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

**2012-2013 Voter Survey**

**Official Codebook**

# **SURVEY OVERVIEW**

**1. Survey period**

Wave1 was conducted by mail immediately after the 46th general election of the House of Representatives (held on December 16, 2012) to 3,000 voters nationwide selected by a stratified two-stage random sampling method. The survey was sent out on December 15, the day before the polling day, and 1,900 valid responses were received by the end of January (63.3% response rate).[[1]](#footnote-1)

Wave2 was conducted by mail immediately after the 23rd ordinary election of the House of Councillors (held on July 21, 2013) to 1,890 valid respondents of Wave1, excluding those who had problems with the survey (strong refusal, etc.). The questionnaires were sent out on July 20, the day before voting day, and 1,547 valid responses were obtained by the end of August (81.9% response rate).

**2. Details**

The data set to be released includes the data of 1,900 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) (**PREFNAME**)

Municipalities (character) (**CITY**)

Prefecture of the constituency (**PREFEC**)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 8121253421213248263311290187137371917141234335211730 |  | 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 | 1937128791915811274123131818126310202522162419 |  | 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-ken |

SMD (**HRDIST**)[[2]](#footnote-2)

## **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**)[[3]](#footnote-3)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 4011499 |  | 1. did not vote2. voted |

*If you answered "voted" in Q1, please answer Q2 to Q18.*

### Q2

In the proportional representation bloc, for which party did you vote? (**Q010200**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 23848279163280681193010021401216 |  | 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 Renaissance Party12. another party66. not applicable (did not vote)90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)99. no answer |

### Q3

When did you decide to vote for that party in the proportional representation bloc? (**Q010200**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 62916914330423840116 |  | 1. before the House of Representatives was dissolved (before October 15th)2. from the time of dissolution to just before the public announcement (October 16th to December 3rd)3. first half of the election period (December 4th to December 9th)4. second half of the election period (December 10th to December 15th)5. on the day of voting (December 16th）66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q4

For which party's candidate did you vote in the single-member district (SMD)? (**Q010400**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3356566846157945861011104014710 |  | 1. official candidate of Democratic Party of Japan2. official candidate of Liberal Democratic Party3. official candidate of Tomorrow Party of Japan4. official candidate of Komeito5. official candidate of Japan Restoration Party6. official candidate of Japanese Communist Party7. official candidate of Your Party8. official candidate of Social Democratic Party9. official candidate of New Party DAICHI10. official candidate of People's New Party11. official candidate of New Party Nippon12. official candidate of another party66. not applicable (did not vote)90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)999. no answer |

### Q5

When did you decide to vote for that party in SMD? (**Q010500**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 51618718829828840122 |  | 1. before the House of Representatives was dissolved (before October 15th)2. from the time of dissolution to just before the public announcement (October 16th to December 3rd)3. first half of the election period (December 4th to December 9th)4. second half of the election period (December 10th to December 15th)5. on the day of voting (December 16th）66. not applicable (did not vote)99. 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. (**Q010601** ~ **Q010603**)

The most important policy (**Q010601**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 1802776924912571361101091128115101132940139 |  | 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. other66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

The second most important policy (**Q010602**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 16818158369124211878651844124171419401172 |  | 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. other66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

The third most important policy (**Q010603**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1371084624961851112527882275145181838401201 |  | 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. other66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q7

How do you evaluate the government's work so far on the policies you answered "most important" in Q6? (**Q010700**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 331682675763853940131 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. do not know66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q8

How do you evaluate the pledges of the Democratic Party of Japan on the policies you answered "most important" in Q6? (**Q010800**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 161562435034945940128 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. do not know66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q9

How do you evaluate the pledges of the Liberal Democratic Party on the policies you answered "most important" in Q6? (**Q010900**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 1073554682711759540128 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. do not know66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q10

How do you evaluate the pledges of the Tomorrow Party of Japan on the policies you answered "most important" in Q6? (**Q011000**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 4316126831221445140150 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. do not know66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q11

How do you evaluate the pledges of the Japan Restoration Party on the policies you answered "most important" in Q6? (**Q011100**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 8236333224213330340144 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. do not know66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q12

When you decided which candidate or party to vote for in this election, what did you think of the following governmental frameworks? Please circle all that you thought were desirable. (**Q011201** ~ **Q011204**)[[4]](#footnote-4)

(1) DPJ-led government (**Q011201**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 125716440178 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

(2) LDP-led government (**Q011202**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 78164040178 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

(3) A coalition government between DPJ and LDP (a so-called "grand coalition") (**Q011203**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 113428740178 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

