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

**2017 Voter Survey**

**Official Codebook**

# **SURVEY OVERVIEW**

**1. Survey period**

The survey was conducted by mail immediately after the 48th general election for the House of Representatives (held on October 22, 2017) among 3,000 voters nationwide selected by a stratified two-stage random sampling method. The questionnaire was sent out on October 21, the day before voting day, and 1,778 valid responses were received by December 21 (59.3% response rate).[[1]](#footnote-1)

**2. Details**

The data set to be released includes data from 1,778 valid responses. The data does not include names, detailed addresses, or any other information that could identify the respondents (addresses are listed down to the city).

# **VARIABLES**

## **1. BASIC VARIABLES**

Sorting number (**ID**)

Prefecture (character) (**PREFNAME**)

Municipalities (character) (**CITY**)

Prefecture of the constituency (**PREFEC**)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 7815213118193234322710987169123381618101233386210536 |  | 1. Hokkaido2. Aomori-ken3. Iwate-ken4. Miyagi-ken5. Akita-ken6. Yamagata-ken7. Fukushima-ken8. Ibaraki-ken9. Tochigi-ken10. Gunma-ken11. Saitama-ken12. Chiba-ken13. Tokyo-to14. Kanagawa-ken15. Niigata-ken16. Toyama-ken17. Ishikawa-ken18. Fukui-ken19. Yamanashi-ken20. Nagano-ken21. Gifu-ken22. Shizuoka-ken23. Aichi-ken24. Mie-ken | 183610581201410725382110131966213162721172214 |  | 25. Shiga-ken26. Kyoto-fu27. Osaka-fu28. Hyogo-ken29. Nara-ken30. Wakayama-ken31. Tottori-ken32. Shimane-ken33. Okayama-ken34. Hiroshima-ken35. Yamaguchi-ken36. Tokushima-ken37. Kagawa-ken38. Ehime-ken39. Kochi-ken40. Fukuoka-ken41. Saga-ken42. Nagasaki-ken43. Kumamoto-ken44. Oita-ken45. Miyazaki-ken46. Kagoshima-ken47. Okinawa-ken |

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

## **2. QUESTIONNAIRE DATA**

### Q1

It is not uncommon for people to not go to the polls because they are not interested, not feeling well, or just can't find the time. Did you vote in the House of Representatives election this time? (**Q1**)[[3]](#footnote-3)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 4661312 |  | 1. did not vote2. voted |

*If you answered "voted" in* ***Q1****, please answer the following question.*

### Q2

In the proportional district, for which party did you vote? (**Q2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 49520512592612811082246613 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Party of Hope3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Japan Innovation Party6. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan7. Social Democratic Party8. another party9. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q3

When did you decide to vote for that party in the proportional representation bloc? (**Q3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
|  41519918731818046613 |  | 1. before the House of Representatives was dissolved (before September 27th)2. from the time of dissolution to just before the public announcement (September 28th to October 9th)3. first half of the election period (October 10th to October 15th)4. second half of the election period (October 16th to October 21st)5. on the day of voting (October 22nd）66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q4

For which party's candidate did you vote in the single-member district (SMD)? (**Q4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 6252154211241130113783546620 |  | 1. official candidate of Liberal Democratic Party2. official candidate of Party of Hope3. official candidate of Komeito4. official candidate of Japanese Communist Party5. official candidate of Japan Innovation Party6. official candidate of the Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan7. official candidate of Social Democratic Party8. official candidate of another party9. independent candidate10. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q5

Which of the following policies is most important to you in this election? What is your second and third most important policy? Please write the number in parentheses. (**Q5\_1** ~ **Q5\_3**)[[4]](#footnote-4)

The most important policy (**Q5\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 313140252112326635125654177145482846631 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

The second most important policy (**Q5\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1481553212166239563026539122516746466127 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

The third most important policy (**Q5\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1261233323126130745125851711395201018466162 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q6

Which of the following political parties do you think would be able to successfully address your most important policy concerns? Please answer from the first to the third (put only one number for each in parentheses). (**Q6\_1** ~ **Q6\_3**)[[5]](#footnote-5)

The party that can handle it best (**Q6\_1**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 68282725336218589046666 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Party of Hope3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Japan Innovation Party6. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan7. Social Democratic Party8. another party9. there is no such party66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

The party that can handle it second-best (**Q6\_2**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 130151247601072003070466380 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Party of Hope3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Japan Innovation Party6. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan7. Social Democratic Party8. another party9. there is no such party66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

