**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**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 100  1404 |  | 0. no valid responses  1. valid responses available |

Prefecture of the constituency (**PREFEC**)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 51  16  16  28  14  12  22  30  19  20  72  66  134  83  23  10  12  13  12  23  21  35  67  18 |  | 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 | 18  30  82  50  17  11  6  6  19  25  14  10  10  17  8  49  8  15  20  14  11  18  19  210 |  | 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  66. not applicable (candidate who ran only from PR) |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1294  210 |  | 1 ~ 25.  66. not applicable (candidate who ran only from PR) |

Dummy variable for PR (**PR**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1294  210 |  | 0. candidate who ran from SMD  1. candidate who ran only from PR |

PR-block (**PRBLOCK**)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 48  82  123  139  118  73 |  | 51. Hokkaido  52. Tohoku  53. Kita-Kanto  54. Minami-Kanto  55. Tokyo  56. Hokuriku Shinetsu | 123  165  68  31  124  410 |  | 57. Tokai  58. Kinki  59. Chugoku  60. Shikoku  61. Kyushu  66. not applicable (candidate who ran only from SMD) |

Incumbency (**INCUMB**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 953  115  436 |  | 1. newcomer candidate  2. former legislator  3. current legislator |

Total number of times (**TERM**)

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 267  338  121  54  172  322  69  33  7  3  1  2  67  48 |  | 1. Democratic Party of Japan  2. Liberal Democratic Party  3. Tomorrow Party of Japan  4. Komeito  5. Japan Restoration Party  6. Japanese Communist Party  7. Your Party  8. Social Democratic Party  9. New Party DAICHI  10. People's New Party  11. New Party Nippon  12. New Renaissance Party  13. minor party  14. independent candidate |

Gender (**SEX**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1280  224 |  | 1. Male  2. Female |

Age (**AGE**)

Election results (**RESULT**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1024  300  125  55 |  | 1. lost the election  2. won in SMD  3. 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) |  |  |
| 102  198  114  29  70  95  173  0  2  84  34  27  109  4  195  152  116 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 121  133  86  47  100  174  164  2  5  43  66  22  97  17  240  67  120 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 134  80  59  72  140  141  164  4  8  110  47  55  79  18  222  48  123 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  99. 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**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 623  100  294  100  238  149 |  | 1. reach out to people and organizations that support you on a regular basis  2. 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 qualities  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 207  324  361  172  250  190 |  | 1. reach out to people and organizations that support you on a regular basis  2. 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 qualities  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 199  252  233  189  389  242 |  | 1. reach out to people and organizations that support you on a regular basis  2. 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 qualities  99. 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**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 139  159  88  65  162  108  89  4  25  82  72  36  80  31  141  88  135 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  99. no answer |

Second (**Q3\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 104  87  110  76  155  108  113  9  35  76  93  60  93  36  158  39  152 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  99. no answer |

Third (**Q3\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 115  100  74  78  154  116  90  9  33  88  58  90  86  40  168  35  170 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  99. 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**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5  182  736  239  342 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 54  309  519  289  333 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 23  213  786  71  411 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 285  368  464  43  344 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1  43  847  305  308 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 62  445  547  63  387 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 16  252  780  31  425 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 44  385  552  146  377 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 125  266  711  3  399 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 51  298  731  7  417 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 32  227  788  14  443 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 42  280  572  77  533 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 29  300  709  1  465 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 57  280  699  6  462 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 10  407  649  1  437 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  99. 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) |  |  |
| 587  235  91  58  426  107 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 482  287  176  62  393  104 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 147  172  401  174  494  116 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 693  402  152  39  107  111 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 137  272  478  201  308  108 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. 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**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 486  210  104  107  485  112 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 70  170  418  288  441  117 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 284  469  412  157  72  110 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 292  458  410  141  85  118 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 300  332  123  64  575  110 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 93  340  352  112  497  110 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 126  303  413  266  277  119 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 247  172  216  134  615  120 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 356  411  283  68  271  115 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 85  225  392  233  455  114 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 403  130  200  160  502  109 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 112  342  617  210  113  110 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 513  415  292  66  93  125 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 148  243  293  139  565  116 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 412  381  395  103  90  123 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 369  306  359  87  270  113 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 271  148  284  165  518  118 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 368  274  236  71  438  117 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 204  113  226  233  613  115 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 295  483  290  124  199  113 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 206  196  238  232  521  111 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. 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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 229  431  268  195  253  128 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. 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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 138  332  338  251  316  129 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