(4) Government led by a party that is neither DPJ nor LDP (**Q011204**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 99842340178 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q13

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)? (**Q011300**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 8045318746124340131 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q14

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? (**Q011400**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 2057562782002940131 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q15

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the performance of the DPJ government (good or bad)? (**Q011500**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 26350124230615840129 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q16

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)? (**Q011600**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 3206632232096040124 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q17

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)? (**Q011700**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1996552922508040123 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q18

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? (**Q011800**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 621739223336954840122 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all6. received no such encouragement66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

*Again, please answer the following questions.*

### Q19

For which party did you vote in the proportional representation bloc of the last HoR election (August 2009)? (**Q011900**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 82746912155512240107411516622 |  | 1. Democratic Party of Japan2. Liberal Democratic Party3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Your Party6. Social Democratic Party7. People's New Party8. another party66. forgot77. did not have the right to vote90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)99. did not vote (did not go to the polling place)999. no answer |

### Q20

For which party did you vote in the proportional representation district of the last HoC election (July 2010)? (**Q012000**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 7214581306268216181132211823023 |  | 1. Democratic Party of Japan2. Liberal Democratic Party3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Your Party6. Social Democratic Party7. People's New Party8. New Renaissance Party9. Sunrise Party of Japan10. another party66. forgot77. did not have the right to vote90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)99. did not vote (did not go to the polling place)999. no answer |

### Q21

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. (**Q012100**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 7331765452730623 |  | 1. know a lot2. know something3. not sure4. do not know much5. know very little99. no answer |

### Q22

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. (**Q012201** to **Q012216**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (MEAN) |  |   |
| 36.45132.234.848.329.245.328.241.848.832.821.842.549.336.844.7 |  | 1. Democratic Party of Japan (**Q012201**)2. Liberal Democratic Party (**Q012202**)3. Tomorrow Party of Japan (**Q012203**)4. Komeito (**Q012204**)5. Japan Restoration Party (**Q012205**)6. Japanese Communist Party (**Q012206**)7. Your Party (**Q012207**)8. Social Democratic Party (**Q012208**)9. Yoshihiko Noda (Democratic Party of Japan) (**Q012209**)10. Shinzo Abe (Liberal Democratic Party) (**Q012210**)11. Yukiko Kada (Tomorrow Party of Japan) (**Q012211**)12. Ichiro Ozawa (Tomorrow Party of Japan) (**Q012212**)13. Shintaro Ishihara (Japan Restoration Party) (**Q012213**)14. Toru Hashimoto (Japan Restoration Party) (**Q012214**)15. DPJ candidate in your constituency (**Q012215**)16. LDP candidate in your constituency (**Q012216**) |
| 999. no answer |

### Q23

What do you think is the current state of the economy? (**Q012300**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 51822779581837 |  | 1. very good2. somewhat good3. not sure4. somewhat bad5. very bad99. no answer |

### Q24

On average, over the past week, how many minutes per day did you spend doing the following? (Please fill in the approximate number of minutes for each) (**Q012401** to **Q012404**)[[5]](#footnote-5)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (MEAN) |  |   |
| 28.914030.878 |  | 1. read a newspaper (**Q012401**)2. watch TV (**Q012402**)3. use the Internet (except for work) (**Q012403**)4. socializing and chatting with others (**Q012404**) |
| 999. no answer |

### Q25

How much do you usually use social networking services (SNS) such as Twitter and Facebook? (**Q012500**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 130082112101155150 |  | 0. do not use at all1. less than once a week2. once every few days3. once daily4. several times a day or more99. no answer |

*If you answered 1 to 4 in Q25, please answer SQ25\_1.*

### SQ25\_1

Have you ever used social networking services to get information about political parties or politicians, or to share your opinions about them? Please circle all that apply. (**Q0125a01** to **Q0125a06**)

(1) Never (**Q0125a01**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 803781315127 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable99. no answer |

(2) Have followed the accounts of political parties and politicians (**Q0125a02**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 409491315127 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable99. no answer |

(3) Have shared information sent out by political parties or politicians (**Q0125a03**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 441171315127 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable99. no answer |

(4) Have commented on content sent out by political parties or politicians (**Q0125a04**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 441171315127 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable99. no answer |

(5) Have communicated my opinions to political parties or politicians (**Q0125a05**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 44991315127 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable99. no answer |

(6) Other (**Q0125a06**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 448101315127 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable99. no answer |

