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

**2020 Voter Survey**

**Official Codebook**

# **SURVEY OVERVIEW**

**1. Survey period**

The survey was conducted by mail among 3,000 voters selected by the stratified two-stage random sampling method from among voters nationwide. The survey was sent out on March 4, 2020, and received 2,053 valid responses by April 13, 2020 (68.4% response rate). In addition, this survey was conducted at the same time as the “National Opinion Poll on the Constitution” conducted by the Public Opinion Research Department of the Asahi Shimbun. Q30-36 in the survey were conducted as the UTAS, while the rest of the questions correspond to the “National Opinion Poll on the Constitution”. Some of the questions in the “National Opinion Poll on the Constitution” were kindly provided by the Asahi Shimbun.

**2. Details**

The data set to be released includes data from 2,053 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**)

Date when the response was received (**Date**)

Term when the response was received (**Term**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1,068600197188 |  | 1. - March 13, 20202. March 14, 2020 - March 22, 20203. March 23, 2020 - March 26, 20204. March 27, 2020 - |

City size (**Scale**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 582754544173 |  | 1. 21 Metropolis2. Cities with more than 100,000 voters3. Other cities4. Towns and villages |

Regional block (**Area**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 86143675146255338181229 |  | 1. Hokkaido2. Tohoku3. Kanto4. Koshin-etsu, Hokuriku5. Tokai6. Kinki (Kansai)7. Chugoku, Shikoku8. Kyushu |

House of Representatives proportional block (**PR**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 8614323424121613025533812160229 |  | 1. Hokkaido2. Tohoku3. North Kanto4. South Kanto5. Tokyo6. Hokuriku, Shin-etsu7. Tokai8. Kinki (Kansai)9. Chugoku10. Shikoku11. Kyushu |

## **2. QUESTIONNAIRE DATA**

### Q1

First, I would like to ask you about the current political situation. Do you support the Abe cabinet or not? (**Q1**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 866988199 |  | 1. support2. do not suport3. other, no answer |

### Q3

If you were to vote in the House of Representatives election now, which party would you vote for in the proportional district? (**Q3**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 90835161112126164314395341163 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Constitutional Democratic Party3. Democratic Party for the People4. Komeito5. Japanese Communist Party6. Japan Innovation Party7. Social Democratic Party8. Party of Hope9. The Party to Protect Citizens from NHK10. Reiwa Shinsengumi11. another party99. no answer |

### Q4

How much do you trust the Japanese politics? (**Q4**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 4286887424425 |  | 1. very trust2. somewhat trust3. do not very trust4. do not trust at all5. other, no answer |

### Q18

Prime Minister Abe is proposing a constitutional amendment that would leave Article 9, Paragraphs 1 and 2, as they are, and specify the existence of the Self-Defense Forces. Are you in favor of such an amendment to Article 9? Are you against it? (**Q18**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 8511,021181 |  | 1. support2. oppose3. other, no answer |

### Q20

Do you think it is necessary to change the current Japanese Constitution? Do you think there is no need to change it? (**Q20**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 882941230 |  | 1. need to change2. no need to change3. others, no answer |

### Q30

Which is the political issue that you want government to be more involved in solving? (**Q30**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 203431173770219541543145 |  | 1. diplomacy / security2. economic / employment measures3. fiscal reconstruction4. pensions / medical and nursing care5. education / parenting6. nuclear energy policy7. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)8. other99. no answer |

### Q31

Regardless of whether you support or not, which political party do you think would be able to successfully address the issue you want politics to prioritize the most? (**Q31**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 852203361098410812311241351088 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Constitutional Democratic Party3. Democratic Party for the People4. Komeito5. Japanese Communist Party6. Japan Innovation Party7. Social Democratic Party8. Party of Hope9. The Party to Protect Citizens from NHK10. Reiwa Shinsengumi11. another party12. there is no such party99. no answer |

### Q32

For the following opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? (**Q32\_1** ~ **Q32\_10**)

