support? (**Q022501**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 460  198  966  40 |  | 0. not applicable  1. a faithful supporter  2. not a faithful supporter  9. no answer |

*If you answered 11 in Q25, please answer SQ25\_2.*

### SQ25\_2

Are there any political parties that you usually prefer, even if you do not support them? Please circle one party that applies to you. (**Q022502**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1237  65  38  5  8  14  4  87  12  7  7  164  16 |  | 0. not applicable  1. Democratic Party of Japan  2. Liberal Democratic Party  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Social Democratic Party  6. People's New Party  7. Your Party  8. New Renaissance Party (Masuzoe’s New Party)  9. Sunrise Party of Japan (Hiranuma and Yosano’s New Party)  10. another party  11. no party in particular  999. no answer |

### Q26

How do you evaluate the following policies, actions, words, and deeds of the Hatoyama Cabinet and former Prime Minister Hatoyama? Please circle only one answer for each item. (**Q022601** ~ **Q022617**)

(1) Abolition of the Conference of Administrative Vice Ministers (**Q022601**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 209  444  653  181  72  105 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  9. no answer |

(2) Budget screening by the Government Revitalization Unit (**Q022602**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 702  590  149  107  50  66 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  9. no answer |

(3) Reviewing the privatization of the postal service (**Q022603**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 104  309  586  344  253  68 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  9. no answer |

(4) The issue of relocating the U.S. Futenma Air Station (**Q022604**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 49  93  385  428  648  61 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  9. no answer |

(5) Investigation into the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' "secret agreement" issue (**Q022605**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 227  419  543  260  130  85 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  9. no answer |

(6) Responding to former Prime Minister Hatoyama's political fund issues (**Q022606**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 42  93  283  468  721  57 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  9. no answer |

(7) Responding to former Secretary General Ozawa's political fund issues (**Q022607**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 65  74  191  341  946  47 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  9. no answer |

(8) Establishment of child allowance (**Q022608**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 130  311  325  448  402  48 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  9. no answer |

(9) Free tuition for public high schools (**Q022609**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 217  443  350  341  264  49 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  9. no answer |

(10) Greenhouse gas reduction target of 25% (**Q022610**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 219  500  463  248  165  69 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  9. no answer |

(11) Enactment of the SME Financing Facilitation Act (Financial Moratorium Act) (**Q022611**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 81  384  816  185  86  112 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  9. no answer |

(12) Reduction of public works budget (**Q022612**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 188  496  558  241  111  70 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  9. no answer |

(13) Gasoline tax provisional rate issue (**Q022613**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 75  218  683  364  242  82 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  9. no answer |

(14) Establishment of a separate income compensation system for farmers (**Q022614**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 81  345  676  292  189  81 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  9. no answer |

(15) Decision on restructuring measures for Japan Airlines (**Q022615**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 46  287  630  401  228  72 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  9. no answer |

(16) New toll system for expressways (**Q022616**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 55  242  427  490  396  54 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  9. no answer |

(17) Promotion of regional sovereignty reform (**Q022617**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 78  436  822  161  87  80 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  9. no answer |

### Q27

For the following opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q022701** ~ **Q022715**)

(1) Instead of focusing on fiscal austerity, Japan needs to boost its economy through increased spending (**Q022701**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 238  506  519  196  92  113 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(2) The consumption tax has to be increased in the next 5 years (**Q022702**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 248  486  389  261  215  65 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(3) The effective corporate tax rate should be decreased (**Q022703**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 164  339  691  227  145  98 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(4) Child allowances should be abolished (**Q022704**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 424  289  443  247  202  59 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(5) Small farmers should be protected (**Q022705**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 277  543  569  125  78  72 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(6) Existing highway tolls should be eliminated (**Q022706**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 145  203  408  395  452  61 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(7) The privatization of the postal services should be promoted (**Q022707**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 252  367  676  178  114  77 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(8) The Japan-U.S. Security Treaty should be strengthened (**Q022708**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 176  296  812  206  95  79 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(9) The relocation of Futenma Air Station within Okinawa Prefecture is unavoidable (**Q022709**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 183  387  649  215  161  69 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(10) U.S. military bases may be relocated to your hometown if requested by the government (**Q022710**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 101  168  492  322  508  73 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(11) Further review of the budget through budget screening should be promoted (**Q022711**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 822  488  197  60  22  75 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(12) The number of Diet members should decrease by half (**Q022712**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 884  467  201  32  19  61 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(13) In general, politics is better when there is a change of government (**Q022713**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 466  494  564  48  23  69 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(14) Political realignment is needed in the near future (**Q022714**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 457  567  495  42  21  82 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

(15) The House of Councillors should be abolished and replaced with a unicameral system (**Q022715**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 397  236  610  196  159  66 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  9. no answer |

### Q28

For each of the following issues, is your opinion closer to A or B? For each item, please circle the number that applies. (**Q022801** ~ **Q022803**)

