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

**2017 Political Leader Survey**

**Official Codebook**

# **SURVEY OVERVIEW**

**1. Survey period**

Questionnaires were distributed from September 23, 2017, and collected until just before the day of the House of Representatives election (October 22).

**2. Survey targets**

1,180 candidates for the 2017 House of Representatives election.

**3. Survey method**

Conducted by the Asahi Shimbun political group and regional directorates.

**4. Number of valid respondents**

1,140 (96.6% effective response rate).

# **VARIABLES**

## **1. BASIC VARIABLES**

Sorting number (**ID**)

Candidates’ name (**NAME**)

Response status (**RESPONSE**)[[1]](#footnote-1)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 40  1,140 |  | 0. no valid responses  1. valid responses available |

Prefecture of the constituency (**PREFEC**)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 30  10  7  18  9  10  17  22  16  15  54  47  97  60  15  8  10  6  9  18  15  26  46  11 |  | 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 | 13  23  61  40  10  9  5  5  17  28  13  6  7  14  5  33  6  13  10  8  9  13  12  244 |  | 25. Shiga-ken  26. Kyoto-fu  27. Osaka-fu  28. Hyogo-ken  29. Nara-ken  30. Wakayama-ken  31. Tottori-ken  32. Shimane-ken  33. Okayama-ken  34. Hiroshima-ken  35. Yamaguchi-ken  36. Tokushima-ken  37. Kagawa-ken  38. Ehime-ken  39. Kochi-ken  40. Fukuoka-ken  41. Saga-ken  42. Nagasaki-ken  43. Kumamoto-ken  44. Oita-ken  45. Miyazaki-ken  46. Kagoshima-ken  47. Okinawa-ken  66. not applicable (candidate who ran only from PR) |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 936  244 |  | 1 ~ 25  66. not applicable (candidate who ran only from proportional representation (PR)) |

Dummy variable for PR (**PR**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 936  244 |  | 0. candidate who ran from single-member district (SMD)  1. candidate who ran only from PR |

PR-block (**PRBLOCK**)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 42  67  93  105  104  56 |  | 51. Hokkaido  52. Tohoku  53. Kita-Kanto  54. Minami-Kanto  55. Tokyo  56. Hokuriku Shinetsu | 84  127  55  34  88  325 |  | 57. Tokai  58. Kinki  59. Chugoku  60. Shikoku  61. Kyushu  66. not applicable (candidate who ran only from SMD) |

Party (**PARTY**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 335  53  243  52  21  2  235  79  76  15  69 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Komeito  3. Japanese Communist Party  4. Japan Innovation Party  5. Social Democratic Party  6. Party for Japanese Kokoro  7. Party of Hope  8. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan  9. Happiness Realization Party  10. minor party  11. independent candidate |

Current and former member of the Democratic Party（**MINSHIN**）[[2]](#footnote-2)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 116  57  31  976 |  | 1. current and former legislator and official candidate of the Democratic Party who have been nominated by the Party of Hope  2. current and former legislator and official candidate of the Democratic Party who have been nominated by the Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan  3. current and former legislator and official candidate of the Democratic Party who are not affiliated with any party  66. not applicable (including existing candidate of the Party of Hope) |

Incumbency (**INCUMB**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 631  100  449 |  | 1. newcomer candidate  2. former legislator  3. current legislator |

Total number of times (**TERM**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 631  100  161  71  37  47  41  42  23  10  4  8  2  1  0  1  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  8. 8 times  9. 9 times  10. 10 times  11. 11 times  12. 12 times  13. 13 times  14. 14 times  15. 15 times  16. 16 times |

Gender (**SEX**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 971  209 |  | 1. Male  2. Female |

Age (**AGE**)

Election results (**RESULT**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 715  289  114  62 |  | 1. lost the election  2. elected in SMD  3. ran in SMD but lost; was elected via PR list (a “zombie”)  4. elected as a pure PR list candidate |

## **2. QUESTIONNAIRE DATA**

### Q1

Which of the following policies is most important to you in this election? What is your second and third most important policy? Please write the number in parentheses.[[3]](#footnote-3) (**Q1\_1** ~ **Q1\_3**)

