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

**2014-2016 Voter Survey**

**Official Codebook**

# **SURVEY OVERVIEW**

**1. Survey period**

Wave1 was conducted by mail immediately after the 47th general election of the House of Representatives (held on December 14, 2014) among 3,000 voters nationwide selected by a stratified two-stage random sampling method. The survey was sent out on December 13, the day before voting day, and 1,813 valid responses were received by the end of January (60.4% response rate).[[1]](#footnote-1)

Wave2 was conducted immediately after the 24th ordinary election of the House of Councillors (held on July 10, 2016) using the postal method among 1,776 valid respondents of Wave1, excluding samples that were difficult to survey (strong refusal, etc.). The questionnaire was sent out on July 9, the day before voting day, and 1,376 valid responses were received by the end of August (77.5% response rate).

**2. Details**

The data set to be released includes the data of 1,813 valid responses from the first survey. The data does not include names, detailed addresses, or other information that could identify respondents (addresses are listed down to the city).

# **VARIABLES**

## **1. BASIC VARIABLES**

Sorting number (**ID**)

Prefecture (character) (**PREFNAME**)

Municipalities (character) (**CITY**)

Prefecture of the constituency (**PREFEC**)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 80  23  24  31  18  18  28  43  34  31  105  79  174  118  36  16  15  14  12  34  31  57  110  20 |  | 1. Hokkaido  2. Aomori-ken  3. Iwate-ken  4. Miyagi-ken  5. Akita-ken  6. Yamagata-ken  7. Fukushima-ken  8. Ibaraki-ken  9. Tochigi-ken  10. Gunma-ken  11. Saitama-ken  12. Chiba-ken  13. Tokyo-to  14. Kanagawa-ken  15. Niigata-ken  16. Toyama-ken  17. Ishikawa-ken  18. Fukui-ken  19. Yamanashi-ken  20. Nagano-ken  21. Gifu-ken  22. Shizuoka-ken  23. Aichi-ken  24. Mie-ken | 26  37  123  84  21  15  6  12  35  34  19  12  15  20  11  68  11  19  24  17  13  21  15 |  | 25. Shiga-ken  26. Kyoto-fu  27. Osaka-fu  28. Hyogo-ken  29. Nara-ken  30. Wakayama-ken  31. Tottori-ken  32. Shimane-ken  33. Okayama-ken  34. Hiroshima-ken  35. Yamaguchi-ken  36. Tokushima-ken  37. Kagawa-ken  38. Ehime-ken  39. Kochi-ken  40. Fukuoka-ken  41. Saga-ken  42. Nagasaki-ken  43. Kumamoto-ken  44. Oita-ken  45. Miyazaki-ken  46. Kagoshima-ken  47. Okinawa-ken |

SMD (**HRDIST**)[[2]](#footnote-2)

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

### Q1

It is not uncommon for people to not go to the polls because they are not interested, not feeling well, or just can't find the time. Did you vote in the House of Representatives election this time? (**W1Q1**)[[3]](#footnote-3)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 484  1,329 |  | 1. did not vote  2. voted |

*If you answered "voted" in Q1, please answer the following question.*

### Q2

In the proportional representation bloc, for which party did you vote? (**W1Q2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 463  249  202  152  25  152  21  20  7  25  484  13 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Democratic Party of Japan  3. Japan Innovation Party  4. Komeito  5. Party for Future Generations  6. Japanese Communist Party  7. People's Life Party  8. Social Democratic Party  9. another party  90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

### Q3

When did you decide to vote for that party in the proportional representation bloc? (**W1Q3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 565  140  144  218  248  484  14 |  | 1. before the House of Representatives was dissolved (before November 20th)  2. from the time of dissolution to just before the public announcement (November 21st to December 1st)  3. first half of the election period (December 2nd to December 7th)  4. second half of the election period (December 8th to December 13th)  5. on the day of voting (December 14th）  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

### Q4

For which party's candidate did you vote in the Single-Member District (SMD)? (**W1Q4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 624  281  108  48  15  145  15  11  20  41  484  21 |  | 1. official candidate of Liberal Democratic Party  2. official candidate of Democratic Party of Japan  3. official candidate of Japan Innovation Party  4. official candidate of Democratic Party of Japan  5. official candidate of Party for Future Generations  6. official candidate of Japanese Communist Party  7. official candidate of People's Life Party  8. official candidate of Social Democratic Party  9. official candidate of another party  90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

### Q5

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. (**W1Q5\_1** ~ **W1Q5\_3**)[[4]](#footnote-4)

The most important policy (**W1Q5\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 170  251  73  33  81  286  82  8  7  79  15  67  24  8  80  33  484  32 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

The second most important policy (**W1Q5\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 120  149  33  31  97  227  109  10  16  69  18  88  74  9  99  6  484  174 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

The third most important policy (**W1Q5\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 104  92  55  25  115  162  95  19  38  74  20  69  86  21  158  3  484  193 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

*Again, please answer the following questions.*

### Q6

For which party did you vote in the proportional representation district of the last Upper House election (July 2013)? (**W1Q6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 675  326  123  146  37  73  13  19  6  97  9  21  249  19 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Democratic Party of Japan  3. Japan Restoration Party  4. Komeito  5. Your Party  6. Japanese Communist Party  7. People's Life Party  8. Social Democratic Party  9. another party  66. forgot  77. did not have the right to vote  90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)  99. did not vote  999. no answer |

