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

**2010 Political Leader Survey**

**Official Codebook**

# **SURVEY OVERVIEW**

**1. Survey period**

Surveys were distributed from May 27, 2010, and collected until just before the day of the Upper House election (July 11, 2010).

**2. Survey targets**

437 candidates for the 2010 Upper House election and 121 members of the Upper House who are not up for election.

**3. Survey method**

Conducted by the Asahi Shimbun political group and regional directorates.

**4. Number of valid respondents**

Candidates in the 2010 Upper House election: 395 (90.4% effective response rate).

Members of Upper House who are not up for election: 62 (51.2% effective response rate).

# **VARIABLES**

## **1. BASIC VARIABLES**

Candidates’ name (**NAME**)

Dummy variable for members who are not up for election (**NOELEC**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 395  62 |  | 0. candidates for the 2010 Upper House election  1. members who are not up for election |

District (**DISTRICT**)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 7  5  5  8  4  5  5  9  5  4  12  10  25  13  5  4  4  3  5  5  5  6  7  5  5 |  | 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  25. Shiga-ken | 6  13  8  3  3  4  5  3  5  3  6  4  4  6  7  4  5  6  4  4  4  4  175 |  | 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  99. PR |

Incumbency (**INCUMB**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 304  4  4  145 |  | 1. newcomer candidate  2. former legislator  3. previous legislator  4. current legislator |

Total number of times (**TERM**)

Party (**PARTY**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 124  84  25  67  15  11  39  12  11  24  8  15  22 |  | 1. Democratic Party of Japan  2. Liberal Democratic Party  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Social Democratic Party  6. People's New Party  7. Your Party  8. New Renaissance Party  9. Sunrise Party of Japan  10. Happiness Realization Party  11. Spirit of Japan Party  12. minor party  13. independent |

Gender (**SEX**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 353  104 |  | 1. Male  2. Female |

Election results (**RESULT**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 285  110  62 |  | 0. lost the election  1. won the election  99. not applicable (members who are not up for election) |

## **2. QUESTIONNAIRE DATA**

*If you are a candidate in this election, please answer Q1.*

### 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. (**Q1\_1** ~ **Q1\_3**)

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 33  36  90  0  9  41  41  66  0  6  12  16  14  4  24  65 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. finance and taxes  3. economic growth strategy  4. social capital preparation (public works)  5. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  6. education and parenting  7. pensions and medical care  8. employment  9. public security  10. environmental policy  11. politics and money  12. administrative and civil service reform  13. decentralization (regional sovereignty)  14. Constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  15. other  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 45  34  57  0  19  43  45  66  2  9  18  20  17  2  11  69 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. finance and taxes  3. economic growth strategy  4. social capital preparation (public works)  5. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  6. education and parenting  7. pensions and medical care  8. employment  9. public security  10. environmental policy  11. politics and money  12. administrative and civil service reform  13. decentralization (regional sovereignty)  14. Constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  15. other  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 38  34  34  7  27  59  46  49  0  7  19  11  30  5  18  73 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. finance and taxes  3. economic growth strategy  4. social capital preparation (public works)  5. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  6. education and parenting  7. pensions and medical care  8. employment  9. public security  10. environmental policy  11. politics and money  12. administrative and civil service reform  13. decentralization (regional sovereignty)  14. Constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  15. other  99. no answer |

*If you are a candidate in this election, please answer Q2.*

### Q2

There are many other activities in an election campaign besides appealing for policies. Which factor (other than policy) do you think is most important in this election? And what about the second and third activity? Please write the number in parentheses. (**Q2\_1** ~ **Q2\_3**)

The most important activity (**Q2\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 178  19  69  31  91  69 |  | 1. reach out to people and organizations that support you on a regular basis  2. emphasize past achievements (the positive traits of your own party and allied parties, and the negative traits of the opposing parties)  3. emphasize governance capability (the positive traits of your own party and allied parties, and the negative traits of the opposing parties)  4. emphasize qualities of a leader (the positive traits of your own party and allied parties, and the negative traits of the opposing parties)  5. emphasize your own achievements and qualities  99. no answer |