The party that can handle it third-best (**Q6\_3**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 4914093531271854750466613 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Party of Hope3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Japan Innovation Party6. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan7. Social Democratic Party8. another party9. there is no such party66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q7

To what extent did you consider the following factors when deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election? Please circle one number for each item that applies to you. (**Q7\_1** ~ **Q7\_6**)

Government performance (**Q7\_1**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 2664732791368246676 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

The policies and commitments of parties (**Q7\_2**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 265594259873946668 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

Ability and attractiveness of party leaders (**Q7\_3**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 329500266876246668 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

The policies and commitments of individual candidates (**Q7\_4**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 1334763571887946679 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

Ability and attractiveness of individual candidates (**Q7\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 14345235518610046676 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

Encouragement to vote for a party or candidate, etc. (**Q7\_6**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4614822423358446677 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

*Again, please answer the following questions.*

### Q8

For which party did you vote in the proportional representation district of the last Upper House election (July 2016)? (**Q8**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 658333132957213410482130335 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Initiatives from Osaka6. Social Democratic Party7. another party66. forgot77. did not have the right to vote90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)99. did not vote999. no answer |

### Q9

Which of the following political parties do you think is capable of assuming power? Whether you like them or not, please circle all the parties that you think have the ability to govern. (**Q9\_1** ~ **Q9\_6**)

Liberal Democratic Party (**Q9\_1**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 422129066 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

Party of Hope (**Q9\_2**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 157513766 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

Komeito (**Q9\_3**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 156514766 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

Japanese Communist Party (**Q9\_4**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 16526066 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

Japan Innovation Party (**Q9\_5**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 16258766 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan (**Q9\_6**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 140330966 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

Social Democratic Party (**Q9\_7**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 16991366 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

Democratic Party (**Q9\_8**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 16476566 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

There is no such party (**Q9\_9**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 148222967 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

### Q10

How much do you trust the government of Japan? (**Q10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5466267234446 |  | 1. always trust it2. mostly trust it3. sometimes trust it4. do not trust it at all99. no answer |

### Q11

What do you think about the following two opinions? For each item in (1) and (2), please circle the number that applies to you. (**Q11\_1** ~ **Q11\_2**)

(1) Politicians do not care much about people like us. (**Q11\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5135634631226453 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(2) People like me do not have the power to influence the government. (**Q11\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 44050942219216748 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

### Q12

As long as you are not a politician or a pundit, it is quite normal for some people to know a lot about politics and others not so much. What do you think about yourself? Please circle only one. (**Q12**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4930556554926941 |  | 1. know a lot2. know something3. not sure4. do not know much5. know very little99. no answer |

### Q13

Which newspapers do you usually read to get information about politics? Please circle all that apply. We will never use this survey as a basis for soliciting or selling newspaper subscriptions, so please answer as you see fit. (**Q13\_1** ~ **Q13\_10**)

(1) Asahi Shimbun (**Q13\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 149424341 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(2) Yomiuri Shimbun (**Q13\_2**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 141332441 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(3) Mainichi Shimbun (**Q13\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 163410341 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(4) Nihon Keizai Shimbun (**Q13\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 158515241 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(5) Sankei Shimbun (**Q13\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 16746341 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(6) Chunichi Shimbun (**Q13\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 161512241 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(7) Nishinippon Shimbun (**Q13\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 17122541 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(8) Newspaper from your prefecture (**Q13\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 126647141 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(9) Other newspapers (**Q13\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 16607741 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

(10) No such newspaper (or do not usually read newspapers) (**Q13\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 129444341 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

### Q14

What do you think is the current state of the Japanese economy? (**Q14**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2641558753616252 |  | 1. very good2. somewhat good3. not sure4. somewhat bad5. very bad99. no answer |

### Q15

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? For each item in (1) and (2), please circle the number that applies to you. (**Q15\_1** ~ **Q15\_2**)

(1) Even when I face difficult problems in life, I actively solve them in my own way. (**Q15\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1907906251062146 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(2) I want to be involved in issues in society to make it better. (**Q15\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5339684033710349 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

### Q16

Do you think Prime Minister Abe is doing a good job or not in general? (**Q16**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 27961845219119642 |  | 1. doing a good job2. doing a good job, if anything3. not sure4. not doing a good job, if anything5. not doing a good job99. no answer |

### Q17

How do you evaluate the following policies of the 3rd Abe Cabinet (since 2014)? Please circle one number for each item that applies to you. (**Q17\_1** ~ **Q17\_9**)

General economic policy (Abenomics) (**Q17\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 14451956529720251 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively99. no answer |

