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

**2021 Political Leader Survey**

**Official Codebook**

**SURVEY OVERVIEW**

**1. Survey period**

Questionnaires were distributed from September 2, 2021, and collected until just before the day of the House of Representatives election (October 31).

**2. Survey targets**

1,051 candidates for the 2021 House of Representatives election.

**3.** **Survey method**

Conducted by the Asahi Shimbun political group and regional directorates. Basically, the responses were collected through a web-based format.

**4. Number of valid respondents**

1,007 (95.81% effective response rate).

**VARIABLES**

**1. BASIC VARIABLES**

Sorting number (**ID**)

Candidates’ name in kanji (**NAME**)

Candidates’ name in kana (**KANA**)

Response status (**RESPONSE**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 44  1,007 |  | 0. no valid responses  1. valid responses available |

Prefecture of the constituency (**PREFEC**)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 32  8  8  17  6  7  10  19  12  14  44  39  96  51  16  8  10  4  6  12  16  23  41  10 |  | 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 | 11  20  67  38  10  10  4  6  15  24  9  7  7  12  7  35  4  13  10  9  9  10  11  194 |  | 25. Shiga-ken  26. Kyoto-fu  27. Osaka-fu  28. Hyogo-ken  29. Nara-ken  30. Wakayama-ken  31. Tottori-ken  32. Shimane-ken  33. Okayama-ken  34. Hiroshima-ken  35. Yamaguchi-ken  36. Tokushima-ken  37. Kagawa-ken  38. Ehime-ken  39. Kochi-ken  40. Fukuoka-ken  41. Saga-ken  42. Nagasaki-ken  43. Kumamoto-ken  44. Oita-ken  45. Miyazaki-ken  46. Kagoshima-ken  47. Okinawa-ken  66. not applicable (candidate who ran only from PR) |

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

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 857  194 |  | 1～25.  66. not applicable (candidate who ran only from proportional representation (PR)) |

Dummy variable for PR (**PR**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 857  194 |  | 0. candidate who ran from single-member district (SMD)  1. candidate who ran only from PR |

PR-block (**PRBLOCK**)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 43  58  86  93  100  53 |  | 51. Hokkaido  52. Tohoku  53. Kita-Kanto  54. Minami-Kanto  55. Tokyo  56. Hokuriku Shinetsu | 88  127  52  36  81  234 |  | 57. Tokai  58. Kinki  59. Chugoku  60. Shikoku  61. Kyushu  66. not applicable (candidate who ran only from SMD) |

Party (**PARTY**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 338  240  53  130  96  27  15  30  21  23  78 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Japan Innovation Party  6. Democratic Party for the People  7. Social Democratic Party  8. The party fighting against NHK in the trial for violating Article 72 of the Attorney Act  9. Reiwa Shinsengumi  10. minor party  11. independent candidate |

Incumbency (**INCUMB**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 549  82  420 |  | 1. newcomer candidate  2. former legislator  3. current legislator |

Total number of times (**TERM**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 549  97  66  116  52  35  35  34  28  18  8  3  5  2  1  0  1  1 |  | 0. 0 times  1. 1 time  2. 2 times  3. 3 times  4. 4 times  5. 5 times  6. 6 times  7. 7 times  8. 8 times  9. 9 times  10. 10 times  11. 11 times  12. 12 times  13. 13 times  14. 14 times  15. 15 times  16. 16 times  17. 17 times |

Gender (**SEX**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 865  186 |  | 1. Male  2. Female |

Age (**AGE**)

Election results (**RESULT**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 586  289  130  46 |  | 1. lost the election  2. elected in SMD  3. ran in SMD but lost; was elected via PR list (a “zombie”)  4. elected as a pure PR list candidate |

**2. QUESTIONNAIRE DATA**

Q1

Which of the following policies is most important to you in this election? What is your second and third most important policy? Please write the number in parentheses.[[1]](#footnote-1) (**Q1\_1** ~ **Q1\_3**)

