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

**2016 Political Leader Survey**

**Official Codebook**

# **SURVEY OVERVIEW**

**1. Survey period**

Surveys were distributed from May 16, 2016, and collected until just before the day of the Upper House election (July 10).

**2. Survey targets**

389 candidates for the 2016 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 2016 Upper House election: 373 (95.9% effective response rate).

Members of Upper House who are not up for election: 74 (61.2% effective response rate).

# **VARIABLES**

## **1. BASIC VARIABLES**

Sorting number (**ID**)

Candidates’ name (**NAME**)

Response status (**RESPONSE**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 63  447 |  | 0. no valid responses  1. valid responses available |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 389  121 |  | 0. candidates for the 2016 Upper House election  1. members who are not up for election |

District (**DISTRICT**)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 12  4  4  5  4  4  4  8  4  4  10  11  36  16  5  4  4  4  5  5  4  7  12  4  4 |  | 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 | 6  13  9  5  4  1  1  4  9  4  1  5  4  1  11  4  4  5  4  4  5  4  3  3  212 |  | 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  48. Tottori & Shimane  49. Tokushima & Kochi  66. not applicable (candidate who ran only from PR) |

Party (**PARTY**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 140  73  35  64  33  12  6  18  2  10  47  11  16  16  27 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Democratic Party  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Initiatives from Osaka  6. Social Democratic Party  7. People's Life Party & Taro Yamamoto and Friends  8. Party for Japanese Kokoro  9. Assembly to Energize Japan  10. New Renaissance Party  11. Happiness Realization Party  12. Angry Voice of the People  13. minor party  14. independent candidate for opposition unification  15. other independent candidate（independent and not up for election） |

Incumbency (**INCUMB**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 276  16  218 |  | 1. newcomer candidate  2. former legislator  3. current legislator (including members who are not up for election) |

Total number of times (**TERM**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 276  126  61  32  11  3  0  1 |  | 0. 0 times  1. 1 time  2. 2 times  3. 3 times  4. 4 times  5. 5 times  6. 6 times  7. 7 times |

Gender (**SEX**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 392  118 |  | 1. Male  2. Female |

Age (**AGE**)

Election results (**RESULT**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 268  121  121 |  | 0. lost the election  1. won the election  66. members who are not up for election |

## **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.[[2]](#footnote-2) (**Q1\_1** ~ **Q1\_3**)

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 73  17  39  7  37  20  27  0  0  2  9  53  10  2  5  59  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 |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 27  32  16  25  80  40  48  1  3  5  5  30  14  3  17  12  121  31 |  | 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) |  |  |
| 27  12  18  16  75  53  32  0  3  11  15  32  14  5  30  13  121  33 |  | 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

Do you have favorable or unfavorable feelings for or against the following parties? If you have neither favorable nor unfavorable feelings for a party, 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. (**Q2\_1** to **Q2\_10**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (MEAN) |  |  |
| 46.7  44.0  38.1  37.7  32.4  38.7  36.5  36.1  29.2  32.0 |  | (1) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q2\_1**)  (2) the Democratic Party (**Q2\_2**)  (3) Komeito (**Q2\_3**)  (4) Japanese Communist Party (**Q2\_4**)  (5) Initiatives from Osaka (**Q2\_5**)  (6) Social Democratic Party (**Q2\_6**)  (7) People's Life Party & Taro Yamamoto and Friends (**Q2\_7**)  (8) Party for Japanese Kokoro (**Q2\_8**)  (9) Assembly to Energize Japan (**Q2\_9**)  (10) New Renaissance Party (**Q2\_10**) |
| 666. not applicable  999. no answer | | |

### Q3

For the following opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q3\_1** ~ **Q3\_22**)