### Q7

How much do you trust national politics? (**W1Q7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 76  549  741  428  19 |  | 1. always trust it  2. trust it most of time  3. sometimes trust it  4. do not trust it at all  99. no answer |

### Q8

Do you think Prime Minister Abe is doing a good job or not in general? (**W1Q8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 286  637  523  168  180  19 |  | 1. he is doing well  2. if anything, he is doing well  3. not sure  4. if anything, he is not doing well  5. he is not doing well  99. no answer |

### Q9

How do you evaluate the fact that the Act on the Protection of Specific Secrets was passed? Please circle only one answer. (**W1Q9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 98  358  681  340  300  36 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  99. no answer |

### Q10

How do you evaluate the Cabinet decision to allow the exercise of the right of collective self-defense? Please circle only one answer. (**W1Q10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 156  439  531  310  338  39 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  99. no answer |

### Q11

What do you think is the current state of the economy? (**W1Q11**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 11  284  451  675  374  18 |  | 1. very good  2. somewhat good  3. not sure  4. somewhat bad  5. very bad  99. no answer |

### Q12

How would you describe your current lifestyle compared to one year ago? (**W1Q12**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 16  109  935  541  203  9 |  | 1. getting very good  2. getting somewhat good  3. unchanged  4. getting somewhat bad  5. getting very bad  99. no answer |

### Q13

Please circle the answer that most closely matches your opinion about raising the consumption tax rate to 10%. (**W1Q13**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 295  257  286  929  46 |  | 1. the rate should be raised to 10% in October 2015, as originally planned  2. the rate should be raised to 10% in April 2017  3. the rate should be raised to 10% after May 2017  4. the rate should not be raised at any time  99. no answer |

### Q14

Do you agree or disagree with the statement "The Constitution should be amended"? (**W1Q14\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 269  320  651  258  276  39 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

*If you answered "agree" or "somewhat agree" in Q14, please answer the following questions.*

### Q14\_2

Which of the following items do you think most need amendment? How about the second and third? (**W1Q14\_2\_1** ~ **W1Q14\_2\_3**)[[5]](#footnote-5)

Item most in need of amendment (**W1Q14\_2\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 179  95  140  37  45  18  4  4  41  11  1,221  18 |  | 1. the Self-Defense Forces and renunciation of war  2. rights and duties of citizens  3. procedure for amendment of the Constitution  4. local self-governance  5. bicameral system  6. disclosure of information  7. right to privacy  8. the right to environmental safety  9. emergency powers clause  10. other  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 in Q14)  99. no answer |

Second item to be amended (**W1Q14\_2\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 81  90  95  72  36  51  12  11  58  3  1,221  83 |  | 1. the Self-Defense Forces and renunciation of war  2. rights and duties of citizens  3. procedure for amendment of the Constitution  4. local self-governance  5. bicameral system  6. disclosure of information  7. right to privacy  8. the right to environmental safety  9. emergency powers clause  10. other  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 in Q14)  99. no answer |

Third item to be amended (**W1Q14\_2\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 44  70  43  79  49  70  23  26  76  6  1,221  106 |  | 1. the Self-Defense Forces and renunciation of war  2. rights and duties of citizens  3. procedure for amendment of the Constitution  4. local self-governance  5. bicameral system  6. disclosure of information  7. right to privacy  8. the right to environmental safety  9. emergency powers clause  10. other  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 in Q14)  99. no answer |

*Again, please answer the following questions.*

### Q15

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. (**W1Q15\_1** to **W1Q15\_11**)[[6]](#footnote-6)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (MEAN) |  |  |
| 52.0  39.5  42.6  36.8  31.7  33.7  29.2  29.9  49.9  31.3  44.7 |  | (1) Liberal Democratic Party (**W1Q15\_1**)  (2) Democratic Party of Japan (**W1Q15\_2**)  (3) Japan Innovation Party (**W1Q15\_3**)  (4) Komeito (**W1Q15\_4**)  (5) Party for Future Generations (**W1Q15\_5**)  (6) Japanese Communist Party (**W1Q15\_6**)  (7) People's Life Party (**W1Q15\_7**)  (8) Social Democratic Party (**W1Q15\_8**)  (9) Shinzo Abe (**W1Q15\_9**)  (10) Banri Kaieda (**W1Q15\_10**)  (11) Toru Hashimoto (**W1Q15\_11**) |
| 999. no answer | | |

### Q16

For the following opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**W1Q16\_1** ~ **W1Q16\_17**)