*Again, please answer the following questions.*

### Q26

What kind of impression do you have of Mr. Yoshihiko Noda? Please circle all that apply to you. (**Q012601** to **Q012608**)

(1) Being a man of good conduct (**Q012601**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 115267474 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(2) Having strong leadership (**Q012602**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 164118574 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(3) Caring about people like you (**Q012603**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 170911774 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(4) Knowing a lot of things (**Q012604**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 162620074 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(5) Having good capacity to understand/comprehension (**Q012605**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 151830874 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(6) Being dishonest (**Q012606**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 164518174 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(7) Not being decisive enough (**Q012607**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 126256474 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(8) None of the above apply (**Q012608**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 138044674 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

### Q27

What kind of impression do you have of Mr. Shinzo Abe? Please circle all that apply to you. (**Q012701** to **Q012708**)

(1) Being a man of good conduct (**Q012701**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 134447383 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(2) Having strong leadership (**Q012702**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 141640183 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(3) Caring about people like you (**Q012703**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 171010783 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(4) Knowing a lot of things (**Q012704**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 158822983 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(5) Having good capacity to understand/comprehension (**Q012705**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 142239583 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(6) Being dishonest (**Q012706**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 165516283 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(7) Not being decisive enough (**Q012707**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 155726083 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(8) None of the above apply (**Q012708**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 122459383 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

### Q28

What kind of impression do you have of Mr. Shintaro Ishihara? Please circle all that apply to you. (**Q012801** to **Q012808**)

(1) Being a man of good conduct (**Q012801**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 17577568 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(2) Having strong leadership (**Q012802**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 644118868 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(3) Caring about people like you (**Q012803**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 18161668 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(4) Knowing a lot of things (**Q012804**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 127855468 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(5) Having good capacity to understand/comprehension (**Q012805**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 163919368 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(6) Being dishonest (**Q012806**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 168714568 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(7) Not being decisive enough (**Q012807**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 18082468 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(8) None of the above apply (**Q012808**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 145637668 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

### Q29

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

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 174210157 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 646119757 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 173111257 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 125658757 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 143940457 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 171512857 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 18162757 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 151432957 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

### Q30

For the following opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q013001** ~ **Q013026**)

(1) The constitution should be revised (**Q013001**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 46847457816617341 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(2) Japan's defensive power should be increased (**Q013002**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 49056652015212349 |  | 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 (**Q013003**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 20430768637028053 |  | 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 (**Q013004**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 611610537483064 |  | 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 (**Q013005**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 33952859824814047 |  | 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 (**Q013006**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 33149267217116569 |  | 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 (**Q013007**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 14422373751023254 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(8) Provincial/rural employment should be boosted by public works (**Q013008**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 3546805761587062 |  | 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 (**Q013009**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 3416166471765862 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(10) The consumption tax has to be increased in the next 5 years (**Q013010**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 25260941230128046 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(11) In the long run, it is inevitable that the consumption tax rate will be higher than 10% (**Q013011**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 15238944643343248 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(12) There is no need to provide pensions to those who have assets (**Q013012**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 45248857819213951 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(13) Japan should ratify the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) (**Q013013**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 22337680222520866 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(14) The Bank of Japan should set a clear inflation target (**Q013014**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 376609755533077 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(15) Individual freedoms and privacy should be restricted for greater public safety (**Q013015**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 32555460922512859 |  | 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 (**Q013016**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 24851862220425850 |  | 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 (**Q013017**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 11430183242216863 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(18) Moral education should be expanded (**Q013018**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 786671316411868 |  | 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 (**Q013019**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 19745851336531849 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(20) Local governments outside the Fukushima disaster area should actively accept the debris (**Q013020**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 638643430727344 |  | 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 (**Q013021**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 19930510891508869 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(22) Japan should introduce a system of public election of the prime minister (**Q013022**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 527477697804277 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(23) A provincial system should be introduced in place of prefectures (**Q013023**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 178268107718710981 |  | 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 (**Q013024**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 20836510201519165 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(25) The electoral system of the House of Representatives should be returned to the medium electoral district system (**Q013025**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 2854011011795371 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(26) The number of diet members should decrease by half (**Q013026**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 795617350663240 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

### Q31

For each of the following issues, is your opinion closer to A or B? For each item, please circle the number that applies. (**Q013101** ~ **Q013109**)

(1) (**Q013101**)

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) |  |  |
| 26352356739210550 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(2) (**Q013102**)

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) |  |  |
| 18452265936311161 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(3) (**Q013103**)

