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

**2009-2010 Voter Survey**

**Official Codebook**

# **SURVEY OVERVIEW**

**1. Survey period**

Wave1 was conducted by mail immediately after the 45th general election of the House of Representatives (held on August 30, 2009) to 3000 voters nationwide selected by a stratified two-stage random sampling method. The survey was sent out on August 29, the day before polling day, and 2085 valid responses were received by the end of October (69.5% response rate).[[1]](#footnote-1)

Wave2 was conducted immediately after the 22nd ordinary election of the House of Councillors (held on July 11, 2010) by mail to 2,077 valid respondents of Wave1, excluding those who had problems with the survey (strong refusal, etc.). The questionnaires were sent out on July 10, the day before voting day, and 1664 valid responses were obtained by the end of August (80.1% response rate).

**2. Details**

The data set to be released includes the data of 2085 valid respondents of Wave1. It does not contain any information that could identify the respondents, such as their names or detailed addresses (addresses are listed up to the municipality).

# **VARIABLES**

## **1. BASIC VARIABLES**

Sorting number (**ID**)

Prefecture (character) (**PREF**)

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| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 8622283820243137363211494209147461919141642377211733 |  | 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-ken | 2746135882121121531412914151913838262421182817 |  | 25. Shiga-ken26. 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-ken |

Municipalities (character) (**CITY**)

SMD (**HORDIST**)

## **2. QUESTIONNAIRE DATA (Wave1)**

### Q1

It is not uncommon for people to not go to the polls because they are not feeling well or just can't find the time. Did you vote in the House of Representatives election this time? (**Q010100**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1511053117908 |  | 1. I did not vote2. I was going to vote this time, but I didn't end up going3. I usually vote, but not this time4. I voted9. no answer |

*If you answered 4 in Q1, please answer Q2 to Q13.*

### Q2

This question is for those who answered "I voted" in Q1. Did you vote on the day of the election (August 30) or did you vote early or absentee? Please circle only one. (**Q010200**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 295142332641 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. voted on voting day2. voted early or absentee9. no answer |

### Q3

In the proportional representation bloc, for which party did you vote? (**Q010300**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 295507822149100573062161631 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Social Democratic Party6. People's New Party7. Your Party8. another party90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)999. no answer |

### Q4

When did you decide to vote for that party in the proportional representation bloc? (**Q010400**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 29590417616032719132 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. before the House of Representatives was dissolved (before July 20)2. from the time of dissolution to just before the public announcement (July 21 to August 17)3. first half of the election period (August 18 to August 23)4. second half of the election period (August 24 to August 29)5. on the day of voting (August 30）9. no answer |

### Q5

For which party's candidate did you vote in the Single Member District (SMD)? (**Q010500**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 295656907264916241611223033 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. official candidate of Liberal Democratic Party2. official candidate of Democratic Party of Japan3. official candidate of Komeito4. official candidate of Komeito5. official candidate of Japanese Communist Party6. official candidate of Social Democratic Party7. official candidate of Your Party8. official candidate of another party9. independent candidate90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)999. no answer |

### Q6

When did you decide to vote for that party in SMD? (**Q010600**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 29581219222433119041 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. before the House of Representatives was dissolved (before July 20)2. from the time of dissolution to just before the public announcement (July 21 to August 17)3. first half of the election period (August 18 to August 23)4. second half of the election period (August 24 to August 29)5. on the day of voting (August 30）9. no answer |

### Q7

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. (**Q010700**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 295351425687447912491537010717910177068 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. diplomacy2. fiscal reconstruction3. economic measures4. economic structural reform5. agriculture, forestry and fisheries6. education7. pension8. medical care9. employment10. public security11. environmental policy12. political and administrative reform13. decentralization14. Constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)15. other999. no answer |

### Q8

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the policies and commitments of each party or candidate? (**Q010800**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 2953858572731835933 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all9. no answer |

### Q9

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the performance of the government (good or bad)? (**Q010900**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 2955157262771775441 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all9. no answer |

### Q10

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the ability and attractiveness of party leaders (or lack thereof)? (**Q011000**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 2952957133273149843 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all9. no answer |

### Q11

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the ability and attractiveness of individual candidates (or lack thereof)? (**Q011100**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 2953197583222588647 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all9. no answer |

### Q12

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider requests for votes or other encouragement from acquaintances? (**Q011200**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 2959222310527442063046 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all6. received no such encouragement9. no answer |

### Q13

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, what did you think about the following regime framework? (**Q011301** ~ **Q011303**)

(1) LDP-led government (**Q011301**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 295262306707515 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. desirable2. not sure3. not desirable9. no answer |

(2) A coalition government between LDP and DPJ (a so-called "grand coalition") (**Q011302**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 295289400579522 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. desirable2. not sure3. not desirable9. no answer |

(3) DPJ-led government (**Q011303**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 295613400346431 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. desirable2. not sure3. not desirable9. no answer |