(1) Japan's defense capabilities should be strengthened (**W1Q16\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 399  526  559  166  110  53 |  | 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 (**W1Q16\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 172  307  643  377  251  63 |  | 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 (**W1Q16\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 356  473  548  228  141  67 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(4) I want the Prime Minister to visit Yasukuni Shrine (**W1Q16\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 310  251  650  203  351  48 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(5) Smaller government that doesn't cost money is better, even if government services, such as social welfare, get worse (**W1Q16Q6\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 130  229  761  420  212  61 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(6) Job security through public works is necessary (**W1Q16\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 342  642  538  173  52  66 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(7) For the time being, fiscal stimulus should be used to stimulate the economy instead of holding down spending for the sake of fiscal consolidation (**W1Q16\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 207  482  691  273  84  76 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(8) In the long run, it is inevitable that the consumption tax rate will be higher than 10% (**W1Q16\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 166  404  369  386  432  56 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(9) The corporate tax rate should be lowered (**W1Q16\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 142  243  758  368  232  70 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(10) The ban on casinos should be lifted in Japan (**W1Q16\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 178  226  431  321  594  63 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(11) It is natural for privacy and individual rights to be restricted to protect public safety (**W1Q16\_11**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 260  488  598  226  174  67 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(12) Permanent foreign residents should be allowed to vote in local elections (**W1Q16\_12**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 227  508  613  191  210  64 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(13) We should promote the acceptance of foreign workers (**W1Q16\_13**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 135  427  738  303  147  63 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(14) Moral education should be enhanced (**W1Q16\_14**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 693  653  331  44  30  62 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(15) Nuclear power plants that pass the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's review should resume operations (**W1Q16\_15**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 202  328  475  302  444  62 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(16) Individuals who get married should be allowed by law to each continue to use their pre-marital surnames if they wish to do so (**W1Q16\_16**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 305  398  612  231  221  46 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(17) The government should establish special programs to increase the number of women in higher positions and better jobs (**W1Q16\_17**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 221  459  799  178  109  47 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

### Q17

For each of the following issues, is your opinion closer to A or B? For each item, please circle the number that applies. (**W1Q17\_1** ~ **W1Q17\_10**)

(1) A: The first priority for Japanese diplomacy in the future will be the United States.

B: The first priority for Japanese diplomacy in the future will be Asia.

(**W1Q17\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 194  410  565  425  153  66 |  | 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

(**W1Q17\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 115  391  654  395  170  88 |  | 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: Domestic industry should be protected

B: Liberalization of trade and investment should be promoted

(**W1Q17\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 452  669  407  161  50  74 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

(4) A: To protect the environment, we must sacrifice our standard of living

B: Environmental protection is not so important that the standard of living should be sacrificed

(**W1Q17\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 241  580  639  208  72  73 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

(5) A: The basic form of a family is a couple and several children together

B: Family forms should be diverse, such as single-parent families and DINKS

(**W1Q17\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 419  447  451  256  181  59 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

(6) A: Abolish nuclear power now

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

(**W1Q17\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 361  336  524  358  177  57 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

(7) 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

(**W1Q17\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 168  252  322  481  530  60 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

(8) A: There is no need to worry about the budget deficit as government bonds are being steadily purchased

B: The budget deficit is at a critical level, so bond issuance should be controlled

(**W1Q17\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 21  57  659  635  375  66 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

(9) A: Hate speech is a violation of freedom of expression and should be regulated by law

B: Aside from the pros and cons of hate speech, we should be cautious about legal restrictions on speech

(**W1Q17\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 193  240  797  334  148  101 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

(10) A: Economic deregulation should be strictly enforced to encourage technological and managerial innovation by the private sector

B: Necessary economic regulations should be maintained for sound industrial development and consumer protection

(**W1Q17\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 125  356  761  381  116  74 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

### Q18

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? (**W1Q18**)[[7]](#footnote-7)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 731  218  155  99  8  76  10  23  2  468  23 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Democratic Party of Japan  3. Japan Innovation Party  4. Komeito  5. Party for Future Generations  6. Japanese Communist Party  7. People's Life Party  8. Social Democratic Party  9. another party  11. no party in particular  99. no answer |

*If you answered "no party in particular" in Q18, please answer Q18\_2.*

### Q18\_2

Why no party in particular? Please circle one. (**W1Q18\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 210  85  170  1,345  3 |  | 1. because there is no suitable party right now  2. because I usually don't want to be close to any party  3. because I'm not sure about any party  66. not applicable (did not answer "no party in particular" in Q18)  99. no answer |

*Again, please answer the following questions.*

### Q19

From the announcement of the House of Representatives election to the day before the vote, did you read the election situation reports in the newspapers (the number of seats in the Diet for each party and the predictions for the winners of each candidate)? (**W1Q19**)[[8]](#footnote-8)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,103  670  40 |  | 1. read  2. did not read  99. no answer |

*If you answered "read" in Q19, please answer Q19\_2.*

### Q19\_2

Did you use the election situation reports you saw as a reference in deciding your own voting behavior (whether to go to the polls, which party or candidate to vote for)? Please circle the one that is closest to you. (**W1Q19\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 90  90  222  77  596  710  28 |  | 1. no longer interested in voting after learning about the election situation  2. had not decided on my voting behavior until then, but after learning about the election situation, decided which party and candidate I would vote for  3. learned more about the election situation and felt more inclined to vote for the parties and candidates I had been thinking about  4. decided to vote for a different party and candidate than the one I had previously considered after learning about the election situation  5. learned about the election situation but it did not affect my voting behavior.  66. not applicable (answered "did not read" in Q19)  99. no answer |

### Q20

The following seven values are all considered important by many people, but there are times when you have to make choices. If you had to rank them, how would you rank them? In order of priority, rank them from No. 1 (most important) to No. 7 (least important) in parentheses. Do not rank them the same, but enter a different number for each item. (**W1Q20\_1** ~ **W1Q20\_7**)

