**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**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 63447 |  | 0. no valid responses1. valid responses available |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 389121 |  | 0. candidates for the 2016 Upper House election 1. members who are not up for election |

District (**DISTRICT**)

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| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 1244544484410113616544455471244 |  | 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-ken25. Shiga-ken | 61395411494154111445445433212 |  | 26. 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-ken48. Tottori & Shimane49. Tokushima & Kochi66. not applicable (candidate who ran only from PR) |

Party (**PARTY**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 14073356433126182104711161627 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Initiatives from Osaka6. Social Democratic Party7. People's Life Party & Taro Yamamoto and Friends8. Party for Japanese Kokoro9. Assembly to Energize Japan10. New Renaissance Party11. Happiness Realization Party12. Angry Voice of the People13. minor party14. independent candidate for opposition unification15. other independent candidate（independent and not up for election） |

Incumbency (**INCUMB**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 27616218 |  | 1. newcomer candidate2. former legislator3. current legislator (including members who are not up for election) |

Total number of times (**TERM**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 276126613211301 |  | 0. 0 times1. 1 time2. 2 times3. 3 times4. 4 times5. 5 times6. 6 times7. 7 times |

Gender (**SEX**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 392118 |  | 1. Male2. Female |

Age (**AGE**)

Election results (**RESULT**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 268121121 |  | 0. lost the election1. won the election66. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 731739737202700295310255912129 |  | 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 applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 27321625804048135530143171212131 |  | 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 applicable99. no answer |

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 27121816755332 03111532145301312133 |  | 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 applicable99. 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) |  |   |
| 46.744.038.137.732.438.736.536.129.232.0 |  | (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 applicable999. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 958590168512118 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 4656784014512124 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 6089121386012121 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 9132762015212118 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 14561088010812123 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 7212912142612119 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. 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) |  |  |
| 74107123462012119 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. 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) |  |  |
| 1479924014412120 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 538294489212120 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 10614955114912119 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. 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) |  |  |
| 15510260331812121 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 11961413012012118 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. 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) |  |  |
| 9501336011712120 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 10340625211412118 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 26129152392212121 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 7992127304112120 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 8955605311212120 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1256480574512118 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 8650120575812118 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 50114111385612120 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1307893283912121 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 4960863513812121 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 6710992643812119 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 4644128747712120 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 2968995811512120 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. no answer |

(4) A: Abolish nuclear power now

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

(**Q4\_4**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 10239103487712120 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 12377511612912120 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 2042841596512119 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. 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) |  |  |
| 6910882327812120 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. 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) |  |  |
| 16101139773512121 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 16191371187812121 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. no answer |

### Q5

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 18479412311568 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1051562472 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 170912472 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 165962472 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 210512472 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 201602472 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 227342472 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 216452472 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 211502472 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 205562472 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 202592472 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 184772472 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 212492472 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 207542472 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 162992472 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q5**)99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 187742472 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 126482829312471 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 145741714122471 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. 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) |  |  |
| 1617381428667 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 13353181215512118 |  | 1. rate positively2. rate somewhat positively3. not sure4. rate somewhat negatively5. rate negatively66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 8144444815412118 |  | 1. rate positively2. rate somewhat positively3. not sure4. rate somewhat negatively5. rate negatively66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 7872564312212118 |  | 1. rate positively2. rate somewhat positively3. not sure4. rate somewhat negatively5. rate negatively66. not applicable99. no answer |

### Q10

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 101494514112144 |  | 1. the rate should be raised to 10% in April 2017, as originally planned2. the original plan should be postponed and the rate should be raised to 10% after 20183. 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 abolished66. not applicable99. 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) |  |  |
| 7175163318912132 |  | 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 workers2. 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 facilities3. increase the salaries of childcare workers after securing financial resources to secure more childcare workers4. expand deregulation to further encourage the entry of private companies into licensed childcare centers5. require companies to increase the amount of time available to raise children, such as by extending the period of childcare leave6. encourage three generations to live together and create an environment where children can be raised at home66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 82539562292712141 |  | 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 workers2. 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 facilities3. increase the salaries of childcare workers after securing financial resources to secure more childcare workers4. expand deregulation to further encourage the entry of private companies into licensed childcare centers5. require companies to increase the amount of time available to raise children, such as by extending the period of childcare leave6. encourage three generations to live together and create an environment where children can be raised at home66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 244031501256312156 |  | 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 workers2. 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 facilities3. increase the salaries of childcare workers after securing financial resources to secure more childcare workers4. expand deregulation to further encourage the entry of private companies into licensed childcare centers5. require companies to increase the amount of time available to raise children, such as by extending the period of childcare leave6. encourage three generations to live together and create an environment where children can be raised at home66. not applicable99. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 17456292211181912160 |  | 1. 1st2. 2nd3. 3rd4. 4th5. 5th6. 6th7. 7th66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 52132453629161812161 |  | 1. 1st2. 2nd3. 3rd4. 4th5. 5th6. 6th7. 7th66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 42361053744224112162 |  | 1. 1st2. 2nd3. 3rd4. 4th5. 5th6. 6th7. 7th66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1114335599891612172 |  | 1. 1st2. 2nd3. 3rd4. 4th5. 5th6. 6th7. 7th66. not applicable99. 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) |  |  |
| 1229443672893112176 |  | 1. 1st2. 2nd3. 3rd4. 4th5. 5th6. 6th7. 7th66. not applicable99. 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) |  |  |
| 32344511642451012165 |  | 1. 1st2. 2nd3. 3rd4. 4th5. 5th6. 6th7. 7th66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 26252416163117612175 |  | 1. 1st2. 2nd3. 3rd4. 4th5. 5th6. 6th7. 7th66. not applicable99. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 16191516231584232204412140 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost66. not applicable99. 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)