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 40  39  49  18  109  168  53  1  13  19  10  16  18  5  12  433  48 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 57  47  112  53  181  186  98  6  35  26  18  23  32  13  26  81  57 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 99  40  90  68  155  114  109  2  41  39  23  41  40  28  50  49  63 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  99. no answer |

Q2

Which of the following policies for the COVID-19 pandemic is most important? What is second and third most important policy? Please write the number in parentheses. (**Q2\_1** ~ **Q2\_3**)

The most important policy (Q2\_1)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 129  473  303  56  19  5  14  1  51 |  | 1. expansion of inspection system  2. expansion of treatment system  3. develop and secure therapeutic drugs and vaccines  4. expansion of benefits and subsidies  5. lowering the sales tax rate  6. improvement of IT facilities  7. strengthen the border control measures  8. legislation to enforce refraining from going out and closing stores  99. no answer |

The second most important policy (Q2\_2)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 177  295  301  169  19  9  15  8  58 |  | 1. expansion of inspection system  2. expansion of treatment system  3. develop and secure therapeutic drugs and vaccines  4. expansion of benefits and subsidies  5. lowering the sales tax rate  6. improvement of IT facilities  7. strengthen the border control measures  8. legislation to enforce refraining from going out and closing stores  99. no answer |

The third most important policy (Q2\_3)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 143  96  123  413  61  26  68  59  62 |  | 1. expansion of inspection system  2. expansion of treatment system  3. develop and secure therapeutic drugs and vaccines  4. expansion of benefits and subsidies  5. lowering the sales tax rate  6. improvement of IT facilities  7. strengthen the border control measures  8. legislation to enforce refraining from going out and closing stores  99. no answer |

### Q3

Which of the following countries do you feel familiar and which do you not feel familiar? Please choose up to three countries for each. (**Q3\_1\_1**〜**Q3\_1\_11**、**Q3\_2\_1**〜**Q3\_2\_11**)

Country that feel friendly: United States (**Q3\_1\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 240  694  117 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that feel friendly: Russia (**Q3\_1\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 915  19  117 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that feel friendly: United Kingdom (**Q3\_1\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 483  451  117 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that feel friendly: France (**Q3\_1\_4**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 694  240  117 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that feel friendly: German (**Q3\_1\_5**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 587  347  117 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that feel friendly: Switzerland (**Q3\_1\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 836  98  117 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that feel friendly: India (**Q3\_1\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 794  140  117 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that feel friendly: China (**Q3\_1\_8**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 837  97  117 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that feel friendly: South Korea (**Q3\_1\_9**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 790  144  117 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that feel friendly: North Korea (**Q3\_1\_10**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 929  5  117 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that feel friendly: No such country (**Q3\_1\_11**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 822  112  117 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that do not feel friendly: United States (**Q3\_2\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 898  17  136 |  | 0. 言及なし  1. 言及あり  99. 無回答 |

Country that do not feel friendly: Russia (**Q3\_2\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 767  148  136 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that do not feel friendly: United Kingdom (**Q3\_2\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 914  1  136 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that do not feel friendly: France (**Q3\_2\_4**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 913  2  136 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that do not feel friendly: German (**Q3\_2\_5**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 914  1  136 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that do not feel friendly: Switzerland (**Q3\_2\_6**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 902  13  136 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that do not feel friendly: India (**Q3\_2\_7**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 907  8  136 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that do not feel friendly: China (**Q3\_2\_8**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 662  253  136 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that do not feel friendly: South Korea (**Q3\_2\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 777  138  136 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that do not feel friendly: North Korea (**Q3\_2\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 342  573  136 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Country that do not feel friendly: No such country (**Q3\_2\_11**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 545  370  136 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

### Q4

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. (**Q4\_1** to **Q4\_8**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (MEAN) |  |  |
| 52.3  48.6  48.2  39.9  40.0  50.0  47.1  46.4 |  | (1) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q4\_1**)  (2) Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan (**Q4\_2**)  (3) Komeito (**Q4\_3**)  (4) Japanese Communist Party (**Q4\_4**)  (5) Japan Innovation Party (**Q4\_5**)  (6) Democratic Party for the People (**Q4\_6**)  (7) Yoshihide Suga (**Q4\_7**)  (8) Yukio Edano (**Q4\_8**) |
| 999. 無回答 | | |