The second most important activity (**Q2\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 53  91  72  39  110  92 |  | 1. reach out to people and organizations that support you on a regular basis  2. emphasize past achievements (the positive traits of your own party and allied parties, and the negative traits of the opposing parties)  3. emphasize governance capability (the positive traits of your own party and allied parties, and the negative traits of the opposing parties)  4. emphasize qualities of a leader (the positive traits of your own party and allied parties, and the negative traits of the opposing parties)  5. emphasize your own achievements and qualities  99. no answer |

The third most important activity (**Q2\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 78  43  78  52  75  131 |  | 1. reach out to people and organizations that support you on a regular basis  2. emphasize past achievements (the positive traits of your own party and allied parties, and the negative traits of the opposing parties)  3. emphasize governance capability (the positive traits of your own party and allied parties, and the negative traits of the opposing parties)  4. emphasize qualities of a leader (the positive traits of your own party and allied parties, and the negative traits of the opposing parties)  5. emphasize your own achievements and qualities  99. no answer |

### Q3

Which policy areas, aside from elections, have you focused on the most, or in which areas would you say you are more knowledgeable than your colleagues? What is the second or third? Please write the number in parentheses. (**Q3\_1** ~ **Q3\_3**)

Most (**Q3\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 32  29  53  8  28  74  52  53  1  20  10  12  27  7  32  19 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. finance and taxes  3. economic growth strategy  4. social capital preparation (public works)  5. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  6. education and parenting  7. pensions and medical care  8. employment  9. public security  10. environmental policy  11. politics and money  12. administrative and civil service reform  13. decentralization (regional sovereignty)  14. Constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  15. other  ・ no answer |

Second (**Q3\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 40  34  59  18  22  63  44  40  2  23  7  19  27  11  20  28 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. finance and taxes  3. economic growth strategy  4. social capital preparation (public works)  5. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  6. education and parenting  7. pensions and medical care  8. employment  9. public security  10. environmental policy  11. politics and money  12. administrative and civil service reform  13. decentralization (regional sovereignty)  14. Constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  15. other  ・ no answer |

Third (**Q3\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 39  26  35  19  26  47  38  44  7  16  22  21  36  24  17  40 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. finance and taxes  3. economic growth strategy  4. social capital preparation (public works)  5. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  6. education and parenting  7. pensions and medical care  8. employment  9. public security  10. environmental policy  11. politics and money  12. administrative and civil service reform  13. decentralization (regional sovereignty)  14. Constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  15. other  ・ no answer |

### Q4

Do you think that the political party to which you belong (or yourself, if you are an independent) would be willing to join a coalition government with each of the following parties after the election? Please circle one number for each of the parties listed from (1) to (13). (For the party to which you belong, please circle "4. Party to which I belong.") (**Q4\_1** ~ **Q4\_13**)

(1) Democratic Party of Japan (**Q4\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 18  26  231  123  59 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  ・ no answer |

(2) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q4\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3  52  244  84  74 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  ・ no answer |

(3) Komeito (**Q4\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 19  63  256  25  94 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  ・ no answer |

(4) Japanese Communist Party (**Q4\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1  3  296  68  89 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  ・ no answer |

(5) Social Democratic Party (**Q4\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 25  59  266  15  92 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  ・ no answer |

(6) People's New Party (**Q4\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 60  88  212  11  86 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  ・ no answer |

(7) Your Party (**Q4\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 13  120  191  39  94 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  ・ no answer |

(8) New Renaissance Party (**Q4\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 12  97  242  11  95 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  ・ no answer |

(9) Sunrise Party of Japan (**Q4\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 14  89  243  11  100 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  ・ no answer |

(10) New Party Nippon (**Q4\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 27  79  245  0  106 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  ・ no answer |

(11) New Party DAICHI (**Q4\_11**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 31  70  246  0  110 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  ・ no answer |

(12) Happiness Realization Party (**Q4\_12**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2  12  319  24  100 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  ・ no answer |