A: The government needs to protect domestic corporations

B: The government should promote trade and investment liberalization

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| (N) |  |  |
| 4427064151967467 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(4) (**Q013104**)

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) |  |  |
| 2776246991776459 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(5) (**Q013105**)

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) |  |  |
| 52850542921018147 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(6) (**Q013106**)

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) |  |  |
| 41544447133117960 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(7) (**Q013107**)

A: Current regulations on political funding are too strict

B: There should be stricter regulations on political funding

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| (N) |  |  |
| 249958151961859 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(8) (**Q013108**)

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) |  |  |
| 10921152560638168 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(9) (**Q013109**)

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) |  |  |
| 18431355849129163 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

### Q32

Do you feel close to the following countries or not? Please circle one for each country. (**Q013201** ~ **Q013204**)

(1) United States (**Q013201**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 523912329672544 |  | 1. feel close2. feel rather close3. not sure4. do not feel rather close5. do not feel close99. no answer |

(2) China (**Q013202**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 3513837759969556 |  | 1. feel close2. feel rather close3. not sure4. do not feel rather close5. do not feel close99. no answer |

(3) Russia (**Q013203**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1611063963743959 |  | 1. feel close2. feel rather close3. not sure4. do not feel rather close5. do not feel close99. no answer |

(4) South Korea (**Q013204**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 10546256940031153 |  | 1. feel close2. feel rather close3. not sure4. do not feel rather close5. do not feel close99. no answer |

### Q33

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. (**Q013300**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 18202296117952164159912516220 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

### Q34

By using the same measure, where do you feel the following people and organizations stand on average? (**Q013401** ~ **Q013409**)

(1) Democratic Party of Japan (**Q013201**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 50539717124061916992511729312 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(2) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q013202**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2425355858400199303256113124305 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(3) Tomorrow Party of Japan (**Q013203**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 59599814516867115484432323373 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(4) Komeito (**Q013204**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 414174130114644196127915141350 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(5) Japan Restoration Party (**Q013205**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 37305796110446166198197122108333 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(6) Japanese Communist Party (**Q013206**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 3412011841731073434749272958341 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(7) Your Party (**Q013207**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 334056101112736232130681820354 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(8) Social Democratic Party (**Q013208**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 1581462092302014596631201622342 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

(9) Mass media (Please answer for the entire industry, not just Asahi Shimbun) (**Q013209**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 574382149164653167115752430341 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

### Q35

How much do you trust national politics? (**Q013500**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 2739999641860 |  | 1. always trust it2. trust it most of time3. sometimes trust it4. do not trust it at all99. no answer |

### Q36

For the following two opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q013601** ~ **Q013602**)

(1) Politicians have little regard for people like me (**Q013001**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 33945776814582109 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(2) People like me have no power to influence the government (**Q013002**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 281414716248133108 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

### Q37

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? (**Q013700**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 188663279624145103262212044757 |  | 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. another party14. no party in particular99. no answer |

*If you answered 14 in Q37, please answer SQ37\_1.*

### SQ37\_1

Why no party in particular? Please circle one. (**Q0137a00**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 18083182140352 |  | 1. because there is no suitable party right now2. because I usually don't want to be close to any party3. because I'm not sure about any party66. not applicable (did not answer "no party in particular" in Q37)99. no answer |

*Again, please answer the following questions.*

### Q38

If the next election were to be held tomorrow, for which political party would you vote? Please circle only one. (**Q013800**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 22262051100334561461882152024869 |  | 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. another party14. I would not vote99. no answer |

### Q39

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. (**Q013901** ~ **Q013913**)

(1) Democratic Party of Japan (**Q013901**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 143837785 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(2) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q013902**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 155725885 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(3) Tomorrow Party of Japan (**Q013903**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 130051585 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(4) Komeito (**Q013904**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 123458185 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(5) Japan Restoration Party (**Q013905**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 156225385 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(6) Japanese Communist Party (**Q013906**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 105775885 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(7) Your Party (**Q013907**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 164117485 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(8) Social Democratic Party (**Q013908**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 126754885 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(9) New Party DAICHI (**Q013909**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 137344285 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(10) People's New Party (**Q0139010**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 146535085 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(11) New Party Nippon (**Q0139011**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 148932685 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(12) New Renaissance Party (**Q0139012**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 151829785 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(13) There is no such party (**Q0139013**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 138742885 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

### Q40

Do you have a subscription to a newspaper? If yes, which newspaper do you read? Please circle all that apply. We will never use this survey as a basis for soliciting or selling newspaper subscriptions, so please answer as you see fit. (**Q014000** ~ **Q014007**)

