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

**2013 Political Leader Survey**

**Official Codebook**

# **SURVEY OVERVIEW**

**1. Survey period**

Surveys were distributed from June 6, 2013, and collected until just before the day of the Upper House election (July 21).

**2. Survey targets**

433 candidates for the 2013 Upper House election and 121 members of Upper House who are not up for election.[[1]](#footnote-1)

**3. Survey method**

Conducted by the Asahi Shimbun political group and regional directorates.

**4. Number of valid respondents**

Candidates for the 2013 Upper House election: 419 (96.3% effective response rate).

Members of Upper House who are not up for election: 82 (67.8% effective response rate).

# **VARIABLES**

## **1. BASIC VARIABLES**

Sorting number (**ID**)

Candidates’ name (**NAME**)

Response status (**RESPONSE**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 53  501 |  | 0. no valid responses  1. valid responses available |

Dummy variable for members who are not up for election (**NOELEC**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 433  121 |  | 0. candidates for the 2013 Upper House election  1. members who are not up for election |

District (**DISTRICT**)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 8  7  7  7  5  5  8  8  6  5  11  12  25  14  10  5  6  5  8  8  6  8  13  7  5 |  | 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  25. Shiga-ken | 9  14  9  5  4  6  5  5  8  4  5  5  6  5  8  5  5  5  6  5  6  5  210 |  | 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) |

Incumbency (**INCUMB**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 332  5  8  88  121 |  | 1. newcomer candidate  2. former legislator  3. previous legislator  4. current legislator  66. not applicable (members who are not up for election) |

Total number of times (**TERM**)

Party (**PARTY**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 128  97  45  30  44  66  13  11  8  11  1  50  10  3  1  8  28 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Democratic Party of Japan  3. Japan Restoration Party  4. Komeito  5. Your Party  6. Japanese Communist Party  7. People's Life Party  8. Social Democratic Party  9. Green Wind  10. New Party DAICHI  11. New Renaissance Party  12. Happiness Realization Party  13. Green Party  14. Ishin Party Shimpu  15. Tax Cuts Japan  16. minor party  17. independent |

Gender (**SEX**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 432  122 |  | 1. Male  2. Female |

Election results (**RESULT**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 312  121  121 |  | 0. lost the election  1. won the election  66. not applicable |

## **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) |  |  |
| 38  26  43  13  31  40  65  0  2  10  8  36  27  2  28  44  121  20 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 35  24  28  20  50  46  43  3  2  12  19  51  18  2  36  19  121  25 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 16  18  30  27  49  22  37  0  6  16  10  62  26  7  60  18  121  29 |  | 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  66. not applicable  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) |  |  |
| 247  20  43  17  78  121  28 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 48  100  86  40  115  121  44 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 48  83  68  72  91  121  71 |  | 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  66. not applicable  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 are the second and third areas? Please write the number in parentheses. (**Q3\_1** ~ **Q3\_3**)

Most (**Q3\_1**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 47  32  24  27  53  40  35  0  7  11  15  18  19  6  33  42  121  24 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

Second (**Q3\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 24  21  31  21  62  29  37  3  15  18  18  32  28  9  33  15  121  37 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

Third (**Q3\_3**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 32  19  33  26  45  20  23  1  16  19  15  42  39  3  42  13  121  45 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

### Q4

For the following opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q4\_1** ~ **Q4\_22**)

(1) Japan's defensive power should be increased (**Q4\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 149  78  78  18  95  121  15 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(2) Japan should have the right to preemptive defense when it feels there is a legitimate threat to its safety (**Q4\_2**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 65  76  89  39  147  121  17 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(3) Japan should become a permanent member of the UN Security Council and fulfill its international responsibilities (**Q4\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 220  108  51  14  24  121  16 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(4) Japan should apply pressure to North Korea rather than have a dialogue with it (**Q4\_4**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 59  80  138  60  80  121  16 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(5) Either the constitution or the interpretation of it should be changed so that the can government exercise the right to collective defense (**Q4\_5**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 118  63  53  30  148  121  21 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(6) The Prime Minister should visit Yasukuni Shrine (**Q4\_6**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 91  69  66  27  161  121  19 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(7) Even if government social services suffer, Japan should strive to have small government (**Q4\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 37  42  123  84  130  121  17 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(8) Provincial/rural employment should be boosted by public works (**Q4\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 87  154  96  68  11  121  17 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(9) Instead of focusing on fiscal austerity, Japan needs to boost its economy through increased spending (**Q4\_9**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 76  113  150  41  36  121  17 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(10) The consumption tax rate should be raised to 8% in April 2014 and 10% in October 2015 as planned (**Q4\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 32  83  63  24  214  121  17 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(11) In the long run, it is inevitable that the consumption tax rate will be higher than 10% (**Q4\_11**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 20  78  121  31  167  121  16 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(12) There is no need to provide pensions to those who have assets (**Q4\_12**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 30  85  141  80  76  121  21 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(13) Japan should ratify the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) (**Q4\_13**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 125  51  70  27  140  121  20 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(14) Individual freedoms and privacy should be restricted for greater public safety (**Q4\_14**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 20  51  140  59  144  121  19 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(15) Permanent foreign residents should be given the right to vote in local elections (**Q4\_15**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 109  40  73  31  161  121  19 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(16) Japan needs to attract immigrant workers, and should take steps to do so (**Q4\_16**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 46  124  171  51  22  121  19 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(17) Moral education should be expanded (**Q4\_17**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 157  97  104  28  31  121  16 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(18) Resumption of operations at nuclear power plants shut down for periodic inspections is unavoidable (**Q4\_18**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 69  58  81  52  152  121  21 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(19) The House of Representatives’ powers should be strengthened vis-a-vis those of the House of Councillors (**Q4\_19**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 54  43  139  58  118  121  21 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(20) A provincial system should be introduced in place of prefectures (**Q4\_20**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 91  57  69  39  161  121  16 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(21) The number of Diet members should decrease by half (**Q4\_21**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 68  52  94  61  144  121  14 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(22) The voting age should be lowered to 18 (**Q4\_22**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 160  112  97  24  22  121  18 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