(13) Spirit of Japan Party (**Q4\_13**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 8  93  241  9  106 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results  2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible  3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition  4. Party to which I belong  ・ no answer |

### Q5

When negotiating a coalition with another political party, which factor do you consider most important? And what about the second and third? Please write the number in parentheses. (**Q5\_1** ~ **Q5\_3**)

Most (**Q5\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 359  10  11  8  2  8  59 |  | 1. the party's ideals and policies are close to or nearly identical to my party's  2. the party has the number of seats it needs to run the parliament  3. the leaders and executives of that party can be trusted  4. my party has had cooperative relations (coalition, parliamentary measures, electoral cooperation) with that party in the past  5. there is a possibility of electoral cooperation with that party in the future  6. other  ・ no answer |

Second (**Q5\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 17  38  190  50  24  4  134 |  | 1. the party's ideals and policies are close to or nearly identical to my party's  2. the party has the number of seats it needs to run the parliament  3. the leaders and executives of that party can be trusted  4. my party has had cooperative relations (coalition, parliamentary measures, electoral cooperation) with that party in the past  5. there is a possibility of electoral cooperation with that party in the future  6. other  ・ no answer |

Third (**Q5\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3  58  59  53  102  5  177 |  | 1. the party's ideals and policies are close to or nearly identical to my party's  2. the party has the number of seats it needs to run the parliament  3. the leaders and executives of that party can be trusted  4. my party has had cooperative relations (coalition, parliamentary measures, electoral cooperation) with that party in the past  5. there is a possibility of electoral cooperation with that party in the future  6. other  ・ no answer |

### Q6

How do you evaluate the following policies, actions, words, and deeds of the Hatoyama Cabinet and former Prime Minister Hatoyama? Please circle only one answer for each item. (**Q6\_1** ~ **Q6\_17**)

(1) Abolition of the Conference of Administrative Vice Ministers (**Q6\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 114  47  124  78  74  20 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  ・ no answer |

(2) Budget screening by the Government Revitalization Unit (**Q6\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 125  117  48  118  31  18 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  ・ no answer |

(3) Reviewing the privatization of the postal service (**Q6\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 65  81  46  94  152  19 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  ・ no answer |

(4) The issue of relocating the U.S. Futenma Air Station (**Q6\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 6  23  51  54  305  18 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  ・ no answer |

(5) Investigation into the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' "secret agreement" issue (**Q6\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 93  89  72  81  105  17 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  ・ no answer |

(6) Responding to former Prime Minister Hatoyama's political fund issues (**Q6\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5  26  55  60  289  22 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  ・ no answer |

(7) Responding to former Secretary General Ozawa's political fund issues (**Q6\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5  24  54  56  297  21 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  ・ no answer |

(8) Establishment of child allowance (**Q6\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 93  79  43  89  136  17 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  ・ no answer |

(9) Free tuition for public high schools (**Q6\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 133  119  45  44  100  16 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  ・ no answer |

(10) Greenhouse gas reduction target of 25% (**Q6\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 106  146  45  57  85  18 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  ・ no answer |

(11) Enactment of the SME Financing Facilitation Act (Financial Moratorium Act) (**Q6\_11**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 57  166  74  67  72  21 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  ・ no answer |

(12) Reduction of public works budget (**Q6\_12**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 48  122  104  87  77  19 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  ・ no answer |

(13) Provisional gasoline tax rate issue (**Q6\_13**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4  35  109  122  167  20 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  ・ no answer |

(14) Establishment of a separate income compensation system for farmers (**Q6\_14**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 73  70  60  75  164  15 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  ・ no answer |

(15) Decision on restructuring measures for Japan Airlines (**Q6\_15**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 19  92  138  102  85  21 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  ・ no answer |

(16) New toll system for expressways (**Q6\_16**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5  38  94  92  210  18 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  ・ no answer |

(17) Promotion of regional sovereignty reform (**Q6\_17**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 60  81  73  85  141  17 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  ・ no answer |

