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

**2012 Political Leader Survey**

**Official Codebook**

# **SURVEY OVERVIEW**

**1. Survey period**

Questionnaires were distributed from November 16, 2012, and collected until just before the day of the House of Representatives election (December 16).

**2. Survey targets**

1,504 candidates for the 2012 House of Representatives election.

**3. Survey method**

Conducted by the Asahi Shimbun political group and regional directorates.

**4. Number of valid respondents**

1404 (93.4% effective response rate).

# **VARIABLES**

## **1. BASIC VARIABLES**

Sorting number (**ID**)

Candidates’ name (**NAME**)

Response status (**RESPONSE**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 1001404 |  | 0. no valid responses1. valid responses available |

Prefecture of the constituency (**PREFEC**)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 5116162814122230192072661348323101213122321356718 |  | 1. Hokkaido2. Aomori-ken3. Iwate-ken4. Miyagi-ken5. Akita-ken6. Yamagata-ken7. Fukushima-ken8. Ibaraki-ken9. Tochigi-ken10. Gunma-ken11. Saitama-ken12. Chiba-ken13. Tokyo-to14. Kanagawa-ken15. Niigata-ken16. Toyama-ken17. Ishikawa-ken18. Fukui-ken19. Yamanashi-ken20. Nagano-ken21. Gifu-ken22. Shizuoka-ken23. Aichi-ken24. Mie-ken | 183082501711661925141010178498152014111819210 |  | 25. Shiga-ken26. Kyoto-fu27. Osaka-fu28. Hyogo-ken29. Nara-ken30. Wakayama-ken31. Tottori-ken32. Shimane-ken33. Okayama-ken34. Hiroshima-ken35. Yamaguchi-ken36. Tokushima-ken37. Kagawa-ken38. Ehime-ken39. Kochi-ken40. Fukuoka-ken41. Saga-ken42. Nagasaki-ken43. Kumamoto-ken44. Oita-ken45. Miyazaki-ken46. Kagoshima-ken47. Okinawa-ken66. not applicable (candidate who ran only from PR) |

Electoral district number in each prefecture (**DISTRICT**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 1294210 |  | 1 ~ 25.66. not applicable (candidate who ran only from PR) |

Dummy variable for PR (**PR**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1294210 |  | 0. candidate who ran from SMD1. candidate who ran only from PR |

PR-block (**PRBLOCK**)

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| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 488212313911873 |  | 51. Hokkaido52. Tohoku53. Kita-Kanto54. Minami-Kanto55. Tokyo56. Hokuriku Shinetsu | 1231656831124410 |  | 57. Tokai58. Kinki59. Chugoku60. Shikoku61. Kyushu66. not applicable (candidate who ran only from SMD) |

Incumbency (**INCUMB**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 953115436 |  | 1. newcomer candidate2. former legislator3. current legislator |

Total number of times (**TERM**)

Party (**PARTY**)[[1]](#footnote-1)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 26733812154172322693373126748 |  | 1. Democratic Party of Japan2. Liberal Democratic Party3. Tomorrow Party of Japan4. Komeito5. Japan Restoration Party6. Japanese Communist Party7. Your Party8. Social Democratic Party9. New Party DAICHI10. People's New Party11. New Party Nippon12. New Renaissance Party13. minor party14. independent candidate |

Gender (**SEX**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1280224 |  | 1. Male2. Female |

Age (**AGE**)

Election results (**RESULT**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 102430012555 |  | 1. lost the election2. won in SMD3. ran in SMD but lost; won via PR list (a “zombie”)4. won as a pure PR list candidate |

## **2. QUESTIONNAIRE DATA**

### Q1

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. (**Q1\_1** ~ **Q1\_3**)

The most important policy (**Q1\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 102198114297095173028434271094195152116 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other99. no answer |

The second most important policy (**Q1\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 121133864710017416425436622971724067120 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other99. no answer |

The third most important policy (**Q1\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 134805972140141164481104755791822248123 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other99. no answer |

### Q2

There are many other activities in an election campaign besides appealing for policies. Which factor (other than policy) do you think is most important in this election? And what about the second and third activity? Please write the number in parentheses. (**Q2\_1** ~ **Q2\_3**)