Conclusion of Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) (**Q17\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 8438182426315373 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively99. no answer |

Postponement of consumption tax hike (**Q17\_3**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 23951458023615653 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively99. no answer |

Prime Minister's Statement on the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII (**Q17\_4**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 65278980192160103 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively99. no answer |

Passage of security-related bills (**Q17\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 15241765524822482 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively99. no answer |

Efforts to address the Northern Territories issue (**Q17\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5421865748630954 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively99. no answer |

Efforts to address the North Korean problem (**Q17\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 12134347745233550 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively99. no answer |

Amendment to the Organized Crime Punishment Act (Conspiracy Bill) (**Q17\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 11931071327928176 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively99. no answer |

Response to the Moritomo Gakuen and Kake Gakuen issues (**Q17\_9**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 486330534097547 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively99. no answer |

### Q18

Many people seem to think that “in the long run, I lean toward party X.” Although it is possible that you will vote for another party in the short term, in the long run, which party would you say you lean toward? (**Q18**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 80364855866230849536644 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Party of Hope3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Japan Innovation Party6. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan7. Social Democratic Party8. the Democratic Party9. another party10. no party in particular99. no answer |

### Q19

Is there a political party that you would never want to vote for in the future? If so, which party is it? Please circle all that apply. (**Q19\_1** ~ **Q19\_9**)

Liberal Democratic Party (**Q19\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 144627458 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

Party of Hope (**Q19\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 133138958 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

Komeito (**Q19\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 125246858 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

Japanese Communist Party (**Q19\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 98573558 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

Japan Innovation Party (**Q19\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 150421658 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan (**Q19\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 153418658 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

Social Democratic Party (**Q19\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 131340758 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

Democratic Party (**Q19\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 141330758 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

Other parties (**Q19\_9**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 16784258 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

There is no such party (**Q19\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 127744358 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

### Q20

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. (**Q20\_1** to **Q20\_12**)[[6]](#footnote-6)

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| (MEAN) |  |  |
| 54.438.440.131.343.247.932.947.940.050.251.046.5 |  | (1) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q20\_1**)(2) Party of Hope (**Q20\_2**)(3) Komeito (**Q20\_3**)(4) Japanese Communist Party (**Q20\_4**)(5) Japan Innovation Party (**Q20\_5**)(6) Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan (**Q20\_6**)(7) Social Democratic Party (**Q20\_7**)(8) Shinzo Abe (**Q20\_8**)(9) Yuriko Koike (**Q20\_9**)(10) Yukio Edano (**Q20\_10**)(11) Shigeru Ishiba (**Q20\_11**)(12) Fumio Kishida (**Q20\_12**) |
| 999. no answer |

### Q21

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. (**Q21**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 13163495115781132131862814333 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

### Q22

Do you agree or disagree with the consumption tax rate increase to 10 percent scheduled for October 2019? (**Q22\_1**)[[7]](#footnote-7)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 24353627734632551 |  | 1. agree or unavoidable2. somewhat agree or unavoidable3. not sure4. somewhat opposed or unacceptable5. opposed or unacceptable99. no answer |

*If you answered "agree or unavoidable," "somewhat agree or unavoidable," or "not sure" in* ***Q22\_1****, please answer the following question.*

### Q22\_2

Which of the following 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. (**Q22\_2**)

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) |  |  |
| 4182868714011670625 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. no answer |

*Again, please answer the following questions.*

### Q23

For the following opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q23\_1** ~ **Q23\_17**)

(1) Japan's defense capabilities should be strengthened (**Q23\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 400 5735091638449 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(2) Japan should not hesitate to launch a preemptive strike if an attack from another country is expected (**Q23\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 18631455539826956 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(3) Pressure should take precedence over dialogue with North Korea (**Q23\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 31445355226214453 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(4) The three non-nuclear principles should be adhered to (**Q23\_4**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 666430471 895369 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(5) I want the Prime Minister to visit Yasukuni Shrine (**Q23\_5**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 27428279215721855 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(6) Smaller government that doesn't cost money is better, even if government services, such as social welfare, get worse (**Q23\_6**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 11818479445815866 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(7) Job security through public works is necessary (**Q23\_7**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 2676546071345066 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. 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 (**Q23\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1404448212157880 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(9) Education should be free from nursery school and kindergarten to university (**Q23\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 25031851741122854 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