(1) Japan's defense capabilities should be strengthened (**Q3\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 95  85  90  16  85  121  18 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(2) Japan should not hesitate to launch a preemptive strike if an attack from another country is expected (**Q3\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 46  56  78  40  145  121  24 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(3) Pressure should take precedence over dialogue with North Korea (**Q3\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 60  89  121  38  60  121  21 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(4) I want the Prime Minister to visit Yasukuni Shrine (**Q3\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 91  32  76  20  152  121  18 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(5) Smaller government that doesn't cost money is better, even if government services, such as social welfare, get worse (**Q3\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 14  56  108  80  108  121  23 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(6) Job security through public works is necessary (**Q3\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 72  129  121  42  6  121  19 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(7) For the time being, the fiscal stimulus should be used to stimulate the economy, instead of holding down spending for the sake of fiscal consolidation (**Q3\_7**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 74  107  123  46  20  121  19 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(8) In the long run, it is inevitable that the consumption tax rate will be higher than 10% (**Q3\_8**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 14  79  92  40  144  121  20 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(9) The corporate tax rate should be lowered (**Q3\_9**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 53  82  94  48  92  121  20 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(10) Taxes on people with high incomes and assets should be increased (**Q3\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 106  149  55  11  49  121  19 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(11) If the work is the same, the pay should be the same, regardless of whether it is a full-time job or not (**Q3\_11**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 155  102  60  33  18  121  21 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(12) Japan should ratify the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) (**Q3\_12**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 119  61  41  30  120  121  18 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(13) It is natural for privacy and individual rights to be restricted to protect public safety (**Q3\_13**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 9  50  133  60  117  121  20 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(14) Permanent foreign residents should be allowed to vote in local governments (**Q3\_14**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 103  40  62  52  114  121  18 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(15) We should promote the acceptance of foreign workers (**Q3\_15**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 26  129  152  39  22  121  21 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(16) Moral education should be enhanced (**Q3\_16**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 79  92  127  30  41  121  20 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(17) Nuclear power plants that pass the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's review should resume operations (**Q3\_17**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 89  55  60  53  112  121  20 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(18) Married couples should be allowed by law to continue to use each pre-marital surname after marriage if they wish to do so (**Q3\_18**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 125  64  80  57  45  121  18 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(19) Same-sex marriage should be recognized by law (**Q3\_19**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 86  50  120  57  58  121  18 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(20) A quota system should be introduced to allocate a certain percentage of candidates and parliamentary seats to women (**Q3\_20**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 50  114  111  38  56  121  20 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(21) The age of eligibility for voting should be lowered (**Q3\_21**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 130  78  93  28  39  121  21 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(22) A provincial system should be introduced in place of prefectures (**Q3\_22**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 49  60  86  35  138  121  21 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

### Q4

For each of the following issues, is your opinion closer to A or B? For each item, please circle the number that applies. (**Q4\_1** ~ **Q4\_9**)

(1) A: The first priority for Japanese diplomacy in the future will be the United States

B: The first priority for Japanese diplomacy in the future will be Asia

(**Q4\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 67  109  92  64  38  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) A: Improving economic competitiveness should be a priority now, even if there are some social disparities

B: Correcting social inequalities should be a priority now, even at the expense of some economic competitiveness

(**Q4\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 46  44  128  74  77  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 |

(3) A: The basic form of a family is a couple and several children together

B: Family forms should be diverse, such as single-parent families and DINKS (dual-working, childless couples)

(**Q4\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 29  68  99  58  115  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 |

(4) A: Abolish nuclear power now

B: Nuclear power should remain a source of power in the future

(**Q4\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 102  39  103  48  77  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 |

(5) 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.

(**Q4\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 12  37  75  116  129  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) 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 bond issuance should be controlled

(**Q4\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 20  42  84  159  65  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 |

(7) A: Economic deregulation should be strictly enforced to encourage technological and managerial innovation by the private sector

B: We should be cautious about economic deregulation to protect existing industries and consumers

(**Q4\_7**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 69  108  82  32  78  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) 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

(**Q4\_8**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 16  101  139  77  35  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 |

(9) A: Members of the House of Councillors belonging to the ruling party should not join the Cabinet but play their own role as the second house.

B: Members of the House of Councillors belonging to the ruling party should also join the Cabinet and actively support the administration

(**Q4\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 16  19  137  118  78  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 |

### Q5

Do you agree or disagree with the statement "The Constitution should be amended"? (**Q5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 184  79  41  23  115  68 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

*If you answered "agree" or "somewhat agree" in* ***Q5****, please answer the following questions.*

### Q6

What kind of constitutional amendments do you think should be made? Please circle all that apply. (**Q6\_1** ~ **Q6\_15**)

(1) Specify the maintenance of the Self-Defense Forces or National Defense Forces (**Q6\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 105  156  247  2 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)  99. no answer |

(2) Specify the right to collective self-defense (**Q6\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 170  91  247  2 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)  99. no answer |

(3) Include a clause on the right to environmental safety (**Q6\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 165  96  247  2 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)  99. no answer |

(4) Include a clause on privacy rights (**Q6\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 210  51  247  2 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)  99. no answer |