### Q14

For which party did you vote in the proportional representation bloc of the last HoR election (September 2005)? (**Q011400**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 946464117864954711835522128 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Social Democratic Party6. People's New Party 7. New Party Nippon8. New Party DAICHI66. forgot77. did not have the right to vote90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)99. did not vote (did not go to the polling place)999. no answer |

### Q15

For which party did you vote in the proportional representation district of the last House of Councillors election (July 2007)? (**Q011400**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 873511120814477310421827432 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Social Democratic Party6. People's New Party 7. New Party Nippon8. New Party DAICHI66. forgot77. did not have the right to vote90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)99. did not vote (did not go to the polling place)999. no answer |

### Q16

How many days in the past week did you read newspapers (excluding sports and evening newspapers)? (**Q011600**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 324211215226107930 |  | 0. did not read at all1. 1 to 2 days2. 3 to 4 days3. 5 to 6 days4. 7 days9. no answer |

### Q17

How many days in the past week did you watch TV news programs? (**Q011700**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 3196217296142223 |  | 0. did not watch at all1. 1 to 2 days2. 3 to 4 days3. 5 to 6 days4. 7 days9. no answer |

### Q18

How many days in the past week did you watch TV entertainment programs (including sports)? (**Q011800**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 8130442832891331 |  | 0. did not watch at all1. 1 to 2 days2. 3 to 4 days3. 5 to 6 days4. 7 days9. no answer |

### Q19

Recently, more and more politicians are appearing on TV programs that are highly entertaining. Which of the following opinions, A or B, is closer to yours regarding this? Please circle only one from 1 to 5 below. (**Q011900**)

A: It is good because it explains politics in a way that's easy to understand and feels approachable

B: It's not a good idea to go on too many entertainment shows because it lowers the dignity of politics.

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| (N) |  |  |
| 55965427532423538 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B9. no answer |

### Q20

When the political party in power is replaced, it is called a change of government. Do you think it would be better if there were frequent changes of government, or if the same party were in power for a long time? (**Q012000**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1294679112 |  | 1. it is better that there are frequent changes of government2. it is better that the same party is in power for a long time9. no answer |

### Q21

Which political party do you think has the ability to govern? Whether you like them or not, please circle all the parties you think are capable of taking power. (**Q012101** ~ **Q012107**)

(1) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q012101**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 6111474 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(2) Democratic Party of Japan (**Q012102**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 7921293 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(3) Komeito (**Q012103**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1933152 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(4) Japanese Communist Party (**Q012104**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1982103 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(5) Social Democratic Party (**Q012105**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 99491 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(6) People's New Party (**Q012106**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 200580 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(7) Your Party (**Q012107**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1949136 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

### Q22

Do you have favorable or unfavorable feelings toward the following parties and politicians? If you have neither favorable nor unfavorable feelings for a party or 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. (**Q012201** to **Q012211**)

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| (MEAN) |  |   |
| 46.357.831.832.535.23640.533524451.3 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party (**Q012201**)2. Democratic Party of Japan (**Q012202**)3. Komeito (**Q012203**)4. Japanese Communist Party (**Q012204**)5. Social Democratic Party (**Q012205**)6. People's New Party (**Q012206**)7. Your Party (**Q012207**)8. Taro Aso (**Q012208**)9. Yukio Hatoyama (**Q012209**)10. LDP candidate in your constituency (**Q012210**)11. DPJ candidate in your constituency (**Q012211**) |
| 999. no answer |

### Q23

How would you describe your current lifestyle compared to one year ago? (**Q012300**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 66584272443117 |  | 1. getting very good2. getting somewhat good3. unchanged4. getting somewhat bad5. getting very bad9. no answer |

### Q24

What do you think is the current state of the economy? (**Q012400**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 42421383599019 |  | 1. very good2. somewhat good3. not sure4. somewhat bad5. very bad9. no answer |

### Q25

There are people who are always paying attention to political developments, regardless of whether there is an election or not, while there are people who are not so interested. How much do you usually pay attention to political developments? (**Q012500**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 6499743935019 |  | 1. always pay attention2. sometimes pay attention3. pay attention very occasionally4. do not pay attention at all9. no answer |

### Q26

Do you think Prime Minister Aso is doing a good job? (**Q012600**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 572141697 |  | 1. yes2. no9. no answer |

### Q27

Which party do you usually support? (**Q012700**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 764464755929417962440 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Social Democratic Party6. People's New Party7. Your Party8. another party9. no party in particular999. no answer |

*If you answered 1 to 8 in Q27, please answer SQ27\_1.*

### SQ27\_1

Are you a faithful supporter or not a faithful supporter of the political party you support? (**Q012701**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 664309108230 |  | 0. not applicable1. a faithful supporter2. not a faithful supporter9. no answer |