Freedom [the ability of individuals to act and think as they wish] (**W1Q20\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 329  210  246  247  230  179  189  183 |  | 1. 1st  2. 2nd  3. 3rd  4. 4th  5. 5th  6. 6th  7. 7th  99. no answer |

Equality [all people have an equal opportunity to succeed] (**W1Q20\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 196  393  349  280  190  146  77  182 |  | 1. 1st  2. 2nd  3. 3rd  4. 4th  5. 5th  6. 6th  7. 7th  99. no answer |

Financial stability [having a stable job and a reasonable income] (**W1Q20\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 598  312  276  197  139  74  47  170 |  | 1. 1st  2. 2nd  3. 3rd  4. 4th  5. 5th  6. 6th  7. 7th  99. no answer |

Morality [living according to customs that the majority of people agree on] (**W1Q20\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 127  192  259  321  339  289  97  189 |  | 1. 1st  2. 2nd  3. 3rd  4. 4th  5. 5th  6. 6th  7. 7th  99. no answer |

Self-help [achieving success on one's own, without the help of the government or other organizations] (**W1Q20\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 59  86  133  198  358  460  320  199 |  | 1. 1st  2. 2nd  3. 3rd  4. 4th  5. 5th  6. 6th  7. 7th  99. no answer |

Social order [to be able to live in an orderly and peaceful society where laws and regulations are respected] (**W1Q20\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 396  375  289  240  156  144  33  180 |  | 1. 1st  2. 2nd  3. 3rd  4. 4th  5. 5th  6. 6th  7. 7th  99. no answer |

Patriotism [respect for our country as a whole, beyond personal interests, and acting on behalf of our country] (**W1Q20\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 83  64  86  114  174  286  824  182 |  | 1. 1st  2. 2nd  3. 3rd  4. 4th  5. 5th  6. 6th  7. 7th  99. no answer |

### F1

Are you a man or a woman? (**W1F1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 845  954  14 |  | 1. man  2. woman  99. no answer |

### F2

How old are you as of December 14, 2014? (**W1F2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 161  226  260  297  382  467  20 |  | 1. 20's  2. 30's  3. 40's  4. 50's  5. 60's  6. 70's or over  99. no answer |

### F3

What is your final education? (**W1F3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 268  711  209  145  413  28  19  20 |  | 1. elementary school or junior high school  2. high school  3. vocational school  4. short-term college  5. university  6. graduate school  7. others  99. no answer |

### F4

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. (**W1F4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 486  54  184  59  260  311  31  295  112  21 |  | 1. company employee  2. public servant  3. self-employed or free enterprise  4. agricultural, forestry, or fishing industries  5. temporary work or part-time work  6. homemaker  7. student  8. without a job  9. other  99. no answer |

## **3. FREE ANSWERS (Wave1)[[9]](#footnote-9)**

**W1Q2FA**: free answer of "another party" in Q2

**W1Q4FA**: free answer of "official candidate of another party" in Q4

**W1Q5FA**: free answer of "other" in Q5

**W1Q6FA**: free answer of "another party" in Q6

**W1Q14\_2FA**: free answer of "other" in Q14\_2

**W1Q18FA**: free answer of another party" in Q18

**F3FA**: free answer of "other" in F3

**F4FA**: free answer of "other" in F4

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

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 437  1,376 |  | 0. no response to Wave2  1. response to Wave2 |

### Q1

It is not uncommon for people to not go to the polls because they are not interested, not feeling well, or just can't find the time. Did you vote in the HoC election this time? (**W2Q1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 299  1,077 |  | 1. did not vote  2. voted |

*If you answered "voted" in Q1, please answer the following question.*

### Q2

In the proportional representation district, for which party did you vote? (**W2Q2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 381  266  125  112  106  28  31  14  299  14 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. The Democratic Party  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Initiatives from Osaka  6. Social Democratic Party  7. another party  90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

### Q3

When did you decide to vote for that party (candidate) in the proportional representation district? (**W2Q3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 462  101  151  203  152  299  8 |  | 1. from a while time ago (~May 31st)  2. from the end of the regular session of the Diet to just before the public announcement date (June 1st to June 21st)  3. first half of the election period (June 22nd to June 30th)  4. second half of the election period (July 1st to July 9th)  5. on the day of voting (July 10th）  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

### Q4

For which party's candidate did you vote in Single Non-Transferable Vote/First Past the Post (SNTV/FPTP)? (**W2Q4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 441  310  68  82  67  9  46  25  17  299  12 |  | 1. official candidate of Liberal Democratic Party  2. official candidate of Democratic Party  3. official candidate of Komeito  4. official candidate of Japanese Communist Party  5. official candidate of Initiatives from Osaka  6. official candidate of Social Democratic Party  7. unaffiliated opposition candidate  8. another candidate  90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

### Q5

To what extent did you consider the ability and attractiveness of individual candidates when deciding which party or candidate to vote for in SNTV/FPTP? Please circle only one answer. (**W2Q5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 204  490  192  131  53  299  7 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

