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

**2013 Political Leader Survey**

**Official Codebook**

# **SURVEY OVERVIEW**

**1. Survey period**

Surveys were distributed from June 6, 2013, and collected until just before the day of the Upper House election (July 21).

**2. Survey targets**

433 candidates for the 2013 Upper House election and 121 members of Upper House who are not up for election.[[1]](#footnote-1)

**3. Survey method**

Conducted by the Asahi Shimbun political group and regional directorates.

**4. Number of valid respondents**

Candidates for the 2013 Upper House election: 419 (96.3% effective response rate).

Members of Upper House who are not up for election: 82 (67.8% effective response rate).

# **VARIABLES**

## **1. BASIC VARIABLES**

Sorting number (**ID**)

Candidates’ name (**NAME**)

Response status (**RESPONSE**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 53501 |  | 0. no valid responses1. valid responses available |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 433121 |  | 0. candidates for the 2013 Upper House election 1. members who are not up for election |

District (**DISTRICT**)

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| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 8777558865111225141056588681375 |  | 1. Hokkaido2. Aomori-ken3. Iwate-ken4. Miyagi-ken5. Akita-ken6. Yamagata-ken7. Fukushima-ken8. Ibaraki-ken9. Tochigi-ken10. Gunma-ken11. Saitama-ken12. Chiba-ken13. Tokyo-to14. Kanagawa-ken15. Niigata-ken16. Toyama-ken17. Ishikawa-ken18. Fukui-ken19. Yamanashi-ken20. Nagano-ken21. Gifu-ken22. Shizuoka-ken23. Aichi-ken24. Mie-ken25. Shiga-ken | 91495465584556585556565210 |  | 26. Kyoto-fu27. Osaka-fu28. Hyogo-ken29. Nara-ken30. Wakayama-ken31. Tottori-ken32. Shimane-ken33. Okayama-ken34. Hiroshima-ken35. Yamaguchi-ken36. Tokushima-ken37. Kagawa-ken38. Ehime-ken39. Kochi-ken40. Fukuoka-ken41. Saga-ken42. Nagasaki-ken43. Kumamoto-ken44. Oita-ken45. Miyazaki-ken46. Kagoshima-ken47. Okinawa-ken66. not applicable (candidate who ran only from PR) |

Incumbency (**INCUMB**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 3325888121 |  | 1. newcomer candidate2. former legislator3. previous legislator4. current legislator66. not applicable (members who are not up for election) |

Total number of times (**TERM**)

Party (**PARTY**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 128974530446613118111501031828 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Japan Restoration Party4. Komeito5. Your Party6. Japanese Communist Party7. People's Life Party8. Social Democratic Party9. Green Wind10. New Party DAICHI11. New Renaissance Party12. Happiness Realization Party13. Green Party14. Ishin Party Shimpu15. Tax Cuts Japan16. minor party17. independent |

Gender (**SEX**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 432122 |  | 1. Male2. Female |

Election results (**RESULT**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 312121121 |  | 0. lost the election1. won the election66. not applicable |

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

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

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 382643133140650210836272284412120 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3524282050464332121951182361912125 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1618302749223706161062267601812129 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other66. not applicable99. no answer |

### 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 2472043177812128 |  | 1. reach out to people and organizations that support you on a regular basis2. 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 qualities66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 48100864011512144 |  | 1. reach out to people and organizations that support you on a regular basis2. 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 qualities66. not applicable99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 488368729112171 |  | 1. reach out to people and organizations that support you on a regular basis2. 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 qualities66. not applicable99. 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 are the second and third areas? Please write the number in parentheses. (**Q3\_1** ~ **Q3\_3**)

Most (**Q3\_1**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 4732242753403507111518196334212124 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other66. not applicable99. no answer |

Second (**Q3\_2**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 24213121622937315181832289331512137 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other66. not applicable99. no answer |

Third (**Q3\_3**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 32193326452023116191542393421312145 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other66. not applicable99. no answer |

### Q4

For the following opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q4\_1** ~ **Q4\_22**)