The most important activity (**Q2\_1**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 623100294100238149 |  | 1. reach out to people and organizations that support you on a regular basis2. emphasize past achievements (the positive traits of your own party and allied parties, and the negative traits of the opposing parties)3. emphasize governance capability (the positive traits of your own party and allied parties, and the negative traits of the opposing parties)4. emphasize qualities of a leader (the positive traits of your own party and allied parties, and the negative traits of the opposing parties)5. emphasize your own achievements and qualities99. no answer |

The second most important activity (**Q2\_2**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 207324361172250190 |  | 1. reach out to people and organizations that support you on a regular basis2. emphasize past achievements (the positive traits of your own party and allied parties, and the negative traits of the opposing parties)3. emphasize governance capability (the positive traits of your own party and allied parties, and the negative traits of the opposing parties)4. emphasize qualities of a leader (the positive traits of your own party and allied parties, and the negative traits of the opposing parties)5. emphasize your own achievements and qualities99. no answer |

The third most important activity (**Q2\_3**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 199252233189389242 |  | 1. reach out to people and organizations that support you on a regular basis2. emphasize past achievements (the positive traits of your own party and allied parties, and the negative traits of the opposing parties)3. emphasize governance capability (the positive traits of your own party and allied parties, and the negative traits of the opposing parties)4. emphasize qualities of a leader (the positive traits of your own party and allied parties, and the negative traits of the opposing parties)5. emphasize your own achievements and qualities99. no answer |

### Q3

Which policy areas, aside from elections, have you focused on the most, or in which areas would you say you are more knowledgeable than your colleagues? What is the second or third? Please write the number in parentheses. (**Q3\_1** ~ **Q3\_3**)

Most (**Q3\_1**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 139159886516210889425827236803114188135 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other99. no answer |

Second (**Q3\_2**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1048711076155108113935769360933615839152 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other99. no answer |

Third (**Q3\_3**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 115100747815411690933885890864016835170 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other99. no answer |

### Q4

Do you think that the political party to which you belong (or yourself, if you are an independent) would be willing to join a coalition government with each of the following parties after the election? Please circle one number for each of the parties listed from (1) to (15). (For the party to which you belong, please circle "4. Party to which I belong.") (**Q4\_1** ~ **Q4\_15**)

(1) Democratic Party of Japan (**Q4\_1**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 5182736239342 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong99. no answer |

(2) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q4\_2**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 54309519289333 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong99. no answer |

(3) People's Life First (**Q4\_3**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 2321378671411 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong99. no answer |

(4) Komeito (**Q4\_4**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 28536846443344 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong99. no answer |

(5) Japanese Communist Party (**Q4\_5**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 143847305308 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong99. no answer |

(6) Your Party (**Q4\_6**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 6244554763387 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong99. no answer |

(7) Social Democratic Party (**Q4\_7**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1625278031425 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong99. no answer |

(8) Japan Restoration Party (**Q4\_8**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 44385552146377 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong99. no answer |

(9) People's New Party (**Q4\_9**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1252667113399 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong99. no answer |

(10) New Party DAICHI – True Democrats (**Q4\_10**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 512987317417 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong99. no answer |

(11) Tax Cuts Japan (**Q4\_11**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 3222778814443 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong99. no answer |

(12) Sunrise Party (**Q4\_12**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 4228057277533 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong99. no answer |

(13) New Party Nippon (**Q4\_13**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 293007091465 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong99. no answer |

(14) Green Wind (**Q4\_14**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 572806996462 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong99. no answer |

(15) New Renaissance Party (**Q4\_15**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 104076491437 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong99. no answer |

### Q5

For the following opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q5\_1** ~ **Q5\_26**)