### Q7

For the following opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q7\_1** ~ **Q7\_28**)

(1) The constitution should be revised (**Q7\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 152  79  83  30  108  5 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(2) Japan's defensive power should be increased (**Q7\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 92  79  119  52  109  6 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(3) The Three Non-Nuclear Principles should be maintained (**Q7\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 279  85  53  14  20  6 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(4) The Japan-U.S. Security Treaty should be strengthened (**Q7\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 72  107  139  38  94  7 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(5) The relocation of Futenma Air Station within Okinawa Prefecture is unavoidable (**Q7\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 69  117  100  46  116  9 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(6) Japan should apply pressure to North Korea rather than have a dialogue with it (**Q7\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 79  140  130  36  68  4 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(7) Japan should exercise the right to collective defense (**Q7\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 82  88  84  41  156  6 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(8) Japan should deploy the Self-Defense Forces overseas in support of UN operations (**Q7\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 100  131  94  33  96  3 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(9) Even if government social services suffer, Japan should strive to have small government (**Q7\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 15  34  126  141  132  9 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(10) Child allowances should be abolished (**Q7\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 110  62  77  84  117  7 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(11) Japanese companies should keep the lifetime employment system (**Q7\_11**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 92  121  174  35  27  8 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(12) The effective corporate tax rate should be decreased (**Q7\_12**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 159  126  50  29  86  7 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(13) Provincial/rural employment should be boosted by public works (**Q7\_13**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 82  165  132  61  12  5 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(14) Instead of focusing on fiscal austerity, Japan needs to boost its economy through increased spending (**Q7\_14**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 52  137  165  81  16  6 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(15) The budget for road maintenance needs to be kept stable (**Q7\_15**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 51  79  170  90  61  6 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(16) Existing highway tolls should be eliminated (**Q7\_16**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 46  60  75  100  170  6 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(17) The privatization of the postal service should be promoted (**Q7\_17**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 106  74  99  60  113  5 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(18) The consumption tax has to be increased in the next 5 years (**Q7\_18**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 67  112  91  29  154  4 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(19) Small farmers should be protected (**Q7\_19**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 143  136  119  18  33  8 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(20) Permanent foreign residents should be given the right to vote in local elections (**Q7\_20**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 113  41  55  44  192  12 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(21) Japan needs to attract immigrant workers, and should take steps to do so (**Q7\_21**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 37  148  195  60  12  5 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(22) Individual freedoms and privacy should be restricted for greater public safety (**Q7\_22**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 22  73  173  78  101  10 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(23) Moral education should be expanded (**Q7\_23**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 177  142  86  20  26  6 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(24) The death penalty should be abolished (**Q7\_24**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 106  51  117  77  95  11 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(25) Japan should go back to the mid-sized electoral district system (**Q7\_25**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 121  110  112  43  65  6 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(26) The number of Diet members should decrease by half (**Q7\_26**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 115  93  91  40  110  8 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(27) In general, politics is better when there is a change of government (**Q7\_27**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 160  131  153  8  2  3 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

(28) Political realignment is needed in the near future (**Q7\_28**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 49  87  180  22  10  9 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  ・ no answer |

### Q8

Do you have favorable or unfavorable feelings for or against the following politicians (leader of each party and secretary general of the two major political parties)? If you have neither favorable nor unfavorable feelings for a 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. (**Q8\_1** to **Q8\_16**)