*If you answered 9 in Q27, please answer SQ27\_2.*

### SQ27\_2

Are there any political parties that you usually prefer, even if you do not support them? Please circle one party that applies to you. (**Q012702**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 146181139132615721730015 |  | 0. not applicable1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Social Democratic Party6. People's New Party7. Your Party8. another party9. no party999. no answer |

### Q28

What exactly does "supporting Party X" mean to you? Please circle all that apply to you. (**Q012801** ~ **Q012810**)

(1) I am a member or friend of Party X (**Q012801**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1857228 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(2) I am a member of the supporters' group of Party X (**Q012802**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1811274 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(3) I donate to Party X or help with an election (**Q012803**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1878207 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(4) I will vote for Party X in this election (**Q012804**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1180905 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(5) Currently, I agree with the policies and arguments of Party X the most (**Q012805**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1325760 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(6) Currently, I like Party X best (**Q012806**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1691394 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(7) I've voted for Party X in most elections so far (**Q012807**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1350735 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(8) Even though I may vote for another party in the short term, in the long run, I think I'll lean towards Party X (**Q012808**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1521564 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(9) When people say bad things about other supporters of Party X, I feel as if they are saying bad things about me. (**Q012809**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1963122 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(10) I think and act the same way as the other supporters of Party X (**Q0128010**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1970115 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

### Q29

What kind of impression do you have of Mr. Taro Aso? Please circle all that apply to you. (**Q012901** to **Q012908**)

(1) Being a man of good conduct (**Q012901**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1941144 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(2) Having strong leadership (**Q012902**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 198798 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(3) Caring about people like you (**Q012903**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 202065 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(4) Knowing a lot of things (**Q012904**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 202263 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(5) Having good capacity to understand/comprehension (**Q012905**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1983102 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(6) Being dishonest (**Q012906**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1811274 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(7) Not being decisive enough (**Q012907**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1172913 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(8) None of the above apply (**Q012908**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1300785 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

### Q30

What kind of impression do you have of Mr. Yukio Hatoyama? Please circle all that apply to you. (**Q013001** to **Q013008**)

(1) Being a man of good conduct (**Q013001**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1565520 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(2) Having strong leadership (**Q013002**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1804281 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(3) Caring about people like you (**Q013003**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1927158 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(4) Knowing a lot of things (**Q013004**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1819266 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(5) Having good capacity to understand/comprehension (**Q013005**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1657428 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(6) Being dishonest (**Q013006**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1965120 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(7) Not being decisive enough (**Q013007**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1901184 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(8) None of the above apply (**Q013008**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1327758 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

### Q31

How much do you trust national politics? (**Q013100**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 5553199646439 |  | 1. always trust2. trust most of time3. sometimes trust4. do not trust at all9. no answer |

### Q32

Do you think that national politics is controlled by the interests of large corporations, unions, or other large organizations, or do you think that it is run for the benefit of the people as a whole? (**Q013200**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 166632891 |  | 1. controlled by the interests of controlled by the interests of large corporations, unions, or other large organizations 2. run for the benefit of the people as a whole9. no answer |

### Q33

Do you think that the national government is wasting a lot of our tax money, some of it, or not so much? (**Q013300**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 15494684127 |  | 1. wasting a lot of our tax money2. wasting some of our tax money3. not wasting our tax money so much9. no answer |

### Q34

Do you think that there are a lot of dishonest people running the country's politics, or do you think that there are not that many such people, or do you think that people who are dishonest are rare? (**Q013400**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 13466583843 |  | 1. there are a lot of dishonest people2. there are not that many such people3. people who are dishonest are rare9. no answer |

### Q35

Do you think the government listens well, a little, or not so much to the people when it decides what to do? (**Q013500**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 108100194729 |  | 1. listens well2. listens a little3. listens not so much9. no answer |

### Q36

As long as you are not a politician or a pundit, it is quite normal for some people to know a lot about politics and others not so much. What do you think about yourself? Please circle only one. (**Q013600**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 4330973163933627 |  | 1. know a lot2. know something3. not sure4. do not know much5. know very little9. no answer |

### Q37

Do you think that elections allow people's voices to be reflected in government policies to a great extent, a little, or not much? (**Q013700**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 293121948093 |  | 1. to a great extent2. a little3. not much9. no answer |

### Q38

For the following opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q013801** ~ **Q013820**)