(1) The constitution should be revised (**Q5\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5872359158426107 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(2) Japan's defensive power should be increased (**Q5\_2**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 48228717662393104 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(3) Japan should have the right to preemptive defense when it feels there is a legitimate threat to its safety (**Q5\_3**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 147172401174494116 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(4) Japan should become a permanent member of the UN Security Council and fulfill its international responsibilities (**Q5\_4**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 69340215239107111 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(5) Japan should apply pressure to North Korea rather than have a dialogue with it (**Q5\_5**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 137272478201308108 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(6) Either the constitution or the interpretation of it should be changed so that the government can exercise the right to collective defense (**Q5\_6**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 486210104107485112 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(7) Even if government social services suffer, Japan should strive to have small government (**Q5\_7**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 70170418288441117 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(8) Provincial/rural employment should be boosted by public works (**Q5\_8**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 28446941215772110 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(9) Instead of focusing on fiscal austerity, Japan needs to boost its economy through increased spending (**Q5\_9**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 29245841014185118 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(10) The consumption tax has to be increased in the next 5 years (**Q5\_10**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 30033212364575110 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(11) In the long run, it is inevitable that consumption tax rate will be higher than 10% (**Q5\_11**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 93340352112497110 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(12) There is no need to provide pensions to those who have assets (**Q5\_12**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 126303413266277119 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(13) Japan should ratify the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) (**Q5\_13**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 247172216134615120 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(14) The Bank of Japan should set a clear inflation target (**Q5\_14**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 35641128368271115 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(15) Individual freedoms and privacy should be restricted for greater public safety (**Q5\_15**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 85225392233455114 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(16) Permanent foreign residents should be given the right to vote in local elections (**Q5\_16**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 403130200160502109 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(17) Japan needs to attract immigrant workers, and should take steps to do so (**Q5\_17**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 112342617210113110 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(18) Moral education should be expanded (**Q5\_18**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 5134152926693125 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(19) Resumption of operations at nuclear power plants shut down for periodic inspections is unavoidable (**Q5\_19**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 148243293139565116 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(20) Local governments outside the Fukushima disaster area should actively accept the debris (**Q5\_20**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 41238139510390123 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(21) The House of Representatives’ powers should be strengthened vis-a-vis those of the House of Councillors (**Q5\_21**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 36930635987270113 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(22) Japan should introduce a system of public election of the prime minister (**Q5\_22**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 271148284165518118 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(23) A provincial system should be introduced in place of prefectures (**Q5\_23**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 36827423671438117 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(24) The consumption tax should be made a local tax and the local allocation tax should be abolished (**Q5\_24**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 204113226233613115 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(25) Japan should go back to the mid-sized electoral district system (**Q5\_25**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 295483290124199113 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(26) The number of Diet members should decrease by half (**Q5\_26**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 206196238232521111 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

### Q6

For each of the following issues, is your opinion closer to A or B? For each item, please circle the number that applies. (**Q6\_1** ~ **Q6\_9**)

(1) (**Q6\_1**)

A: Japan's foreign policy should be "the US first" from now on

B: Japan's foreign policy should be "Asia first" from now on

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| (N) |  |  |
| 229431268195253128 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(2) (**Q6\_2**)

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 138332338251316129 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(3) (**Q6\_3**)

A: The government needs to protect domestic corporations

B: The government should promote trade and investment liberalization

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| (N) |  |  |
| 336323315214186130 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(4) (**Q6\_4**)

A: In order to preserve the environment, living standards may have to fall

B: Preserving the environment is not so important that living standards have to fall

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1266035494245139 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(5) (**Q6\_5**)

A: The family should be composed of a married couple and their children, not other arrangements such as single mothers or DINKS

B: The forms of families may be diverse, such as single mothers and DINKS

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| (N) |  |  |
| 144292412288226142 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(6) (**Q6\_6**)

A: The share of nuclear power in electricity should be reduced to 0% by the 2030s

B: Nuclear power should be kept as a source of electricity beyond the 2030s

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| (N) |  |  |
| 56026323114289219 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(7) (**Q6\_7**)

A: Current regulations on political funding are too strict

B: There should be stricter regulations on political funding

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| (N) |  |  |
| 60117410303479135 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(8) (**Q6\_8**)

A: The primary role of the Diet is to allow the ruling and opposition parties to engage in debate and to show the public where the issues are and the differences in positions between the political parties

B: The primary role of the Diet is to coordinate the opinions of the ruling and opposition parties and to reflect the will of as many people as possible in laws

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| (N) |  |  |
| 159216402435152140 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(9) (**Q6\_9**)

A: When voting in parliament, it is desirable for political parties to act as unanimously as possible, with all members of the party acting in unison