### Q6

With Britain's decision to leave the European Union, the yen has been rising and stock prices have been falling in Japan. To what extent did you consider these economic conditions when deciding which party or candidate to vote for in this election? (**W2Q5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 100  276  290  278  121  299  12 |  | 1. put a lot of emphasis on it  2. put some emphasis on it  3. not sure  4. did not put much emphasis on it  5. did not put emphasis on it at all  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. 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. (**W2Q7\_1** ~ **W2Q7\_3**)

The most important policy (**W2Q7\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 170  152  25  16  102  239  50  4  4  47  9  167  12  4  29  12  299  35 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

The second most important policy (**W2Q7\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 110  97  30  18  102  166  75  19  22  42  14  84  55  4  61  4  299  174 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

The third most important policy (**W2Q7\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 73  75  36  14  93  128  68  31  34  51  18  79  90  13  75  1  299  198 |  | 1. diplomacy and security  2. fiscal and financial  3. industrial policy  4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries  5. education and parenting  6. pensions and medical care  7. employment  8. public security  9. environmental policy  10. political and administrative reform  11. decentralization  12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)  13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention  14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)  15. nuclear power and energy policy  16. other  66. not applicable (did not vote)  99. no answer |

*Again, please answer the following questions.*

### Q8

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. (**W2Q8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 53  285  480  376  177  5 |  | 1. know a lot  2. know something  3. not sure  4. do not know much  5. know very little  99. no answer |

### Q9

Do you have opportunities to learn about the activities of the Diet members who are elected in your constituency, outside of the election period? If so, where are these opportunities? Please circle all that apply. (**W2Q9\_1** ~ **W2Q9\_11**)[[10]](#footnote-10)

(1) Rarely have such opportunities (**W2Q9\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 905  453  18 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(2) Speech on the street by a legislator (**W2Q9\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,242  116  18 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(3) Posters and leaflets of political parties and legislators (**W2Q9\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,112  246  18 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(4) Attendance at national political briefings and events organized by legislators’ supporters associations (**W2Q9\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,278  80  18 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(5) Phone calls, letters, and postcards from legislators and supporters (**W2Q9\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,221  137  18 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(6) Legislators' websites, blogs, and social networking sites (**W2Q9\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,317  41  18 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(7) Newspaper articles (**W2Q9\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 900  458  18 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(8) TV news programs (**W2Q9\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 871  487  18 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(9) TV debate shows (**W2Q9\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,078  280  18 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(10) TV entertainment programs (**W2Q9\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,317  41  18 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(11) Conversations with acquaintances and family members (**W2Q9\_11**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,197  161  18 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

### Q10

What do you think is the current state of the economy? (**W2Q10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 7  174  432  574  175  14 |  | 1. very good  2. somewhat good  3. not sure  4. somewhat bad  5. very bad  99. no answer |

### Q11

Please circle the answer that most closely matches your opinion about raising the consumption tax rate to 10%. (**W2Q11**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 294  303  599  158  22 |  | 1. the rate should be raised to 10% in April 2017, as originally planned  2. the original plan should be postponed and the rate should be raised to 10% after 2018  3. over the medium to long term, the consumption tax rate should remain at the current 8%  4. the consumption tax rate should be lowered from 8% or the consumption tax itself should be abolished  99. no answer |

### Q12

Do you think Prime Minister Abe is doing a good job or not in general? (**W2Q12**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 213  451  430  136  134  12 |  | 1. he is doing well  2. if anything, he is doing well  3. not sure  4. if anything, he is not doing well  5. he is not doing well  99. no answer |

### Q13

How do you evaluate the enactment of the security-related laws that allow the partial exercise of the right of collective self-defense? Please circle one number for each item that applies to you. (**W2Q13**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 196  248  415  207  285  25 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  99. no answer |

### Q14

How do you evaluate the economic policies of the Abe cabinet (Abenomics)? Please circle only one answer. (**W2Q14**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 99  310  468  271  207  21 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  99. no answer |

### Q15

How do you evaluate Bank of Japan's monetary easing measures? Please circle only one answer. (**W2Q15**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 69  249  660  227  134  37 |  | 1. positively  2. somewhat positively  3. not sure  4. somewhat negatively  5. negatively  99. no answer |

### Q16

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? (**W2Q18**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 579  196  77  67  87  27  9  307  27 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party  2. Democratic Party  3. Komeito  4. Japanese Communist Party  5. Initiatives from Osaka  6. Social Democratic Party  7. another party  8. no party in particular  99. no answer |

### Q17

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. (**W2Q17\_1** ~ **W2Q17\_8**)

(1) Liberal Democratic Party (**W2Q17\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,135  192  49 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(2) Democratic Party (**W2Q17\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,135  192  49 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(3) Komeito (**W2Q17\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 949  378  49 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(4) Japanese Communist Party (**W2Q17\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 819  508  49 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(5) Initiatives from Osaka (**W2Q17\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,153  174  49 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(6) Social Democratic Party (**W2Q17\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,038  289  49 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(7) Other parties (**W2Q17\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,264  63  49 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(8) There is no such party (**W2Q17\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 955  372  49 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