(1) The constitution should be revised (**Q013801**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 357448700206231143 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(2) Japan's defensive power should be increased (**Q013802**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 308440696285211145 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(3) The Three Non-Nuclear Principles should be maintained (**Q013803**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 9453674388771177 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(4) Japan should have the right to preemptive defense when it feels there is a legitimate threat to its safety (**Q013804**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 270349739299271157 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(5) Japan should become a permanent member of the UN Security Council and fulfill its international responsibilities (**Q013805**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 7135815335245161 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(6) Japan should apply pressure to North Korea rather than have a dialogue with it (**Q013806**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 493495599219126153 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(7) Japan should exercise the right to collective defense (**Q013807**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 303392946139108197 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(8) Japan should deploy the Self-Defense Forces overseas in support of the UN operations (**Q013808**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 249448762304170152 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(9) Even if government social services suffer, Japan should strive to have small government (**Q013809**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 103197732565324164 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(10) Japanese companies should keep the lifetime employment system (**Q013810**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 42557365420374156 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(11) Provincial/rural employment should be boosted by public works (**Q013811**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 37469564413664172 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(12) Instead of focusing on fiscal austerity, Japan needs to boost its economy through increased spending (**Q013812**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 37558067621772165 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(13) The budget for road maintenance needs to be kept stable (**Q013813**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 125248645585307175 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(14) The consumption tax has to be increased in the next 5 years (**Q013814**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 211455526391362140 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(15) The basic pension fund should be paid for through the treasury only (**Q013815**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 272357848294152162 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(16) Permanent foreign residents should be given the right to vote in local elections (**Q013816**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 54576673156159167 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(17) Japan needs to attract immigrant workers, and should take steps to do so (**Q013817**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 118340888379189171 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(18) Individual freedoms and privacy should be restricted for greater public safety (**Q013818**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 388565617222137156 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(19) Education should emphasize tradition more than fostering individuality (**Q013819**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 177331843390202142 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(20) The death penalty should be abolished (**Q013820**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 89103511479774129 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

### Q39

For the following two opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q013901** ~ **Q013902**)

(1) Politicians have little regard for people like me (**Q013901**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 31452385513372188 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(2) People like me have no power to influence the government (**Q013902**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 289389798275138196 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

### Q40

For each of the following issues, is your opinion closer to A or B? For each item, please circle the number that applies. (**Q014001** ~ **Q014003**)

(1) (**Q014001**)

A: The children of politicians should not be allowed to run for office and create a dynasty

B: The children of politicians should have freedom of choice in employment

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 367295374572368109 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B9. no answer |

(2) (**Q014002**)

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) |  |  |
| 164284426508585118 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B9. no answer |

(3) (**Q014003**)

A: In order to provide for the aging population, the burden on our current workforce will have to increase

B: It is inevitable that social services for the aging population are reduced so as not to increase the burden on our current workforce

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| (N) |  |  |
| 319467505413273108 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B9. no answer |

### Q41

Many people seem to think that “in the long run, I lean toward the 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? (**Q014100**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 8145087566387251045983 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Social Democratic Party6. People's New Party7. Your Party8. another party9. no party in particular999. no answer |

*If you answered 9 in Q41, please answer SQ41\_1.*

### SQ41\_1

Why no party in particular? Please circle one. (**Q014101**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 17312515416267 |  | 1. because there is no suitable party right now2. because I usually don't want to be close to any party3. because I'm not sure about any party0. not applicable (did not answer " no party in particular" in Q41)99. no answer |

### Q42

When you were a child, which party did your parents lean toward? (**Q014200**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 12615147401561813928588 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Social Democratic Party (Japan Socialist Party)6. another party7. no party in particular8. do not remember999. no answer |

### Q43

Which party do you think the majority of the people in the groups that are most important to your daily life, such as your workplace, business relationships, neighbors, and close friends, lean toward? (**Q014300**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 9114789516141051409110 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Social Democratic Party6. People's New Party7. Your Party8. another party9. no party in particular999. no answer |

### Q44

If the next election were to be held tomorrow, for which political party would you vote? Please circle only one. (**Q014400**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 566877736938155783179128 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Social Democratic Party6. People's New Party7. Your Party8. another party99. I would not vote999. no answer |

### Q45

Is there a political party that you would never want to vote for in the future? If so, which party is it? Please circle all that apply. (**Q014501** ~ **Q014509**)

(1) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q014501**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1871214 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(2) Democratic Party of Japan (**Q014501**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1963122 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(3) Komeito (**Q014503**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1332753 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(4) Japanese Communist Party (**Q014504**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1337748 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(5) Social Democratic Party (**Q014505**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1675410 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(6) People's New Party (**Q014506**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1818267 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(7) Your Party (**Q014507**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1901184 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(8) Other parties (**Q014508**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1976109 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(9) No party in particular (**Q014509**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1535550 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

### Q46

Are you a man or a woman? (**Q014600**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 975109119 |  | 1. man2. woman9. no answer |

### Q47

How old are you as of August 30? (**Q014700**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 18731535033145243515 |  | 1. 20's2. 30's3. 40's4. 50's5. 60's6. 70's or over9. no answer |

### Q48

What is the highest level of school you have completed? (**Q014800**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 318836275162388394027 |  | 1. elementary school or junior high school2. high school3. vocational school4. short-term college5. university6. graduate school7. other9. no answer |

### Q49

Do you have any children between the ages of 0 and 15? (**Q014900**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 440161431 |  | 1. yes2. no9. no answer |