B: When voting in parliament, it is desirable for political parties to remove party restraints as much as possible and allow their members to make their own decisions and act accordingly

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| (N) |  |  |
| 379366296199125139 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

### Q7

Political positions are often expressed in terms of "left" - "right." How would you describe your position using this measure? Please circle only one number that applies to you. (**Q7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 81504139463711361701061215437 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

### Q8

By using the same measure, where do you feel the following people and organizations stand on average? (**Q8\_1** ~ **Q8\_17**)

(1) Democratic Party of Japan (**Q8\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 172811425315919859526310163397 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(2) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q8\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3226987101218331153212380 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(3) People's Life First (**Q8\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 9208217120617610871887327473 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(4) Komeito (**Q8\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 76276219041512559509547421 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(5) Japanese Communist Party (**Q8\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 696225903393611203408 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(6) Your Party (**Q8\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4493215118717517711812959459 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(7) Social Democratic Party (**Q8\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2403102201135847212127111435 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(8) Japan Restoration Party (**Q8\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 63342228108119143142174293432 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(9) People's New Party (**Q8\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4518411831791951341169161477 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(10) New Party DAICHI – True Democrats (**Q8\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4122470224209143128737748492 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(11) Tax Cuts Japan (**Q8\_11**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 49638512321116398827575516 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(12) Sunrise Party (**Q8\_12**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 30145286457173186422561 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(13) New Party Nippon (**Q8\_13**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 6178416017722410363495736528 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(14) Green Wind (**Q8\_14**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 8596155226148145402527397511 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(15) New Renaissance Party (**Q8\_15**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 501143140269176142717334540 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(16) Average of all voters (**Q8\_16**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 21327132475316102600440 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(17) Mass media (Please answer for the entire industry, not just Asahi Shimbun) (**Q8\_17**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 34162121252188115129945115433 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

### Q9

Do you feel close to the following countries or not? Please circle one for each country. (**Q9\_1** ~ **Q9\_4**)

(1) United States (**Q9\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5964501934413208 |  | 1. feel close2. feel rather close3. not sure4. do not feel rather close5. do not feel close99. no answer |

(2) China (**Q9\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 157336464216123208 |  | 1. feel close2. feel rather close3. not sure4. do not feel rather close5. do not feel close99. no answer |

(3) Russia (**Q9\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 11725956928960210 |  | 1. feel close2. feel rather close3. not sure4. do not feel rather close5. do not feel close99. no answer |

(4) South Korea (**Q9\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 17645548813343209 |  | 1. feel close2. feel rather close3. not sure4. do not feel rather close5. do not feel close99. no answer |

### Q10

Do you have favorable or unfavorable feelings for or against the following politicians? If you have neither favorable nor unfavorable feelings for 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. (**Q10\_1** to **Q10\_18**)[[2]](#footnote-2)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (MEAN) |  |   |
| 36.4046.1331.6943.8738.2241.2227.7940.8333.6736.6632.1840.9143.2533.9332.7638.6925.78 |  | 1. Yoshihiko Noda (Democratic Party of Japan) (**Q10\_1**)2. Shinzo Abe (Liberal Democratic Party) (**Q10\_2**)3. Ichiro Ozawa (People's Life First) (**Q10\_3**)4. Natsuo Yamaguchi (Komeito) (**Q10\_4**)5. Kazuo Shii (Japanese Communist Party) (**Q10\_5**)6. Yoshimi Watanabe (Your Party) (**Q10\_6**)7. Mizuho Fukushima (Social Democratic Party) (**Q10\_7**)8. Toru Hashimoto (Japan Restoration Party) (**Q10\_8**)9. Shozaburo Jimi (People's New Party) (**Q10\_9**)10. Muneo Suzuki (New Party DAICHI – True Democrats) (**Q10\_10**)11.Takashi Kawamura (Tax Cuts Japan) (**Q10\_11**)12. Shintaro Ishihara (Sunrise Party) (**Q10\_12**)13. Takeo Hiranuma (Sunrise Party) (**Q10\_13**)14. Yasuo Tanaka (New Party Nippon) (**Q10\_14**)15. Ikuko Tanioka (Green Wind) (**Q10\_15**)16. Yoichi Masuzoe (New Renaissance Party) (**Q10\_16**)17. Azuma Okiishi (Democratic Party of Japan) (**Q10\_17**)18. Shigeru Ishiba (Liberal Democratic Party) (**Q10\_18**) |
| 999. no answer |