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| 1. Yukio Hatoyama (Democratic Party of Japan) (**Q8\_1**)  2. Sadakazu Tanigaki (Liberal Democratic Party) (**Q8\_2**)  3. Natsuo Yamaguchi (Komeito) (**Q8\_3**)  4. Kazuo Shii (Japanese Communist Party) (**Q8\_4**)  5. Mizuho Fukushima (Social Democratic Party) (**Q8\_5**)  6. Shizuka Kamei (People's New Party) (**Q8\_6**)  7. Yoshimi Watanabe (Your Party) (**Q8\_7**)  8. Yoichi Masuzoe (New Renaissance Party) (**Q8\_8**)  9. Takeo Hiranuma (Sunrise Party of Japan) (**Q8\_9**)  10. Yasuo Tanaka (New Party Nippon) (**Q8\_10**)  11. Muneo Suzuki (New Party DAICHI) (**Q8\_11**)  12. Etsuo Ishikawa (Happiness Realization Party) (**Q8\_12**)  13. Hiroshi Yamada (Spirit of Japan Party) (**Q8\_13**)  14. Ichiro Ozawa (Democratic Party of Japan) (**Q8\_14**)  15. Tadamori Oshima (Liberal Democratic Party) (**Q8\_15**)  16. Naoto Kan (Democratic Party of Japan) (**Q8\_16**) |

### Q9

For each of the following issues, is your opinion closer to A or B? For each item, please circle the number that applies. (**Q9\_1** ~ **Q9\_8**)

(1) (**Q9\_1**)

A: Corporations and organizations should have the freedom of political action

B: Corporations should be forbidden from making political donations

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| (N) |  |  |
| 72  69  37  52  221  6 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  ・ no answer |

(2) (**Q9\_2**)

A: The governing party should not change its manifesto after the election

B: The governing party may change its manifesto anytime

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| (N) |  |  |
| 88  151  121  74  16  7 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  ・ no answer |

(3) (**Q9\_3**)

A: It is the responsibility of the youth, not the government, to get the youth jobs

B: It is the responsibility of the government, not the youth, to get the youth jobs

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| (N) |  |  |
| 24  94  102  121  111  5 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  ・ no answer |

(4) (**Q9\_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 government bond issuance should be curbed

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| (N) |  |  |
| 6  26  69  180  169  7 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  ・ no answer |

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

A: Improving economic competitive power should be prioritized even if there is a bit of social inequality

B: Correcting social inequality should be prioritized even if economic competitive power is sacrificed

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| (N) |  |  |
| 29  70  151  99  102  6 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  ・ no answer |

(6) (**Q9\_6**)

A: Japan's foreign policy should be "the US first" from now on

B: Japan's foreign policy should be "Asia first" from now on

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| (N) |  |  |
| 52  75  169  114  41  6 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  ・ no answer |

(7) (**Q9\_7**)

A: The government needs to protect domestic corporations

B: The government should promote trade and investment liberalization

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| (N) |  |  |
| 83  124  122  73  48  7 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  ・ no answer |

(8) (**Q9\_8**)

A: Politicians need to confront and subjugate the bureaucracy

B: Politicians need to cooperate with and make full use of the bureaucracy

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| (N) |  |  |
| 3  29  96  164  158  7 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  ・ no answer |

### Q10

This question is for those who belong to a political party. Of the total number of "supporters" of your political party, how many of the following apply to you? Please give us a rough impression of the number of your party's "supporters," and indicate the percentage from 0% to 100% for each of (1) to (8).

(Since the same person can fall under more than one of the categories (1) to (8), the total of (1) to (8) does not have to be 100%.)

(**Q10\_1** to **Q10\_8**)

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| (1) Party members and friends (supporters) (**Q10\_1**)  (2) People who are members of organizations that support your political party (**Q10\_2**)  (3) People who donate to the party or to you, or who help with your campaign (**Q10\_3**)  (4) People who will vote for your party in this election (**Q10\_4**)  (5) People who think that your party's policies and arguments are the best at this time (**Q10\_5**)  (6) People who like your party the most at this time (**Q10\_6**)  (7) People who have voted for your party in most of the elections so far (**Q10\_7**)  (8) People who think they are closer to your political party in the long run (**Q10\_8**) |

### Q11

In general, what kind of party is the Democratic Party of Japan? Please feel free to describe your impressions. (**Q11**)

### Q12

In general, what kind of party is the Liberal Democratic Party? Please feel free to describe your impressions. (**Q12**)

### Q13

If you were to name this House of Councillors election the "XX Election," what do you think would be appropriate? Please write freely. (**Q13**)