**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**)

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| (N) |  |  | (N) |  |  |
| 8023243118182843343110579174118361615141234315711020 |  | 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 | 2637123842115612353419121520116811192417132115 |  | 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 |

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)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 4841,329 |  | 1. did not vote2. 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) |  |  |
| 46324920215225152212072548413 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Japan Innovation Party4. Komeito5. Party for Future Generations6. Japanese Communist Party7. People's Life Party8. Social Democratic Party9. another party90. 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) |  |  |
| 56514014421824848414 |  | 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) |  |  |
| 62428110848151451511204148421 |  | 1. official candidate of Liberal Democratic Party2. official candidate of Democratic Party of Japan3. official candidate of Japan Innovation Party4. official candidate of Democratic Party of Japan5. official candidate of Party for Future Generations6. official candidate of Japanese Communist Party7. official candidate of People's Life Party8. official candidate of Social Democratic Party9. official candidate of another party90. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 1702517333812868287791567248803348432 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1201493331972271091016691888749996484174 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 10492552511516295193874206986211583484193 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other66. not 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**)

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 6753261231463773131969792124919 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Japan Restoration Party4. Komeito5. Your Party6. Japanese Communist Party7. People's Life Party8. Social Democratic Party9. another party66. forgot77. did not have the right to vote90. blank vote, faulty ballot, etc. (abstained at the polling place)99. did not vote999. no answer |

### Q7

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 7654974142819 |  | 1. always trust it2. trust it most of time3. sometimes trust it4. do not trust it at all99. no answer |

### Q8

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 28663752316818019 |  | 1. he is doing well2. if anything, he is doing well3. not sure4. if anything, he is not doing well5. he is not doing well99. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 9835868134030036 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively99. 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**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 15643953131033839 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively99. no answer |

### Q11

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1128445167537418 |  | 1. very good2. somewhat good3. not sure4. somewhat bad5. very bad99. no answer |

### Q12

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 161099355412039 |  | 1. getting very good2. getting somewhat good3. unchanged4. getting somewhat bad5. getting very bad99. no answer |

### Q13

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

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 29525728692946 |  | 1. the rate should be raised to 10% in October 2015, as originally planned2. the rate should be raised to 10% in April 20173. the rate should be raised to 10% after May 20174. the rate should not be raised at any time99. no answer |

### Q14

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 26932065125827639 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. 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**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 179951403745184441111,22118 |  | 1. the Self-Defense Forces and renunciation of war2. rights and duties of citizens3. procedure for amendment of the Constitution4. local self-governance5. bicameral system6. disclosure of information7. right to privacy8. the right to environmental safety9. emergency powers clause10. other66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 in Q14)99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 81909572365112115831,22183 |  | 1. the Self-Defense Forces and renunciation of war2. rights and duties of citizens3. procedure for amendment of the Constitution4. local self-governance5. bicameral system6. disclosure of information7. right to privacy8. the right to environmental safety9. emergency powers clause10. other66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 in Q14)99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 44704379497023267661,221106 |  | 1. the Self-Defense Forces and renunciation of war2. rights and duties of citizens3. procedure for amendment of the Constitution4. local self-governance5. bicameral system6. disclosure of information7. right to privacy8. the right to environmental safety9. emergency powers clause10. other66. 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) |  |   |
| 52.039.542.636.831.733.729.229.949.931.344.7 |  | (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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 39952655916611053 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(2) Japan should not hesitate to launch a preemptive strike if an attack from another country is expected (**W1Q16\_2**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 17230764337725163 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(3) Pressure should take precedence over dialogue with North Korea (**W1Q16\_3**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 35647354822814167 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 31025165020335148 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 13022976142021261 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 3426425381735266 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 2074826912738476 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 16640436938643256 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 14224375836823270 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 17822643132159463 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

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| (N) |  |  |
| 26048859822617467 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 22750861319121064 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 13542773830314763 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
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| (N) |  |  |
| 693653331443062 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 20232847530244462 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. 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**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 30539861223122146 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 22145979917810947 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. 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) |  |  |
| 19441056542515366 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. 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) |  |  |
| 11539165439517088 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(3) A: Domestic industry should be protected

B: Liberalization of trade and investment should be promoted

(**W1Q17\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4526694071615074 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. 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) |  |  |
| 2415806392087273 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. 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) |  |  |
| 41944745125618159 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. no answer |