### Q50

Are you a member of any of the following organizations, groups, or associations? Please circle all that apply. (**Q015001** ~ **Q015005**)

(1) Political organizations such as supporters' associations of politicians and political parties (**Q015001**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 200877 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(2) Labor union (**Q015002**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1929156 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(3) Trade associations, trade unions, and other occupation-related organizations (**Q015003**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 200580 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(4) Groups and organizations related to religion (**Q015004**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 200283 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(5) Not a member of any of them (**Q015005**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4241661 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

### Q51

I would like to ask you about your occupation. Please circle one from 1 to 9. If you don't know which one, please circle "9" and write your occupation in the "Other" box. (**Q015100**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 55883224932573672234410829 |  | 1. company employee2. public servant3. self-employed or free enterprise4. agricultural, forestry, or fishing industries5. temporary work or part-time work6. homemaker7. student8. without a job9. other999. no answer |

## **3. FREE ANSWERS (Wave1)**

**Q0151FA**: the free answer of "Other" in Q51

## **4. QUESTIONNAIRE DATA (Wave2)**

Dummy variable for respondent of Wave2 (**ANSWER2**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4131664 |  | 0. no response to Wave21. response to Wave2 |

### Q1

It is not uncommon for people to not go to the polls because they are not feeling well or just can't find the time. Did you vote in the HoC election this time? (**Q020100**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 291136112 |  | 1. did not vote2. voted9. no answer |

*If you answered "voted" in Q1, please answerQ2 to Q13.*

### Q2

In the proportional representation district, for which party did you vote? (**Q020200**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303443414976631182243017957 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. Democratic Party of Japan2. Liberal Democratic Party3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Social Democratic Party6. People's New Party7. Your Party8. New Renaissance Party (Masuzoe’s New Party)9. Sunrise Party of Japan (Hiranuma and Yosano’s New Party)10. another party90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)999. no answer |

### Q3

In the proportional representation district, did you vote for the name of the candidate or the name of the party? Please circle only one. (**Q020300**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 30339295217 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. voted for the name of the candidate2. voted for the name of the party9. no answer |

### Q4

When did you decide to vote for that party (candidate) in the proportional representation district? (**Q020400**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 30350614420330318223 |  | 1. from a long time ago (~June 1)2. from the resignation statement of former Prime Minister Hatoyama to just before the public announcement date (June 2 to June 23)3. first half of the election period (June 24 to July 1)4. second half of the election period (July 2 to July 10)5. on the day of voting (July 11）66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

### Q5

For which party's candidate did you vote in Single Non-Transferable Vote/First Past the Post (SNTV/FPTP)? (**Q020500**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3035134955074162152147612146 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. Democratic Party of Japan2. Liberal Democratic Party3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Social Democratic Party6. People's New Party7. Your Party8. New Renaissance Party (Masuzoe’s New Party)9. Sunrise Party of Japan (Hiranuma and Yosano’s New Party)10. another party11. independent90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)999. no answer |

### Q6

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. (**Q020601** ~ **Q020603**)

The most important policy (**Q020601**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3037038717925167829686235767853151 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. diplomacy and security2. finance and taxes3. economic growth strategy4. social capital preparation (public works)5. agriculture, forestry and fisheries6. education and parenting7. pensions and medical care8. employment9. public security10. environmental policy11. politics and money12. administrative and civil service reform13. decentralization (regional sovereignty)14. Constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)15. other999. no answer |

The second most important policy (**Q020602**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 30360224119232611727712671484931293167 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. diplomacy2. finance and taxes3. economic growth strategy4. social capital preparation (public works)5. agriculture, forestry and fisheries6. education and parenting7. pensions and medical care8. employment9. public security10. environmental policy11. politics and money12. administrative and civil service reform13. decentralization (regional sovereignty)14. Constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)15. other999. no answer |

The third most important policy (**Q020603**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 30384133963218103173160283514011333119193 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. diplomacy2. finance and taxes3. economic growth strategy4. social capital preparation (public works)5. agriculture, forestry and fisheries6. education and parenting7. pensions and medical care8. employment9. public security10. environmental policy11. politics and money12. administrative and civil service reform13. decentralization (regional sovereignty)14. Constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)15. other999. no answer |

### Q7

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, what did you think about the following regime framework? (**Q020701** ~ **Q020703**)

(1) DPJ-led government (**Q020701**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303333393425210 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. desirable2. not sure3. not desirable9. no answer |

(2) A coalition government between DPJ and LDP (a so-called "grand coalition") (**Q020702**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303191357543270 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. desirable2. not sure3. not desirable9. no answer |

(3) LDP-led government (**Q020703**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 303226348520267 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. desirable2. not sure3. not desirable9. no answer |

### Q8

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the election situation as reported by the mass media (which party and which candidate is ahead or behind)? (**Q020800**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3031123901923982183417 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all6. did not see any reports of that9. no answer |

