**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) |  |  |
| 78  15  21  31  18  19  32  34  32  27  109  87  169  123  38  16  18  10  12  33  38  62  105  36 |  | 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 | 18  36  105  81  20  14  10  7  25  38  21  10  13  19  6  62  13  16  27  21  17  22  14 |  | 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 |

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)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 466  1312 |  | 1. did not vote  2. 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) |  |  |
| 495  205  125  92  61  281  10  8  22  466  13 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Party of Hope  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Japan Innovation Party  6. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan  7. Social Democratic Party  8. another party  9. 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) |  |  |
| 415  199  187  318  180  466  13 |  | 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) |  |  |
| 625  215  42  112  41  130  11  3  78  35  466  20 |  | 1. official candidate of Liberal Democratic Party  2. official candidate of Party of Hope  3. official candidate of Komeito  4. official candidate of Japanese Communist Party  5. official candidate of Japan Innovation Party  6. official candidate of the Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan  7. official candidate of Social Democratic Party  8. official candidate of another party  9. independent candidate  10. 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) |  |  |
| 313  140  25  21  123  266  35  12  5  65  4  177  14  5  48  28  466  31 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 148  155  32  12  166  239  56  30  26  53  9  122  51  6  74  6  466  127 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 126  123  33  23  126  130  74  51  25  85  17  113  95  20  101  8  466  162 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  66. not applicable (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**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 682  82  72  53  36  218  5  8  90  466  66 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Party of Hope  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Japan Innovation Party  6. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan  7. Social Democratic Party  8. another party  9. there is no such party  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 130  151  247  60  107  200  30  7  0  466  380 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Party of Hope  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Japan Innovation Party  6. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan  7. Social Democratic Party  8. another party  9. there is no such party  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 49  140  93  53  127  185  47  5  0  466  613 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Party of Hope  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Japan Innovation Party  6. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan  7. Social Democratic Party  8. another party  9. there is no such party  66. 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**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 266  473  279  136  82  466  76 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 265  594  259  87  39  466  68 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 329  500  266  87  62  466  68 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 133  476  357  188  79  466  79 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 143  452  355  186  100  466  76 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 46  148  224  233  584  466  77 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  66. 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**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 658  333  132  95  72  13  4  104  8  21  303  35 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Democratic Party  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Initiatives from Osaka  6. Social Democratic Party  7. another party  66. forgot  77. did not have the right to vote  90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)  99. did not vote  999. 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**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 422  1290  66 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1575  137  66 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Komeito (**Q9\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1565  147  66 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1652  60  66 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1625  87  66 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1403  309  66 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1699  13  66 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Democratic Party (**Q9\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1647  65  66 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1482  229  67 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

### Q10

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 54  662  672  344  46 |  | 1. always trust it  2. mostly trust it  3. sometimes trust it  4. do not trust it at all  99. 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) |  |  |
| 513  563  463  122  64  53 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 440  509  422  192  167  48 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. 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) |  |  |
| 49  305  565  549  269  41 |  | 1. know a lot  2. know something  3. not sure  4. do not know much  5. know very little  99. 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) |  |  |
| 1494  243  41 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1413  324  41 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1634  103  41 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1585  152  41 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1674  63  41 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1615  122  41 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1712  25  41 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1266  471  41 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1660  77  41 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1294  443  41 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

### Q14

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 26  415  587  536  162  52 |  | 1. very good  2. somewhat good  3. not sure  4. somewhat bad  5. very bad  99. 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) |  |  |
| 190  790  625  106  21  46 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 53  396  840  337  103  49 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