(0) Do not have a subscription to a newspaper (**Q014000**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 156428650 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(1) Asahi Shimbun (**Q014001**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 152432650 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(2) Yomiuri Shimbun (**Q014002**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 144640450 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(3) Mainichi Shimbun (**Q014003**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 172612350 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(4) Nihon Keizai Shimbun (**Q014004**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 173311750 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(5) Sankei Shimbun (**Q014005**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 17826850 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(6) Newspapers in your area and prefecture (**Q014006**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 112772350 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(7) Other newspapers (**Q014007**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 17569450 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

### Q41

Are you a man or a woman? (**Q014100**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 942958 |  | 1. man2. woman |

### Q42

How old are you as of December 16, 2012? (**Q014200**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 166255316366378419 |  | 1. 20's2. 30's3. 40's4. 50's5. 60's6. 70's or over |

### Q43

What is your final education? (**Q014300**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 272757216164416311034 |  | 1. elementary school or junior high school2. high school3. vocational school4. short-term college5. university6. graduate school7. others99. no answer |

### Q44

Are you a member of any of the following organizations, groups, or associations? Please circle all that apply. (**Q014401** ~ **Q014405**)

(1) Political organizations such as supporters' associations of politicians and political parties (**Q014401**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 17895853 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(2) Labor union (**Q014402**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 173810953 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(3) Trade associations, trade unions, and other occupation-related organizations (**Q014403**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 17579053 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(4) Groups and organizations related to religion (**Q014404**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 17648353 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(5) Not a member of any of them (**Q014405**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 310153753 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

### Q45

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) |  |  |
| 5199018267256325303129029 |  | 1. company employee2. public servant3. self-employed or free enterprise4. agricultural, forestry, or fishing industries5. temporary work or part-time work6. homemaker7. student8. without a job9. other99. no answer |

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

**Q0102FA**: free answer of "another party" in Q2

**Q0104FA**: free answer of "official candidate of another party" in Q4

**Q0106FA**: free answer of "other" in Q6

**Q0119FA**: free answer of "another party" in Q19

**Q0120FA**: free answer of "another party" in Q20

**Q0125FA**: free answer of "other" in SQ25\_1

**Q0137FA**: free answer of "another party" in Q37

**Q0138FA**: free answer of "another party" in Q38

**Q0140FA**: free answer of "Other newspapers" in Q40

**Q0151FA**: free answer of "other" in Q51

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

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 3531547 |  | 0. no response to Wave21. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 3791168 |  | 1. did not vote2. voted |

*If you answered "voted" in Q1, please answerQ2 to Q5.*

### Q2

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 440180129142979420209115378148 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Japan Restoration Party4. Komeito5. Your Party6. Japanese Communist Party7. People's Life Party8. Social Democratic Party9. Green Wind10. New Party DAICHI11. another party66. not applicable (did not vote)90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)99. no answer |

### Q3

When did you decide to vote for that party (candidate) in the proportional representation district? (**Q020300**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 52412114419517337812 |  | 1. from a long time ago (~June 25th)2. from the end of the regular session of the Diet to just before the public announcement date (June 26th to July 3rd)3. first half of the election period (July 4th to July 12th)4. second half of the election period (July 13th to July 20th)5. on the day of voting (July 21st）66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q4

For which party's candidate did you vote in Single Non-Transferable Vote/First Past the Post (SNTV/FPTP)? (**Q020400**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 540190736284104199107383782211 |  | 1. official candidate of Liberal Democratic Party2. official candidate of Democratic Party of Japan3. official candidate of Japan Restoration Party4. official candidate of Komeito5. official candidate of Your Party6. official candidate of Japanese Communist Party7. official candidate of People's Life Party8. official candidate of Social Democratic Party9. official candidate of Green Wind10. official candidate of New Party DAICHI11. official candidate of another party90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q5

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. (**Q020501** ~ **Q020503**)

The most important policy (**Q020501**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1311996521542149322689914731033237835 |  | 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. other66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

The second most important policy (**Q020502**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 1281365125731699712744166510481118378115 |  | 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. other66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

The third most important policy (**Q020503**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 1007547247815687727651494841114411378145 |  | 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. other66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

*Again, please answer the following questions.*

### Q6

How much do you trust national politics? (**Q020600**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4751574622217 |  | 1. always trust it2. trust it most of time3. sometimes trust it4. do not trust it at all99. no answer |

### Q7

Do you think Prime Minister Abe is doing a good job or not in general? (**Q020700**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2836284301009511 |  | 1.he is doing well2. if anything, he is doing well3. not sure4. if anything, he is not doing well5. he is not doing well99. no answer |