### Q9

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the policies and commitments of each party or candidate? (**Q020900**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3031927212041843624 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all9. no answer |

### Q10

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the performance of the Hatoyama and Kan’s government (good or bad)? (**Q021000**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3032885302092446921 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all9. no answer |

### Q11

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the ability and attractiveness of party leaders (or lack thereof)? (**Q021100**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3032506162401844922 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all9. no answer |

### Q12

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider the ability and attractiveness of individual candidates (or lack thereof)? (**Q021200**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3032246132481955526 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all9. no answer |

### Q13

When deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election, to what extent did you consider requests for votes or other encouragement from acquaintances? (**Q021300**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 3036019110322134042521 |  | 0. not applicable (did not vote)1. put a lot of emphasis on it2. put some emphasis on it3. not sure4. did not put much emphasis on it5. did not put emphasis on it at all6. received no such encouragement99. no answer |

### Q14

How much do you trust national politics? (**Q021400**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5349879629819 |  | 1. always trust it2. trust it most of time3. sometimes trust it4. do not trust it at all9. no answer |

### Q15

Do you think that elections can greatly, somewhat, or little reflect the voice of the people in government policies? (**Q021500**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 15389559224 |  | 1. can greatly reflect2. can somewhat reflect3. can little reflect9. no answer |

### Q16

As a result of last year's general election in the House of Representatives, the government was replaced by a new one led by the Democratic Party of Japan. Do you think the change of government was a good thing or a bad thing? (**Q021600**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 48045938617914119 |  | 1. good thing2. somewhat good thing3. not sure4. somewhat bad thing5. bad thing9. no answer |

### Q17

In the following policy areas, do you think a government led by the Democratic Party of Japan or a government led by the Liberal Democratic Party will be more effective? Please circle one number that applies to each of the following items. (**Q021701** to **Q021704**)

(1) Economic management (**Q012701**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 18782840514698 |  | 1. a government led by the Democratic Party of Japan2. not sure3. a government led by the Liberal Democratic Party4. do not know9. no answer |

(2) Diplomacy (**Q012702**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 73602710171108 |  | 1. a government led by the Democratic Party of Japan2. not sure3. a government led by the Liberal Democratic Party4. do not know9. no answer |

(3) Pension system reform (**Q012703**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 53770318614593 |  | 1. a government led by the Democratic Party of Japan2. not sure3. a government led by the Liberal Democratic Party4. do not know9. no answer |

(4) Administrative reform (**Q012704**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 562692149154107 |  | 1. a government led by the Democratic Party of Japan2. not sure3. a government led by the Liberal Democratic Party4. do not know9. no answer |

### Q18

Before this election, several new political parties were formed. Which of the following opinions, A or B, do you agree with? Please circle only one number from 1 to 5 below that applies to you. (**Q021800**)

A: The two major party forces, mainly DPJ and LDP, should take turns running the political system

B: It is good to have a large third party that can compete with the DPJ and LDP

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 26434537037627831 |  | 1. agree with A2. agree with A, if anything3. not sure4. agree with B, if anything5. agree with B9. no answer |

### Q19

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 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. (**Q021901** to **Q021912**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (MEAN) |  |   |
| 50.547.531.930.130.429.650.438.733.145.133.540.7 |  | 1. Democratic Party of Japan (**Q021901**)2. Liberal Democratic Party (**Q021902**)3. Komeito (**Q021903**)4. Japanese Communist Party (**Q021904**)5. Social Democratic Party (**Q021905**)6. People's New Party (**Q021906**)7. Your Party (**Q021907**)8. New Renaissance Party (Masuzoe’s New Party) (**Q021908**)9. Sunrise Party of Japan (Hiranuma and Yosano’s New Party) (**Q021909**)10. Naoto Kan (Democratic Party of Japan) (**Q021910**)11. Yukio Hatoyama (Democratic Party of Japan) (**Q021911**)12. Sadakazu Tanigaki (Liberal Democratic Party) (**Q021912**) |
| 999. no answer |

### Q20

How would you describe your current lifestyle compared to one year ago? (**Q022000**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 58082952721310 |  | 1. getting very good2. getting somewhat good3. unchanged4. getting somewhat bad5. getting very bad9. no answer |

### Q21

What do you think is the current state of the economy? (**Q022100**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 73224783053216 |  | 1. very good2. somewhat good3. not sure4. somewhat bad5. very bad9. no answer |

### Q22

Do you think Prime Minister Kan is doing a good job? (**Q022200**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 455113871 |  | 1. yes2. no9. no answer |

### Q23

What kind of impression do you have of Mr. Yukio Hatoyama? Please circle all that apply to you. (**Q022301** to **Q022308**)