(1) (**Q022801**)

A: It is the responsibility of the youth, not the government, to get the youth jobs

B: It is the responsibility of the government, not the youth, to get the youth jobs

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 439  382  160  355  275  53 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  9. no answer |

(2) (**Q022802**)

A: Improving economic competitive power should be prioritized even if there is a bit of social inequality

B: Correcting social inequality should be prioritized even if economic competitive power is sacrificed

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 262  408  378  357  191  68 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  9. no answer |

(3) (**Q022803**)

A: The government needs to protect domestic corporations

B: The government should promote trade and investment liberalization

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 555  523  300  157  63  66 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  9. no answer |

### Q29

Many people seem to think that “in the long run, I lean toward party X.” Although it is possible that you will vote for another party in the short term, in the long run, which party would you say you lean toward? (**Q022900**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 399  559  47  50  24  4  149  30  11  3  330  58 |  | 1. Democratic Party of Japan  2. Liberal Democratic Party  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Social Democratic Party  6. People's New Party  7. Your Party  8. New Renaissance Party (Masuzoe’s New Party)  9. Sunrise Party of Japan (Hiranuma and Yosano’s New Party)  10. another party  11. no party in particular  999. no answer |

*If you answered 11 in Q29, please answer SQ29\_1.*

### SQ29\_1

Why no party in particular? Please circle one. (**Q022901**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1334  147  78  104  1 |  | 0. not applicable  1. because there is no suitable party right now  2. because I usually don't want to be close to any party  3. because I'm not sure about any party  9. no answer |

### Q30

About 20 years ago (around 1990), which party were you "leaning" toward in the long run? (**Q023000**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 914  172  35  61  54  2  156  36  186  48 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Social Democratic Party  3. Komeito  4. Democratic Socialist Party  5. Japanese Communist Party  6. another party  7. no party in particular  8. do not remember  9. did not have the right to vote then  999. no answer |

### Q31

If the next election were to be held tomorrow, for which political party would you vote? Please circle only one. (**Q023100**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 466  452  49  54  21  10  309  62  14  36  136  55 |  | 1. Democratic Party of Japan  2. Liberal Democratic Party  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Social Democratic Party  6. People's New Party  7. Your Party  8. New Renaissance Party (Masuzoe’s New Party)  9. Sunrise Party of Japan (Hiranuma and Yosano’s New Party)  10. another party  99. I would not vote  999. no answer |

### Q32

Is there a political party that you would never want to vote for in the future? If so, which party is it? Please circle all that apply. (**Q023201** ~ **Q023211**)

(1) Democratic Party of Japan (**Q023201**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1458  206 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(2) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q023202**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1430  234 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(3) Komeito (**Q023203**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1019  645 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(4) Japanese Communist Party (**Q023204**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 962  702 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(5) Social Democratic Party (**Q023205**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1189  475 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(6) People's New Party (**Q023206**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1217  447 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(7) Your Party (**Q023207**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1548  116 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(8) New Renaissance Party (Masuzoe’s New Party) (**Q023208**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1425  239 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(9) Sunrise Party of Japan (Hiranuma and Yosano’s New Party) (**Q023209**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1337  327 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(10) Other parties (**Q023210**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1619  45 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

(11) No party in particular (**Q023211**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1335  329 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected |

### Q33

By the way, when reading about a professional baseball team in the newspaper, regardless of whether you like the team or not, articles about which team interest you most? Please circle only one. (**Q023100**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 551  96  20  226  41  24  54  105  69  35  18  11  357  57 |  | 1. Yomiuri Giants  2. Chunichi Dragons  3. Tokyo Yakult Swallows  4. Hanshin Tigers  5. Hiroshima Toyo Carp  6. Yokohama BayStars  7. Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters  8. Tohoku Rakuten Eagles  9. Fukuoka SoftBank Hawks  10. Saitama Seibu Lions  11. Chiba Lotte Marines  12. Orix Buffaloes  13. no team in particular  999. no answer |

### Q34

In the same way, when reading about a political party in the newspaper, regardless of whether you support the party or not, articles about which party interest you most? Please circle only one. (**Q023400**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 695  267  35  22  15  9  182  47  15  20  285  72 |  | 1. Democratic Party of Japan  2. Liberal Democratic Party  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Social Democratic Party  6. People's New Party  7. Your Party  8. New Renaissance Party (Masuzoe’s New Party)  9. Sunrise Party of Japan (Hiranuma and Yosano’s New Party)  10. another party  11. no party in particular  999. no answer |

### Q35

In general, what kind of party is the Democratic Party of Japan? Please feel free to describe your impressions. (**Q023500**)

### Q36

In general, what kind of party is the Liberal Democratic Party? Please feel free to describe your impressions. (**Q023600**)

1. The denominator of the collection rate includes cases in which the questionnaires did not reach the survey targets due to death, relocation, or other reasons. Excluding these cases, the recovery rate is a little higher. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)