(1) Japan's defensive power should be increased (**Q4\_1**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1497878189512115 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(2) Japan should have the right to preemptive defense when it feels there is a legitimate threat to its safety (**Q4\_2**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 6576893914712117 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(3) Japan should become a permanent member of the UN Security Council and fulfill its international responsibilities (**Q4\_3**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 22010851142412116 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(4) Japan should apply pressure to North Korea rather than have a dialogue with it (**Q4\_4**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 5980138608012116 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(5) Either the constitution or the interpretation of it should be changed so that the can government exercise the right to collective defense (**Q4\_5**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 11863533014812121 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(6) The Prime Minister should visit Yasukuni Shrine (**Q4\_6**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 9169662716112119 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(7) Even if government social services suffer, Japan should strive to have small government (**Q4\_7**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 37421238413012117 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(8) Provincial/rural employment should be boosted by public works (**Q4\_8**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 8715496681112117 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(9) Instead of focusing on fiscal austerity, Japan needs to boost its economy through increased spending (**Q4\_9**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 76113150413612117 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(10) The consumption tax rate should be raised to 8% in April 2014 and 10% in October 2015 as planned (**Q4\_10**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 3283632421412117 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(11) In the long run, it is inevitable that the consumption tax rate will be higher than 10% (**Q4\_11**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 20781213116712116 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(12) There is no need to provide pensions to those who have assets (**Q4\_12**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 3085141807612121 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(13) Japan should ratify the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) (**Q4\_13**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 12551702714012120 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(14) Individual freedoms and privacy should be restricted for greater public safety (**Q4\_14**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 20511405914412119 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(15) Permanent foreign residents should be given the right to vote in local elections (**Q4\_15**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 10940733116112119 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(16) Japan needs to attract immigrant workers, and should take steps to do so (**Q4\_16**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 46124171512212119 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(17) Moral education should be expanded (**Q4\_17**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 15797104283112116 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(18) Resumption of operations at nuclear power plants shut down for periodic inspections is unavoidable (**Q4\_18**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 6958815215212121 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(19) The House of Representatives’ powers should be strengthened vis-a-vis those of the House of Councillors (**Q4\_19**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 54431395811812121 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(20) A provincial system should be introduced in place of prefectures (**Q4\_20**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 9157693916112116 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(21) The number of Diet members should decrease by half (**Q4\_21**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 6852946114412114 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(22) The voting age should be lowered to 18 (**Q4\_22**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 16011297242212118 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

### Q5

For each of the following issues, is your opinion closer to A or B? For each item, please circle the number that applies. (**Q5\_1** ~ **Q5\_10**)

(1) (**Q5\_1**)

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) |  |  |
| 7711195716012119 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. no answer |

(2) (**Q5\_2**)

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) |  |  |
| 7711195716012119 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. no answer |

(3) (**Q5\_3**)

A: The government needs to protect domestic corporations

B: The government should promote trade and investment liberalization

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| (N) |  |  |
| 9310188647012117 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. no answer |

(4) (**Q5\_4**)

A: In order to preserve the environment, living standards may have to fall

B: Preserving the environment is not so important that living standards have to fall

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| (N) |  |  |
| 40141200211412117 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. no answer |

(5) (**Q5\_5**)

A: The family should be composed of a married couple and their children, not other arrangements such as single mothers or DINKS

B: The form of families may be diverse, such as single mothers and DINKS

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| (N) |  |  |
| 37841187010412120 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. no answer |

(6) (**Q5\_6**)

A: The share of nuclear power in electricity should be reduced to 0% by the 2030s

B: Nuclear power should be kept as a source of electricity beyond the 2030s

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1806557416912121 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. no answer |

(7) (**Q5\_7**)

A: Local education administration should be headed by a chief education officer who is appointed and dismissed by the chief executive

B: Local education administration should be the responsibility of a council-based school board

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| (N) |  |  |
| 65101100559212120 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. no answer |

(8) (**Q5\_8**)

A: Supporting parents to take care of their children at home is a more effective way to stop the declining birthrate.

B: Supporting parents in balancing work and childcare by increasing the number of daycare centers is a more effective way to stop the declining birthrate.