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 284  44  52  14  214  78  56  1  1  44  15  208  21  4  18  69  57 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 148  100  38  34  303  132  77  1  6  29  46  71  19  11  65  35  65 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 137  57  62  74  177  139  87  1  13  49  27  62  26  52  90  37  90 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  99. no answer |

### Q2

Do you have favorable or unfavorable feelings for or against the following parties and politicians? If you have neither favorable nor unfavorable feelings for a party or politician, please use the "Emotional Thermometer" below to set the temperature at 50 degrees. If you have favorable feelings, please answer with a number between 51 and 100 degrees, depending on the intensity of your feelings, and if you have unfavorable feelings, please answer with a number anywhere between 49 and 0 degrees. Please use an integer between 0 and 100, not a decimal point. (**Q2\_1** to **Q2\_10**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (MEAN) |  |  |
| 45.9  37.6  45.1  41.2  32.5  34.4  39.0  27.9  35.8  40.3 |  | (1) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q2\_1**)  (2) Democratic Party (**Q2\_2**)  (3) Komeito (**Q2\_3**)  (4) Japanese Communist Party (**Q2\_4**)  (5) Japan Innovation Party (**Q2\_5**)  (6) Liberal Party (**Q2\_6**)  (7) Social Democratic Party (**Q2\_7**)  (8) Party for Japanese Kokoro (**Q2\_8**)  (9) New party to be formed by Masaru Wakasa, Goshi Hosono and others (**Q2\_9**)  (10) Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (**Q2\_10**) |
| 999. no answer | | |

### Q3

Do you agree or disagree with the consumption tax rate increase to 10 percent scheduled for October 2019? (**Q3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 288  118  54  129  543  48 |  | 1. agree or unavoidable  2. somewhat agree or unavoidable  3. not sure  4. somewhat opposed or unacceptable  5. opposed or unacceptable  99. no answer |

*If you answered "agree or unavoidable," "somewhat agree or unavoidable," or "not sure" in* ***Q3****, please answer the following question.*

### SQ3

Which of the following do you think is closer to your opinion about how the increased tax revenue should be used if the consumption tax rate is increased, A or B? Please circle the number that applies to you. (**SQ3**)

A: as originally planned, focus on fiscal consolidation, such as redeeming government bonds and funding basic pensions, and use part of the money to enhance social security

B: apply less money than planned toward fiscal consolidation and use it to provide free early childhood education and reduce the burden of higher education

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 26  29  30  243  120  720  12 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  66. not applicable (chose 4 or 5 in **Q3**, or did not answer **Q3**)  99. no answer |

*Again, please answer the following questions.*

### Q4

For the following opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q4\_1** ~ **Q4\_17**)

(1) Japan's defense capabilities should be strengthened (**Q4\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 401  262  145  47  282  43 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(2) Japan should not hesitate to launch a preemptive strike if an attack from another country is expected (**Q4\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 110  116  348  112  440  54 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(3) Pressure should take precedence over dialogue with North Korea (**Q4\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 301  249  191  81  318  40 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(4) The three non-nuclear principles should be adhered to (**Q4\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 700  149  176  23  84  48 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(5) I want the Prime Minister to visit Yasukuni Shrine (**Q4\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 155  136  299  80  448  62 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(6) Smaller government that doesn't cost money is better, even if government services, such as social welfare, get worse (**Q4\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 67  80  318  303  358  54 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(7) Job security through public works is necessary (**Q4\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 159  502  286  167  19  47 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(8) 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 (**Q4\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 100  324  492  164  45  55 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(9) Education should be free from kindergarten and nursery school to university (**Q4\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 454  404  135  46  94  47 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(10) Taxes on people with high incomes and assets should be increased (**Q4\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 428  303  303  26  71  49 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(11) It is natural for privacy and individual rights to be restricted to protect public safety (**Q4\_11**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 14  108  383  222  402  51 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(12) We should promote the acceptance of foreign workers (**Q4\_12**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 81  324  575  123  25  52 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(13) Nuclear power plants that pass the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's review should resume operations (**Q4\_13**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 159  273  192  117  387  52 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(14) Married couples should be allowed by law to continue to use each pre-marital surname after marriage if they wish to do so (**Q4\_14**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 431  221  247  153  70  58 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(15) Marriage between men and women should be recognized by law (**Q4\_15**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 295  181  383  155  103  63 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(16) The age of eligibility for voting should be lowered (**Q4\_16**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 357  395  227  101  50  50 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(17) Parliament should be unicameral (**Q4\_17**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 203  110  214  165  428  60 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  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\_5**)