(6) A: Abolish nuclear power now

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

(**W1Q17\_6**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 36133652435817757 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. 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) |  |  |
| 16825232248153060 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. 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**)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 215765963537566 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. 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) |  |  |
| 193240797334148101 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. 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) |  |  |
| 12535676138111674 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. 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)

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| (N) |  |  |
| 731218155998761023246823 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party of Japan3. Japan Innovation Party4. Komeito5. Party for Future Generations6. Japanese Communist Party7. People's Life Party8. Social Democratic Party9. another party11. no party in particular99. 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**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 210851701,3453 |  | 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 party66. 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)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,10367040 |  | 1. read2. did not read99. 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) |  |  |
| 90902227759671028 |  | 1. no longer interested in voting after learning about the election situation2. had not decided on my voting behavior until then, but after learning about the election situation, decided which party and candidate I would vote for3. learned more about the election situation and felt more inclined to vote for the parties and candidates I had been thinking about4. decided to vote for a different party and candidate than the one I had previously considered after learning about the election situation5. 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**)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 329210246247230179189183 |  | 1. 1st2. 2nd3. 3rd4. 4th5. 5th6. 6th7. 7th99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 19639334928019014677182 |  | 1. 1st2. 2nd3. 3rd4. 4th5. 5th6. 6th7. 7th99. no answer |

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5983122761971397447170 |  | 1. 1st2. 2nd3. 3rd4. 4th5. 5th6. 6th7. 7th99. no answer |

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 12719225932133928997189 |  | 1. 1st2. 2nd3. 3rd4. 4th5. 5th6. 6th7. 7th99. no answer |

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5986133198358460320199 |  | 1. 1st2. 2nd3. 3rd4. 4th5. 5th6. 6th7. 7th99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 39637528924015614433180 |  | 1. 1st2. 2nd3. 3rd4. 4th5. 5th6. 6th7. 7th99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 836486114174286824182 |  | 1. 1st2. 2nd3. 3rd4. 4th5. 5th6. 6th7. 7th99. no answer |

### F1

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 84595414 |  | 1. man2. woman99. no answer |

### F2

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 16122626029738246720 |  | 1. 20's2. 30's3. 40's4. 50's5. 60's6. 70's or over99. no answer |

### F3

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 268711209145413281920 |  | 1. elementary school or junior high school2. high school3. vocational school4. short-term college5. university6. graduate school7. others99. 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) |  |  |
| 48654184592603113129511221 |  | 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. other99. 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) |  |  |
| 4371,376 |  | 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 interested, not feeling well, or just can't find the time. Did you vote in the HoC election this time? (**W2Q1**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2991,077 |  | 1. did not vote2. 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) |  |  |
| 38126612511210628311429914 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. The Democratic Party3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Initiatives from Osaka6. Social Democratic Party 7. another party90. 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) |  |  |
| 4621011512031522998 |  | 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) |  |  |
| 441310688267946251729912 |  | 1. official candidate of Liberal Democratic Party2. official candidate of Democratic Party3. official candidate of Komeito4. official candidate of Japanese Communist Party5. official candidate of Initiatives from Osaka6. official candidate of Social Democratic Party7. unaffiliated opposition candidate8. another candidate90. 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) |  |  |
| 204490192131532997 |  | 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 all66. 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) |  |  |
| 10027629027812129912 |  | 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 all66. 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) |  |  |
| 17015225161022395044479167124291229935 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 110973018102166751922421484554614299174 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other66. not applicable (did not vote)99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 73753614931286831345118799013751299198 |  | 1. diplomacy and security2. fiscal and financial3. industrial policy4. agriculture, forestry and fisheries5. education and parenting6. pensions and medical care7. employment8. public security9. environmental policy10. political and administrative reform11. decentralization12. constitution (constitutional protection or constitutional change)13. earthquake reconstruction and disaster prevention14. social capital (e.g., infrastructure development)15. nuclear power and energy policy16. other66. not 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) |  |  |
| 532854803761775 |  | 1. know a lot2. know something3. not sure4. do not know much5. know very little99. 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) |  |  |
| 90545318 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,24211618 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,11224618 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,2788018 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,22113718 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,3174118 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 90045818 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 87148718 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,07828018 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,3174118 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,19716118 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

### Q10

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 717443257417514 |  | 1. very good2. somewhat good3. not sure4. somewhat bad5. very bad99. no answer |