### Q18

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. (**W2Q18\_1** to **W2Q18\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (MEAN) |  |  |
| 53.8  42.0  38.8  33.5  43.2  32.0  49.8  38.1 |  | (1) Liberal Democratic Party (**W2Q18\_1**)  (2) Democratic Party (**W2Q18\_2**)  (3) Komeito (**W2Q18\_3**)  (4) Japanese Communist Party (**W2Q18\_4**)  (5) Initiatives from Osaka (**W2Q18\_5**)  (6) Social Democratic Party (**W2Q18\_6**)  (7) Shinzo Abe (**W2Q18\_7**)  (8) Katsuya Okada (**W2Q18\_8**) |
| 999. no answer | | |

### Q19

For the following opinions, do you agree or disagree with them? Please circle the number that applies to each item. (**W2Q19\_1** ~ **W2Q19\_12**)

(1) Japan's defense capabilities should be strengthened (**W2Q19\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 243  428  442  152  73  38 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(2) Pressure should take precedence over dialogue with North Korea (**W2Q19\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 272  396  427  168  79  34 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(3) Job security through public works is necessary (**W2Q19\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 229  556  410  98  25  58 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(4) For the time being, fiscal stimulus should be used to stimulate the economy, instead of holding down spending for the sake of fiscal consolidation (**W2Q19\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 131  375  571  182  58  59 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(5) In the long run, it is inevitable that the consumption tax rate will be higher than 10%. (**W2Q19\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 121  323  316  319  251  46 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(6) Taxes on people with high incomes and assets should be increased (**W2Q19\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 472  508  270  60  30  36 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(7) If the work is the same, the pay should be the same, regardless of whether it is a full-time job or not (**W2Q19\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 430  432  330  108  46  30 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(8) Japan should ratify the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) (**W2Q19\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 99  307  740  121  58  51 |  | 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 (**W2Q19\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 104  261  527  203  247  34 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(10) A quota system should be introduced to allocate a certain percentage of candidates and parliamentary seats to women (**W2Q19\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 83  274  687  177  114  41 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(11) The age of eligibility for voting should be lowered (**W2Q19\_11**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 48  148  593  364  185  38 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

(12) A provincial system should be introduced in place of prefectures (**W2Q19\_12**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 59  153  784  215  128  37 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

### Q20

For each of the following issues is your opinion closer to A or B? For each item, please circle the number that applies. (**W2Q20\_1** ~ **W2Q20\_6**)

(1) A: The Constitution is primarily intended to limit the power of the state.

B: The Constitution is primarily intended to set forth the state of the nation and its ideals.

(**W2Q20\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 159  321  321  361  158  56 |  | 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: The first priority for Japanese diplomacy in the future will be the United States.

B: The first priority for Japanese diplomacy in the future will be Asia.

(**W2Q20\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 109  292  554  280  93  48 |  | 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: 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.

(**W2Q20\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 101  219  186  428  397  45 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

(4) A: Economic deregulation should be strictly enforced to encourage technological and managerial innovation by the private sector.

B: We should be cautious about economic deregulation to protect existing industries and consumers.

(**W2Q20\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 114  336  549  258  61  58 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

(5) A: The primary role of the Diet is to allow the ruling and opposition parties to engage in debate and to show the public where the issues are and the differences in positions between the political parties.

B: The primary role of the Diet is to coordinate the opinions of the ruling and opposition parties and to reflect the will of as many people as possible in laws.

(**W2Q20\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 99  222  297  483  224  51 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

(6) A: Members of the House of Councillors belonging to the ruling party should not join the Cabinet but play their own role as the second house.

B: Members of the House of Councillors belonging to the ruling party should also join the Cabinet and actively support the administration.

(**W2Q20\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 116  237  574  284  111  54 |  | 1. close to A  2. somewhat close to A  3. not sure  4. somewhat close to B  5. close to B  99. no answer |

### Q21

Not only in Japan but also in many other countries around the world, 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. (**W2Q21**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 6  12  29  83  119  691  121  95  83  17  14  106 |  | 0. leftmost  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. center  6.  7.  8.  9.  10. rightmost  99. no answer |

### Q22

Do you agree or disagree with the statement "The Constitution should be amended"? (**W2Q22**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 163  342  402  200  102  167 |  | 1. agree  2. somewhat agree  3. not sure  4. somewhat disagree  5. disagree  99. no answer |

*If you answered "agree" or "somewhat agree" in Q22, please answer Q22\_2.*

### Q22\_2

What kind of constitutional amendments do you think should be made? Please circle all that apply. (**W2Q22\_2\_1** ~ **W2Q22\_2\_15**)[[11]](#footnote-11)

(1) Specify the maintenance of the Self-Defense Forces or National Defense Forces (**W2Q22\_2\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 229  302  832  13 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(2) Specify the right to collective self-defense (**W2Q22\_2\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 270  261  832  13 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(3) Include a clause on the right to environmental safety (**W2Q22\_2\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 428  103  832  13 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(4) Include a clause on privacy rights (**W2Q22\_2\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 416  115  832  13 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(5) Include a clause on right to know (**W2Q22\_2\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 390  141  832  13 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(6) Include a clause on family forms (**W2Q22\_2\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 489  42  832  13 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(7) Specify free education from kindergarten to university (**W2Q22\_2\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 386  145  832  13 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(8) Provide for a certain level of tolerance for disparity in the value of votes (**W2Q22\_2\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 424  107  832  13 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(9) Introduce a system of public election of the prime minister (**W2Q22\_2\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 401  130  832  13 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(10) Include a clause on fiscal soundness (**W2Q22\_2\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 390  141  832  13 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(11) Specify strengthening the authority of local governments (**W2Q22\_2\_11**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 441  90  832  13 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(12) Establish a Constitutional Court (**W2Q22\_2\_12**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 465  66  832  13 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(13) Make the requirement to initiate a constitutional amendment a majority in each house (**W2Q22\_2\_13**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 465  66  832  13 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(14) Include a clause on fiscal emergencies (**W2Q22\_2\_14**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 302  229  832  13 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(15) Other (**W2Q22\_2\_15**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 512  19  832  13 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