### Q5

For each of the following issues, is your opinion closer to A or B? For each item, please circle the number that applies. (**Q5\_1** ~ **Q5\_10**)

(1) (**Q5\_1**)

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

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 77  111  95  71  60  121  19 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(2) (**Q5\_2**)

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

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 77  111  95  71  60  121  19 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(3) (**Q5\_3**)

A: The government needs to protect domestic corporations

B: The government should promote trade and investment liberalization

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 93  101  88  64  70  121  17 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(4) (**Q5\_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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 40  141  200  21  14  121  17 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(5) (**Q5\_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 form of families may be diverse, such as single mothers and DINKS

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 37  84  118  70  104  121  20 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(6) (**Q5\_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) |  |  |
| 180  65  57  41  69  121  21 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(7) (**Q5\_7**)

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) |  |  |
| 65  101  100  55  92  121  20 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(8) (**Q5\_8**)

A: Supporting parents to take care of their children at home is a more effective way to stop the declining birthrate.

B: Supporting parents in balancing work and childcare by increasing the number of daycare centers is a more effective way to stop the declining birthrate.

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 20  27  87  109  170  121  20 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(9) (**Q5\_9**)

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 37  44  76  115  141  121  20 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(10) (**Q5\_10**)

A: In the long run, it is desirable to have a two-party system where voters can choose the party that will take power next in the election

B: In the long run, it is desirable to have a multiparty system in which there are parties in the Diet that represent the diverse opinions of the voters

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 46  76  79  62  153  121  17 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

### Q6

Do you agree or disagree with the statement "The constitution should be amended"? (**Q6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 213  78  38  24  132  69 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

### Q7

Do you think that the Constitution should be amended within the next term of the parliament that will result from the Upper House election in July (or during the next six years, for those who are not up for election or who plan to retire)? (**Q7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 153  131  85  126  59 |  | 1. it should be amended aggressively  2. if there is momentum to amend it, I agree  3. there's no hurry to amend it  4. it should not be amended  99. no answer |

### Q8

Do you agree or disagree with the statement "Article 9 of the constitution should be amended to specify the right of self-defense and provide for the maintenance of a national defense force"? (**Q8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 135  62  65  32  202  58 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

### Q9

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? (**Q9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 132  68  41  35  221  57 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

### Q10

Do you agree or disagree that Prime Minister Abe's economic policies will lead to increased wages and employment? (**Q10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 102  47  64  41  164  121  15 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

### Q11

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.") (**Q11\_1** ~ **Q11\_11**)

(1) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q11\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 52  102  122  72  121  85 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(2) Democratic Party of Japan (**Q11\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5  65  215  49  121  99 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(3) Japan Restoration Party (**Q11\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3  92  193  38  121  107 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(4) Komeito (**Q11\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 61  82  175  20  121  95 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(5) Your Party (**Q11\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 13  107  173  31  121  109 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(6) Japanese Communist Party (**Q11\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4  30  244  60  121  95 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(7) People's Life Party (**Q11\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 8  80  232  7  121  106 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(8) Social Democratic Party (**Q11\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 10  76  234  7  121  106 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(9) Green Wind (**Q11\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 8  88  216  7  121  114 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(10) New Party DAICHI (**Q11\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 8  88  217  5  121  115 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(11) New Renaissance Party (**Q11\_11**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5  107  201  0  121  120 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

### Q12

Not only in Japan, political positions are often expressed in terms of "left" - "right." How would you describe your position using this measure? Please circle only one number out of 0 (= leftmost) to 10 (= rightmost) that applies to you. (**Q12**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 28  9  17  17  18  141  36  54  33  7  16  121  57 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

### Q13

There are many different opinions about the relationship between politics and the Internet. Please circle one number for each item that applies to you. (**Q13\_1** ~ **Q13\_8**)