 (10) Taxes on people with high incomes and assets should be increased (**Q23\_10**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 575659356924353 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(11) It is natural for privacy and individual rights to be restricted to protect public safety (**Q23\_11**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 27048157424714561 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(12) We should promote the acceptance of foreign workers (**Q23\_12**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 8535885230512553 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(13) Nuclear power plants that pass the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's review should resume operations (**Q23\_13**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 13329250137442256 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. 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 (**Q23\_14**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 28337765822218850 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(15) Marriage between men and women should be recognized by law (**Q23\_15**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 20135968223125649 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(16) The age of eligibility for voting should be lowered (**Q23\_16**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 6311963651539550 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(17) Parliament should be unicameral (**Q23\_17**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 24026767228826051 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

### Q24

For each of the following issues, is your opinion closer to A or B? For each item, please circle the number that applies. (**Q24\_1** ~ **Q24\_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

(**Q24\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 12842563236813392 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. 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)

(**Q24\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 22439635437037064 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(3) A: Abolish nuclear power now

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

(**Q24\_3**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 33831857131716866 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. 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

(**Q24\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 239567559830582 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. 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

(**Q24\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1323647953108889 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(6) A: Globalization is an opportunity, and I have high expectations

B: Globalization is a risk, and I am anxious about it

(**Q24\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1274118722067587 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(7) A: The development of artificial intelligence (AI) will make my life more convenient

B: The development of artificial intelligence (AI) threatens my life

(**Q24\_7**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1684706772969176 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

### Q25

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about long-term economic management? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q25\_1** ~ **Q25\_5**)

(1) Make the sales tax rate higher than 10 percent (**Q25\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 8226132756050444 |  | 1. agree or unavoidable2. somewhat agree or unavoidable3. not sure4. somewhat opposed or unacceptable5. opposed or unacceptable99. no answer |

(2) Reduce pension and health care benefits below current levels (**Q25\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5718658254834164 |  | 1. agree or unavoidable2. somewhat agree or unavoidable3. not sure4. somewhat opposed or unacceptable5. opposed or unacceptable99. no answer |

(3) Reduce protection for uncompetitive industries and companies below current levels (**Q25\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1043279242529378 |  | 1. agree or unavoidable2. somewhat agree or unavoidable3. not sure4. somewhat opposed or unacceptable5. opposed or unacceptable99. no answer |

(4) Postpone the achievement of a balanced basic budget (primary balance) (**Q25\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2311212102617597 |  | 1. agree or unavoidable2. somewhat agree or unavoidable3. not sure4. somewhat opposed or unacceptable5. opposed or unacceptable99. no answer |

(5) The Bank of Japan will continue its policy of quantitative monetary easing, including purchases of Japanese Government Bonds (**Q25\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 6332010032277986 |  | 1. agree or unavoidable2. somewhat agree or unavoidable3. not sure4. somewhat opposed or unacceptable5. opposed or unacceptable99. no answer |

### Q26

Do you agree or disagree with the statement "The Constitution should be amended"? (**Q26\_1**)[[8]](#footnote-8)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 270315488233157315 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

*If you answered "agree" or "somewhat agree" in* ***Q26\_1****, please answer the following questions.*

### Q26\_2

Which of the following items do you think most need amendment? How about the second and third? (**Q26\_2\_1** ~ **Q26\_2\_3**)

Item most in need of amendment (**Q26\_2\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 360818327391892271610109412 |  | 1. the Self-Defense Forces and renunciation of war2. rights and obligations of the people3. constitutional amendment procedure4. local self-government5. bicameral system6. information disclosure7. privacy rights8. the right to environmental safety9. emergency powers clause10. dissolution of the House of Representatives11. other66. not applicable99. no answer |

Second item to be amended (**Q26\_2\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 9110710858604738974243109564 |  | 1. the Self-Defense Forces and renunciation of war2. rights and obligations of the people3. constitutional amendment procedure4. local self-government5. bicameral system6. information disclosure7. privacy rights8. the right to environmental safety9. emergency powers clause10. dissolution of the House of Representatives11. other66. not applicable99. no answer |

Third item to be amended (**Q26\_2\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4355946041794827725861095100 |  | 1. the Self-Defense Forces and renunciation of war2. rights and obligations of the people3. constitutional amendment procedure4. local self-government5. bicameral system6. information disclosure7. privacy rights8. the right to environmental safety9. emergency powers clause10. dissolution of the House of Representatives11. other66. not applicable99. no answer |

*If you answered "disagree," "somewhat disagree," or "* *not sure" in* ***Q26\_1****, please answer the following questions.*

### Q26\_3

Which of the following items do you think is least in need of amendment? How about the second and third? (**Q26\_3\_1** ~ **Q26\_3\_3**)