*If you answered "disagree," "somewhat disagree," or "* *not sure" in Q22, please answer Q22\_3.*

### Q22\_3

What kind of constitutional amendments do you think should never be made? Please circle all that apply. (**W2Q22\_3\_1** ~ **W2Q22\_3\_16**)[[12]](#footnote-12)

(1) Specify the maintenance of the Self-Defense Forces or National Defense Forces (**W2Q22\_3\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 393  239  623  121 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 1 or 2 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(2) Specify the right to collective self-defense (**W2Q22\_3\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 367  265  623  121 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 1 or 2 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(3) Include a clause on the right to environmental safety (**W2Q22\_3\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 605  27  623  121 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 1 or 2 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(4) Include a clause on privacy rights (**W2Q22\_3\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 539  93  623  121 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 1 or 2 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(5) Include a clause on right to know (**W2Q22\_3\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 540  92  623  121 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 1 or 2 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(6) Include a clause on family forms (**W2Q22\_3\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 503  129  623  121 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 1 or 2 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(7) Specify free education from kindergarten to university (**W2Q22\_3\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 538  94  623  121 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 1 or 2 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(8) Provide for a certain level of tolerance for disparity in the value of votes (**W2Q22\_3\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 569  63  623  121 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 1 or 2 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(9) Introduce a system of public election of the prime minister (**W2Q22\_3\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 557  75  623  121 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 1 or 2 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(10) Include a clause on fiscal soundness (**W2Q22\_3\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 593  39  623  121 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 1 or 2 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(11) Specify strengthening the authority of local governments (**W2Q22\_3\_11**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 596  36  623  121 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 1 or 2 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(12) Establish a Constitutional Court (**W2Q22\_3\_12**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 589  43  623  121 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 1 or 2 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(13) Make the requirement to initiate a constitutional amendment a majority in each house (**W2Q22\_3\_13**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 497  135  623  121 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 1 or 2 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(14) Include a clause on fiscal emergencies (**W2Q22\_3\_14**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 557  75  623  121 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 1 or 2 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(15) Other (**W2Q22\_3\_15**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 622  10  623  121 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 1 or 2 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

(16) There are no constitutional amendments that should never be made (**W2Q22\_3\_16**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 475  157  623  121 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  66. not applicable (answered 1 or 2 or did not answer Q22)  99. no answer |

*Again, please answer the following questions.*

### Q23

If you were to describe yourself as "I am X," what would be the first one that fits well as X? And what would be the second and the third ones? Please enter only one number for each in parentheses. (**W2Q23\_1** ~ **W2Q23\_3**)[[13]](#footnote-13)

First (**W2Q23\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 296  232  199  25  118  5  9  8  44  156  10  177  97 |  | 1. nationality / ethnicity  2. region  3. age / generation  4. gender / sexuality  5. occupation  6. social status  7. religion  8. school of enrollment or graduation  9. hobby  10. lifestyle / way of life / beliefs  11. other  12. there isn’t one  99. no answer |

Second (**W2Q23\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 48  245  237  52  160  16  14  25  118  109  1  0  351 |  | 1. nationality / ethnicity  2. region  3. age / generation  4. gender / sexuality  5. occupation  6. social status  7. religion  8. school of enrollment or graduation  9. hobby  10. lifestyle / way of life / beliefs  11. other  12. there isn’t one  99. no answer |

The third (**W2Q23\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 58  105  199  42  107  19  16  51  132  120  2  0  525 |  | 1. nationality / ethnicity  2. region  3. age / generation  4. gender / sexuality  5. occupation  6. social status  7. religion  8. school of enrollment or graduation  9. hobby  10. lifestyle / way of Life / beliefs  11. other  12. there isn’t one  99. no answer |

### Q24

Are you a member of any of the following organizations, groups, or associations? Please circle all that apply. (**W2Q24\_1** ~ **W2Q24\_6**)

(1) Supporters' associations of politicians (**W2Q24\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,298  41  37 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(2) Political parties and other political organizations (**W2Q24\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,315  24  37 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(3) Labor union (**W2Q24\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,264  75  37 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(4) Groups and organizations related to religion (**W2Q24\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,266  73  37 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(5) Trade associations, trade unions, and other occupation-related organizations (**W2Q24\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,251  88  37 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(6) Not a member of any of them (**W2Q24\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 267  1,072  37 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

### Q25

Did any of the following people or organizations directly urge you to vote for their candidate in this HoC election? Please circle all that apply. (**W2Q25\_1** ~ **W2Q25\_8**)