(5) Include a clause on right to know (**Q6\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 201  60  247  2 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)  99. no answer |

(6) Include a clause on family forms (**Q6\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 227  34  247  2 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)  99. no answer |

(7) Specify free education from kindergarten to university (**Q6\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 216  45  247  2 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)  99. no answer |

(8) Provide for a certain level of tolerance for disparity in the value of votes (**Q6\_8**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 211  50  247  2 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)  99. no answer |

(9) Introduce a system of public election of the prime minister (**Q6\_9**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 205  56  247  2 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)  99. no answer |

(10) Include a clause on fiscal soundness (**Q6\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 202  59  247  2 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)  99. no answer |

(11) Specify strengthening the authority of local governments (**Q6\_11**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 184  77  247  2 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)  99. no answer |

(12) Establish a Constitutional Court (**Q6\_12**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 212  49  247  2 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)  99. no answer |

(13) Make the requirement to initiate a constitutional amendment a majority in each house (**Q6\_13**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 207  54  247  2 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)  99. no answer |

(14) Include a clause on fiscal emergencies (**Q6\_14**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 162  99  247  2 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)  99. no answer |

(15) Other (**Q6\_15**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 187  74  247  2 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)  99. no answer |

### Q7

Is your opinion closer to A or B regarding the revision of the Constitution? For each item, please circle the number that applies. (**Q7\_1** ~ **Q7\_2**)

(1) A: I want to amend the Constitution during my next term (six years).

B: I don't care about the timing of constitutional reform.

(**Q7\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 126  48  28  29  31  247  1 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)  99. no answer |

(2) A: It should be put to a vote if two-thirds of the total members of the Diet approve it, as stipulated in the Constitution.

B: It should be approved by well over two-thirds of the total Diet membership, including the first opposition party.

(**Q7\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 145  74  17  14  12  247  1 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)  99. no answer |

*Again, please answer the following questions.*

### Q8

Is your opinion closer to A or B regarding the Constitution? Please circle the number that applies. (**Q8**)

A: The Constitution is primarily intended to limit the power of the state.

B: The Constitution is primarily intended to set forth the way of the nation and its ideals.

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| (N) |  |  |
| 161  73  81  42  86  67 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

### Q9

How would you rate the policies listed below? Please circle only one answer for each item. (**Q9\_1** ~ **Q9\_3**)

(1) Establish a Constitutional Court (**Q9\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 133  53  18  12  155  121  18 |  | 1. rate positively  2. rate somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. rate somewhat negatively  5. rate negatively  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(2) Economic Policies of the Abe Cabinet (Abenomics) (**Q9\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 81  44  44  48  154  121  18 |  | 1. rate positively  2. rate somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. rate somewhat negatively  5. rate negatively  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

(3) Bank of Japan's monetary easing measures (**Q9\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 78  72  56  43  122  121  18 |  | 1. rate positively  2. rate somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. rate somewhat negatively  5. rate negatively  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

### Q10

Please circle the answer that most closely matches your opinion about raising the consumption tax rate to 10%. (**Q10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 10  149  45  141  121  44 |  | 1. the rate should be raised to 10% in April 2017, as originally planned  2. the original plan should be postponed and the rate should be raised to 10% after 2018  3. over the medium to long term, the consumption tax rate should remain at the current 8%  4. the consumption tax rate should be lowered from 8% or the consumption tax itself should be abolished  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

### Q11

What measures do you think should be given top priority to solve the problem of children waiting for admission to licensed day-care centers? What do you think should be the second and third priority measures? Please write the number in parentheses. (**Q11\_1** ~ **Q11\_3**)

The most important measure (**Q11\_1**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 71  75  163  31  8  9  121  32 |  | 1. develop new facilities in compliance with the current standards for licensed childcare facilities, including the size of the nursery and the number of childcare workers  2. relax the current standards for licensed childcare facilities, such as the size of the childcare room and the number of childcare workers, to build new facilities or increase the number of children accepted at existing facilities  3. increase the salaries of childcare workers after securing financial resources to secure more childcare workers  4. expand deregulation to further encourage the entry of private companies into licensed childcare centers  5. require companies to increase the amount of time available to raise children, such as by extending the period of childcare leave  6. encourage three generations to live together and create an environment where children can be raised at home  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