### Q8

Please circle all of the following policies, words, and actions of the Abe Cabinet and Prime Minister Abe that you positively evaluate. (**Q020801** ~ **Q020818, Q020890**)

(1) Preparation of a large supplementary budget (**Q011201**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 115332866 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(2) Appointment of Mr. Haruhiko Kuroda as Governor of the Bank of Japan (**Q011202**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 113734466 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(3) Efforts to formulate economic growth strategies (**Q011203**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 87860366 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(4) Announcement of participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations (**Q011204**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 101946266 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(5) Efforts to build a sustainable social security system (**Q011205**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 127220966 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(6) Efforts to counter the declining birthrate (**Q011206**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 124723466 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(7) Efforts to achieve fiscal soundness (**Q011207**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 122825366 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(8) Efforts toward the Reinforcement of National Land (**Q011208**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 131117066 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(9) Efforts toward recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake (**Q011209**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 119129066 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(10) Efforts to address nuclear power and energy issues (**Q011210**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 128120066 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(11) Efforts to strengthen the Japan-U.S. Alliance (**Q011211**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 116531666 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(12) Efforts to address the Okinawa U.S. military base issue (**Q011212**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 136311866 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(13) Efforts to address the Senkaku Islands and Takeshima issues (**Q011213**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 119428766 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(14) Efforts to address the issue of abductions of Japanese citizens by North Korea (**Q011214**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 119428766 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(15) Efforts to revitalize education (**Q011215**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 133514666 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(16) Efforts to revise the constitution (**Q011216**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 125622566 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(17) Efforts to reform the electoral system (**Q011217**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 14107166 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(18) Other points (**Q011218**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 14651666 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(90) There is nothing to positively evaluate (**Q011290**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 127420766 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

### Q9

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. (**Q020901** to **Q020912**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (MEAN) |  |   |
| 57.031.540.936.242.031.824.626.557.032.237.138.8 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party (**Q020901**)2. Democratic Party of Japan (**Q020902**)3. Japan Restoration Party (**Q020903**)4. Komeito (**Q020904**)5. Your Party (**Q020905**)6. Japanese Communist Party (**Q020906**)7. People's Life Party (**Q020907**)8. Social Democratic Party (**Q020908**)9. Shinzo Abe (Liberal Democratic Party) (**Q020909**)10. Banri Kaieda (Democratic Party of Japan) (**Q020910**)11. Shintaro Ishihara (Japan Restoration Party) (**Q020911**)12. Toru Hashimoto (Japan Restoration Party) (**Q020912**) |
| 999. no answer |

### Q10

Do you have favorable or unfavorable feelings for or against the following people and organizations? Please use the same "Emotional Thermometer" as for Q9 and answer an integer between 0 and 100. (**Q021001** to **Q021011**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (MEAN) |  |   |
| 4355.85565.939.748.251.94943.74639.4 |  | 1. Diet members (**Q021001**)2. the court (**Q021002**)3. police (**Q021003**)4. Self-Defense Forces (**Q021004**)5. central government bureaucracy (**Q021005**)6. civil servants working in local government offices (**Q021006**)7. teachers and staff at elementary and junior high schools (**Q021007**)8. large companies (**Q021008**)9. labor unions (**Q021009**)10. citizen's groups (**Q021010**)11. mass media (Please answer for the entire industry, not just Asahi Shimbun) (**Q021011**) |
| 999. no answer |

### Q11

When you see or hear the following words (1) through (14), do you feel favorable or unfavorable toward them? Please use the same "Emotional Thermometer" as for Q9 and Q10 and answer an integer between 0 and 100. If you do not understand the meaning of a word, please write "X" in parentheses. (**Q021101** to **Q021114**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (MEAN) |  |   |
| 50.647.94625.826.264.36457.565.754.633.4505742.4 |  | 1. conservative (**Q021101**)2. reformer (**Q021102**)3. liberal (**Q021103**)4. right-wing (**Q021104**)5. left-wing (**Q021105**)6. freedom (**Q021106**)7. equality (**Q021107**)8. reform (**Q021108**)9. democracy (**Q021109**)10. capitalism (**Q021110**)11. socialism (**Q021111**)12. unarmed neutrality (**Q021112**)13. patriotism (**Q021113**)14. ideology (**Q021114**) |
| 888. X (do not understand the meaning of a word)999. no answer |

### Q12

For the following opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q021201** ~ **Q021212**)