### Q16

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 279  618  452  191  196  42 |  | 1. doing a good job  2. doing a good job, if anything  3. not sure  4. not doing a good job, if anything  5. not doing a good job  99. 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) |  |  |
| 144  519  565  297  202  51 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 84  381  824  263  153  73 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 239  514  580  236  156  53 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 65  278  980  192  160  103 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 152  417  655  248  224  82 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 54  218  657  486  309  54 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 121  343  477  452  335  50 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 119  310  713  279  281  76 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 48  63  305  340  975  47 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  99. 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) |  |  |
| 803  64  85  58  66  230  8  49  5  366  44 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Party of Hope  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Japan Innovation Party  6. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan  7. Social Democratic Party  8. the Democratic Party  9. another party  10. no party in particular  99. 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) |  |  |
| 1446  274  58 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1331  389  58 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Komeito (**Q19\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1252  468  58 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 985  735  58 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1504  216  58 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1534  186  58 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1313  407  58 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Democratic Party (**Q19\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1413  307  58 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Other parties (**Q19\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1678  42  58 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1277  443  58 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. 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) |  |  |
| 54.4  38.4  40.1  31.3  43.2  47.9  32.9  47.9  40.0  50.2  51.0  46.5 |  | (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) |  |  |
| 13  16  34  95  115  781  132  131  86  28  14  333 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. 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) |  |  |
| 243  536  277  346  325  51 |  | 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* ***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) |  |  |
| 418  286  87  140  116  706  25 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  66. not applicable  99. no answer |

*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  573  509  163  84  49 |  | 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 (**Q23\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 186  314  555  398  269  56 |  | 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 (**Q23\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 314  453  552  262  144  53 |  | 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 (**Q23\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 666  430  471  89  53  69 |  | 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 (**Q23\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 274  282  792  157  218  55 |  | 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 (**Q23\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 118  184  794  458  158  66 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 267  654  607  134  50  66 |  | 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 (**Q23\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 140  444  821  215  78  80 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 250  318  517  411  228  54 |  | 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 (**Q23\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 575  659  356  92  43  53 |  | 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 (**Q23\_11**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 270  481  574  247  145  61 |  | 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 (**Q23\_12**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 85  358  852  305  125  53 |  | 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 (**Q23\_13**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 133  292  501  374  422  56 |  | 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 (**Q23\_14**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 283  377  658  222  188  50 |  | 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 (**Q23\_15**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 201  359  682  231  256  49 |  | 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 (**Q23\_16**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 63  119  636  515  395  50 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 240  267  672  288  260  51 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. 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) |  |  |
| 128  425  632  368  133  92 |  | 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)

(**Q24\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 224  396  354  370  370  64 |  | 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

(**Q24\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 338  318  571  317  168  66 |  | 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

(**Q24\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 23  95  675  598  305  82 |  | 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

(**Q24\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 132  364  795  310  88  89 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. 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) |  |  |
| 127  411  872  206  75  87 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. 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**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 168  470  677  296  91  76 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. 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) |  |  |
| 82  261  327  560  504  44 |  | 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 (**Q25\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 57  186  582  548  341  64 |  | 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 (**Q25\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 104  327  924  252  93  78 |  | 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) (**Q25\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 23  112  1210  261  75  97 |  | 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 (**Q25\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 63  320  1003  227  79  86 |  | 1. agree or unavoidable  2. somewhat agree or unavoidable  3. not sure  4. somewhat opposed or unacceptable  5. opposed or unacceptable  99. no answer |

### Q26

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 270  315  488  233  157  315 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. 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) |  |  |
| 360  81  83  27  39  18  9  2  27  16  10  1094  12 |  | 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  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 91  107  108  58  60  47  38  9  74  24  3  1095  64 |  | 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  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 43  55  94  60  41  79  48  27  72  58  6  1095  100 |  | 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  99. 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) |  |  |
| 622  146  42  6  12  5  17  3  7  8  4  789  117 |  | 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  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 91  372  124  22  40  29  59  12  19  12  1  788  209 |  | 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  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 44  101  182  53  61  71  101  41  42  24  1  789  268 |  | 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  99. 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) |  |  |
| 209  461  577  250  196  85 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

### F1

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 851  910  17 |  | 1. man  2. woman  99. no answer |

### F2

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 18  152  178  296  301  384  431  18 |  | 1. 10's  2. 20's  3. 30's  4. 40's  5. 50's  6. 60's  7. 70's or over  99. no answer |

### F3

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 202  707  201  143  443  29  21  32 |  | 1. elementary school or junior high school  2. high school  3. vocational school  4. short-term college  5. university  6. graduate school  7. others  99. 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  76  178  51  236  300  57  288  71  28 |  | 1. company employee  2. public servant  3. self-employed or free enterprise  4. agricultural, forestry, or fishing industries  5. temporary work or part-time work  6. homemaker  7. student  8. without a job  9. other  99. 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)