The second most important measure (**Q11\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 82  53  95  62  29  27  121  41 |  | 1. develop new facilities in compliance with the current standards for licensed childcare facilities, including the size of the nursery and the number of childcare workers  2. relax the current standards for licensed childcare facilities, such as the size of the childcare room and the number of childcare workers, to build new facilities or increase the number of children accepted at existing facilities  3. increase the salaries of childcare workers after securing financial resources to secure more childcare workers  4. expand deregulation to further encourage the entry of private companies into licensed childcare centers  5. require companies to increase the amount of time available to raise children, such as by extending the period of childcare leave  6. encourage three generations to live together and create an environment where children can be raised at home  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

The third most important measure (**Q11\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 24  40  31  50  125  63  121  56 |  | 1. develop new facilities in compliance with the current standards for licensed childcare facilities, including the size of the nursery and the number of childcare workers  2. relax the current standards for licensed childcare facilities, such as the size of the childcare room and the number of childcare workers, to build new facilities or increase the number of children accepted at existing facilities  3. increase the salaries of childcare workers after securing financial resources to secure more childcare workers  4. expand deregulation to further encourage the entry of private companies into licensed childcare centers  5. require companies to increase the amount of time available to raise children, such as by extending the period of childcare leave  6. encourage three generations to live together and create an environment where children can be raised at home  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

### Q12

The following seven values are all considered important by many people, but if you had to rank them, how would you rank them? In order of priority, rank them from No. 1 (most important) to No. 7 in parentheses. Do not rank them the same, but enter a different number for each item. (Note: For concepts with multiple meanings concepts, please consider the case where the concept is defined as shown in [ ]). (**Q12\_1** ~ **Q12\_7**)

Freedom [the ability of individuals to act and think as they wish] (**Q12\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 174  56  29  22  11  18  19  121  60 |  | 1. 1st  2. 2nd  3. 3rd  4. 4th  5. 5th  6. 6th  7. 7th  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

Equality [all people have an equal opportunity to succeed] (**Q12\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 52  132  45  36  29  16  18  121  61 |  | 1. 1st  2. 2nd  3. 3rd  4. 4th  5. 5th  6. 6th  7. 7th  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

Financial stability [having a stable job and a reasonable income] (**Q12\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 42  36  105  37  44  22  41  121  62 |  | 1. 1st  2. 2nd  3. 3rd  4. 4th  5. 5th  6. 6th  7. 7th  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

Morality [living according to customs that the majority of people agree on] (**Q12\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 11  14  33  55  99  89  16  121  72 |  | 1. 1st  2. 2nd  3. 3rd  4. 4th  5. 5th  6. 6th  7. 7th  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

Self-help [achieving success on one's own, without the help of the government or other organizations] (**Q12\_5**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 12  29  44  36  72  89  31  121  76 |  | 1. 1st  2. 2nd  3. 3rd  4. 4th  5. 5th  6. 6th  7. 7th  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

Social order [to be able to live in an orderly and peaceful society where laws and regulations are respected] (**Q12\_6**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 32  34  45  116  42  45  10  121  65 |  | 1. 1st  2. 2nd  3. 3rd  4. 4th  5. 5th  6. 6th  7. 7th  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

Patriotism [respect for our country as a whole, beyond personal interests, and acting on behalf of our country] (**Q12\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 26  25  24  16  16  31  176  121  75 |  | 1. 1st  2. 2nd  3. 3rd  4. 4th  5. 5th  6. 6th  7. 7th  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

### Q13

Not only in Japan but also in many other countries around the world, 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. (**Q13**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 16  19  15  16  23  158  42  32  20  4  4  121  40 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

### Q14

From this election, the voting age has been lowered to 18 years and older. If you have a message you would like to convey to the young people who are now able to vote for the first time, please write it in the box below in 30 characters or less. (**Q14**)[[3]](#footnote-3)

## **3. FREE ANSWERS**

**Q1\_1FA**: free answer of "other" in **Q1\_1**

**Q1\_2FA**: free answer of "other" in **Q1\_2**

**Q1\_3FA**: free answer of "other" in **Q1\_3**

**Q6\_15FA**: free answer of "other" in **Q6**

1. For members who are not up for election, we distributed a different version of the questionnaire limited to some of the questions (Q5~8). For questions not included therein, answers of the members who are not up for election (74) were treated as not applicable. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. As for "other," overlap is allowed in **Q1\_1**, **Q1\_2**, and **Q1\_3**. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. We entered 66 for not applicable and 99 for no answer. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)