(1) The constitution should be revised (**Q021201**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 26840148819317027 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(2) Japan's defensive power should be increased (**Q021202**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3544654791367736 |  | 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 (**Q021203**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 15430856228618849 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(4) Japan should apply pressure to North Korea rather than have a dialogue with it (**Q021204**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 24537455922511133 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(5) Either the constitution or the interpretation of it should be changed so that the government can exercise the right to collective defense (**Q021205**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 20836860315914564 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(6) Even if government social services suffer, Japan should strive to have small government (**Q021206**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 8024065537114655 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(7) Provincial/rural employment should be boosted by public works (**Q021207**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2266024921443350 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(8) Instead of focusing on fiscal austerity, Japan needs to boost its economy through increased spending (**Q021208**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1525286271504149 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(9) Japan should ratify the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) (**Q021209**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 15842260420111943 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(10) Resumption of operations at nuclear power plants shut down for periodic inspections is unavoidable (**Q021210**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 12734138433032045 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(11) A provincial system should be introduced in place of prefectures (**Q021211**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 8517985824013847 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(12) In general, politics is better when there is a change of government (**Q021212**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1704277311374933 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

### Q13

For each of the following issues, is your opinion closer to A or B? For each item, please circle the number that applies. (**Q021301** ~ **Q021305**)

(1) (**Q021301**)

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) |  |  |
| 1114475263229150 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(2) (**Q021302**)

A: The government needs to protect domestic corporations

B: The government should promote trade and investment liberalization

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2765933772115436 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(3) (**Q021303**)

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) |  |  |
| 35136739227012938 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(4) (**Q021304**)

A: Local education administration should be headed by a chief education officer who is appointed and dismissed by the chief executive

B: Local education administration should be the responsibility of a council-based school board

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 11226867731012159 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(5) (**Q021305**)

A: There is no need to worry about the budget deficit as government bonds are being steadily purchased

B: The budget deficit is at a critical level, so government bond issuance should be curbed

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 198153959626646 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

### Q14

For the following policies, which party’s opinion do you trust? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q021401** ~ **Q021404**)

(1) Economic measures (**Q021401**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 10596383220122 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Japan Restoration Party4. another party99. no answer |

(2) Fiscal reconstruction (**Q021402**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 837122152292144 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Japan Restoration Party4. another party99. no answer |

(3) Diplomacy (**Q021403**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 10106290243142 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Japan Restoration Party4. another party99. no answer |

(4) Administrative reform (**Q021404**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 561121396319150 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Japan Restoration Party4. another party99. no answer |

### Q15

Do you agree or disagree with the idea of amending Article 9 of the Constitution to specify the right of self-defense and to provide for the maintenance of a national defense force? (**Q021500**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 25739642222422028 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

### Q16

Do you agree or disagree with the idea of amending Article 96 of the Constitution to reduce the requirement for a majority of the House of Representatives and the House of Councillors to approve a constitutional amendment? (**Q021600**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 16730250924627845 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

### Q17

How would you describe your current lifestyle compared to one year ago? (**Q021700**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1510787541611816 |  | 1. getting very good2. getting somewhat good3. unchanged4. getting somewhat bad5. getting very bad99. no answer |

### Q18

What do you think is the current state of the economy? (**Q021800**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 319662555215813 |  | 1. very good2. somewhat good3. not sure4. somewhat bad5. very bad99. no answer |

### Q19

Please circle all of the following items that you saw, heard, read, or came into contact with between the end of the regular session of the Diet and the date of the election (June 26 to July 21, 8:00 p.m.). Also, please put a double circle next to all the items that helped you think about candidates and political parties.

Items that you saw, heard, read, or came into contact with (**Q021901** ~ **Q021918**)

(1) Politicians' speeches on the street (**Q021901**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 109344113 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(2) Newspaper ads for political parties (**Q021902**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 80473013 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(3) TV ads for political parties (**Q021903**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 91162313 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(4) Internet ads for political parties (**Q021904**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 140313113 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(5) Official gazette for elections (**Q021905**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 94758713 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(6) Political opinion broadcast (**Q021906**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 95158313 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(7) Manifestos and leaflets of political parties (**Q021907**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 115637813 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(8) Letters and postcards from political parties and politicians (excluding Email) (**Q021908**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 132520913 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(9) Phone calls from political parties and politicians (**Q021909**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 140313113 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(10) Emails from political parties and politicians (**Q021910**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 15171713 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(11) Websites and blogs of political parties and politicians (**Q021911**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 14825213 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(12) Social networking sites of political parties and politicians (Twitter, Facebook, etc.) (**Q021912**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 14815313 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(13) Election-related posts on bulletin boards, blogs, and social networking sites by people other than political parties and politicians (**Q021913**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 14647013 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(14) Request for votes from people you know (**Q021914**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 114538913 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(15) Election coverage in newspapers (including Internet editions) (**Q021915**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 81472013 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(16) TV news coverage of the election (**Q021916**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 53699813 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(17) TV debate show (**Q021917**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 74678813 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(18) Election specials on TV talk shows and information variety programs (**Q021918**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 92261213 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