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| (N) |  |  |
| 20278710917012120 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. no answer |

(9) (**Q5\_9**)

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) |  |  |
| 37447611514112120 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. no answer |

(10) (**Q5\_10**)

A: In the long run, it is desirable to have a two-party system where voters can choose the party that will take power next in the election

B: In the long run, it is desirable to have a multiparty system in which there are parties in the Diet that represent the diverse opinions of the voters

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| (N) |  |  |
| 4676796215312117 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B66. not applicable99. no answer |

### Q6

Do you agree or disagree with the statement "The constitution should be amended"? (**Q6**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 21378382413269 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

### Q7

Do you think that the Constitution should be amended within the next term of the parliament that will result from the Upper House election in July (or during the next six years, for those who are not up for election or who plan to retire)? (**Q7**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1531318512659 |  | 1. it should be amended aggressively2. if there is momentum to amend it, I agree3. there's no hurry to amend it4. it should not be amended99. no answer |

### Q8

Do you agree or disagree with the statement "Article 9 of the constitution should be amended to specify the right of self-defense and provide for the maintenance of a national defense force"? (**Q8**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 13562653220258 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

### Q9

Do you agree or disagree with the idea of amending Article 96 of the Constitution to reduce the requirement for a majority of the House of Representatives and the House of Councillors to approve a constitutional amendment? (**Q9**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 13268413522157 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

### Q10

Do you agree or disagree that Prime Minister Abe's economic policies will lead to increased wages and employment? (**Q10**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 10247644116412115 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

### Q11

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 (15). (For the party to which you belong, please circle "4. Party to which I belong.") (**Q11\_1** ~ **Q11\_11**)

(1) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q11\_1**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 521021227212185 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong66. not applicable99. no answer |

(2) Democratic Party of Japan (**Q11\_2**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 5652154912199 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong66. not applicable99. no answer |

(3) Japan Restoration Party (**Q11\_3**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 39219338121107 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong66. not applicable99. no answer |

(4) Komeito (**Q11\_4**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 61821752012195 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong66. not applicable99. no answer |

(5) Your Party (**Q11\_5**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1310717331121109 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong66. not applicable99. no answer |

(6) Japanese Communist Party (**Q11\_6**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 4302446012195 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong66. not applicable99. no answer |

(7) People's Life Party (**Q11\_7**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 8802327121106 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong66. not applicable99. no answer |

(8) Social Democratic Party (**Q11\_8**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 10762347121106 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong66. not applicable99. no answer |

(9) Green Wind (**Q11\_9**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 8882167121114 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong66. not applicable99. no answer |

(10) New Party DAICHI (**Q11\_10**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 8882175121115 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong66. not applicable99. no answer |

(11) New Renaissance Party (**Q11\_11**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 51072010121120 |  | 1. We should form a coalition regardless of the election results2. Depending on the outcome of the election, a coalition may be possible3. Regardless of the election results, there will be no coalition4. Party to which I belong66. not applicable99. no answer |

### Q12

Not only in Japan, 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. (**Q12**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 28917171814136543371612157 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost66. not applicable99. no answer |

### Q13

There are many different opinions about the relationship between politics and the Internet. Please circle one number for each item that applies to you. (**Q13\_1** ~ **Q13\_8**)

(1) The Internet is useful as a means of gauging public opinion (**Q13\_1**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1691805511112117 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(2) The Internet is useful as a means of communicating one's activities and opinions to others (**Q13\_2**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 219181141112117 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(3) The Internet is useful in soliciting donations (**Q13\_3**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 77103163472412119 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(4) The Internet is useful as a means of attracting votes (**Q13\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 8614115328712118 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(5) The Internet has reduced the political influence of the mass media (**Q13\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3091166903712119 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(6) Not many of my supporters are frequent users of the Internet (**Q13\_6**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 1580160986012120 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(7) There are many problems with Internet abuse, such as slander and identity theft (**Q13\_7**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5514115852512122 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

(8) It costs a lot of money to use the Internet for political activities (**Q13\_8**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 2379159935712122 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree66. not applicable99. no answer |

### Q14

I would like to ask you a few questions about the means of disseminating information to voters and supporters. (**Q14\_1** ~ **Q14\_6\_9**)

(1) Do you have your own website (including a blog)? If yes, how often do you update the information? (**Q14\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2525205213915112121 |  | 0. do not have a website1. have a website, but do not update often2. update once a month3. update once a week4. update once every few days5. update daily66. not applicable99. no answer |

(2) Does your political party branch or supporters' group publish a newsletter or leaflets? If so, how often do you publish them? (**Q14\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 6121242713414012126 |  | 0. never published a newsletter or leaflet1. have published, but not recently2. publish once a year3. publish once a half year4. publish once every few months5. publish once a month66. not applicable99. no answer |