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

A: The government needs to protect domestic corporations

B: The government should promote trade and investment liberalization

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 336  323  315  214  186  130 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. 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) |  |  |
| 126  603  549  42  45  139 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. 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) |  |  |
| 144  292  412  288  226  142 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. 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) |  |  |
| 560  263  231  142  89  219 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

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

A: Current regulations on political funding are too strict

B: There should be stricter regulations on political funding

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 60  117  410  303  479  135 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. 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) |  |  |
| 159  216  402  435  152  140 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. 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) |  |  |
| 379  366  296  199  125  139 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. 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) |  |  |
| 81  50  41  39  46  371  136  170  106  12  15  437 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. 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) |  |  |
| 17  28  114  253  159  198  59  52  63  101  63  397 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3  2  2  6  9  87  101  218  331  153  212  380 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 9  20  82  171  206  176  108  71  88  73  27  473 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 7  6  27  62  190  415  125  59  50  95  47  421 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 696  225  90  33  9  36  1  1  2  0  3  408 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4  4  9  32  151  187  175  177  118  129  59  459 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 240  310  220  113  58  47  21  21  27  11  1  435 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 6  3  34  22  28  108  119  143  142  174  293  432 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4  5  18  41  183  179  195  134  116  91  61  477 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4  12  24  70  224  209  143  128  73  77  48  492 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4  9  63  85  123  211  163  98  82  75  75  516 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3  0  1  4  5  28  64  57  173  186  422  561 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 6  17  84  160  177  224  103  63  49  57  36  528 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 85  96  155  226  148  145  40  25  27  39  7  511 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5  0  11  43  140  269  176  142  71  73  34  540 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2  1  3  27  132  475  316  102  6  0  0  440 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. no answer |

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3  41  62  121  252  188  115  129  94  51  15  433 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. 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) |  |  |
| 596  450  193  44  13  208 |  | 1. feel close  2. feel rather close  3. not sure  4. do not feel rather close  5. do not feel close  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 157  336  464  216  123  208 |  | 1. feel close  2. feel rather close  3. not sure  4. do not feel rather close  5. do not feel close  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 117  259  569  289  60  210 |  | 1. feel close  2. feel rather close  3. not sure  4. do not feel rather close  5. do not feel close  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 176  455  488  133  43  209 |  | 1. feel close  2. feel rather close  3. not sure  4. do not feel rather close  5. do not feel close  99. 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)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (MEAN) |  |  |
| 36.40  46.13  31.69  43.87  38.22  41.22  27.79  40.83  33.67  36.66  32.18  40.91  43.25  33.93  32.76  38.69  25.78 |  | 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) |  |  |
| 273  140  151  191  377  225  147 |  | 0. do not have a website  1. have a website, but do not update often  2. update once a month  3. update once a week  4. update once every few days  5. update daily  99. 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) |  |  |
| 214  91  63  97  446  431  162 |  | 0. never published a newsletter or leaflet  1. have published, but not recently  2. publish once a year  3. publish once a half year  4. publish once every few months  5. publish once a month  99. 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) |  |  |
| 494  143  296  203  212  156 |  | 0. not at all  1. less than 1 time per week  2. once every few days  3. once daily  4. several times a day or more  99. 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) |  |  |
| 561  300  177  126  59  132  149 |  | 0. never appeared on TV or radio  1. have appeared in the past, but not recently  2. appeared 1 or 2 times in the past year  3. appeared 3 to 5 times in the past year  4. appeared 6 to 9 times in the past year  5. appeared more than 10 times in the past year  99. 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) |  |  |
| 9  7  32  220  70  65  986  115 |  | 0. not much (can't return)  1. return once a month  2. return 2 or 3 times a month  3. return once a week  4. return once every few days  5. return every day  66. not applicable  99. 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) |  |  |
| 582  587  160  27  8  140 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 806  495  58  6  1  138 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 181  327  536  201  96  163 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 183  461  590  80  35  155 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 108  342  537  252  115  150 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 40  223  544  384  163  150 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 265  557  391  109  21  161 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 33  169  393  471  285  153 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. 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**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (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)