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

**2020 Voter Survey**

**Official Codebook**

# **SURVEY OVERVIEW**

**1. Survey period**

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

**2. Details**

The data set to be released includes data from 2,053 valid responses. The data does not include names, detailed addresses, or any other information that could identify the respondents (addresses are listed down to the city).

# **VARIABLES**

## **1. BASIC VARIABLES**

Sorting number (**ID**)

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

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,068  600  197  188 |  | 1. - March 13, 2020  2. March 14, 2020 - March 22, 2020  3. March 23, 2020 - March 26, 2020  4. March 27, 2020 - |

City size (**Scale**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 582  754  544  173 |  | 1. 21 Metropolis  2. Cities with more than 100,000 voters  3. Other cities  4. Towns and villages |

Regional block (**Area**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 86  143  675  146  255  338  181  229 |  | 1. Hokkaido  2. Tohoku  3. Kanto  4. Koshin-etsu, Hokuriku  5. Tokai  6. Kinki (Kansai)  7. Chugoku, Shikoku  8. Kyushu |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 86  143  234  241  216  130  255  338  121  60  229 |  | 1. Hokkaido  2. Tohoku  3. North Kanto  4. South Kanto  5. Tokyo  6. Hokuriku, Shin-etsu  7. Tokai  8. Kinki (Kansai)  9. Chugoku  10. Shikoku  11. Kyushu |

## **2. QUESTIONNAIRE DATA**

### Q1

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 866  988  199 |  | 1. support  2. do not suport  3. other, no answer |

### Q3

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 908  351  61  112  126  164  31  4  39  53  41  163 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Constitutional Democratic Party  3. Democratic Party for the People  4. Komeito  5. Japanese Communist Party  6. Japan Innovation Party  7. Social Democratic Party  8. Party of Hope  9. The Party to Protect Citizens from NHK  10. Reiwa Shinsengumi  11. another party  99. no answer |

### Q4

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 42  868  874  244  25 |  | 1. very trust  2. somewhat trust  3. do not very trust  4. do not trust at all  5. other, no answer |

### Q18

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 851  1,021  181 |  | 1. support  2. oppose  3. other, no answer |

### Q20

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 882  941  230 |  | 1. need to change  2. no need to change  3. others, no answer |

### Q30

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 203  431  173  770  219  54  15  43  145 |  | 1. diplomacy / security  2. economic / employment measures  3. fiscal reconstruction  4. pensions / medical and nursing care  5. education / parenting  6. nuclear energy policy  7. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  8. other  99. no answer |

### Q31

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 852  203  36  109  84  108  12  3  11  24  13  510  88 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Constitutional Democratic Party  3. Democratic Party for the People  4. Komeito  5. Japanese Communist Party  6. Japan Innovation Party  7. Social Democratic Party  8. Party of Hope  9. The Party to Protect Citizens from NHK  10. Reiwa Shinsengumi  11. another party  12. there is no such party  99. no answer |

### Q32

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

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 552  535  649  140  153  24 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(2) Japan should not hesitate to launch a preemptive strike if an attack from another country is expected (**Q32\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 252  323  711  370  369  28 |  | 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 (**Q32\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 441  419  656  271  241  25 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 147  192  782  526  370  36 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 484  738  595  148  52  36 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(6) For the time being, the fiscal stimulus should be used to stimulate the economy, instead of holding down spending for the sake of fiscal consolidation (**Q32\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 401  604  736  194  80  38 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 181  394  454  408  599  17 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 274  453  602  367  322  35 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(9) Same-sex marriage should be recognized by law (**Q32\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 490  443  633  174  290  23 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 646  522  513  172  181  19 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

### Q33

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

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

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

(**Q33\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 207  421  471  496  421  37 |  | 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: Improving economic competitiveness should be a priority now, even if there are some social disparities

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

(**Q33\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 164  411  688  461  282  47 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

(3) A: Abolish nuclear power now

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

(**Q33\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 423  377  578  377  264  34 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

### Q34

Many people seem to think that “in the long run, I lean toward party X.” Although it is possible that you will vote for another party in the short term, in the long run, which party would you say you lean toward? (**Q34**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 919  265  39  95  88  101  26  0  8  20  8  416  68 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Constitutional Democratic Party  3. Democratic Party for the People  4. Komeito  5. Japanese Communist Party  6. Japan Innovation Party  7. Social Democratic Party  8. Party of Hope  9. The Party to Protect Citizens from NHK  10. Reiwa Shinsengumi  11. another party  12. there is no such party  99. no answer |

### Q35

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (MEAN) |  |  |
| 49.58  41.51  38.57  38.35 |  | (1) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q35\_1**)  (2) Shinzo Abe (**Q35\_2**)  (3) Constitutional Democratic Party (**Q35\_3**)  (4) Yukio Edano (**Q35\_4**) |
| 999. no answer | | |

### Q36

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 756  320  52  127  121  126  26  41  23  18  377  66 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Constitutional Democratic Party  3. Democratic Party for the People  4. Komeito  5. Japanese Communist Party  6. Japan Innovation Party  7. Social Democratic Party  8. Reiwa Shinsengumi  9. The Party to Protect Citizens from NHK  10. another party  11. did not vote  99. no answer |

### Q37

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 945  1,084  24 |  | 1. man  2. woman  99. no answer |

### Q38

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 42  90  94  101  144  180  183  156  148  185  165  201  158  104  87  15 |  | 1. 18, 19  2. 20 - 24  3. 25 - 29  4. 30 - 34  5. 35 - 39  6. 40 - 44  7. 45 - 29  8. 50 - 54  9. 55 - 59  10. 60 - 64  11. 65 - 69  12. 70 - 74  13. 75 - 79  14. 80 - 84  15. over 85  99. no answer |

### Q39

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 571  353  152  68  241  620  48 |  | 1. clerical and technical workers  2. manufacturing and service workers  3. self-employed person  4. agricultural, forestry, and fisheries worker  5. homemaker  6. other, unemployed person  99. no answer |

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

### Q39-A

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

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 77  554  240  53  1,129 |  | 1. regular employment of public servants  2. full-time employment in private companies and organizations  3. non-regular employment such as temporary and part-time work  4. other, no answer  99. not applicable |

### Q41

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 196  788  250  188  536  49  46 |  | 1. elementary school or junior high school  2. high school  3. vocational school  4. short-term college  5. university  6. graduate school  7. others, no answer |

### Q44

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4  40  345  774  532  209  104  45 |  | 1. upper  2. lower-upper  3. upper-middle  4. middle  5. lower middle  6. upper-lower  7. lower  99. no answer |

1. If the answer was not a whole number, an integer was entered after rounding. If the answer was a negative value or was entered as "absolute zero" or some other value, 0 was entered, and if the answer was a value greater than 100, 100 was entered. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)