(3) Do you appear on television or radio? If so, how often do you appear on TV or radio (as a politician, only if you go to the studio or do an interview on your own initiative)? (**Q14\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 149915652204312122 |  | 0. never appeared on TV or radio1. have appeared in the past, but not recently2. appeared 1 or 2 times in the past year3. appeared 3 to 5 times in the past year4. appeared 6 to 9 times in the past year5. appeared more than 10 times in the past year66. not applicable99. no answer |

(4) Do you usually use social networking services (SNS) such as Twitter and Facebook? If yes, how often do you send messages? (**Q14\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 36199213512812123 |  | 0. not at all1. less than 1 time per week2. once every few days3. once daily4. several times a day or more66. not applicable99. no answer |

*If you answered 0 in (4), please answer (5).*

(5) What are your reasons for not using SNS as a means of communicating information to voters and supporters, or as a means of gathering opinions? (**Q14\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 541252749524 |  | 1. I don't know much about SNS2. I would like to use SNS, but I don't know how to3. I wish I could make use of SNS, but I don't have the time4. conventional means are sufficient, and I don't see the need for SNS5. SNS is not an appropriate way to interact with voters and supporters6. other66. not applicable99. no answer |

*If you answered 1 to 4 in (4), please answer (6).*

(6) How do you use SNS? Please circle all that apply.

1. I have an account, but I rarely use it (**Q14\_6\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 373215722 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable99. no answer |

2. Do not write posts, but use it as a way to keep track of the opinions of my constituents and supporters (**Q14\_6\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3561915722 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable99. no answer |

3. Introduce updates to existing websites and other sites and their links (**Q14\_6\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 22215315722 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable99. no answer |

4. Report on political activities (**Q14\_6\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5831715722 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable99. no answer |

5. Communicate policy arguments and my position (**Q14\_6\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 7530015722 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable99. no answer |

6. Call for personal donations of political funds (**Q14\_6\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3383715722 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable99. no answer |

7. Provide feedback (e.g., replies) to voters' comments on my account (**Q14\_6\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 16021515722 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable99. no answer |

8. Reflect the opinions of constituents on my account in my legislative activities (**Q14\_6\_8**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 26810715722 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable99. no answer |

9. Other (**Q14\_6\_9**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 3542115722 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable99. no answer |

### Q15

What is your most important means of communicating information to voters and supporters? How about your second and third most important means? Please write the number in parentheses. (**Q15\_1** ~ **Q15\_3**)

The most important means (**Q15\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 94259108120101601012312126 |  | 1. street oratory2. direct interaction with voters (rallies, etc.)3. posters4. repeatedly call out one’s name (from a vehicle)5. official gazette for elections6. leaflets and pamphlets of activity reports7. newsletters of supporters' associations, etc.8. letters and postcards (excluding e-mail)9. phone call10. e-mails11. TV and radio appearances12. contributions to magazines13. websites (including blogs)14. social networking services (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)15. other66. not applicable99. no answer |

The second most important means (**Q15\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1067212010752311133743229112135 |  | 1. street oratory2. direct interaction with voters (rallies, etc.)3. posters4. repeatedly call out one’s name (from a vehicle)5. official gazette for elections6. leaflets and pamphlets of activity reports7. newsletters of supporters' associations, etc.8. letters and postcards (excluding e-mail)9. phone call10. e-mails11. TV and radio appearances12. contributions to magazines13. websites (including blogs)14. social networking services (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)15. other66. not applicable99. no answer |

The third most important means (**Q15\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 431620011832611981427774212137 |  | 1. street oratory2. direct interaction with voters (rallies, etc.)3. posters4. repeatedly call out one’s name (from a vehicle)5. official gazette for elections6. leaflets and pamphlets of activity reports7. newsletters of supporters' associations, etc.8. letters and postcards (excluding e-mail)9. phone call10. e-mails11. TV and radio appearances12. contributions to magazines13. websites (including blogs)14. social networking services (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)15. other66. not applicable99. no answer |

### Q16

If you were to name this House of Councillors election the "XX Election," what do you think would be appropriate? Please write freely. (**Q16**)

1. For members who are not up for election, we distributed a different version of the questionnaire limited to some of the questions (Q6~9). For questions not included therein, the members who are not up for election (82) were treated as not applicable. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)