Items that helped you think about candidates and political parties (**Q0219a01** ~ **Q0219a18**)

(1) Politicians' speeches on the street (**Q0219a01**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 405361106 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not see, hear, read, or come into contact with) |

(2) Newspaper ads for political parties (**Q0219a02**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 67654817 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not see, hear, read, or come into contact with) |

(3) TV ads for political parties (**Q0219a03**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 60716924 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not see, hear, read, or come into contact with) |

(4) Internet ads for political parties (**Q0219a04**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 12291416 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not see, hear, read, or come into contact with) |

(5) Official gazette for elections (**Q0219a05**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 50978960 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not see, hear, read, or come into contact with) |

(6) Political opinion broadcast (**Q0219a06**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 50677964 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not see, hear, read, or come into contact with) |

(7) Manifestos and leaflets of political parties (**Q0219a07**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 334441169 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not see, hear, read, or come into contact with) |

(8) Letters and postcards from political parties and politicians (excluding Email) (**Q0219a08**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 20721338 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not see, hear, read, or come into contact with) |

(9) Phone calls from political parties and politicians (**Q0219a09**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 13011416 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not see, hear, read, or come into contact with) |

(10) Emails from political parties and politicians (**Q0219a10**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1611530 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not see, hear, read, or come into contact with) |

(11) Websites and blogs of political parties and politicians (**Q0219a11**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 4571495 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not see, hear, read, or come into contact with) |

(12) Social networking sites of political parties and politicians (Twitter, Facebook, etc.) (**Q0219a12**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 4671494 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not see, hear, read, or come into contact with) |

(13) Election-related posts on bulletin boards, blogs, and social networking sites by people other than political parties and politicians (**Q0219a13**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 6551477 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not see, hear, read, or come into contact with) |

(14) Request for votes from people you know (**Q0219a14**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 359301158 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not see, hear, read, or come into contact with) |

(15) Election coverage in newspapers (including Internet editions) (**Q0219a15**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 612108827 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not see, hear, read, or come into contact with) |

(16) TV news coverage of the election (**Q0219a16**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 885113549 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not see, hear, read, or come into contact with) |

(17) TV debate show (**Q0219a17**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 621167759 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not see, hear, read, or come into contact with) |

(18) Election specials on TV talk shows and information variety programs (**Q0219a18**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 54369935 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (did not see, hear, read, or come into contact with) |

### Q20

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? (**Q022000**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 681160129897359182323127039 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Japan Restoration Party4. Komeito5. Your Party6. Japanese Communist Party7. People's Life Party8. Social Democratic Party9. Green Wind10. New Party DAICHI11. another party12. no party in particular99. no answer |

*If you answered 12 in Q20, please answer SQ20\_1.*

### SQ20\_1

Why no party in particular? Please circle one. (**Q022000a**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 120578812775 |  | 1. because there is no suitable party right now2. because I usually don't want to be close to any party3. because I'm not sure about any party66. not applicable (did not answer "no party in particular" in Q20)99. no answer |

## **5. FREE ANSWERS (Wave2)**

**Q0202FA**: free answer of "another party" in Q2

**Q0204FA**: free answer of "official candidate of another party" in Q4

**Q0205FA**: free answer of "other" in Q5

**Q0208FA**: free answer of "Other points" in Q8

**Q0220FA**: free answer of "another party" in Q20

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)
2. Entered the number of House of Representatives constituencies for each prefecture. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. If the respondent circled "1. did not vote" and answered Q2 or Q4, the answer was modified to "2. Voted." If the respondent did not answer, the answer was "2. voted" if the respondent had answered Q2 or Q4, and "1. did not vote" if the respondent had not answered (same for Wave2). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. In the case of multiple-answer format questions, we treated cases in which not all options were circled as no answer. (The only exception was Question 19 in Wave2.) [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. The unit is minutes (specified in the entry field of the survey form); no correction was made even if a value greater than 60 x 24 = 1440 was entered. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)