### Q11

I would like to ask you a few questions about the means of disseminating information to voters and supporters. (**Q11\_1** ~ **Q11\_5**)

(1) Do you have your own website (including a blog)? If yes, how often do you update the information? (**Q11\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 273140151191377225147 |  | 0. do not have a website1. have a website, but do not update often2. update once a month3. update once a week4. update once every few days5. update daily99. no answer |

(2) Does your political party branch or supporters' group publish a newsletter or leaflets? If so, how often do you publish them? (**Q11\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 214916397446431162 |  | 0. never published a newsletter or leaflet1. have published, but not recently2. publish once a year3. publish once a half year4. publish once every few months5. publish once a month99. no answer |

(3) Do you usually use social networking services (SNS) such as Twitter and Facebook? If yes, how often do you send messages? (**Q11\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 494143296203212156 |  | 0. not at all1. less than 1 time per week2. once every few days3. once daily4. several times a day or more99. no answer |

(4) Do you appear on television or radio? If so, how often do you appear on TV or radio (as a politician, only if you go to the studio or do an interview on your own initiative)? (**Q11\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 56130017712659132149 |  | 0. never appeared on TV or radio1. have appeared in the past, but not recently2. appeared 1 or 2 times in the past year3. appeared 3 to 5 times in the past year4. appeared 6 to 9 times in the past year5. appeared more than 10 times in the past year99. no answer |

*If you are a current legislator, please answer (5).*

(5) How often do you return to your constituency when the Diet is in session? (**Q11\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 97322207065986115 |  | 0. not much (can't return)1. return once a month2. return 2 or 3 times a month3. return once a week4. return once every few days5. return every day66. not applicable99. no answer |

### Q12

There are many different opinions about the relationship between politics and the Internet. Please circle one number for each item that applies to you. (**Q12\_1** ~ **Q12\_8**)

(1) The Internet is useful as a means of gauging public opinion (**Q12\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 582587160278140 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(2) The Internet is useful as a means of communicating one's activities and opinions to others (**Q12\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 8064955861138 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(3) The Internet is useful in soliciting donations (**Q12\_3**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 18132753620196163 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(4) The Internet is useful as a means of attracting votes (**Q12\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1834615908035155 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(5) The Internet has reduced the political influence of the mass media (**Q12\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 108342537252115150 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(6) Not many of my supporters are frequent users of the Internet (**Q12\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 40223544384163150 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(7) There are many problems with Internet abuse, such as slander and identity theft (**Q12\_7**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 26555739110921161 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(8) It costs a lot of money to use the Internet for political activities (**Q12\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 33169393471285153 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

### Q13

How many offices do you have in Tokyo and in your own electoral district (proportional block)? (Note: Do not include councilors' halls or non-permanent election offices in the count. Also, please do not include councillor halls or non-permanent election offices. An approximate figure is fine.) (**Q13**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (MEAN) |  |   |
| 1.30 |  | X place |
| 999. no answer |

### Q14

How many staff do you have in Tokyo and in your own electoral district (proportional block)? (Note: Exclude those who were hired on a temporary basis for the general election. All others, whether public or private, paid or unpaid, should be included in the count. If you have part-time employees, please use the ratio "40 hours per week = 1 person" based on the total number of hours worked per week. An approximate figure is fine.) (**Q14**)

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| (MEAN) |  |   |
| 10.41 |  | X people |
| 999. no answer |

### Q15

If you were to name this general election the "XX Election," what do you think would be appropriate? Please write freely. (**Q15**)

1. Certified political parties are the names of political parties as of the date of public announcement (December 4, 2012). However, in the case of Mr. Takashi Nagao from Osaka's 14th district, who was additionally certified by the LDP on December 13, 2012, he was counted as a candidate certified by the LDP. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The survey form included the condition that "only the aggregate results of Q10 will be reported until the end of the election (individual answers will not be disclosed during this period).” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)