Q5

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about long-term economic management? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q5\_1** ~ **Q5\_5**)

(1) Make the sales tax rate higher than 10 percent (**Q5\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 28  95  252  164  457  55 |  | 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 (**Q5\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 15  67  303  256  353  57 |  | 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 (**Q5\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 80  128  343  217  225  58 |  | 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) (**Q5\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 161  246  363  166  55  60 |  | 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 (**Q5\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 139  256  297  145  155  59 |  | 1. agree or unavoidable  2. somewhat agree or unavoidable  3. not sure  4. somewhat opposed or unacceptable  5. opposed or unacceptable  99. no answer |

Q6

For the following opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q6\_1** ~ **Q6\_17**)

(1) Japan's defense capabilities should be strengthened. (**Q6\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 306  256  189  66  182  52 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(2) Japan should not hesitate to attack enemy bases if an attack from another country is expected. (**Q6\_2**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 95  237  224  116  321  58 |  | 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 (**Q6\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 95  281  301  113  206  55 |  | 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. (**Q6\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 615  180  160  22  21  53 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(5) The relocation of the Futenma base in Okinawa Prefecture to Henoko is unavoidable. (**Q6\_5**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 182  258  128  102  327  54 |  | 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. (**Q6\_6**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 8  35  276  297  376  59 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 221  423  218  117  17  55 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(8) For the time being, the fiscal stimulus should be used to stimulate the economy, instead of holding down spending for the sake of fiscal consolidation. (**Q4\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 352  421  196  19  11  52 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(9) The consumption tax rate should be lowered, either temporarily or permanently. (**Q6\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 445  144  143  142  123  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. (**Q6\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 345  294  289  47  20  56 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(11) The corporate tax rate should be raised. (**Q6\_11**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 255  204  316  127  90  59 |  | 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. (**Q6\_12**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 84  413  367  96  34  57 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(13) It is natural for privacy and individual rights to be restricted to protect public safety (**Q6\_13**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 21  166  345  192  269  58 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(14) The release of treated water from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant into the ocean is unavoidable. (**Q6\_14**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 159  286  168  113  272  53 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(15) Married couples should be allowed by law to continue to use each pre-marital surname after marriage if they wish to do so (**Q6\_15**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 460  224  172  84  51  60 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(16) Marriage between men and women should be recognized by law (**Q6\_16**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 355  238  242  83  68  65 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(17) The bill promote greater awareness among the public of LGBT people should be passed as soon as possible. (**Q6\_17**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 483  248  200  36  19  65 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

Q7

For each of the following issues, is your opinion closer to A or B? For each item, please circle the number that applies. (**Q7\_1** ~ **Q7\_7**)

(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.

(**Q7\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 188  351  173  78  207  54 |  | 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: China is a threat to Japan.

B: China is a partner for Japan.

(**Q7\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 161  316  354  119  43  58 |  | 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: 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.

(**Q7\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 14  97  431  217  232  60 |  | 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: Domestic industry should be protected.

B: Liberalization of trade and investment should be promoted.

(**Q7\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 242  306  285  145  16  57 |  | 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: Abolish nuclear power now.

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

(**Q7\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 228  163  304  189  107  60 |  | 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: 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

(**Q7\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 103  190  406  234  60  58 |  | 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: To correct the disparity in votes, "merged districts" in the House of Councillors should be allowed.

B: Vote disparity within a certain range should be tolerated in order to eliminate the "merged" House of Councillors electoral districts.