Item least in need of amendment (**Q26\_3\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 622146426125173784789117 |  | 1. the Self-Defense Forces and renunciation of war2. rights and obligations of the people3. constitutional amendment procedure4. local self-government5. bicameral system6. information disclosure7. privacy rights8. the right to environmental safety9. emergency powers clause10. dissolution of the House of Representatives11. other66. not applicable99. no answer |

Second item not to be amended (**Q26\_3\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 91372124224029591219121788209 |  | 1. the Self-Defense Forces and renunciation of war2. rights and obligations of the people3. constitutional amendment procedure4. local self-government5. bicameral system6. information disclosure7. privacy rights8. the right to environmental safety9. emergency powers clause10. dissolution of the House of Representatives11. other66. not applicable99. no answer |

Third item not to be amended (**Q26\_3\_3**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 441011825361711014142241789268 |  | 1. the Self-Defense Forces and renunciation of war2. rights and obligations of the people3. constitutional amendment procedure4. local self-government5. bicameral system6. information disclosure7. privacy rights8. the right to environmental safety9. emergency powers clause10. dissolution of the House of Representatives11. other66. not applicable99. no answer |

*Again, please answer the following questions.*

### Q27

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. (**Q27**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 20946157725019685 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

### F1

Are you a man or a woman? (**F1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 85191017 |  | 1. man2. woman99. no answer |

### F2

How old are you as of October 22, 2017? (**F2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 18 15217829630138443118 |  | 1. 10's2. 20's3. 30's4. 40's5. 50's6. 60's7. 70's or over99. no answer |

### F3

What is your final education? (**F3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 202 707201143443292132 |  | 1. elementary school or junior high school2. high school3. vocational school4. short-term college5. university6. graduate school7. others99. no answer |

### F4

I would like to ask you about your occupation, please circle one from 1 to 9. If you don't know which one, please circle "9" and write your occupation in the "Other" box. (**F4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 493 7617851236300572887128 |  | 1. company employee2. public servant3. self-employed or free enterprise4. agricultural, forestry, or fishing industries5. temporary work or part-time work6. homemaker7. student8. without a job9. other99. no answer |

## **3. FREE ANSWERS[[9]](#footnote-9)**

**Q2FA**: free answer of "another party" in Q2

**Q4FA**: free answer of "official candidate of another party" in Q4

**Q5FA**: free answer of "other" in Q5

**Q6FA**: free answer of another party" in Q6

**Q8FA**: free answer of another party" in Q8

**Q13FA**: free answer of "Other newspapers" in Q13

**Q18FA**: free answer of "another party" in Q18

**Q19FA**: free answer of "Other parties" in Q19

**Q26\_2FA**: free answer of "other" in Q26\_2

**Q26\_3FA**: free answer of "other" in Q26\_3

**F3FA**: free answer of "other" in F3

**F4FA**: free answer of "other" in F4

1. The denominator of the collection rate includes cases in which the questionnaires did not reach the survey targets due to death, relocation, or other reasons. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Entered the number of House of Representatives constituencies for each prefecture. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. If the respondent circled "1. did not vote" and had answered Q2 or Q4, the answer was modified to "2. voted". If the respondent did not answer, the answer was "2. voted" if the respondent had answered Q2 or Q4, and "1. did not vote" if the respondent had not answered. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. If the respondents did not put their answers in parentheses and circled any one number, that number was entered in the column for the most important policy. However, if the respondents circled two or more items, they were all considered to be non-responses. If the top item was unanswered and there was a response to a lower item, the ranking was moved up. If the same item was selected more than once, the higher-ranked item was given priority, and the lower-ranked response was treated as no response. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. If a response was not entered in parentheses and any one number was circled, that number was entered in the column for the party that could best handle the situation. However, if two or more were circled, all were considered non-responses. If the top item was unanswered and there was a response to a lower item, the ranking was moved up. If the same item was selected more than once, the higher-ranked item was given priority, and the lower-ranked response was treated as no response. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. If the answer was not a whole number, an integer was entered after rounding. If the answer was a negative value or was entered as "absolute zero" or some other value, 0 was entered, and if the answer was a value greater than 100, 100 was entered. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. If Q22 was unanswered but there was an answer to Q22-2, the code as answered was entered for Q22-2 (Q22 remained unanswered). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. If Q26 was not answered and there was an answer to Q26-2 or Q26-3, the code as answered was entered for Q26-2 or Q26-3, and 99 was entered for Q26. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Even if the “Other” option was circled, if the specific answer clearly corresponded to an existing option, it was treated as having been chosen. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)