(1) 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

(**Q5\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 81  132  345  313  250  59 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

(2) 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)

(**Q5\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 51  154  276  247  397  55 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

(3) A: Abolish nuclear power now

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

(**Q5\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 338  145  306  208  132  51 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

(4) 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

(**Q5\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 22  103  322  517  166  50 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

(5) 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

(**Q5\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 247  269  270  88  259  47 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

### Q6

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about long-term economic management? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q6\_1** ~ **Q6\_5**)

(1) Make the sales tax rate higher than 10 percent (**Q6\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 33  126  365  148  458  50 |  | 1. agree or unavoidable  2. somewhat agree or unavoidable  3. not sure  4. somewhat opposed or unacceptable  5. opposed or unacceptable  99. no answer |

(2) Reduce pension and health care benefits below current levels (**Q6\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 18  186  329  270  318  59 |  | 1. agree or unavoidable  2. somewhat agree or unavoidable  3. not sure  4. somewhat opposed or unacceptable  5. opposed or unacceptable  99. no answer |

(3) Reduce protection for uncompetitive industries and companies below current levels (**Q6\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 79  273  384  131  259  54 |  | 1. agree or unavoidable  2. somewhat agree or unavoidable  3. not sure  4. somewhat opposed or unacceptable  5. opposed or unacceptable  99. no answer |

(4) Postpone the achievement of a balanced basic budget (primary balance) (**Q6\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 133  214  455  224  106  48 |  | 1. agree or unavoidable  2. somewhat agree or unavoidable  3. not sure  4. somewhat opposed or unacceptable  5. opposed or unacceptable  99. no answer |

(5) The Bank of Japan will continue its policy of quantitative monetary easing, including purchases of Japanese Government Bonds (**Q6\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 55  304  223  232  320  46 |  | 1. agree or unavoidable  2. somewhat agree or unavoidable  3. not sure  4. somewhat opposed or unacceptable  5. opposed or unacceptable  99. no answer |

### Q7

Do you agree or disagree with the statement "The Constitution should be amended"? (**Q7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 527  181  71  46  297  58 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

*If you answered "agree" or "somewhat agree" in* ***Q7****, please answer the following questions.*

### SQ7\_1

Which of the following items do you think most need amendment? How about the second and third?[[4]](#footnote-4) (**SQ7\_1\_1** ~ **SQ7\_1\_3**)

Items most in need of amendment (**SQ7\_1\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 229  17  60  77  17  36  7  29  93  42  67  472  34 |  | 1. the Self-Defense Forces and renunciation of war  2. rights and obligations of the people  3. constitutional amendment procedure  4. local self-government  5. bicameral system  6. information disclosure  7. privacy rights  8. the right to environmental safety  9. emergency powers clause  10. dissolution of the House of Representatives  11. other  66. not applicable (chose 3, 4, or 5 in **Q7**, or did not answer **Q7**)  99. no answer |

Second item to be amended (**SQ7\_1\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 60  53  39  84  66  40  14  45  144  27  68  472  68 |  | 1. the Self-Defense Forces and renunciation of war  2. rights and obligations of the people  3. constitutional amendment procedure  4. local self-government  5. bicameral system  6. information disclosure  7. privacy rights  8. the right to environmental safety  9. emergency powers clause  10. dissolution of the House of Representatives  11. other  66. not applicable (chose 3, 4, or 5 in **Q7**, or did not answer **Q7**)  99. no answer |