(**Q7\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 86  196  353  213  141  62 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

### Q8

Do you think that the current Constitution needs to be amended or not? (**Q8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 405  175  88  105  225  53 |  | 1. It needs to be amended.  2. If anything, it needs to be amended.  3. not sure  4. If anything, it does not needs to be amended.  5. It does not need to be amended.  99. no answer |

*If you answered "* *It needs to be amended" or "* *If anything, it needs to be amended " in* ***Q8****, please answer the following questions.*

SQ8

Which of the following items do you think need amendment? (**SQ8\_1** ~ **SQ8\_16**)

(1) Specify the maintenance of the Self-Defense Forces (**SQ8\_1**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 220  352  471  8 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q8**)  99. no answer |

(2) Specify the right of collective self-defense (**SQ8\_2**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 431  141  471  8 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q8**)  99. no answer |

(3) Include a clause on the right to environmental safety (**SQ8\_3**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 392  180  471  8 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q8**)  99. no answer |

(4) Include a clause on privacy rights (**SQ8\_4**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 451  121  471  8 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q8**)  99. no answer |

(5) Include a clause on right to know (**SQ8\_5**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 483  89  471  8 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q8**)  99. no answer |

(6) Include a clause on respecting for family and mutual support among family members (**SQ8\_6**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 520  52  471  8 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q8**)  99. no answer |

(7) Specify that the environment will be improved to enhance education (**SQ8\_7**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 271  301  471  8 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q8**)  99. no answer |

(8) Specify that at least one member of the House of Councillors must be elected from each prefecture (**SQ8\_8**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 408  164  471  8 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q8**)  99. no answer |

(9) Introduce a system of public election of the prime minister (**SQ8\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 533  39  471  8 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q8**)  99. no answer |

(10) Include a clause on fiscal soundness (**SQ8\_10**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 532  40  471  8 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q8**)  99. no answer |

(11) Specify strengthening the authority of local governments (**SQ8\_11**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 430  142  471  8 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q8**)  99. no answer |

(12) Establish a Constitutional Court (**SQ8\_12**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 411  161  471  8 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q8**)  99. no answer |

(13) Make the requirement to initiate a constitutional amendment a majority in each house (**SQ8\_13**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 487  85  471  8 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q8**)  99. no answer |

(14) Include a clause on fiscal emergencies (**SQ8\_14**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 247  325  471  8 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q8**)  99. no answer |

(15) Constrain the Prime Minister's right to dissolve the House of Representatives (**SQ8\_15**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 497  75  471  8 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q8**)  99. no answer |

(16) Other (**SQ8\_16**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 440  132  471  8 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer **Q8**)  99. no answer |

*Again, everyone should answer the following questions.*

Q9

Which of the following media do you think has the greatest influence on the formation of voters' political awareness? Please select all that apply. (**Q9\_1**～**Q9\_10**)

(1) national newspaper（Asahi・Yomiuri・Mainichi・Nikkei・Sankei） (**Q9\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 126  865  60 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(2) local newspaper (**Q9\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 405  586  60 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(3) party organ (**Q9\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 840  151  60 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(4) professional or trade newspaper (**Q9\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 879  112  60 |  | 0. 言及なし  1. 言及あり  99. 無回答 |

(5) magazine (**Q9\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 650  341  60 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(6) TV news program (**Q9\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 167  824  60 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(7) tabloid TV show (**Q9\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 172  819  60 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(8) online news program (**Q9\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 686  305  60 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(9) news webcite (**Q9\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 321  670  60 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(10) SNS such as Facebook and Twitter (**Q9\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 377  614  60 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

Q10

Which of the following media do you think has the greatest influence on your daily political decisions? Please select all that apply. (**Q10\_1**～**Q10\_10**)

(1) national newspaper（Asahi・Yomiuri・Mainichi・Nikkei・Sankei） (**Q10\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 140  793  118 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(2) local newspaper (**Q10\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 455  478  118 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(3) party organ (**Q10\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 640  293  118 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(4) professional or trade newspaper (**Q10\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 697  236  118 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(5) magazine (**Q10\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 780  153  118 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(6) TV news program (**Q10\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 380  553  118 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(7) tabloid TV show (**Q10\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 734  199  118 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(8) online news program (**Q10\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 751  182  118 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(9) news webcite (**Q10\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 480  453  118 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(10) SNS such as Facebook and Twitter (**Q10\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 538  395  118 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