### Q11

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 29430359915822 |  | 1. the rate should be raised to 10% in April 2017, as originally planned2. the original plan should be postponed and the rate should be raised to 10% after 20183. 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 abolished99. no answer |

### Q12

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 21345143013613412 |  | 1. he is doing well2. if anything, he is doing well3. not sure4. if anything, he is not doing well5. he is not doing well99. 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) |  |  |
| 19624841520728525 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively99. no answer |

### Q14

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 9931046827120721 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively99. no answer |

### Q15

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 6924966022713437 |  | 1. positively2. somewhat positively3. not sure4. somewhat negatively5. negatively99. 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) |  |  |
| 57919677678727930727 |  | 1. Liberal Democratic Party2. Democratic Party3. Komeito4. Japanese Communist Party5. Initiatives from Osaka6. Social Democratic Party7. another party8. no party in particular99. 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) |  |  |
| 1,13519249 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,13519249 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 94937849 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 81950849 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,15317449 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,03828949 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,2646349 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 95537249 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. 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) |  |   |
| 53.842.038.833.543.232.049.838.1 |  | (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) |  |  |
| 2434284421527338 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2723964271687934 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 229556410982558 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. 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) |  |  |
| 1313755711825859 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 12132331631925146 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 472508270603036 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. 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) |  |  |
| 4304323301084630 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 993077401215851 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

(9) Same-sex marriage should be recognized by law (**W2Q19\_9**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 10426152720324734 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 8327468717711441 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4814859336418538 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5915378421512837 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. 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) |  |  |
| 15932132136115856 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. 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) |  |  |
| 1092925542809348 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. 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) |  |  |
| 10121918642839745 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. 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) |  |  |
| 1143365492586158 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. 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) |  |  |
| 9922229748322451 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. 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) |  |  |
| 11623757428411154 |  | 1. close to A2. somewhat close to A3. not sure4. somewhat close to B5. close to B99. 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) |  |  |
| 612298311969112195831714106 |  | 0. leftmost1.2.3.4.5. center6.7.8.9.10. rightmost99. no answer |

### Q22

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 163342402200102167 |  | 1. agree2. somewhat agree3. not sure4. somewhat disagree5. disagree99. 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) |  |  |
| 22930283213 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 27026183213 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 42810383213 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 41611583213 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 39014183213 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 4894283213 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 38614583213 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 42410783213 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 40113083213 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 39014183213 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 4419083213 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer Q22)99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 4656683213 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 4656683213 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 30222983213 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (answered 3, 4, or 5 or did not answer Q22)99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 5121983213 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 393239623121 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 367265623121 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 60527623121 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 53993623121 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 54092623121 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 503129623121 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 53894623121 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 56963623121 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 55775623121 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 59339623121 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 59636623121 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (answered 1 or 2 or did not answer Q22)99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 58943623121 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 497135623121 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 55775623121 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. not applicable (answered 1 or 2 or did not answer Q22)99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 62210623121 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 475157623121 |  | 0. not selected1. selected66. 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) |  |  |
| 29623219925118598441561017797  |  | 1. nationality / ethnicity2. region3. age / generation4. gender / sexuality5. occupation6. social status7. religion8. school of enrollment or graduation 9. hobby10. lifestyle / way of life / beliefs11. other12. there isn’t one99. no answer |

Second (**W2Q23\_2**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 482452375216016142511810910351  |  | 1. nationality / ethnicity2. region3. age / generation4. gender / sexuality5. occupation6. social status7. religion8. school of enrollment or graduation 9. hobby10. lifestyle / way of life / beliefs11. other12. there isn’t one99. no answer |

The third (**W2Q23\_3**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 581051994210719165113212020525  |  | 1. nationality / ethnicity2. region3. age / generation4. gender / sexuality5. occupation6. social status7. religion8. school of enrollment or graduation 9. hobby10. lifestyle / way of Life / beliefs11. other12. there isn’t one99. 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) |  |  |
| 1,2984137 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,3152437 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,2647537 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,2667337 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,2518837 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 2671,07237 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. 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) |  |  |
| 1,2399443 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,21611743 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,2844943 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,2785543 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,2439043 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,09324043 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,2716243 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 55477943 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. 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) |  |  |
| 1,09126124 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,08227024 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,2619124 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,23311924 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,2916124 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,2609224 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,3262624 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 98037224 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,25210024 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. no answer |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (N) |  |  |
| 1,11523724 |  | 0. not selected1. selected99. 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)