(1) Members of Parliament (including supporters' associations) (**W2Q25\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,239  94  43 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(2) Local assembly members and mayors of municipalities (including supporters' associations) (**W2Q25\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,216  117  43 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(3) Neighborhood and community associations (**W2Q25\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,284  49  43 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(4) Labor union (**W2Q25\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,278  55  43 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(5) Trade associations, trade unions, and other occupation-related organizations (**W2Q25\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,243  90  43 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(6) Religious organization (**W2Q25\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,093  240  43 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(7) Other organizations (such as civic groups) (**W2Q25\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,271  62  43 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(8) I have not been asked to vote by any of these people or organizations. (**W2Q25\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 554  779  43 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

### Q26

Which newspapers do you usually read to get information about politics? Please circle all that apply. We will never use this survey as a basis for soliciting or selling newspaper subscriptions, so please answer as you see fit. (**W2Q26\_1** ~ **W2Q26\_10**)

(1) Asahi Shimbun (**W2Q26\_1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,091  261  24 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(2) Yomiuri Shimbun (**W2Q26\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,082  270  24 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(3) Mainichi Shimbun (**W2Q26\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,261  91  24 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(4) Nihon Keizai Shimbun (**W2Q26\_4**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,233  119  24 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(5) Sankei Shimbun (**W2Q26\_5**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,291  61  24 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(6) Chunichi Shimbun (**W2Q26\_6**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,260  92  24 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(7) Nishinippon Shinbun (**W2Q26\_7**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,326  26  24 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(8) Newspaper from your prefecture (**W2Q26\_8**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 980  372  24 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(9) Other newspapers (**W2Q26\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,252  100  24 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

(10) No such newspaper (or do not usually read newspapers) (**W2Q26\_10**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,115  237  24 |  | 0. not selected  1. selected  99. no answer |

## **5. FREE ANSWERS (Wave2)[[14]](#footnote-14)**

**W2Q2FA**: free answer of "another party" in Q2

**W2Q4FA**: free answer of "another candidate" in Q4

**W2Q7FA**: free answer of "other" in Q7

**W2Q16FA**: free answer of "another party" in Q16

**W2Q17FA**: free answer of "Other parties" in Q17

**W2Q22\_2FA**: free answer of "other" in Q22\_2

**W2Q22\_3FA**: free answer of "other" in Q22\_3

**W2Q23FA**: free answer of "other" in Q23

**W2Q26FA**: free answer of "Other newspapers" in Q26

1. The denominator of the collection rate includes cases in which the questionnaires did not reach the survey targets due to death, relocation, or other reasons. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Entered the number of House of Representatives constituencies for each prefecture. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. If the respondent circled "1. did not vote" but answered Q2 or Q4, the answer was modified to "2. voted." If the respondent did not answer, the answer was "2. voted" if the respondent had answered Q2 or Q4, and "1. did not vote" if the respondent had not answered (same for Wave2). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. If a respondent did not put his or her answer in parentheses and circled any one number, that number was entered in the column for the most important policy. However, if a respondent circled two or more items, they were all considered to be non-responses. If the top item was unanswered and there was a response to a lower item, the ranking was moved up. If the same item was selected more than once, the higher-ranked item was given priority and the lower-ranked response was treated as no response. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. If Q14 was unanswered and there was an answer to Q14-2, the code as answered was entered for Q14-2, and 99 was entered for Q14. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. 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-6)
7. If Q18 was unanswered and there was a response to Q18-2, "11. no party in particular" was entered for Q18. If Q18-2 was also unanswered, Q18 was considered unanswered and Q18-2 was considered not applicable. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. If Q19 was not answered and there was an answer to Q19-2, the answer was revised to 1. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Even if the other option was circled, if the specific answer clearly corresponded to that option, it was treated as having been chosen (same for the Wave2). [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. When "1. rarely have such opportunities" and other options were circled at the same time, 1. was corrected to "not selected" and the other options were entered as they were. (The same applies to 8 of Q17, 16 of Q22-3, 6 of Q24, 8 of Q25, and 10 of Q26.) [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. If Q22 was unanswered but there was an answer to Q22-2, the code as answered was entered for Q22-2 (Q22 remained no answer). However, if Q22 was unanswered and there was a response to both Q22-2 and Q22-3, both Q22-2 and Q22-3 were considered not applicable. (The same applies to Q22-3.) [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. If Q22 was unanswered but there was an answer to Q22-2, the code as answered was entered for Q22-2 (Q22 remained no answer). However, if Q22 was unanswered and there was a response to both Q22-2 and Q22-3, both Q22-2 and Q22-3 were considered not applicable. (The same applies to Q22-3.) [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. If the respondents did not enter their answers in parentheses and circled any one number, that number was entered in the first. However, if the respondents circled two or more items, they were all considered as no answer. If the top item was unanswered and there was a response to a lower item, the ranking was moved up. In addition, if the same item was selected more than once, the higher-ranked item was given priority, and the lower-ranked response was treated as no answer. Finally, if "12. there isn’t one" and any other option were selected at the same time, 12. was treated as a no answer and the above rules were followed. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. As in Wave1, even if the "other" option was circled, if the specific answer clearly corresponded to that option, it was treated as if that option had been selected. As an exception, if the respondents chose "Other newspapers" in Q26 and listed the name of the newspaper in the prefecture of their residence in the free response section, the above correction was not made. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)