(1) Being a man of good conduct (**Q022301**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 1326338 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(2) Having strong leadership (**Q022302**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 164321 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(3) Caring about people like you (**Q022303**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 158480 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(4) Knowing a lot of things (**Q022304**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 157094 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(5) Having good capacity to understand/comprehension (**Q022305**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1561103 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(6) Being dishonest (**Q022306**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1332332 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(7) Not being decisive enough (**Q022307**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 3741290 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(8) None of the above apply (**Q022308**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1491173 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

### Q24

What kind of impression do you have of Mr. Naoto Kan? Please circle all that apply to you. (**Q022401** to **Q022408**)

(1) Being a man of good conduct (**Q022401**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1398266 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(2) Having strong leadership (**Q022402**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1465199 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(3) Caring about people like you (**Q022403**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1562102 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(4) Knowing a lot of things (**Q022404**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1551113 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(5) Having good capacity to understand/comprehension (**Q022405**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1414250 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(6) Being dishonest (**Q022406**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1472192 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(7) Not being decisive enough (**Q022407**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 1373291 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(8) None of the above apply (**Q022408**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 976688 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

### Q25

Which party do you usually support? (**Q022500**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 435514495222596217342733 |  | 1. Democratic Party of Japan2. Liberal Democratic Party3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Social Democratic Party6. People's New Party7. Your Party8. New Renaissance Party (Masuzoe’s New Party)9. Sunrise Party of Japan (Hiranuma and Yosano’s New Party)10. another party11 no party in particular999. no answer |

*If you answered 1 to 10 in Q25, please answer SQ25\_1.*

### SQ25\_1

Are you a faithful supporter or not a faithful supporter of the political party you support? (**Q022501**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 46019896640 |  | 0. not applicable1. a faithful supporter2. not a faithful supporter9. no answer |

*If you answered 11 in Q25, please answer SQ25\_2.*

### SQ25\_2

Are there any political parties that you usually prefer, even if you do not support them? Please circle one party that applies to you. (**Q022502**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 123765385814487127716416 |  | 0. not applicable1. Democratic Party of Japan2. Liberal Democratic Party3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Social Democratic Party6. People's New Party7. Your Party8. New Renaissance Party (Masuzoe’s New Party)9. Sunrise Party of Japan (Hiranuma and Yosano’s New Party)10. another party11. no party in particular999. no answer |

### Q26

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. (**Q022601** ~ **Q022617**)

(1) Abolition of the Conference of Administrative Vice Ministers (**Q022601**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 20944465318172105 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively 3. not sure4. somewhat negatively 5. negatively 9. no answer |

(2) Budget screening by the Government Revitalization Unit (**Q022602**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 7025901491075066 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. no answer |

(3) Reviewing the privatization of the postal service (**Q022603**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 10430958634425368 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. no answer |

(4) The issue of relocating the U.S. Futenma Air Station (**Q022604**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 499338542864861 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. no answer |

(5) Investigation into the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' "secret agreement" issue (**Q022605**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 22741954326013085 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. no answer |

(6) Responding to former Prime Minister Hatoyama's political fund issues (**Q022606**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 429328346872157 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. no answer |

(7) Responding to former Secretary General Ozawa's political fund issues (**Q022607**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 657419134194647 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. no answer |

(8) Establishment of child allowance (**Q022608**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 13031132544840248 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. no answer |

(9) Free tuition for public high schools (**Q022609**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 21744335034126449 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. no answer |

(10) Greenhouse gas reduction target of 25% (**Q022610**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 21950046324816569 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. no answer |

(11) Enactment of the SME Financing Facilitation Act (Financial Moratorium Act) (**Q022611**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 8138481618586112 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. no answer |

(12) Reduction of public works budget (**Q022612**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 18849655824111170 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. no answer |

(13) Gasoline tax provisional rate issue (**Q022613**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 7521868336424282 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. no answer |

(14) Establishment of a separate income compensation system for farmers (**Q022614**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 8134567629218981 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. no answer |

(15) Decision on restructuring measures for Japan Airlines (**Q022615**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4628763040122872 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. no answer |

(16) New toll system for expressways (**Q022616**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5524242749039654 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. no answer |

(17) Promotion of regional sovereignty reform (**Q022617**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 784368221618780 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively9. no answer |

### Q27

For the following opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**Q022701** ~ **Q022715**)

(1) Instead of focusing on fiscal austerity, Japan needs to boost its economy through increased spending (**Q022701**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 23850651919692113 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(2) The consumption tax has to be increased in the next 5 years (**Q022702**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 24848638926121565 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(3) The effective corporate tax rate should be decreased (**Q022703**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 16433969122714598 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(4) Child allowances should be abolished (**Q022704**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 42428944324720259 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(5) Small farmers should be protected (**Q022705**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2775435691257872 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(6) Existing highway tolls should be eliminated (**Q022706**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 14520340839545261 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(7) The privatization of the postal services should be promoted (**Q022707**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 25236767617811477 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(8) The Japan-U.S. Security Treaty should be strengthened (**Q022708**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1762968122069579 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(9) The relocation of Futenma Air Station within Okinawa Prefecture is unavoidable (**Q022709**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 18338764921516169 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(10) U.S. military bases may be relocated to your hometown if requested by the government (**Q022710**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 10116849232250873 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(11) Further review of the budget through budget screening should be promoted (**Q022711**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 822488197602275 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(12) The number of Diet members should decrease by half (**Q022712**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 884467201321961 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(13) In general, politics is better when there is a change of government (**Q022713**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 466494564482369 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(14) Political realignment is needed in the near future (**Q022714**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 457567495422182 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