(1) The Internet is useful as a means of gauging public opinion (**Q13\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 169  180  55  11  1  121  17 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(2) The Internet is useful as a means of communicating one's activities and opinions to others (**Q13\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 219  181  14  1  1  121  17 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(3) The Internet is useful in soliciting donations (**Q13\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 77  103  163  47  24  121  19 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(4) The Internet is useful as a means of attracting votes (**Q13\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 86  141  153  28  7  121  18 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(5) The Internet has reduced the political influence of the mass media (**Q13\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 30  91  166  90  37  121  19 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(6) Not many of my supporters are frequent users of the Internet (**Q13\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 15  80  160  98  60  121  20 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(7) There are many problems with Internet abuse, such as slander and identity theft (**Q13\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 55  141  158  52  5  121  22 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(8) It costs a lot of money to use the Internet for political activities (**Q13\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 23  79  159  93  57  121  22 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

### Q14

I would like to ask you a few questions about the means of disseminating information to voters and supporters. (**Q14\_1** ~ **Q14\_6\_9**)

(1) Do you have your own website (including a blog)? If yes, how often do you update the information? (**Q14\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 25  25  20  52  139  151  121  21 |  | 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  66. not applicable  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? (**Q14\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 61  21  24  27  134  140  121  26 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(3) 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)? (**Q14\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 149  91  56  52  20  43  121  22 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(4) Do you usually use social networking services (SNS) such as Twitter and Facebook? If yes, how often do you send messages? (**Q14\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 36  19  92  135  128  121  23 |  | 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  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

*If you answered 0 in (4), please answer (5).*

(5) What are your reasons for not using SNS as a means of communicating information to voters and supporters, or as a means of gathering opinions? (**Q14\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5  4  12  5  2  7  495  24 |  | 1. I don't know much about SNS  2. I would like to use SNS, but I don't know how to  3. I wish I could make use of SNS, but I don't have the time  4. conventional means are sufficient, and I don't see the need for SNS  5. SNS is not an appropriate way to interact with voters and supporters  6. other  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

*If you answered 1 to 4 in (4), please answer (6).*

(6) How do you use SNS? Please circle all that apply.

1. I have an account, but I rarely use it (**Q14\_6\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 373  2  157  22 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

2. Do not write posts, but use it as a way to keep track of the opinions of my constituents and supporters (**Q14\_6\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 356  19  157  22 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

3. Introduce updates to existing websites and other sites and their links (**Q14\_6\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 222  153  157  22 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

4. Report on political activities (**Q14\_6\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 58  317  157  22 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

5. Communicate policy arguments and my position (**Q14\_6\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 75  300  157  22 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

6. Call for personal donations of political funds (**Q14\_6\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 338  37  157  22 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

7. Provide feedback (e.g., replies) to voters' comments on my account (**Q14\_6\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 160  215  157  22 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

8. Reflect the opinions of constituents on my account in my legislative activities (**Q14\_6\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 268  107  157  22 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

9. Other (**Q14\_6\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 354  21  157  22 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

### Q15

What is your most important means of communicating information to voters and supporters? How about your second and third most important means? Please write the number in parentheses. (**Q15\_1** ~ **Q15\_3**)

The most important means (**Q15\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 94  259  1  0  8  12  0  1  0  1  6  0  10  12  3  121  26 |  | 1. street oratory  2. direct interaction with voters (rallies, etc.)  3. posters  4. repeatedly call out one’s name (from a vehicle)  5. official gazette for elections  6. leaflets and pamphlets of activity reports  7. newsletters of supporters' associations, etc.  8. letters and postcards (excluding e-mail)  9. phone call  10. e-mails  11. TV and radio appearances  12. contributions to magazines  13. websites (including blogs)  14. social networking services (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)  15. other  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

The second most important means (**Q15\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 106  72  12  0  10  75  23  11  13  3  7  4  32  29  1  121  35 |  | 1. street oratory  2. direct interaction with voters (rallies, etc.)  3. posters  4. repeatedly call out one’s name (from a vehicle)  5. official gazette for elections  6. leaflets and pamphlets of activity reports  7. newsletters of supporters' associations, etc.  8. letters and postcards (excluding e-mail)  9. phone call  10. e-mails  11. TV and radio appearances  12. contributions to magazines  13. websites (including blogs)  14. social networking services (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)  15. other  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

The third most important means (**Q15\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 43  16  20  0  11  83  26  11  9  8  14  2  77  74  2  121  37 |  | 1. street oratory  2. direct interaction with voters (rallies, etc.)  3. posters  4. repeatedly call out one’s name (from a vehicle)  5. official gazette for elections  6. leaflets and pamphlets of activity reports  7. newsletters of supporters' associations, etc.  8. letters and postcards (excluding e-mail)  9. phone call  10. e-mails  11. TV and radio appearances  12. contributions to magazines  13. websites (including blogs)  14. social networking services (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)  15. other  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

### Q16

If you were to name this House of Councillors election the "XX Election," what do you think would be appropriate? Please write freely. (**Q16**)

1. For members who are not up for election, we distributed a different version of the questionnaire limited to some of the questions (Q6~9). For questions not included therein, the members who are not up for election (82) were treated as not applicable. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)