### Q11

We want to tell voters not only about your policy positions, but also about your personality as it is. The following is a common measure of personality used in psychology[[2]](#footnote-2). Please choose the one that best describes how well each of the following statements applies to you. (**Q11\_1**～**Q11\_10**)[[3]](#footnote-3)

I see myself as:

(1) Extraverted, enthusiastic. (Q11\_1)

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| (N) |  |  |
|  |  | 1. Disagree strongly  2. Disagree moderately  3. Disagree a little  4. Neither agree nor disagree  5. Agree a little  6. Agree moderately  7. Agree strongly  99. no answer |

(2) Critical, quarrelsome. (Q11\_2)

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| (N) |  |  |
|  |  | 1. Disagree strongly  2. Disagree moderately  3. Disagree a little  4. Neither agree nor disagree  5. Agree a little  6. Agree moderately  7. Agree strongly  99. no answer |

(3) Dependable, self-disciplined. (Q11\_3)

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| (N) |  |  |
|  |  | 1. Disagree strongly  2. Disagree moderately  3. Disagree a little  4. Neither agree nor disagree  5. Agree a little  6. Agree moderately  7. Agree strongly  99. no answer |

(4) Anxious, easily upset. (Q11\_4)

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| (N) |  |  |
|  |  | 1. Disagree strongly  2. Disagree moderately  3. Disagree a little  4. Neither agree nor disagree  5. Agree a little  6. Agree moderately  7. Agree strongly  99. no answer |

(5) Open to new experiences, complex. (Q11\_5)

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| (N) |  |  |
|  |  | 1. Disagree strongly  2. Disagree moderately  3. Disagree a little  4. Neither agree nor disagree  5. Agree a little  6. Agree moderately  7. Agree strongly  99. no answer |

(6) Reserved, quiet. (Q11\_6)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
|  |  | 1. Disagree strongly  2. Disagree moderately  3. Disagree a little  4. Neither agree nor disagree  5. Agree a little  6. Agree moderately  7. Agree strongly  99. no answer |

(7) Sympathetic, warm. (Q11\_7)

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| (N) |  |  |
|  |  | 1. Disagree strongly  2. Disagree moderately  3. Disagree a little  4. Neither agree nor disagree  5. Agree a little  6. Agree moderately  7. Agree strongly  99. no answer |

(8) Disorganized, careless. (Q11\_8)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
|  |  | 1. Disagree strongly  2. Disagree moderately  3. Disagree a little  4. Neither agree nor disagree  5. Agree a little  6. Agree moderately  7. Agree strongly  99. no answer |

(9) Calm, emotionally stable. (Q11\_9)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
|  |  | 1. Disagree strongly  2. Disagree moderately  3. Disagree a little  4. Neither agree nor disagree  5. Agree a little  6. Agree moderately  7. Agree strongly  99. no answer |

(10) Conventional, uncreative. (Q11\_10)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
|  |  | 1. Disagree strongly  2. Disagree moderately  3. Disagree a little  4. Neither agree nor disagree  5. Agree a little  6. Agree moderately  7. Agree strongly  99. no answer |

**3. FREE ANSWERS**

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

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

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

**SQ8\_16\_FA**: free answer of "other" in **SQ8\_16**

1. As for "other," overlap is allowed in **Q1\_1**, **Q1\_2**, and **Q1\_3**. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Gosling, S. D., Rentfrow, P. J., & Swann, W. B., Jr. (2003). A Very Brief Measure of the Big Five Personality Domains. *Journal of Research in Personality*, 37, 504–528.

   Oshio, A., Abe, S., & Cutrone, P. (2012). Development, reliability, and validity of the Japanese Version of the Ten Item Personality Inventory (TIPI-J). *The Japanese Journal of Personality*, 21, 40–52. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. This question is under embargo at the time of the dataset release. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)