(15) The House of Councillors should be abolished and replaced with a unicameral system (**Q022715**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 39723661019615966 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree9. no answer |

### Q28

For each of the following issues, is your opinion closer to A or B? For each item, please circle the number that applies. (**Q022801** ~ **Q022803**)

(1) (**Q022801**)

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) |  |  |
| 43938216035527553 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B9. no answer |

(2) (**Q022802**)

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) |  |  |
| 26240837835719168 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B9. no answer |

(3) (**Q022803**)

A: The government needs to protect domestic corporations

B: The government should promote trade and investment liberalization

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5555233001576366 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B9. no answer |

### Q29

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? (**Q022900**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 39955947502441493011333058 |  | 1. Democratic Party of Japan2. Liberal Democratic Party3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Social Democratic Party6. People's New Party7. Your Party8. New Renaissance Party (Masuzoe’s New Party)9. Sunrise Party of Japan (Hiranuma and Yosano’s New Party)10. another party11. no party in particular999. no answer |

*If you answered 11 in Q29, please answer SQ29\_1.*

### SQ29\_1

Why no party in particular? Please circle one. (**Q022901**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1334147781041 |  | 0. not applicable1. because there is no suitable party right now2. because I usually don't want to be close to any party3. because I'm not sure about any party9. no answer |

### Q30

About 20 years ago (around 1990), which party were you "leaning" toward in the long run? (**Q023000**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 91417235615421563618648 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Social Democratic Party3. Komeito4. Democratic Socialist Party5. Japanese Communist Party6. another party7. no party in particular8. do not remember9. did not have the right to vote then999. no answer |

### Q31

If the next election were to be held tomorrow, for which political party would you vote? Please circle only one. (**Q023100**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4664524954211030962143613655 |  | 1. Democratic Party of Japan2. Liberal Democratic Party3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Social Democratic Party6. People's New Party7. Your Party8. New Renaissance Party (Masuzoe’s New Party)9. Sunrise Party of Japan (Hiranuma and Yosano’s New Party)10. another party99. I would not vote999. no answer |

### Q32

Is there a political party that you would never want to vote for in the future? If so, which party is it? Please circle all that apply. (**Q023201** ~ **Q023211**)

(1) Democratic Party of Japan (**Q023201**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1458206 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(2) Liberal Democratic Party (**Q023202**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1430234 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(3) Komeito (**Q023203**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1019645 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(4) Japanese Communist Party (**Q023204**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 962702 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(5) Social Democratic Party (**Q023205**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1189475 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(6) People's New Party (**Q023206**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1217447 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(7) Your Party (**Q023207**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1548116 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(8) New Renaissance Party (Masuzoe’s New Party) (**Q023208**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1425239 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(9) Sunrise Party of Japan (Hiranuma and Yosano’s New Party) (**Q023209**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1337327 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(10) Other parties (**Q023210**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 161945 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

(11) No party in particular (**Q023211**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1335329 |  | 0. not selected1. selected |

### Q33

By the way, when reading about a professional baseball team in the newspaper, regardless of whether you like the team or not, articles about which team interest you most? Please circle only one. (**Q023100**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 55196202264124541056935181135757 |  | 1. Yomiuri Giants2. Chunichi Dragons3. Tokyo Yakult Swallows4. Hanshin Tigers5. Hiroshima Toyo Carp6. Yokohama BayStars7. Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters8. Tohoku Rakuten Eagles9. Fukuoka SoftBank Hawks10. Saitama Seibu Lions11. Chiba Lotte Marines12. Orix Buffaloes13. no team in particular999. no answer |

### Q34

In the same way, when reading about a political party in the newspaper, regardless of whether you support the party or not, articles about which party interest you most? Please circle only one. (**Q023400**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 695267352215918247152028572 |  | 1. Democratic Party of Japan2. Liberal Democratic Party3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Social Democratic Party6. People's New Party7. Your Party8. New Renaissance Party (Masuzoe’s New Party)9. Sunrise Party of Japan (Hiranuma and Yosano’s New Party)10. another party11. no party in particular999. no answer |

### Q35

In general, what kind of party is the Democratic Party of Japan? Please feel free to describe your impressions. (**Q023500**)

### Q36

In general, what kind of party is the Liberal Democratic Party? Please feel free to describe your impressions. (**Q023600**)

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