(1) Japan's defense capabilities should be strengthened (**Q32\_1**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 55253564914015324 |  | 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 (**Q32\_2**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 25232371137036928 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(3) Pressure should take precedence over dialogue with North Korea (**Q32\_3**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 44141965627124125 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(4) Smaller government that doesn't cost money is better, even if government services, such as social welfare, get worse (**Q32\_4**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 14719278252637036 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(5) Job security through public works is necessary (**Q32\_5**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 4847385951485236 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(6) 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 (**Q32\_6**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 4016047361948038 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(7) It is unavoidable that the consumption tax rate will be 10% or higher in the future (**Q32\_7**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 18139445440859917 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(8) It is natural for privacy and individual rights to be restricted to protect public safety (**Q32\_8**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 27445360236732235 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(9) Marriage between men and women should be recognized by law (**Q32\_9**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 49044363317429023 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(10) Married couples should be allowed by law to continue to use each pre-marital surname after marriage if they wish to do so (**Q32\_10**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 64652251317218119 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

### Q33

For each of the following issues, is your opinion closer to A or B? (**Q33\_1** ~ **Q33\_3**)

(1) A: The Japan-U.S. Security Treaty should be strengthened to ensure cooperation by the United States in times of crisis

B: We should be cautious about strengthening the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty to avoid getting involved in wars that have nothing to do with Japan

(**Q33\_1**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 20742147149642137 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(2) A: Improving economic competitiveness should be a priority now, even if there are some social disparities

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

(**Q33\_2**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 16441168846128247 |  | 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

(**Q33\_3**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 42337757837726434 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

### Q34

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? (**Q34**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 919265399588101260820841668 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Constitutional Democratic Party3. Democratic Party for the People4. Komeito5. Japanese Communist Party6. Japan Innovation Party7. Social Democratic Party8. Party of Hope9. The Party to Protect Citizens from NHK10. Reiwa Shinsengumi11. another party12. there is no such party99. no answer |

### Q35

Do you have favorable or unfavorable feelings for or against the following parties and politicians? Please score each of the four items from (1) to (4) as a whole number between 0 and 100, with 0 being “strong antipathy,” 50 being “neutral,” and 100 being “strong favorable.” (**Q35\_1** ~ **Q35\_4**)[[1]](#footnote-1)

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| (MEAN) |  |  |
| 49.5841.5138.5738.35 |  | (1) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q35\_1**)(2) Shinzo Abe (**Q35\_2**)(3) Constitutional Democratic Party (**Q35\_3**)(4) Yukio Edano (**Q35\_4**) |
| 999. no answer |

### Q36

In the proportional district of last summer’s House of Councilors election, for which party did you vote? (**Q36**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 756320521271211262641231837766 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Constitutional Democratic Party3. Democratic Party for the People4. Komeito5. Japanese Communist Party6. Japan Innovation Party7. Social Democratic Party8. Reiwa Shinsengumi9. The Party to Protect Citizens from NHK10. another party11. did not vote99. no answer |

### Q37

Are you a man or a woman? (**Q37**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 9451,08424 |  | 1. man2. woman99. no answer |

### Q38

How old are you? (**Q38**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 4290941011441801831561481851652011581048715 |  | 1. 18, 192. 20 - 243. 25 - 294. 30 - 345. 35 - 396. 40 - 447. 45 - 298. 50 - 549. 55 - 5910. 60 - 6411. 65 - 6912. 70 - 7413. 75 - 7914. 80 - 8415. over 8599. no answer |

### Q39

I would like to ask you about your occupation. (**Q39\_1**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 5713531526824162048 |  | 1. clerical and technical workers2. manufacturing and service workers3. self-employed person4. agricultural, forestry, and fisheries worker5. homemaker6. other, unemployed person99. no answer |

*If you answered "* *clerical and technical workers," or "* *manufacturing and service workers " in* ***Q39****, please answer* ***Q39-A****.*

### Q39-A

Which of the following applies to your employment status? (**Q39\_2**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 77554240531,129 |  | 1. regular employment of public servants2. full-time employment in private companies and organizations3. non-regular employment such as temporary and part-time work4. other, no answer99. not applicable |

### Q41

What is your final education? (**Q41**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1967882501885364946 |  | 1. elementary school or junior high school2. high school3. vocational school4. short-term college5. university6. graduate school7. others, no answer |

### Q44

What is your standard of living? (**Q44**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 44034577453220910445 |  | 1. upper2. lower-upper3. upper-middle4. middle5. lower middle6. upper-lower7. lower99. no answer |

1. 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-1)