Third item to be amended (**SQ7\_1\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 50  34  55  93  43  31  16  62  77  38  97  472  112 |  | 1. the Self-Defense Forces and renunciation of war  2. rights and obligations of the people  3. constitutional amendment procedure  4. local self-government  5. bicameral system  6. information disclosure  7. privacy rights  8. the right to environmental safety  9. emergency powers clause  10. dissolution of the House of Representatives  11. other  66. not applicable (chose 3, 4, or 5 in **Q7**, or did not answer **Q7**)  99. no answer |

### SQ7\_2

Which of the following is your opinion on the timing of constitutional amendment? Please circle the number that applies. (**SQ7\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 272  389  472  47 |  | 1. I want to amend the Constitution during the next term in the House of Representatives  2. I don't care about the timing of the constitutional amendment  66. not applicable (chose 3, 4, or 5 in **Q7**, or did not answer **Q7**)  99. no answer |

*Again, please answer the following questions.*

### Q8

Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to amend the Constitution to include the meaning and role of the Self-Defense Forces in the Constitution while retaining the current Article 9 Section 1 and 2? Please circle the number that applies to you. (**Q8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 126  218  206  76  484  70 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

### Q9

How do you evaluate the following measures of the 3rd Abe Cabinet (since 2014)? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q9\_1** ~ **Q9\_9**)

(1) General economic policy (Abenomics) (**Q9\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 294  117  43  247  435  44 |  | 1. rate high  2. rate somewhat high  3. not sure  4. rate somewhat low  5. rate low  99. no answer |

(2) The signing of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) (**Q9\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 256  172  198  127  381  46 |  | 1. rate high  2. rate somewhat high  3. not sure  4. rate somewhat low  5. rate low  99. no answer |

(3) Postponing the consumption tax hike (**Q9\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 411  374  170  79  95  51 |  | 1. rate high  2. rate somewhat high  3. not sure  4. rate somewhat low  5. rate low  99. no answer |

(4) Prime Minister's Statement on the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII (**Q9\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 246  227  120  104  433  50 |  | 1. rate high  2. rate somewhat high  3. not sure  4. rate somewhat low  5. rate low  99. no answer |

(5) Passage of security-related legislation (**Q9\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 380  207  61  64  418  50 |  | 1. rate high  2. rate somewhat high  3. not sure  4. rate somewhat low  5. rate low  99. no answer |

(6) Tackling the Northern Territories issue (**Q9\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 198  178  173  206  381  44 |  | 1. rate high  2. rate somewhat high  3. not sure  4. rate somewhat low  5. rate low  99. no answer |

(7) Tackling the North Korean problem (**Q9\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 272  169  85  175  434  45 |  | 1. rate high  2. rate somewhat high  3. not sure  4. rate somewhat low  5. rate low  99. no answer |

(8) Amendments to the Organized Crime Punishment Act (Conspiracy Bill) (**Q9\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 275  155  95  113  491  51 |  | 1. rate high  2. rate somewhat high  3. not sure  4. rate somewhat low  5. rate low  99. no answer |

(9) Response to the Moritomo Gakuen and Kake Gakuen scandals (**Q9\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 58  132  149  62  727  52 |  | 1. rate high  2. rate somewhat high  3. not sure  4. rate somewhat low  5. rate low  99. no answer |

## **3. FREE ANSWERS**

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

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

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

**SQ7\_1\_1\_FA**: free answer of "other" in **SQ7\_1\_1**

**SQ7\_1\_2\_FA**: free answer of "other" in **SQ7\_1\_2**

**SQ7\_1\_3\_FA**: free answer of "other" in **SQ7\_1\_3**

1. Of the invalid responses, 38 were uncollected and two were blank (survey forms were already collected). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Former Democratic Party members who left the party (including expulsions) prior to the September 28, 2017 Democratic Party general assembly of both houses of the Diet (such as Goshi Hosono and Hitoshi Matsubara) are treated as candidates of the Party of Hope (66). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. As for "other," overlap is allowed in **Q1\_1**, **Q1\_2**, and **Q1\_3**. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. As for "other," overlap is allowed in **SQ7\_1\_1**, **SQ7\_1\_2**, and **SQ7\_1\_3**. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)